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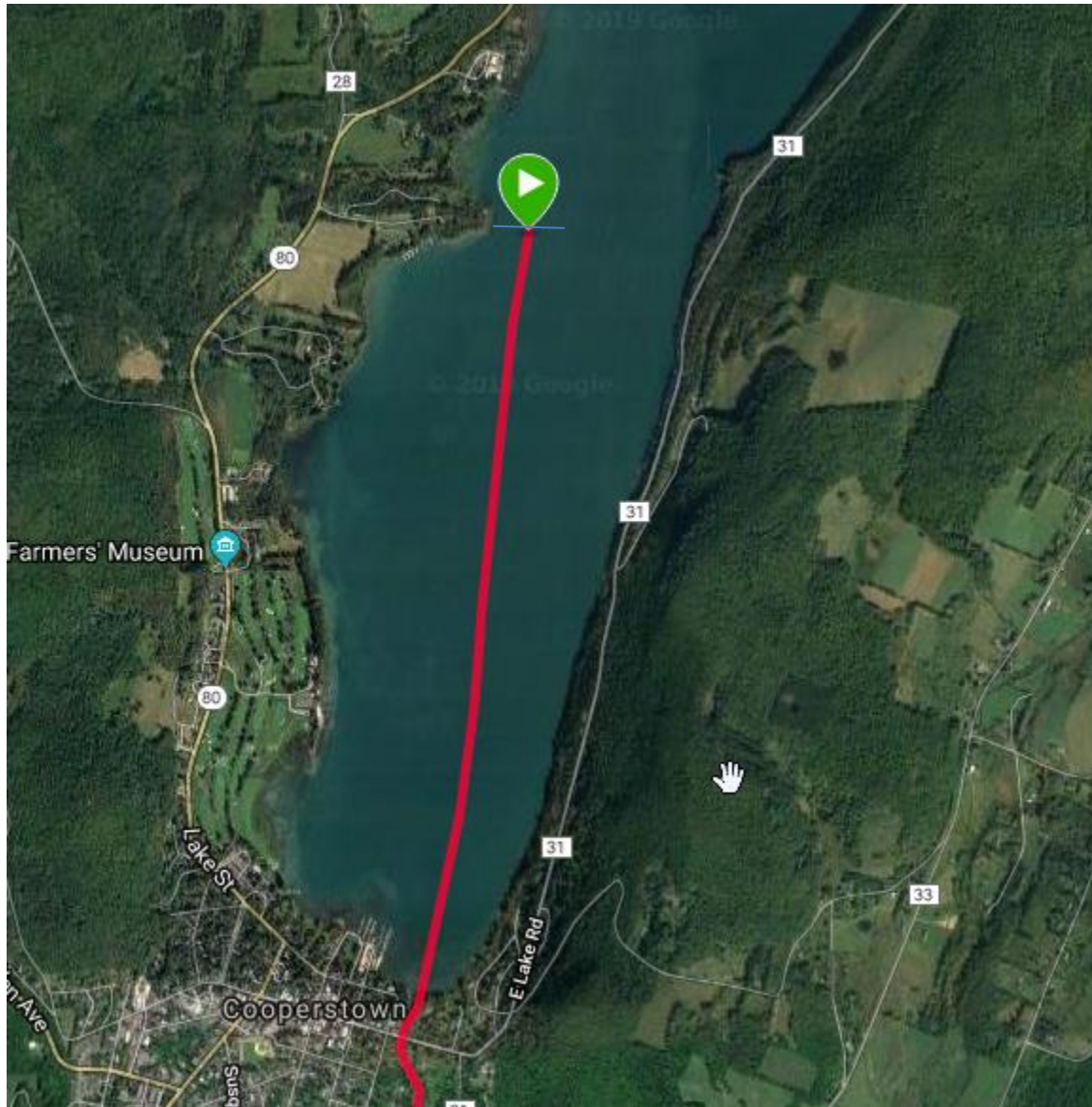
Dale Glover - Boat #KL2: Epic V14

Start at Brookwood point. Ample parking with a short walk to the water's edge. You get in off the shore in shallow water with solid gravel base. Easy launch point.

