

Project U-SAFE



Drones will be everywhere very soon.
Central New York's plan will make it
safe for everyone.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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Definitions

- **U-SAFE** : UAS Secure Autonomous Flight Environment
- **UTM**: UAS Traffic Management 
- **NUSTAR**: National UAS Standardized Test and Rating 

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U-SAFE Award

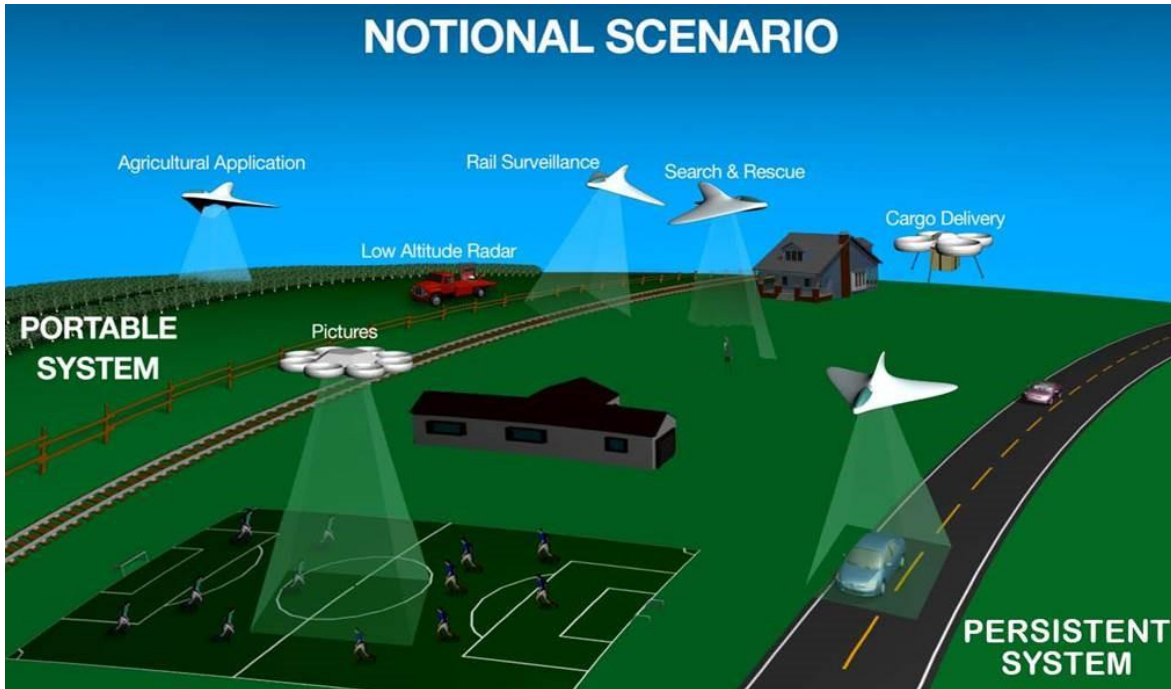
- Dec 11, 2015
- Signature Initiative in Central New York's URI Submission
- \$250 million program over 5 years to help solve the challenges of safely integrating UAS into the NAS



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NOTIONAL SCENARIO



- 50 mile “Validated” UTM (UAS Traffic Management) corridor
- BVLOS Commercial UAS Operations (Low altitude 500 ft, small UAS <55lbs)
- Critical Infrastructure Protection Applications
- NUSTAR (National UAS Standardized Testing and Rating) facility

U-SAFE Phase 1 (today)

