

# BEDROCK TOPOGRAPHY OF CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

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# Introduction

Beginning in 2019, under the guidance and funding provided by the United States Geological Survey - Great Lakes Geological Mapping Coalition (award G20AC00418), the New York State Museum - Geological Survey began a statewide effort to conduct geologic mapping of bedrock elevations throughout New York. Chenango County, of Central New York, extends in the Appalachian Plateau and Mohawk River Valley physiographic provinces. The county is adjacent Otsego and Delaware to the East, Cortland to the West, Broome to the Southeast, and Madison Counties to the North, respectively. Surficial and subsurface bedrock point data and maps were compiled from publicly available sources, vetted, and organized into a comprehensive geospatial database. A technical workflow was developed to categorize the overall geology and differentiate between the underlying bedrock and overlying unconsolidated sediments. The resulting bedrock elevation map provides a detailed representation of bedrock topography across Chenango County. This map is useful for various applications, including geological studies, engineering and construction, natural resource management (such as water or mineral resources), and environmental studies.

## Methodology

A total of 3,073 bedrock control points were used to delineate bedrock topography in Chenango County. These points consisted of 2,458 water wells, 41 thruway engineering boreholes, 536 bedrock outcrops, and 38 waterfall locations. These data were compiled from a variety of public sources and imported into ESRI's ArcGIS Pro 3.3.1 software platform. Ground surface elevations for all control points were extracted from a compilation of three separate digital elevation models (DEM) which were resampled to match a 1-meter LIDAR DEM cell size. Bedrock elevations were calculated at each location by subtracting the depth-to-bedrock from the ground surface elevation. 50-foot bedrock elevation contours were auto-generated and manually refined through a multi-step quality control process to resolve any interpolation errors. The finalized contours were converted into a 1-meter raster, using the "Topo to Raster" tool, that represents county-wide bedrock topography.

## Explanation

- Data Point
-  50ft Bedrock Elevation Contour
-  100ft Bedrock Elevation Contour
-  Highway
-  Chenango County Line
-  Adjacent County