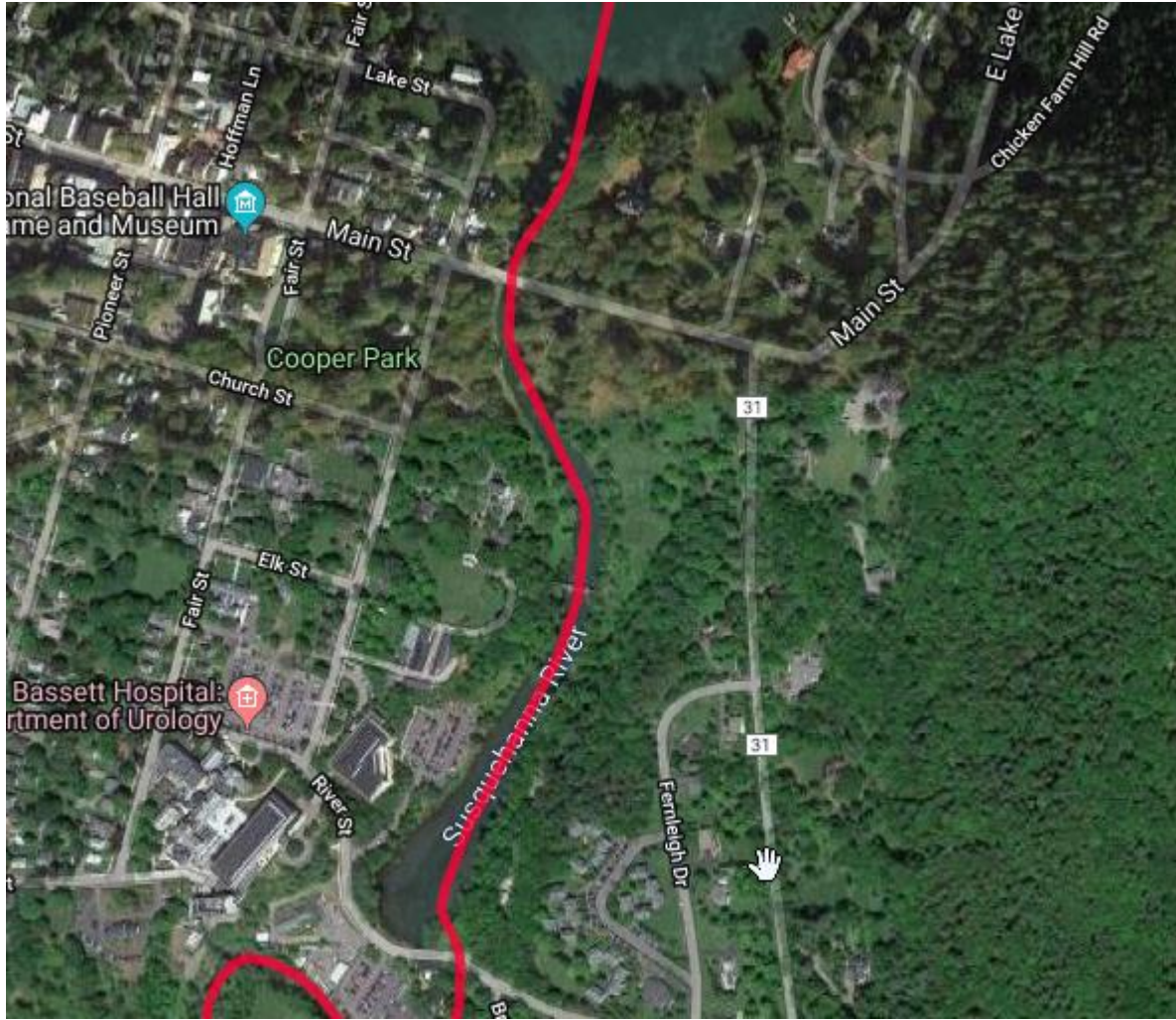


A boat is about 1/3 of the way across the lake between the point on the west shore and the east shore. The personnel on the boat give commands and account for those at the start line. There is plenty of time to get ready. Be prepared to start immediately after the National Anthems.

It is a straight line to the mouth of the Susquehanna River. The water had some very small waves from the south to north. The mouth of the river is at **Mile 1.8**.