UTM

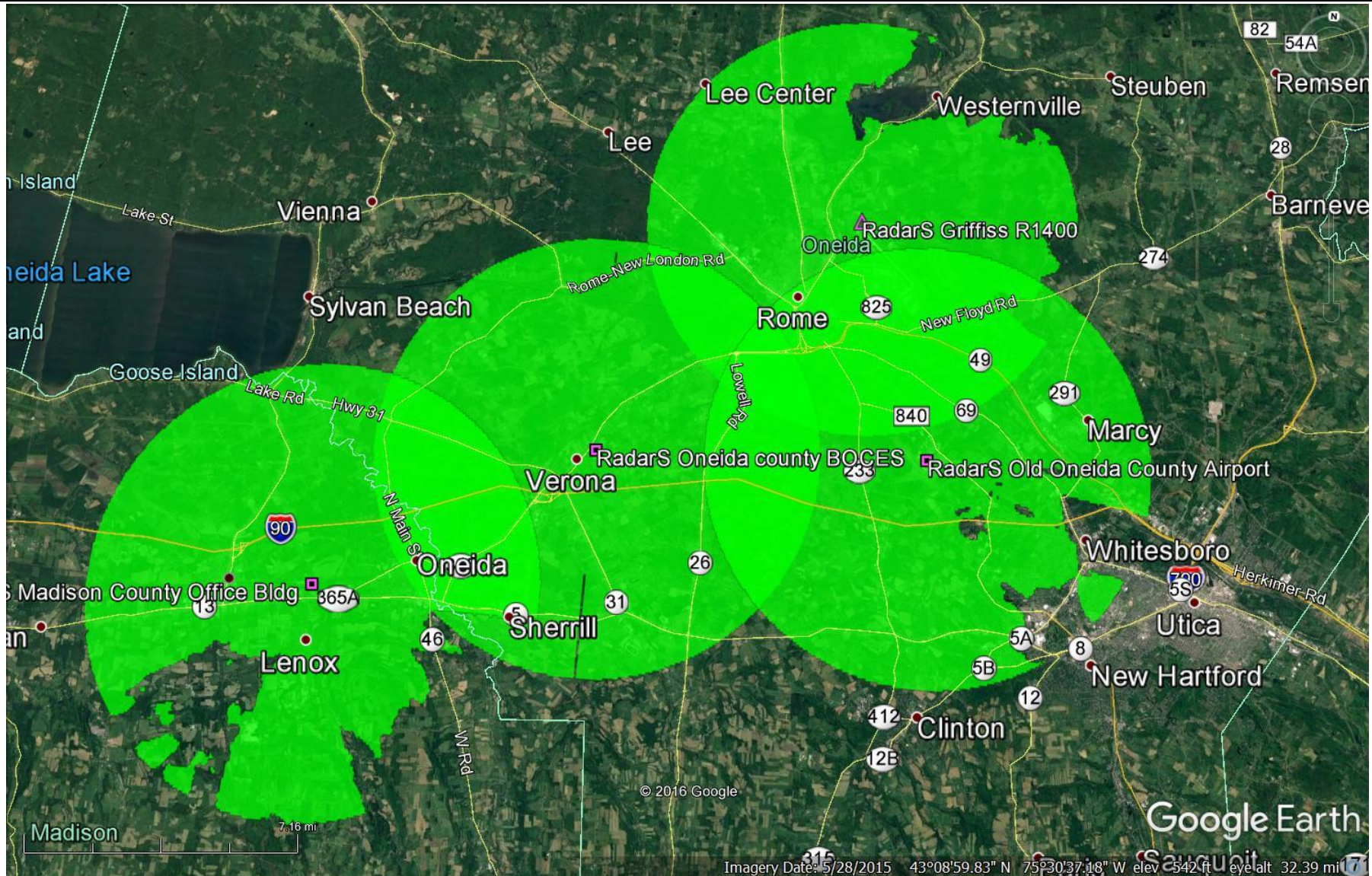
- Engineering Analysis and Siting for 50 mile corridor
- U-SAFE UTM Architecture
- Mobile UTM
- Initial Corridor Operational Sept 2017
- Critical Infrastructure Protection Capability

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- Interim NUSTAR Capabilities
- NUSTAR Advisory committee
- RFI released



Phase 1 Low Altitude Radar Coverage



GRYPHON SENSORS PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Not for Distribution

