

1. Site of the Churchville Classical School (37 & 39 W Buffalo St) was erected in 1895 when the cobblestone school that had served since 1843, had to be abandoned.
2. Churchville High School/Elementary School (36 W Buffalo St) was built in 1936 when the Classical School was demolished. This location now serves as one of the elementary schools for the Churchville-Chili School District.
3. Convalescent Home (32 W Buffalo St) During the WWI Flu Epidemic this structure was used as a facility for people with the disease. It once held 34 patients being treated and was closed at the end of the epidemic in 1919.
4. The Methodist Episcopal Church (24 W Buffalo St) was built in 1834. One of the Founders of the church was Samuel Church.
5. The Cobblestone School (22 W Buffalo St) was erected in 1843 and served Churchville for 50 years. It has served as a school, assembly hall, Grange and youth center until 1994 when it was sold to the Town of Riga.
6. Home of James H. Bushnell (20 W Buffalo St) He was the first druggist in the Village of Churchville. In 1882 he became the first fire chief of the Village.
7. St. Vincent's DePaul's congregation (11 N Main St) was organized in 1869 and the actual church was built in 1885.
8. St. Vincent's DePaul's Rectory (13 N Main St) was built in 1894 on the original 1.7 acres of church land.
9. Churchville Park (N Main St) was developed in 1926 by Monroe County. The park is filled with picnic facilities, soccer fields and golf course (1930) and is 538 acres.
10. The Churchville Creekside cemetery (N Main St) was purchased by Samuel Church in 1806. It now is maintained by the Village of Churchville. The oldest known grave is of a 5 year old child who died in 1812. There is also the monument that was dedicated in 1865 to the soldiers from Riga who died in the Civil War.
11. Original site of the Whipple Family. (28 N Main St) Milton Whipple financed the Soldiers monument located in the Churchville cemetery.
12. Home of Cyrus H. Brisco (18 N Main St) who was the head of Messrs, Briscoe & Randall. For twenty-five years Mr. Briscoe was the treasurer for Churchville and secretary of the Churchville Lodge.
13. The Union Congregational Church (14 N Main St) was organized on February 22, 1852. Previous to the church being the Union Congregational Church, it was a Presbyterian church from the beginning of the establishment of the Village.
14. Scott's Hall (10 E Buffalo St) The building at this location served as a wagon and blacksmith shop for Sam Widger and John Scott. It was used as a banquet hall. It was demolished in 2007.
15. This is the spot where Samuel Church's first grist mill was first built in 1810. Today only the foundation remains. In the early 1900's the mill was moved from this location to its present location on South Main Street.
16. A cooper store (32 E Buffalo St) was the first business on this site, building barrels and using the Black Creek for its ice house. In 1920, it was the Riverside Box Factory, 1930's the All Fair Toy Factory, 1940's R.T. French company, then Luster Coate Metalizing Corporation.
17. Churchville Community Center (25 E Buffalo St) From 1948-2009 this building housed the Churchville Volunteer Fire Department. In 2010 it was sold to the Village of Churchville for a Community Center.
18. Building at (9 E Buffalo St) served as a meeting place for the Village Council in 1893. The fire department shared the building with the village officials. It served as the Village Hall for 100 years before being replaced with a new village hall on Main Street.
19. The business district of Churchville began in 1815, after the War of 1812, on South Main Street. In June of 1882 a major fire destroyed the business block. The block was rebuilt only to be destroyed once again in December of 1890, which the buildings are still standing from that date.
20. Site of a 1850's house that was a stop on the Underground Railroad for slaves making their way to Canada. The house was owned by John and Jane McGuffie.
21. Home of Major Henry E. Richmond (70 S Main St). He served as Monroe County Sheriff from 1876 until 1879.
22. Hiltop Manor/Senator's Mansion (99 S Main St) This building was formerly the property of Henry Davis, but in 1905, William L. Ormrod purchased it when he decided to take up residence in Churchville, the birthplace of his wife. In 1910 he was nominated for state senator and was re-nominated in 1912. Senator. Ormrod took a very active role in his community.
23. Cottage Hotel (63 & 67 S Main St) formerly on this site was the Cottage Hotel built by F.N. Parish in 1884 and operated until the early 1900's. This hotel, was a stop-over for travelers on the New York Central Railroad. It also hosted many community social events.
24. The Tonawanda Railroad was the first railroad to be constructed in the Village of Churchville. Chartered in 1833 the Rochester & Tonawanda Railroad was a single track railroad that was built from Rochester to Batavia. The road officially opened in May of 1837 when the first engine left Rochester and forty minutes later pulled into Churchville. By the mid 1850's the powerful New York Central Railroad was created and took over the tracks.
25. Flour Mill (35 S Main St) Samuel Church built the mill in 1810 on the bank of Black Creek. The mill had a capacity of 100 bags of flour per day.
26. Originally this was the homestead (29 S Main St) of Elisha P. Davis (1786-1873). Mr. Davis erected the first tavern in Churchville to serve the passing stagecoaches and served as the village's first postmaster. In 1905 the Davis homestead was removed and the present structure was built for Mrs. E. Belle Davis, widow of Henry W. Davis. Henry Davis was a station agent for the New York Central Railroad.
27. The original parsonage for the Congregational Church was located at 21 North Main Street but on April 3, 1888 the new parsonage was 25 South Main Street. This house served until 1962 when a new parsonage was built on Park Road.
28. Smith/Ames Hotel (19 S Main St) built in 1885 by George Smith, after the great conflagration of 1882, this building served as a hotel, tavern, store and restaurant now known as the Johnson House.
29. The Newman Riga library, (1 S Main St) or the Riga Free library as it was once called, was organized in 1920. It was dedicated on the 17th of October in 1952.
30. Site of the Universalist church congregation (33 W Buffalo St) in 1813. A church was erected here in 1839. After burning down, a brick building for telephone switching was erected. Mechanical switching finally replaced the operator and another telephone building was put on Fitch Street.
31. Home of Fran W. Potter (35 W Buffalo St) partner in the firm of Sage & Potter, a milling business. Sage & Potter made various brands of flour such as "Sage & Potter's Best", "Snow Flake", "Gilt Edge", and others.