Mile 2.3: 1st portage. A few places to get out and run across a grass knoll, across a roadway, and down a single track trail for about 50 yards with a few trees on right. Get into the water with a good current but easy area along the bank.



Cooperstown portage

Mile 4.1: Short cut #1



Mile 6.9: Route 11C Bridge. Fast area and poor area to stop. The day before I paddled to this point to check out the water.

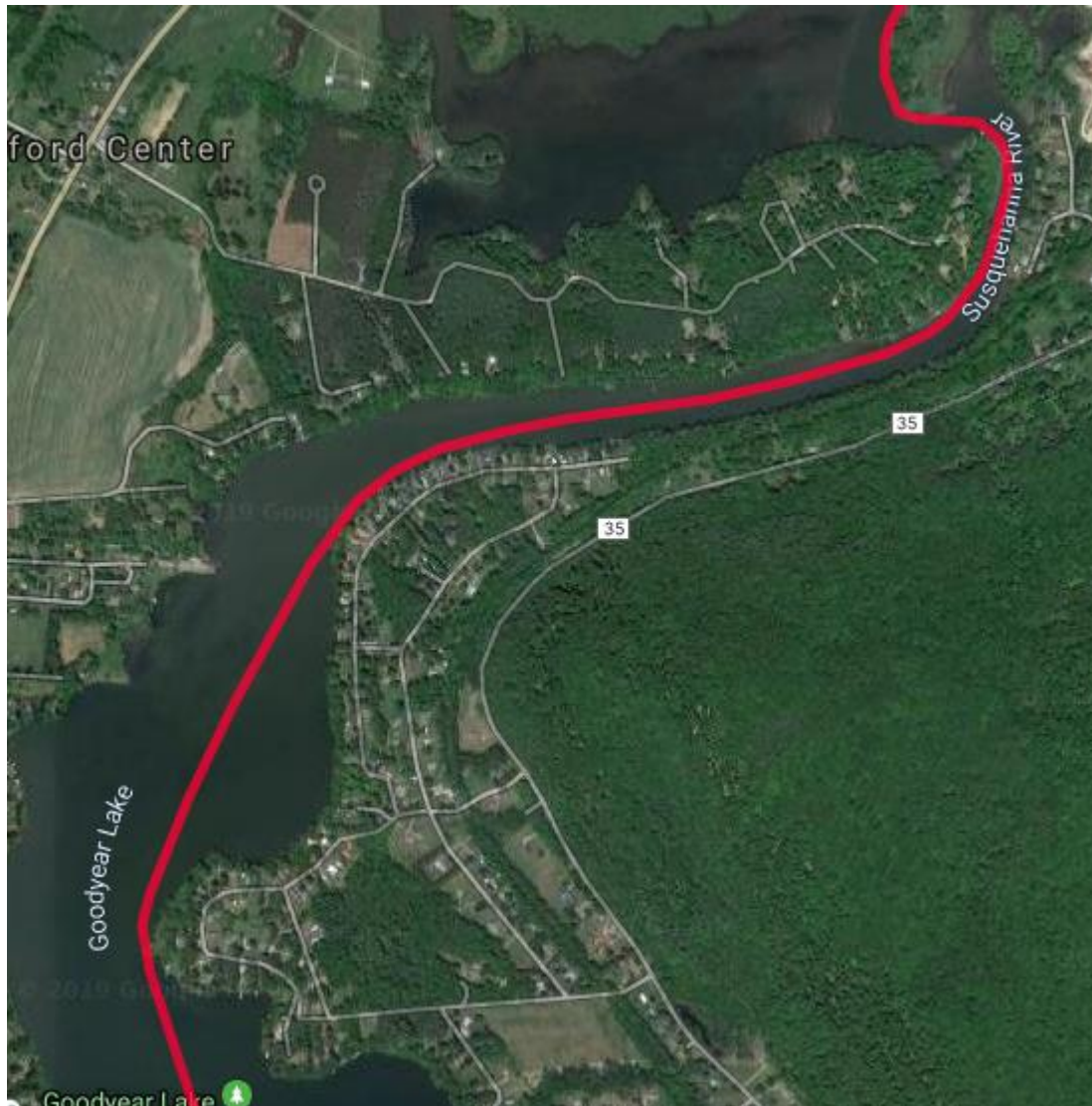
Mile 15 : Milford Route 166. Pitted on left bank. Slow water under the bridge along left bank with more solid ground for crew to step on.