Mobile Skylight



- Mobile Drone Security and UAS Integration
- Sensors
 - R1400 radar
 - S1200 direction finding
 - EO/IR camera
 - ADS-B
 - Weather station
- Communications
 - VHF radio for FAA comms
 - Dual-band mesh network
 - 2.4 & 5.8GHz
 - FCC Part 15 compliant
 - Ka Band SATCOM
 - 4 SIM Cellular modem
 - Local TV Tuner
 - ICOM VHF Aircraft radio

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Mobile UTM - Command Center



External Features

- 35' masts with interchangeable sensor configurations
- FAA compliant & scene lighting
- 8kw Generator & shore power
- Spitzlift for equipment
- Auto-leveling (7 degree offset)
- Safety roof rack
- 360-degree security camera
- 4-wheel drive diesel
- Retractable Awning

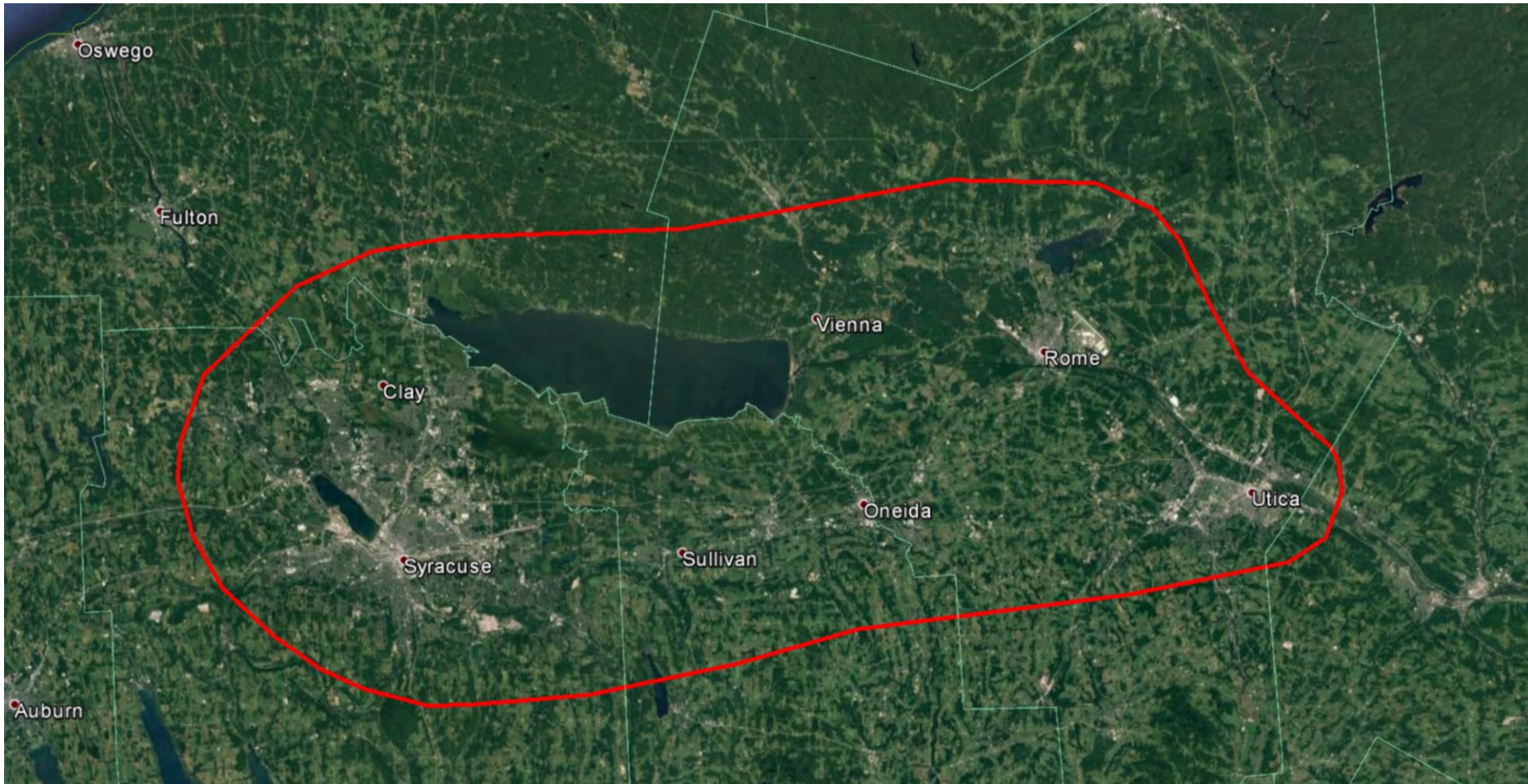
Internal Features

- 3 air situation displays
- 360-degree fixed view security cameras and displays with DVR
- Streaming HDTV
- LED red & white lighting
- Desktop

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UTM 2016 Convention





- Initial "BVLOS" operations begin at Griffiss Test Site in Phase 1 (Sept 2017)
- Fully instrumented 50 mile corridor between Syracuse and Griffiss for BVLOS operations (August 2018)
- 7 U-SAFE BVLOS UTM Use Cases Validated

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NUSTAR Market Demand

- Currently, standards are lacking for UAS airworthiness and certification
- Need for Cyber security performance benchmark testing of UAS
- <55 lbs. in weight – UTM commercial class
- BVLOS UTM flight operations
- FAA Micro UAS ARC
 - Operations over people



NUSTAR GOALS

- Create standardized tests and scenarios that vehicles can be tested against
- Identify key performance parameters of all UAS and their standardized measurement strategy
- Develop standardized performance reporting methods to assist prospective buyers and insurance agencies



NUSTAR GOALS (cont)

- Identify key performance metrics that could be used to assess the overall safety of the UAS and operations
- Compare the performance of individual UAS against the minimum requirement (e.g., detect and avoid detection time, cyber protection, stopping distance, etc.)