## Bedrock Topography

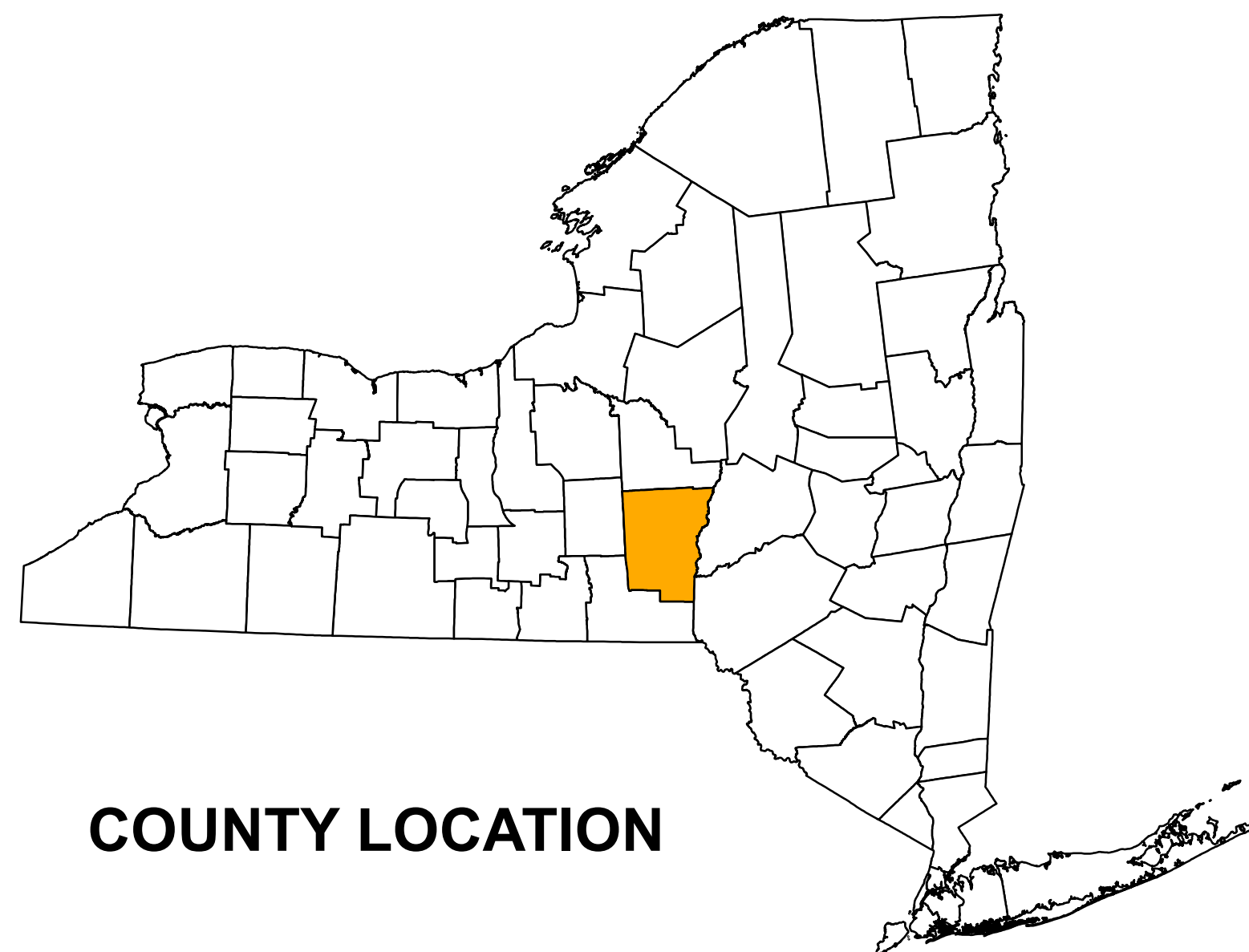
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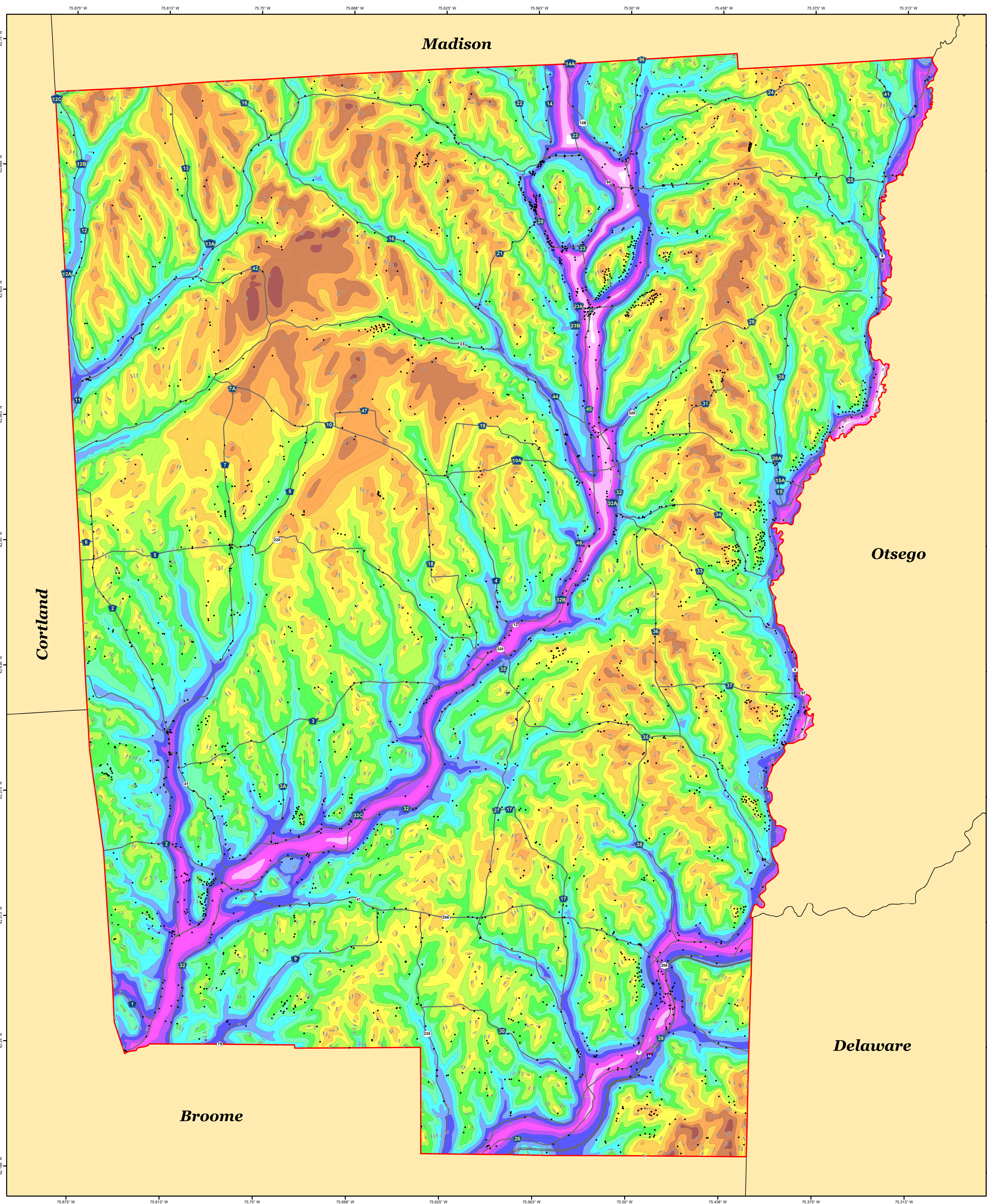
## Summary