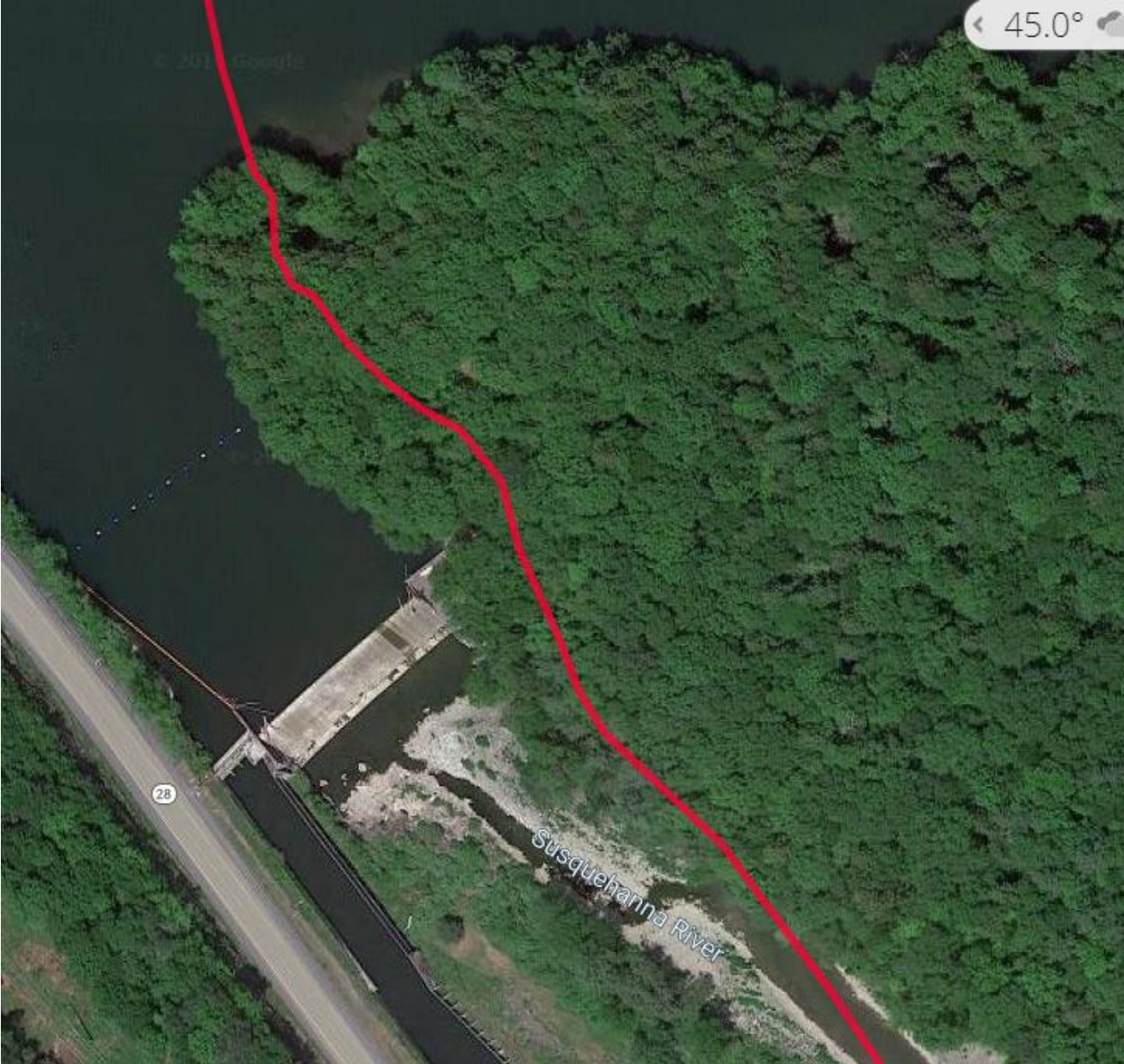
After Route 166 the water started to get deeper and more stable. Good kayak speed.

