The entire Rensselaer Plateau is ecologically significant. This map shows which areas are most significant based on an analysis of six ecological features: large forests, forest-interior habitat, significant natural communities, important ecosystem complexes, important aquatic networks, and rare plant habitat. Dr. Hunt weighed 17 factors to measure each site's ecological priority, including the rarity, size, quality, and distribution of the six ecological features, and connections to other forested areas. From this, areas were further prioritized by selecting those areas that included the most important sites for each feature in the least amount of area. Natural areas with the highest resulting ecological priority on the Plateau are shown in orange. Water bodies that have a priority level different from their surroundings are shown with an outline in their priority color. A list of these highest ecological priority areas, and a description of each is included in the full Ecological Report. Areas that rank lowest on the Plateau are still important ecologically, but they do not have as many important features as other areas. Hoosick Pittstown Potter Hill Block Shingle Hollow (Brook) Network Banker Pond Block (Brook) Network Babcock Lake Church Hollow Block Ward Hollow (Brook) Stuffle Street Red Pond Wetlands Brook Wetlands White Lily Pon Long Pond RP-Taconic Mountains major corridor Red Pond Block Complex Peckham Pond Block **Shaver Pond Complex** Shaver Pond-Foster Road Wetlands Dill Creek Network rafton Quacken Kill Flats Petersburgh Brunswick Toad Point Road Dunham Reservoir H 2 Dunham Long Swamp-Cranberry Pond Complex **Davitt Pond** RP-Petersburgh Center minor corridor Wager Pond-2 Snyder Swamp (22) **Dyken Pond** Dyken Pond Block **Dustin Swamp** (351) Poesten Kill Headwaters sten Kill Barberville Escarpment Poestenkil-Perigo Hill Block Berlin (351) lorse Heaven Brook New (43) Lake Sand The Gipfel Block Legend (22) Bailey Mountain **Town Boundaries** RP-Sand Lake minor corridors Cherry Plain Block Rensselaer Plateau Boundary Pikes Hill Bloc **Ecological Priority** Pikes Hill Complex 1 - Highest Stephentown 4 - Higher Turner Mountain Block (43) Nassau Turner Hill Block Turner Mountain RP-Nassau Hills major corridor Taplin Pond Complex 8 - High 66 RP-Kinderhook Creek Lowlands major corridor Map prepared by: 0 0.5 1 East Nassau Rensselaer Plateau Ecological Features Working Group Miles and Amala Consulting, LLC. Significant Natural Areas of the Rensselaer Plateau

