



Legislative Guide

New York State
Assemblymembers and Senators

Onondaga, Madison, Oneida
and Herkimer Counties

2023

Rachel May (D, WF)

Senate District 48

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/rachel-may>



COMMITTEES:

CHAIR

Cities 2

Legislative Commission on Rural Resources

MEMBER

Aging

Agriculture

Elections

Environmental Conservation

Health

Housing, Construction and Community Development

Joint Senate Task Force on Opioids, Addiction & Overdose Prevention

Legislative Women's Caucus

State-Native American Relations

Bio:

- Elected to the New York State Senate in November 2018. This is her third term.
- Instrumental in passing climate legislation as well as for housing, criminal justice and election reform
- Working hard toward climate change, rural broadband, farm labor rights, healthcare and nursing homes
- Working toward legislation for opioid addiction treatment, women's and minority small business and child welfare issues
- Sponsored the first STEAM school for CNY
- Director of sustainability education at Syracuse University
- Professor of Russian language and literature at SUNY-Stony Brook and Macalester College in Minnesota
- Earned master's degrees from Oxford University and SUNY ESF and a Ph.D. in Russian language and literature from Stanford University.
- She and her husband, a professor at Le Moyne College, live in Syracuse. They have one daughter.

Proposed Legislation:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/rachel-may/legislation>

Senate District 48



Mark Walczyk (R,C)

Senate District 49

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/mark-walczyk>



COMMITTEES:

RANKING MEMBER

Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation
Elections

MEMBER

Agriculture

Cities 2

Energy and Telecommunications

Internet and Technology

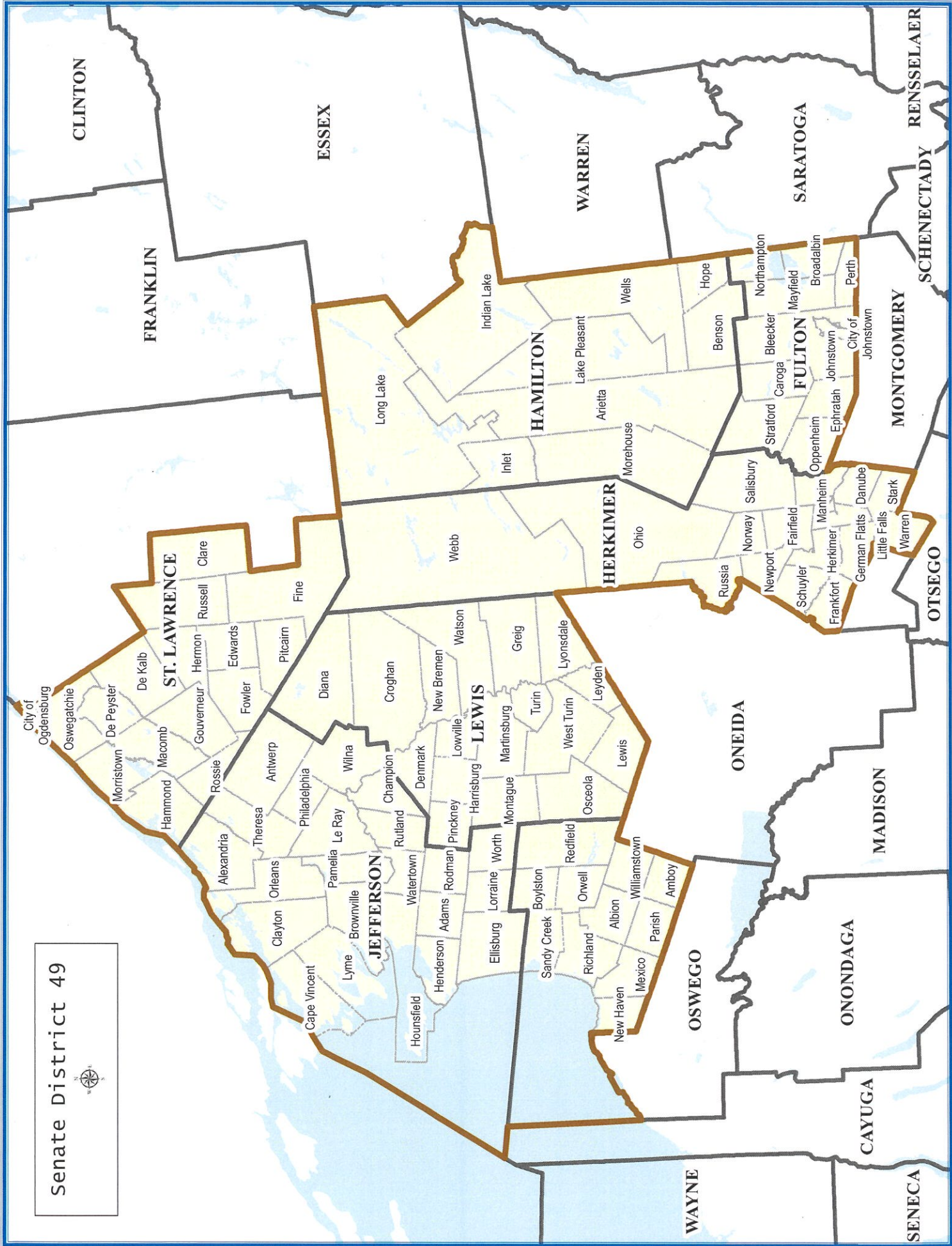
Bio:

- Elected to the NYS Senate in 2022
- Graduate of University of Albany
- Watertown City Councilman in 2015
- Committed to investing in aging infrastructure
- Committed to protecting rivers and lakes
- Strong proponent of policy that empowers teachers and students

Proposed Legislation:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/mark-walczyk/legislation>

Senate District 49



Senator John Mannion (D)

Senate District 50

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/john-w-mannion>



COMMITTEES:

CHAIR

Disabilities

MEMBER

Agriculture

Education

Energy and Telecommunications

Environmental Conservation

Health

Libraries

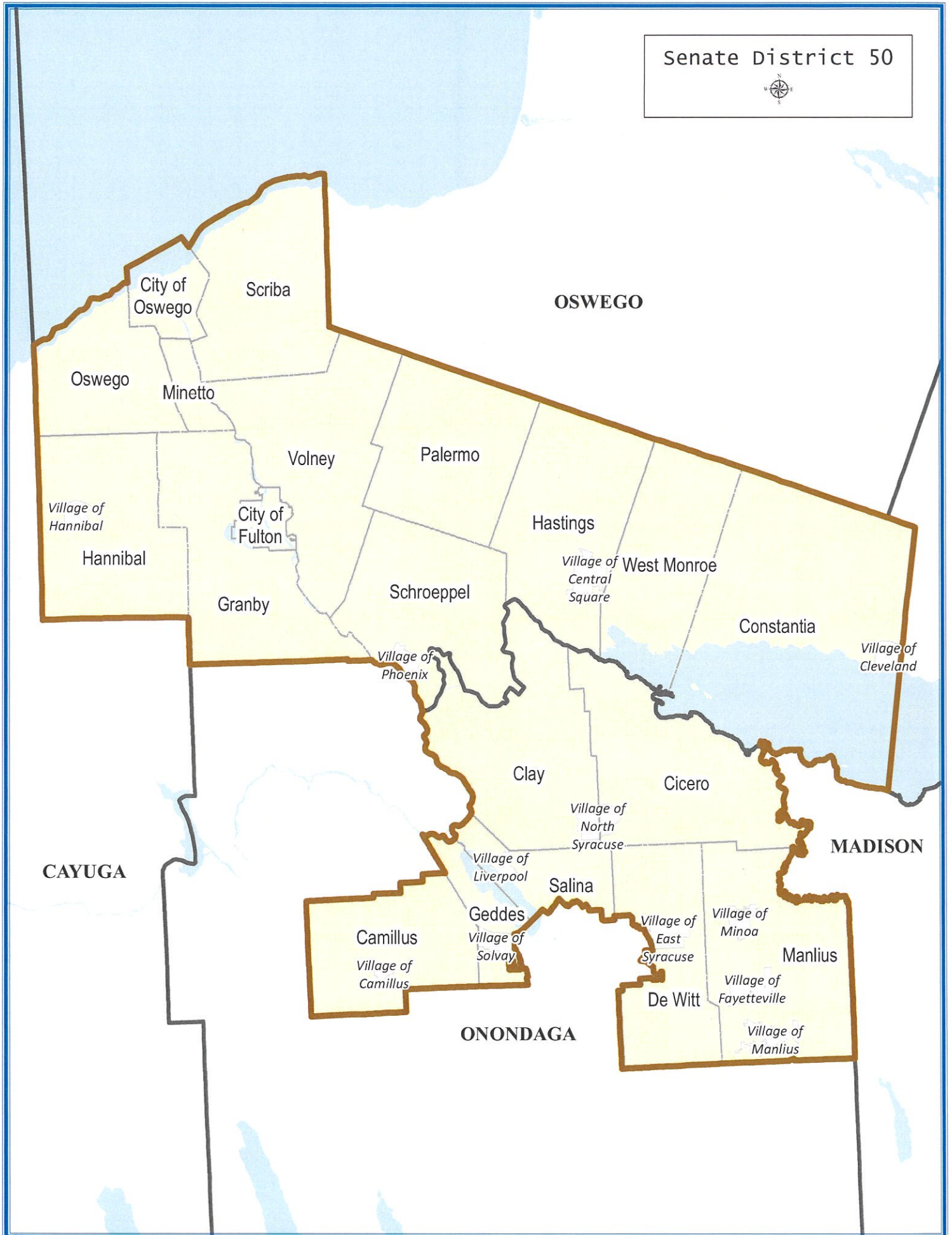
Bio:

- Elected to the New York State Senate in 2020
- Lifelong resident of Central New York.
- Graduated from SUNY Binghamton and Oswego
- Thirty years of classroom experience as a teacher in public schools, twenty-one years in Advanced Placement Biology
- Strong advocate for teachers and students
- Strong advocate for environmental protection
- Lives in Geddes with his wife, Shannon, and their three children

Proposed Legislation:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/john-w-mannion/legislation>

Senate District 50



Joseph Griffo (R, C)
Assistant Minority Leader
Senate District 53

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/joseph-griffo>



COMMITTEES:
RANKING MEMBER
Higher Education

MEMBER
Finance
Rules
Transportation

Bio:

- Has served in the New York State Senate since 2007.
- Previously served as chairman of the Senate Energy & Telecommunications Committee, which oversees the expansion of renewable and clean energy technologies and high-speed broadband in underserved areas of the state.
- Was Oneida County Executive, three-time mayor of Rome and an Oneida County legislator
- Worked to reform the Medicaid program
- Graduate of SUNY Brockport, magna cum laude in political science
- Griffo and his wife, Lorraine, an elementary teacher in Camden, reside in Rome.