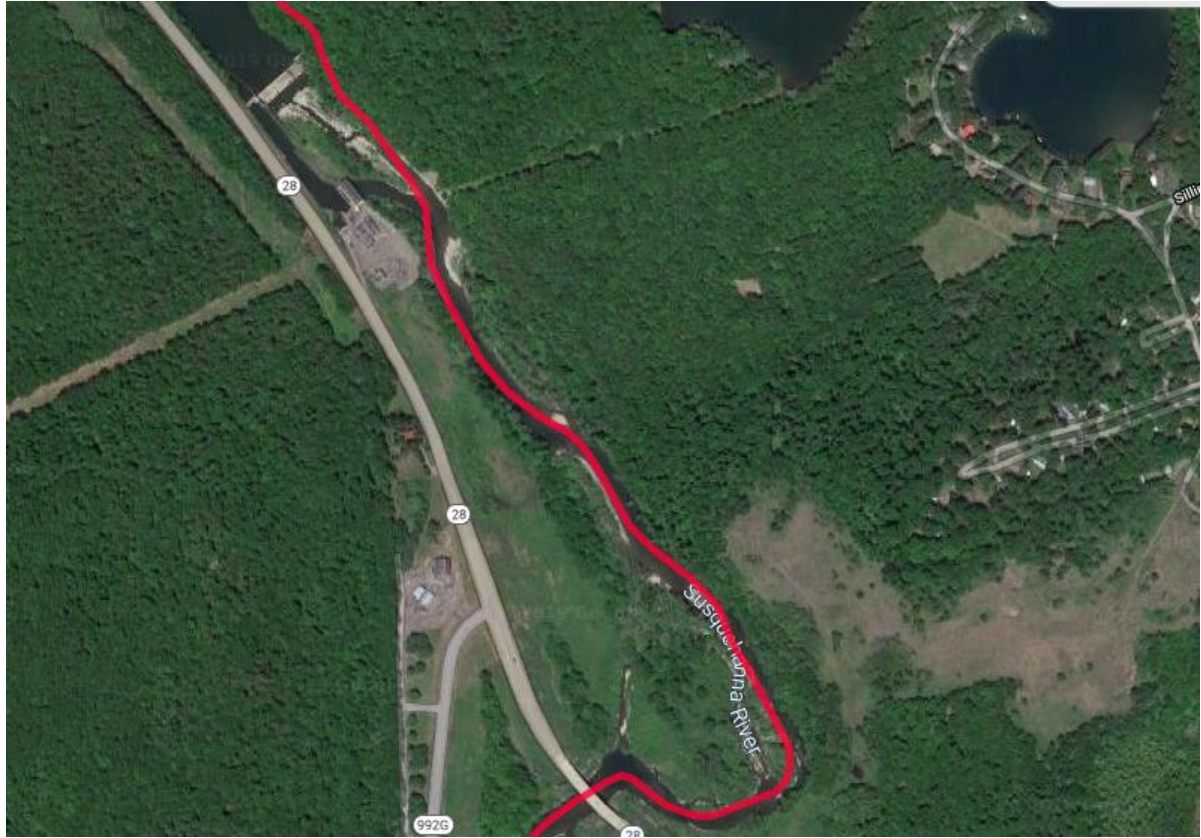
After the bridge in Portlandville (35A) stay on the left bank. It will look like you want to cross the open water, but that is not the lake. You will make a hard left, then back to the right to stay on the river. A lot of 'suck' water around these bends.





Mile 24.4: Head to portage #2: A short and fairly steep run up a dirt, rock, and root covered ground. Across a flat spot and a long sloping grade down to the water.





Short cut if you dare. I again kept it safe and stayed in the main stream.



The area between Goodyear Lake and Oneonta offer some fast and can be tricky in places. Some strainers and narrow passes. It was all accessible but you need to look ahead for what is coming up. The group of C1 paddlers I was with were very informative and helpful.

Mile 31.3 Oneonta Dam: Portage #3. You will not see the marker until you are very close. You may see people in front of you heading to the right bank. Narrow path that is sandy with small stones. This was a great spot to refill on water and nutrition because crew members can be right there as you are going down the trail. Very sketchy water getting back into the flow of the river.

