

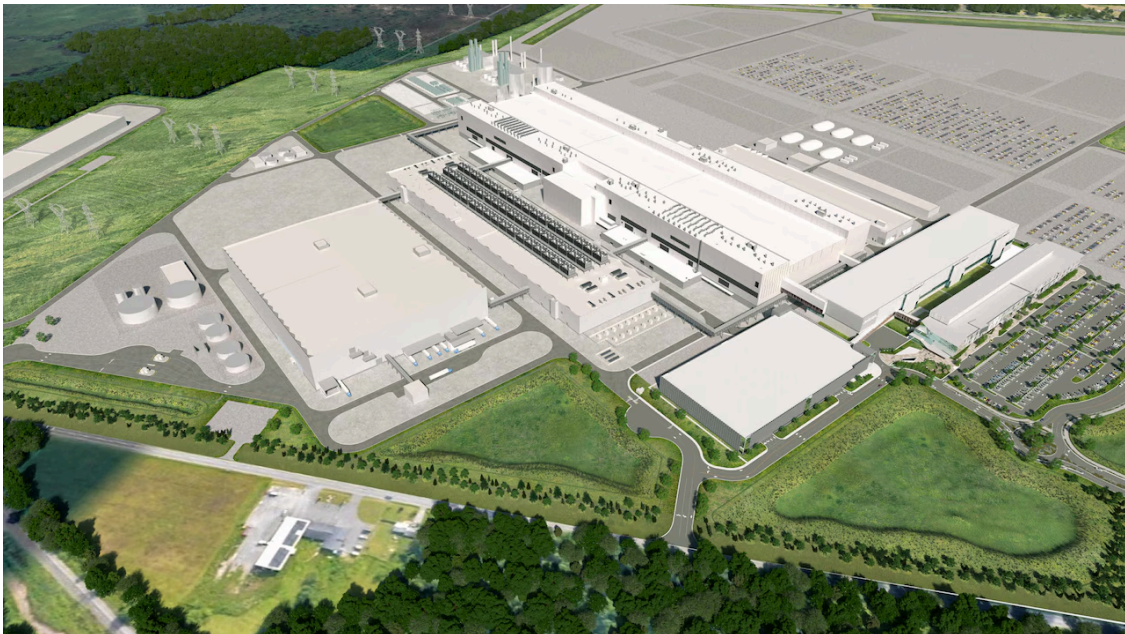
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Micron groundbreaking now set for end of 2025 as review of impact report drags on

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Micron Technology submitted plans to the town of Clay for the first of up to four chipmaking factories, called fabrication plants, or fabs. Site-clearing work is expected to start in November, with the first chip produced in 2029. Provided photo



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Syracuse, N.Y. – It's looking increasingly unlikely that [Micron Technology](#) will hit its November target to start work on the company's proposed semiconductor manufacturing complex in the town of Clay.

Final review of the project's 20,000-page impact report won't be finished until mid to late November, Onondaga County said. Once that report is released, a 10-day waiting period ensues before Micron can obtain permits from several government agencies to start work.

Micron has said in various documents filed with public agencies that it intended to start cutting trees and hauling in fill in November.

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Micron's chief people officer, April Arzen, said Wednesday that site-clearing work is now expected by the end of 2025.

"We are heads down, getting through the permitting process, and we are still targeting the end of the calendar year for groundbreaking and ground preparation," Arzen said at Onondaga Community College.

The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency is still gathering information for the final report and is “working towards the goal of having it done in the next 6 to 8 weeks,” said Justin Sayles, spokesman for Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon.

Micron can’t do any clearing or construction until the impact report, known as a final environmental impact statement, is jointly released by OCIDA and the U.S. Department of Commerce. Tree-cutting can only occur from Nov. 1 to March 31 because two species of endangered bats roost there the rest of the year.

Completion of the report, nearly three years in the making, would mark the most consequential step of the project so far. It will clear the way for government agencies to issue the permits Micron will need before it can start cutting trees and leveling the site.

The draft environmental report was released June 25, and the sole public hearing was held July 24. About 1,300 comments were submitted. OCIDA and Commerce must now review those comments and respond to any considered “substantive.” Those comments and responses must be incorporated into the final report.

After release of the final report, there’s a 10-day waiting period before the agencies can issue their final ruling on the project, called the record of decision. Once the agencies issue that record of decision, a series of regulatory approvals are expected to fall like dominoes so Micron can start work.

Micron has said it planned to start cutting trees and hauling in fill in November. Construction of a rail spur across Caughdenoy Road was expected to start at the same time.



The project has seen numerous delays. Micron originally estimated the final report would be done in June 2024, with work starting in October 2024.

Micron's project, announced three years ago, has picked up momentum since summer. Micron has hired one of the country's largest construction firms, Gilbane Co., to start the estimated \$1 billion job of clearing and leveling the site. Micron earlier this month filed its first detailed site plan showing what the complex would look like. The company even made a relatively small but highly visible move last week by installing a 320-square-foot, lighted sign atop one of downtown Syracuse's tallest office buildings.

Micron announced in October 2022 that it would spend up to \$100 billion to build four fabrication plants, or fabs, in Clay. The company says it would employ up to 9,000 people and create 40,000 jobs from the growth that would spring up with the chip complex.

Micron could receive up to \$25 billion in taxpayer subsidies, enough to pay for half of the first two fabs.

For the first phase of the project, clearing hundreds of acres of trees and hauling in enough stone to fill the JMA Wireless Dome several times, Micron will need approvals from:

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to cut down the trees, which Micron confirmed provides homes for endangered bats and their offspring.
- The state Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Army Corps of engineers to fill in about 200 acres of wetlands on the 1,400-acre site. To offset the loss, Micron has proposed creating or saving more than 400 acres of wetlands in nearby Oswego County.

- DEC and the town of Clay to move soil and change the path of stormwater that falls on the site.
- DEC to disturb 624 acres of habitat used by two raptors, the northern harrier and the short-eared-owl, that are protected under state law.
- The State Department of Transportation to build temporary access roads for construction employees and equipment.

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Dozens of permits will be needed eventually to build the complex and supply it with utilities, but Micron can start site-clearing work before those are issued.

The report detailed the impacts the project could have on everything from air quality to housing to wetlands to wildlife. Micron also had to suggest actions to help reduce the impacts, such as setting aside land for bats and birds displaced by the project.

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