Sponsored Legislation:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/joseph-griffo/legislation>

Senate District 53



LEWIS

OSWEGO

Florence
Camden
Village of Camden
Annsville
Lee
Ava
Village of Boonville
Boonville
Forestport
Steuben
Remsen
Village of Remsen
Western

ONEIDA

HERKIMER

Vienna
Village of Sylvan Beach
Verona
City of Rome
Whitestown
Westmoreland
Floyd
Village of Holland Patent
Trenton
Village of Oriskany
Marcy
Deerfield
Village of Whitesboro
City of Utica
Village of New York Mills
New Hartford
Village of Clinton
Kirkland
Paris
Village of Clayville
Litchfield
Columbia
Winfield
Village of West Winfield

ONONDAGA

Sullivan
Village of Chittenango
Lincoln
Stockbridge
Village of Munnsville
Augusta
Village of Oriskany Falls
Village of Madison
Village of Hamilton
Fenner
Smithfield
MADISON
Nelson
Eaton
Madison
Brookfield
DeRuyter
Village of DeRuyter
Georgetown
Lebanon
Hamilton
Smyrna
Village of Earlville
Columbus
Sherburne
Village of New Berlin
Village of Smyrna
Village of Sherburne

OTSEGO

CORTLAND

Lincklaen
Otselic
Pitcher
Pharsalia
Plymouth
North Norwich
New Berlin
German
McDonough
Smithville
Preston

CHENANGO

BROOME

DELAWARE

Brian Maher

Assembly District 101

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**COMMITTEES:****MEMBER**

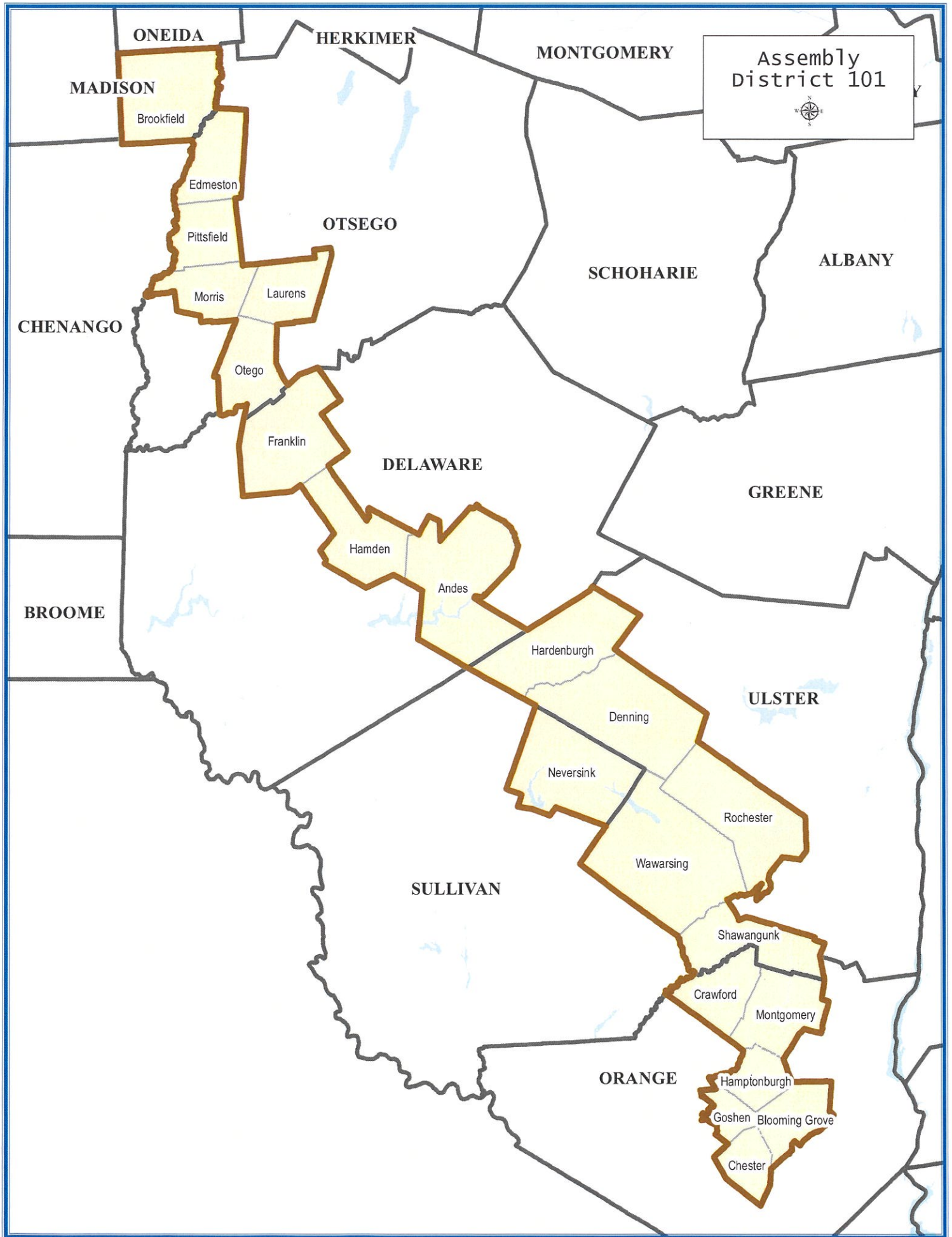
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Children and Families
Consumer Affairs and Protection
Economic Development, job Creation Commerce and Industry
Mental Health
Social Services

Bio:

- Elected in 2022
- Will push for permanent state spending cap
- Will address crime in neighborhoods
- Especially important is the issue of youth flight. Will advocate for more workforce development opportunities and will work with healthcare agencies and community organizations to curb opioid and drug abuse.
- Attended Post University on a basketball scholarship and transferred to Brooklyn College.
- Former Town of Montgomery Supervisor
- Served as Executive Director of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission
- Joined the US Naval Reserves
- Resides in Montgomery with his wife, Rebecca, and their three children.