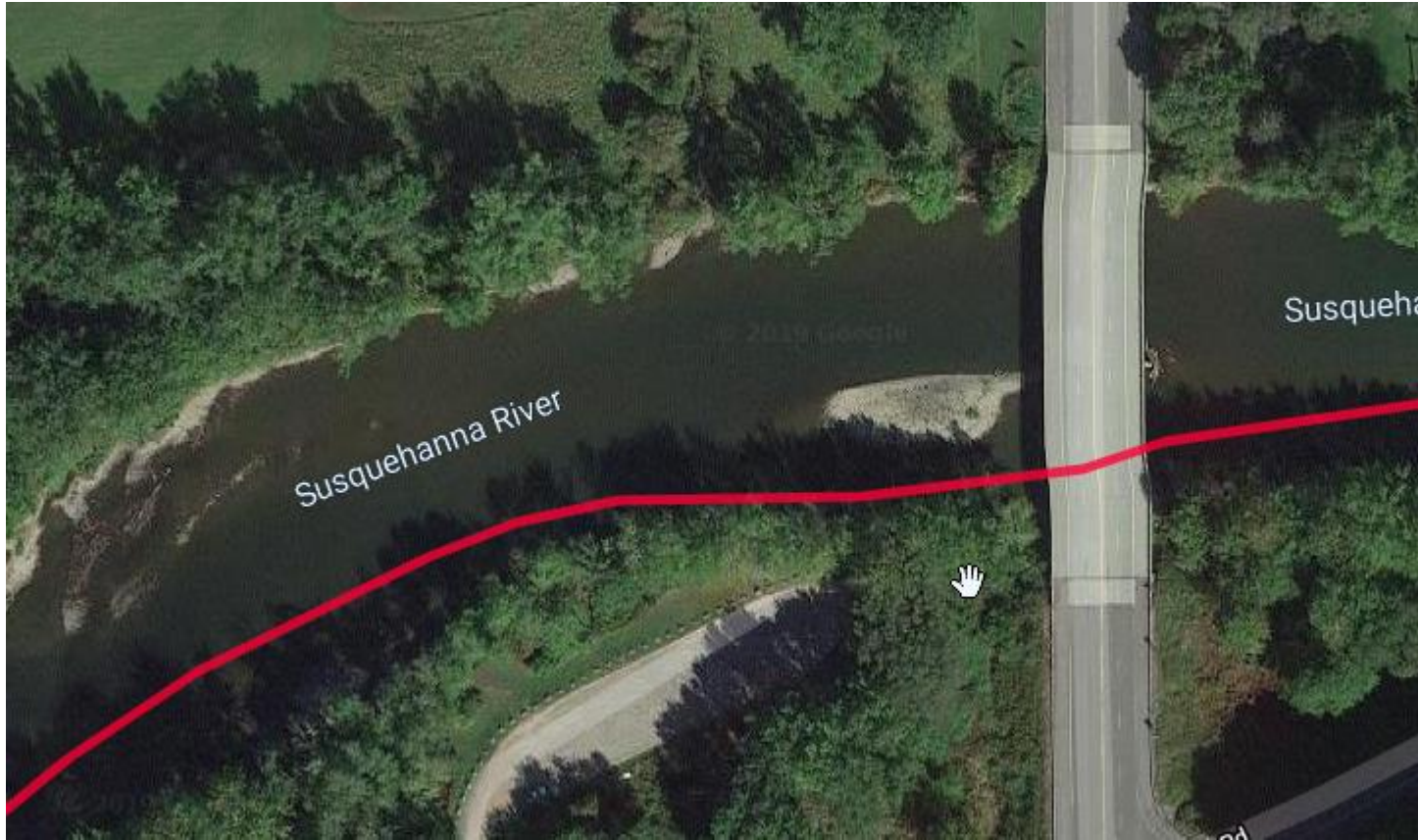


Mile 43.6: Stop to fix rudder. Good pit stop location. Concrete steps to the water. This was supposed to be my 3rd and final water stop but that never happened.