The New York State Museum – Geological Survey has developed a detailed Bedrock Topography Map for Chenango County. This map represents a compilation of various surficial and subsurface bedrock data sources, analytical methods, and quality control procedures. The resulting bedrock elevations reveal a range of distinct geological features including a variety of Paleozoic bedrock erosional profiles, and evidence of past glaciation. These characteristics are likely the result of a variety of functions including bedrock stratigraphy, structural deformation, and erosional processes such as past glaciation and fluvial geomorphology. This map is significant for applications in geological research, engineering, natural resource management, and environmental studies. Continued research and work on subsurface geology will provide additional data and insight and enhance the geologic framework of bedrock geology throughout New York State.

## COUNTY LOCATION



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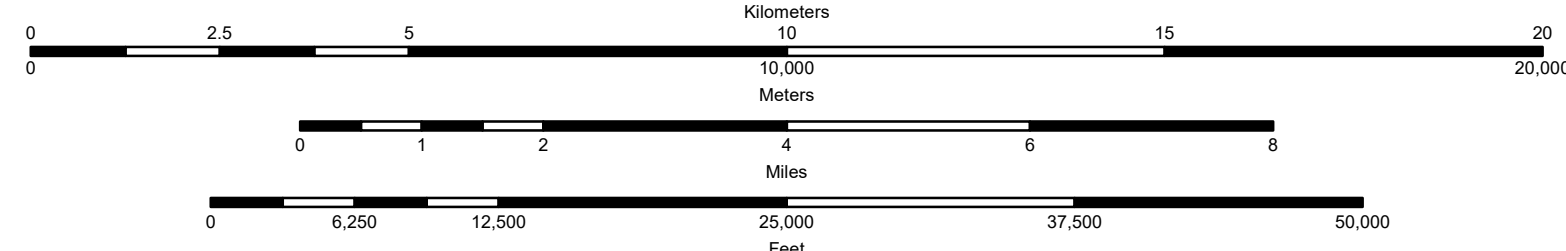


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Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 18 N North American Datum of 1983

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SCALE 1:100,000



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