Sponsored Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Brian-Maher/sponsor/>



Kenneth Blankenbush

Assembly District 117

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Ken-Blankenbush>



COMMITTEES:

MEMBER

Agriculture

Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

Energy

Insurance

Rules

Skills Development and Career Education

Ways and Means

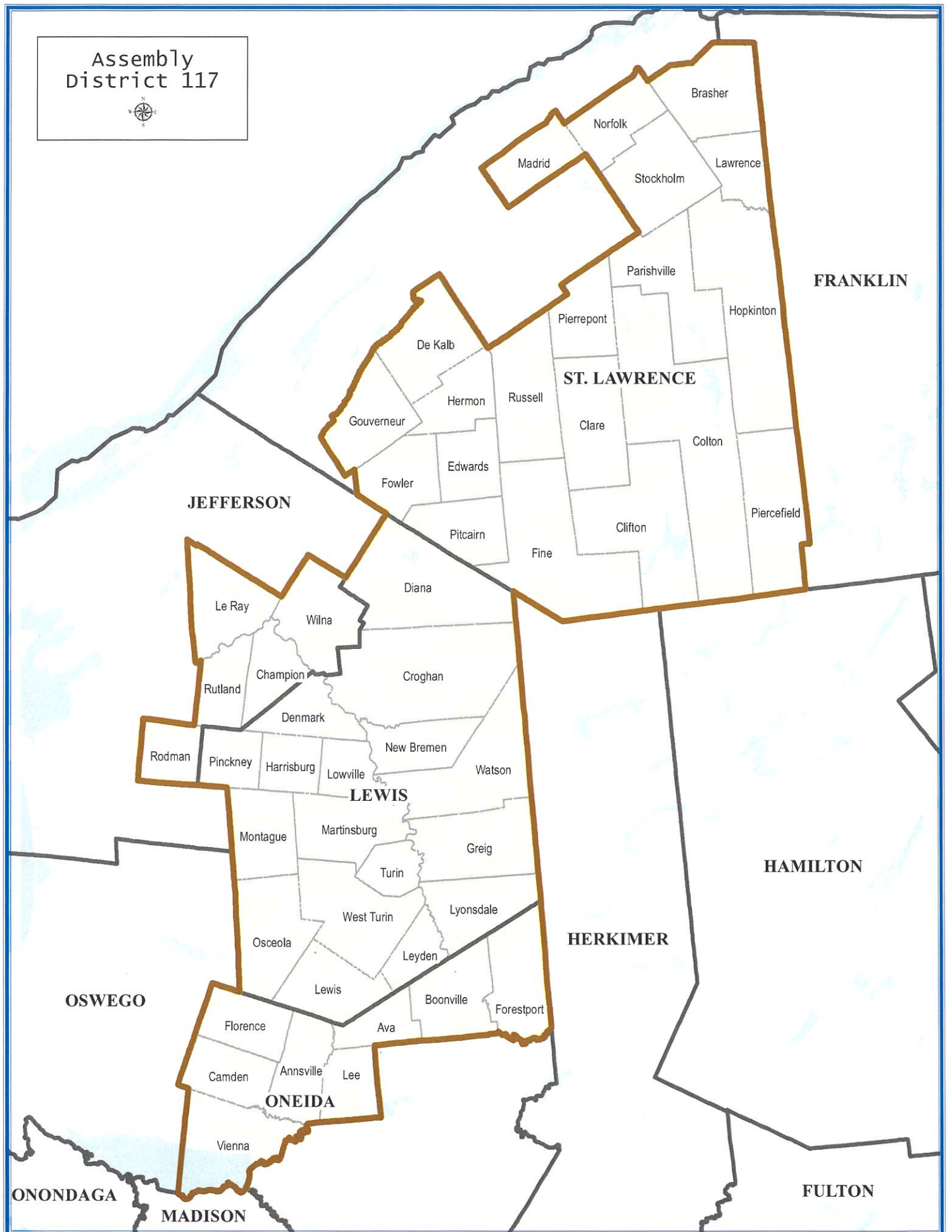
Bio:

- Elected to office in 2010.
- Served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1976 and served in Vietnam
- Earned Bachelor of Science degree in History from SUNY Plattsburgh
- Started BEL Associates, his own insurance and financial services business in Watertown.
- His proposal, "Upstate Strong," would make government more fiscally responsible, elections more equitable, and would invest in job creation, strengthen education, and promote the North Country's agricultural heritage
- Member of the Association of the United States Army (Northern New York-Fort Drum Chapter), the Greater Carthage Chamber and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Carthage
- Resides in Black River with his wife Sheila. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Sponsored Legislation:

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Assembly
District 117



Robert Smullen

Assembly District 118

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**COMMITTEES:****MEMBER**

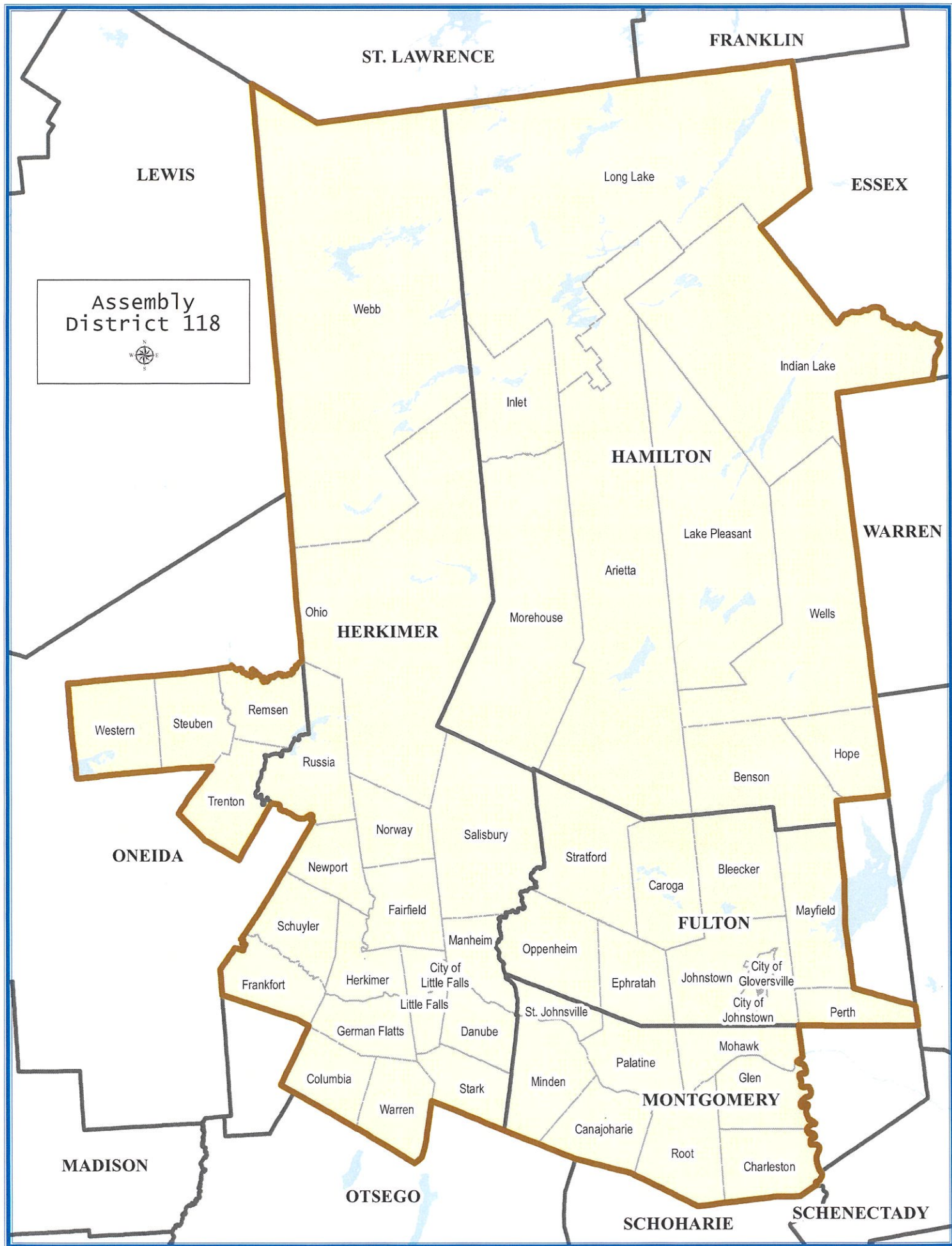
Banks
Environmental Conservation
Higher Education
Labor
Veterans Affairs
Ways and Means

Bio:

- Elected to the New York State Assembly in 2018
- Retired from the Marine Corps at the rank of Colonel, with 24 years of service and three combat tours to Afghanistan, including participating in Operation Enduring Freedom after the September 11th, 2001 attacks on New York.
- Served at the Pentagon as a military strategist and in numerous command and staff positions around the world.
- Committed to providing support for veterans and active service military personnel
- In 2003, appointed by President George W. Bush as a White House Fellow, serving at the United States Department of Energy in the Office of the Secretary of Energy.
- Has a B.A. in History from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, an M.A. from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and an M.S. in Resource Management from The Eisenhower School, where he is a distinguished graduate of National Defense University
- Proud member of the American Legion and Marine Corps League
- Lives on Matilda Hill Farm in the Town of Johnstown with his wife, Megan. They have four children.