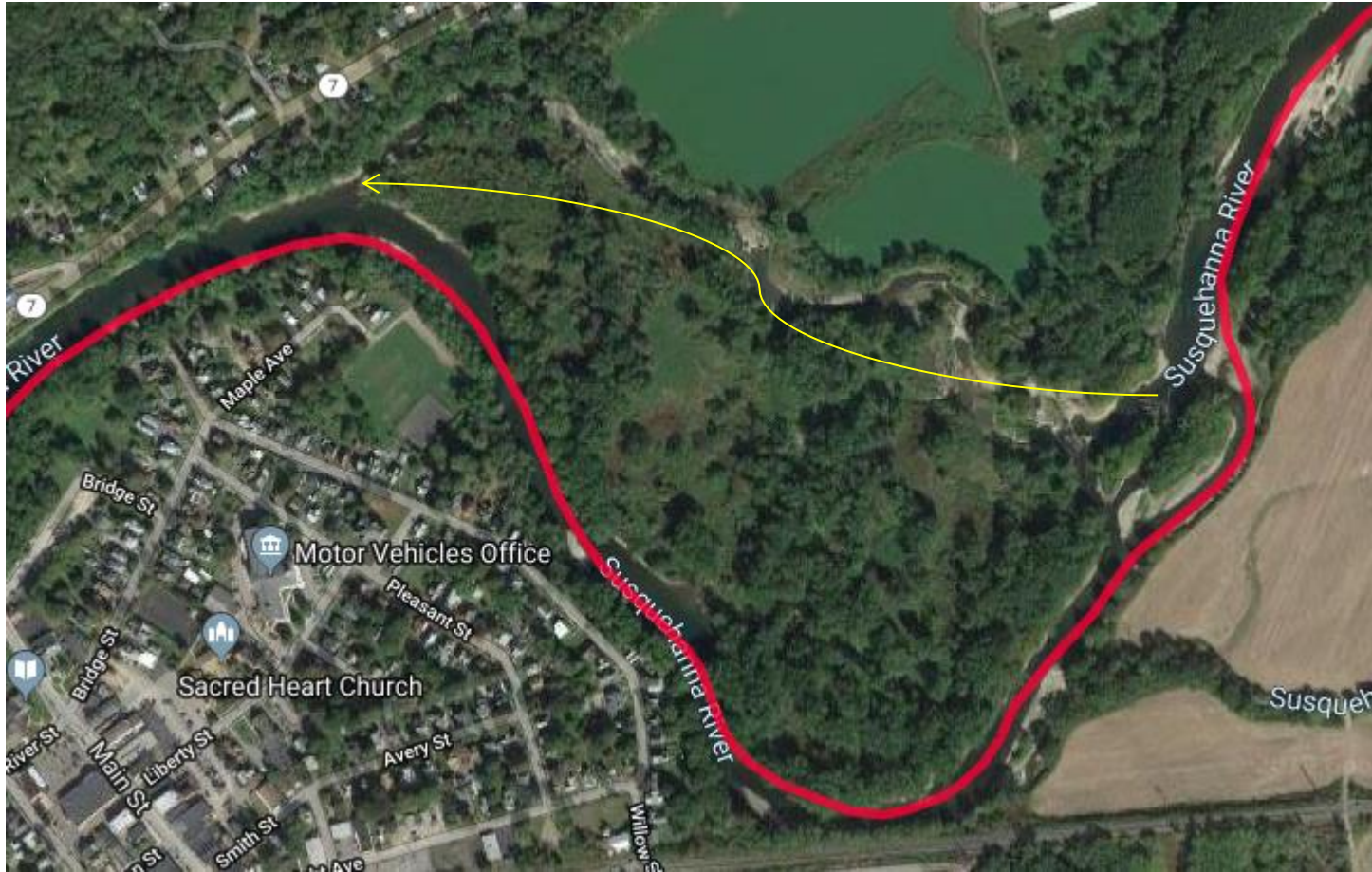


Mile 52.5: Stop #4. Unidilla: Just downriver past the bridge, this was my 3rd water stop due to missing the previous point. Water is flowing fast but right along the bank is an eddy. Not an ideal stop to stop, but I did stand up for a minute while switching bladders and getting ready for the last portion.





Mile 56.2: Green Acres (short cut): You can gain a lot of time if you dare do right. I chose the safe route (0.8 miles compared to about 0.55 miles taking the short route) and felt like I was lost because it took a while to get back with the crowd and I was all alone.



Mile 61.66: Finish. Music playing, announcer talking, and chicken smelling good!!!