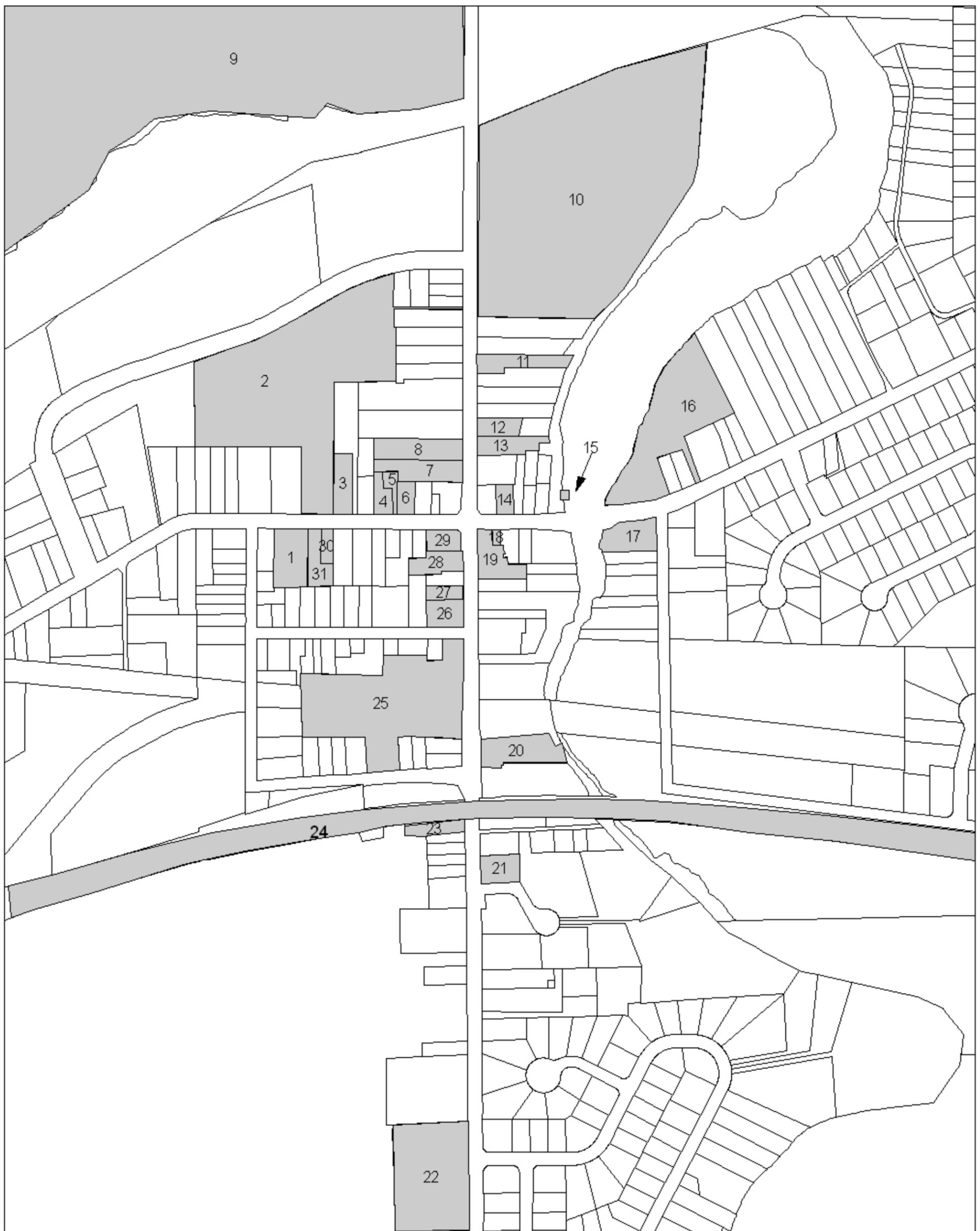
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Village of Churchville

Historical Walking Map





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