Sponsored Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Robert-Smullen/sponsor/>



ST. LAWRENCE

FRANKLIN

LEWIS

Long Lake

ESSEX

Assembly
District 118



Webb

Indian Lake

Inlet

HAMILTON

Lake Pleasant

WARREN

Arietta

Ohio

Morehouse

Wells

HERKIMER

Western

Steuben

Remsen

Russia

Trenton

ONEIDA

Norway

Salisbury

Stratford

Benson

Hope

Newport

Fairfield

Schuyler

Manheim

Oppenheim

FULTON

Caroga

Bleeker

Mayfield

Frankfort

Herkimer

City of Little Falls

Little Falls

German Flatts

Danube

St. Johnsville

Ephratah

Johnstown

City of Gloversville

City of Johnstown

Perth

Columbia

Warren

Stark

Minden

Palatine

Mohawk

Glen

Canajoharie

Root

Charleston

MONTGOMERY

MADISON

OTSEGO

SCHOHARIE

SCHENECTADY

Marianne Buttenschon

Assembly District 119

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Marianne-Buttenschon>



COMMITTEES:

CHAIR

Subcommittee on Export Trade

MEMBER

Agriculture

Banks

Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry

Education

Higher Education

Veterans' Affairs

Bio:

- Elected in 2018
- Values transparency, accountability and fairness and that every citizen has the right to be heard
- Represents the development of drone technology and the growing refugee and immigrant populations in her region
- Former Dean of Public Service and Emergency Preparedness at Mohawk Valley Community College
- Earned a BA in Public Justice from SUNY POLY, an MA in Public Policy from Binghamton University and a Doctorate of Education from Northeastern
- Served as vice president of the Utica Community Food Bank and a member of the League of Women Voters
- Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.
- Married to Don Buttenschon, a retired public school psychologist. They have three grown children and one granddaughter.
- For over 30 years, Don and Marianne have operated the Buttenschon Christmas Tree Farm in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County

Sponsored Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Marianne-Buttenschon/sponsor/>