Example Performance Testing

- **Wind**
 - Performance/function under varying conditions
 - Performance with and without payloads (where applicable)
- **Environmental**
 - Thermal
 - Ice/Rain/Fog/Dust/Sand/etc
- **EMI/EMC**
 - Susceptibility to ambient EMI (unintentional and other)
 - Spectrum occupancy and compliance
- **Physical/structural**
 - Drop/crash testing
- **Propulsion**
 - Propulsion/control testing

- **Cybersecurity/C2 requirements**
 - Controller reliability
 - Software/system reliability testing
 - OTA update security
 - Penetration vulnerability assessment
- **Autonomy**
 - Navigation/guidance systems testing
 - GPS systems
 - UTM compliance
 - BVLOS performance
- **Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)**
- **Battery Life**
- **Noise**



Interim NUSTAR Capability: Impact Test



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Additional Capabilities: Forensics

- Learning from automobile and traditional aviation
- Forensics will be an important area
- Recreate incidences and accidents
 - Improving systems
 - Data and analysis for insurance, legal, and regulatory bodies
 - Policy decisions
- Create data-bank for anonymous incident reporting and analysis: learning

NUSTAR Summary

- Test scenarios and variety of use cases
- Clear performance metrics and rating
- NUSTAR 1-5: 1- VLOS, 5-Autonomous to door step
- Considers subsystems as well as entire vehicle operation
 - Operational test conditions
 - Sub-system level performance: engine/propulsion, networking, battery, sensor systems, software systems, cyber-security, GPS denied operations, etc.
- Need to serve multiple stakeholders
 - Consumers, Manufactures, Insurance, Legal, Regulatory bodies
- Tentative Schedule:
 - Interim NUSTAR capability and Advisory committee: 2017
 - Standards and Testing development: 2017-2018
 - Construction: 2018 - 2019
 - Facility complete: August 2019



NUSTAR Call for Action

- Funding is committed from the State for Project U-SAFE re: URI award
- National Advisory Committee working on development of this “National Asset”
- Public Private Partnership Opportunities