Assembly
District 119



City of
Rome

ONEIDA

Floyd

Deerfield

Marcy

Village of
Oriskany

Whitestown

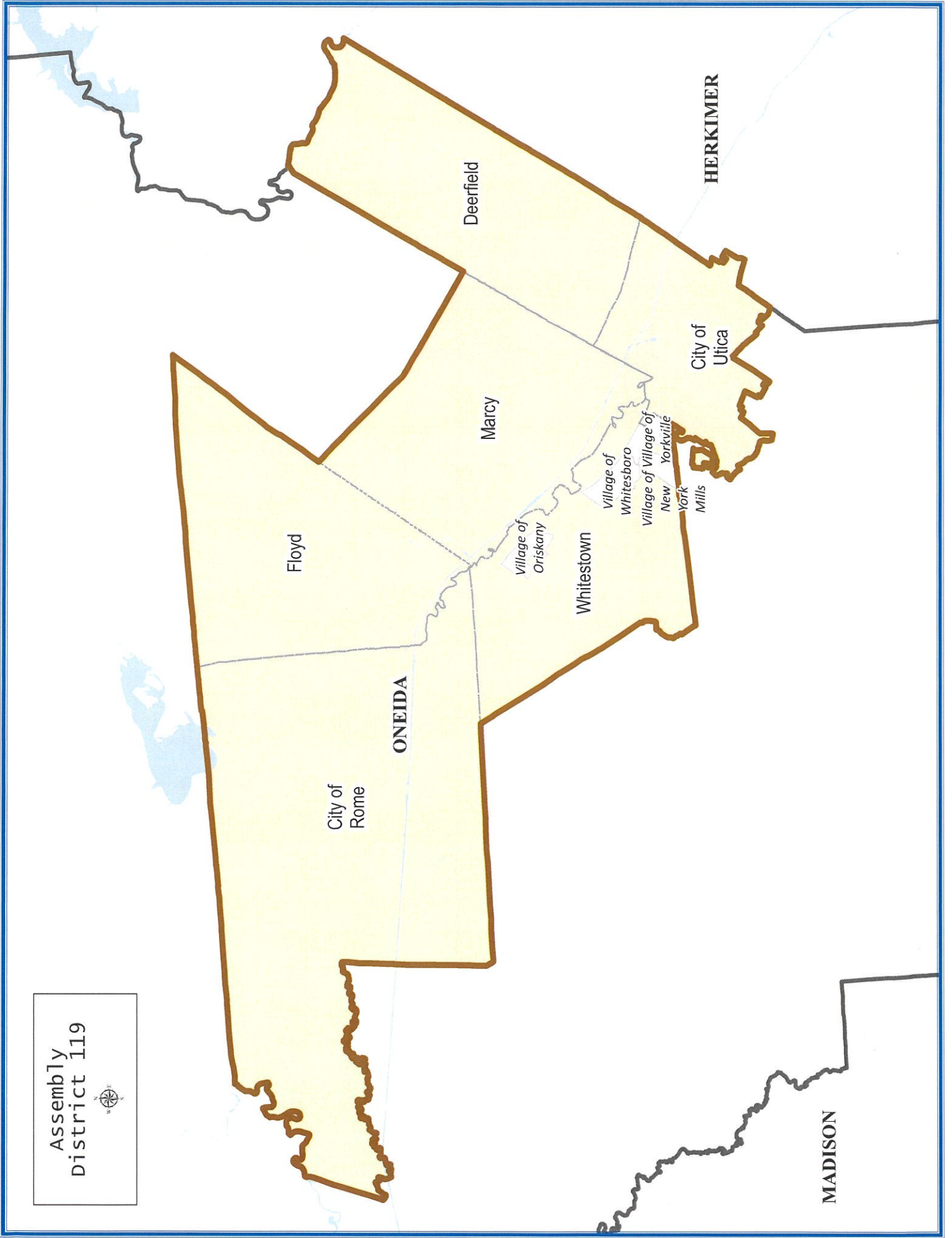
Village of
Whitesboro

Village of Village of
New York Mills

City of
Utica

HERKIMER

MADISON



Joseph Angelino

Assembly District 121

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Joe-Angelino>

**COMMITTEES:****MEMBER**

Codes

Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

Ethics and Guidance

Oversight, Analysis and Investigation

Tourism

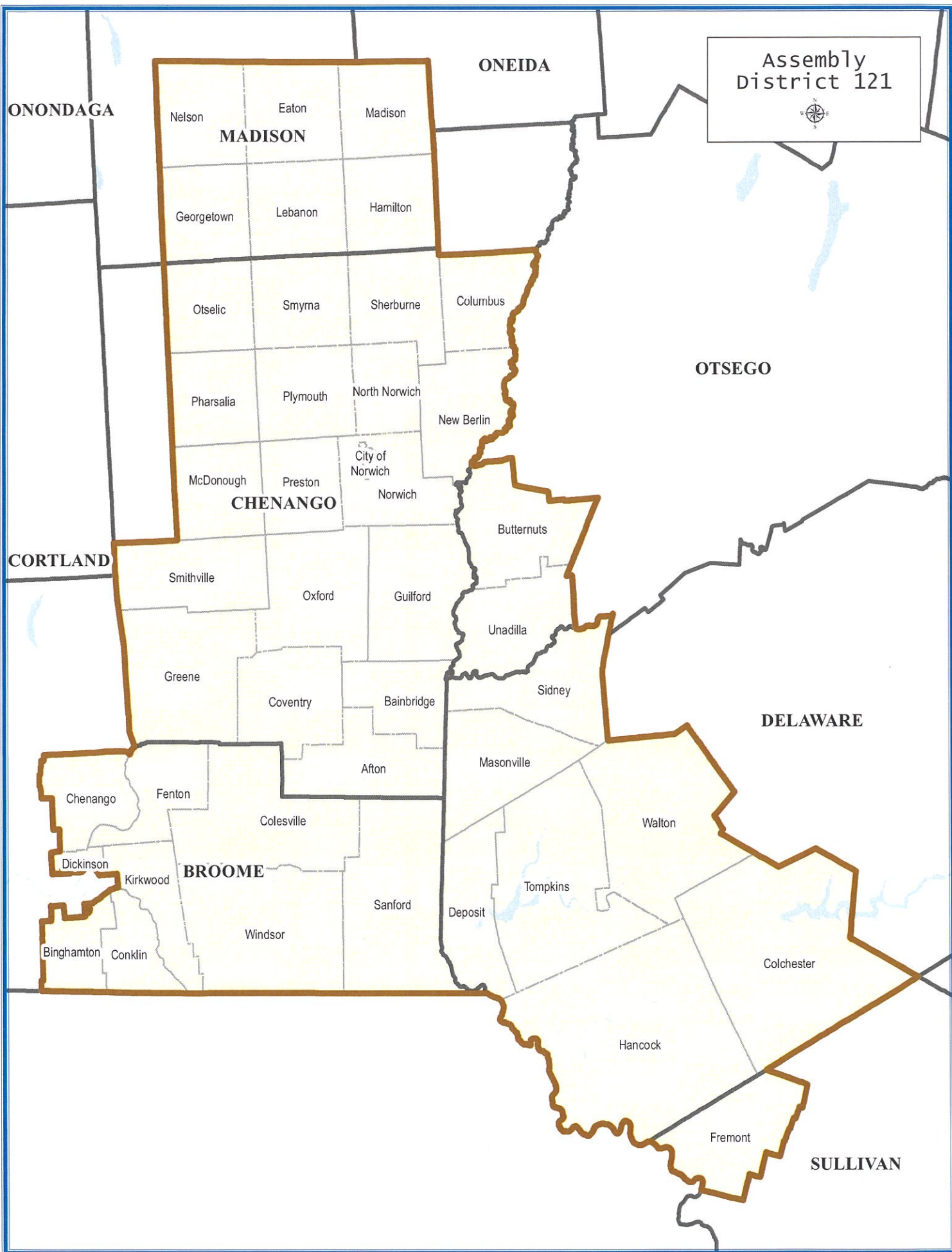
Veterans Affairs

Bio:

- Elected in 2020 but new district in 2022.
- Will work to protect the interests of law enforcement agents.
- Will ensure veterans have every opportunity to thrive upon returning from service.
- Chief of Police in Norwich, NY
- US Marine serving as tank commander in Desert Storm and infantry in Iraq in 2003 and 2005. Received two Purple Heart medals.
- Serves on Board of the Northeast Classic Car Museum and Norwich Housing Authority
- Married to Kendall Saber and resides in Norwich.

Sponsored Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Joe-Angelino/sponsor/>



Assembly
District 121



Brian Miller

Assembly District 122

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Brian-D-Miller>

**COMMITTEES:****MEMBER**

Agriculture
Consumer Affairs and Protection
Higher Education
Real Property Taxation
Transportation

Bio:

- Elected to the New York State Assembly in 2016
- Working to overhaul expand access to high-speed broadband
- Working to increase mental health services for veterans
- Addressing the heroin and opioid epidemic to increase treatment options and improve education on the dangers
- Served as an Oneida County Legislator and Bridgewater Town Supervisor
- Graduate of Mohawk Valley Community College with 40 years of experience as a mechanical engineer.
- Volunteered as a youth basketball and baseball coach
- Resides in New Hartford with his wife, Dawn, and son

Sponsored Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Brian-D-Miller/sponsor/>

Assembly
District 122



John Lemondes

Assembly District 126

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/John-Lemondes>

**COMMITTEES:****MEMBER**

Agriculture

Banks

Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry

Environmental Conservation

Bio:

- Elected in 2020
- Believes agriculture and business are the backbone of our economy and will push to end overregulation for farmers and business owners.
- Will fight to protect the preservation of the region's natural resources and watershed.
- Defends Second Amendment rights
- Graduated from Paul Smith College, Penn State and Syracuse University.
- Served in the Army for 27 years including combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and retired as a Colonel in 2014.
- Lead the US Army Chemical Materials Agency team
- Led the research, development and construction of the Field Deployable Hydrolysis System (FDHS) which was used to neutralize chemical weapons in Syria.
- Served as a Board member for the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Proud member of the NYS Farm Bureau
- He and his wife, Martha, and their children, reside in LaFayette

Sponsored Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/John-Lemondes/sponsor/>



Assembly
District 126



OSWEGO

Lysander

Village of
Baldwinsville

Village of
Cato Meridian

Cato

Conquest

Elbridge
Village of
Jordan

Village of
Elbridge

Camillus
Village of
Camillus

Brutus
Village of
Weedsport

Mentz
Village of
Port Byron

Village of
Skaneateles
Skaneateles

Village of
Marcellus
Marcellus

Sennett

CAYUGA

City of
Auburn

Owasco

LaFayette

Pompey

Otisco

Spafford

Fabius

Tully
Village of
Tully

Village of
Fabius

CORTLAND

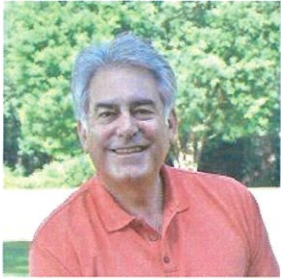
WAYNE

ONONDAGA

Al Stirpe

Assembly District 127

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Al-Stirpe>



COMMITTEES:

CHAIR

Small Business

MEMBER

Agriculture

Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry

Higher Education

Bio:

- Elected in 2006-2010. Re-elected in 2012.
- Focuses on business, improved worker training and increasing export trade for all sizes of business
- Served as the Executive Director of Synapse Sustainability Trust, an environmental not-for-profit that deployed 68 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations throughout Central New York
- Synapse provided over 4,000 native trees for reforestation projects at the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and Trees for Tributaries
- Received the first ever SUNY Empire State College Excellence in Environmental Sustainability Award
- Served on the Board of Advocates, Inc., a non-profit organization for parents of children with disabilities. Helped to raise over \$1M to build Casey's Place for families caring for disabled children.
- Serves on the NY State Fair Advisory Board, Friends of N. Syracuse Early Education and the Onondaga Citizens League
- Runs the Lifesavers Blood Drive in conjunction with the Red Cross
- Earned a bachelor's degree in economics from University of Notre Dame.
- Lives in North Syracuse with his wife, Chele. They have three children.

Proposed Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Al-Stirpe/sponsor/>

Assembly
District 127



OSWEGO

ONEIDA

Clay

Cicero

*Village of
North
Syracuse*

*Village of
Minoa*

Manlius

*Village of
Fayetteville*

*Village of
Manlius*

MADISON

ONONDAGA

*Village of
Cazenovia*

Cazenovia

Pamela Hunter

Assembly District 128

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Pamela-J-Hunter>

**COMMITTEES:****CHAIR**

Banks

Subcommittee on Women Veterans

MEMBER

Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus

Energy

Insurance

Legislative Women's Caucus

Task Force on Women's Issues

Veterans' Affairs

Bio:

- Elected to Assembly in 2015
- Defends good jobs, improved schools and increased public safety
- Served on the Syracuse Common Council and chaired the Public Safety Committee
- Community service includes AccessCNY, Catholic Charities, Meals on Wheels, Home Aides of CNY and the Syracuse Industrial Development Agency
- A U.S. Army veteran honorably discharged with commendation and achievement medals
- The only female veteran in the state Legislature
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, provided resources for access to food, face coverings and sanitizer and assisted individuals and businesses that suffered income loss
- Received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Strayer College in Washington DC with concentrations in Human Resources and Computer Information Systems.
- She lives in Syracuse with her husband, son and rescued dog.

Proposed Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Pamela-J-Hunter/sponsor/>

Assembly District 128



William Magnarelli

Assembly District 129

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/William-B-Magnarelli>

**COMMITTEES:**

CHAIR

Transportation

MEMBER

Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry

Education

Oversight, Analysis and Investigation

Rules

Ways and Means

Bio:

- Elected in 1998.
- Focus on jobs, lowering taxes, better education at every level, improving access to healthcare, safety and supporting Veterans.
- Voted grant funding to school districts for a wide variety of teaching, security and athletic measures.
- Took the lead in Albany to establish the "Say Yes to Education" program in the City of Syracuse.
- Helped preserve the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program which provides seniors low-cost prescriptions.
- Driving force behind the statewide "Amber Alert" law
- Hosts the annual Veterans Parade
- As Chair of the Transportation Committee, oversees the DOT, DMV, the Thruway Authority and regional transportation authorities
- Graduated from Syracuse University Law School and served in the Army Reserves
- Assemblyman Magnarelli has three children and four grandchildren. His wife Karen passed away in 2017

Proposed Legislation:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/William-B-Magnarelli/sponsor/>

Assembly
District 129

