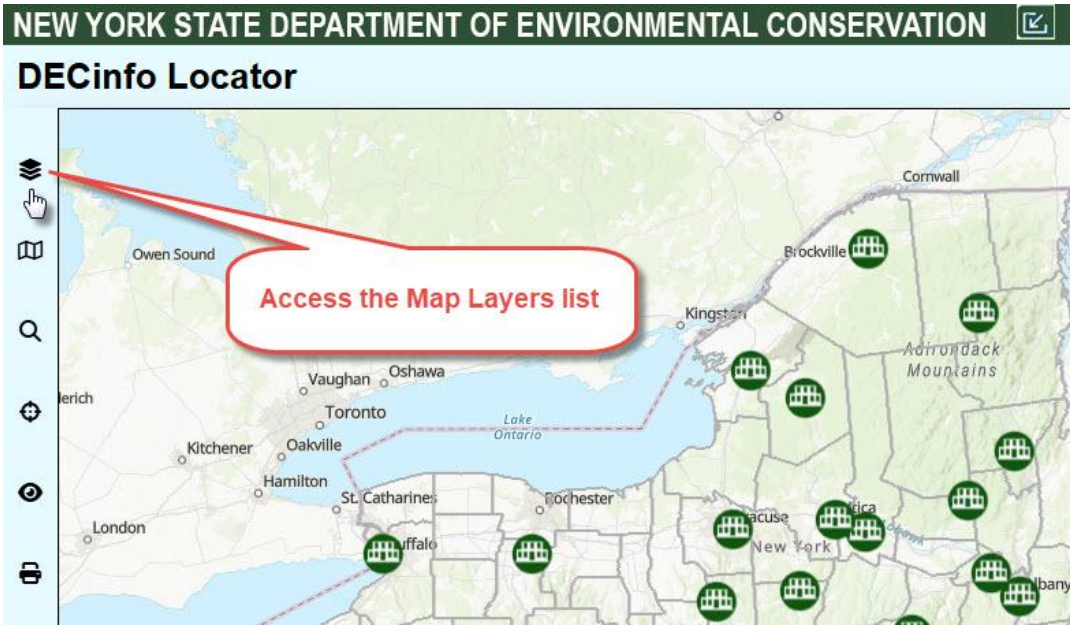
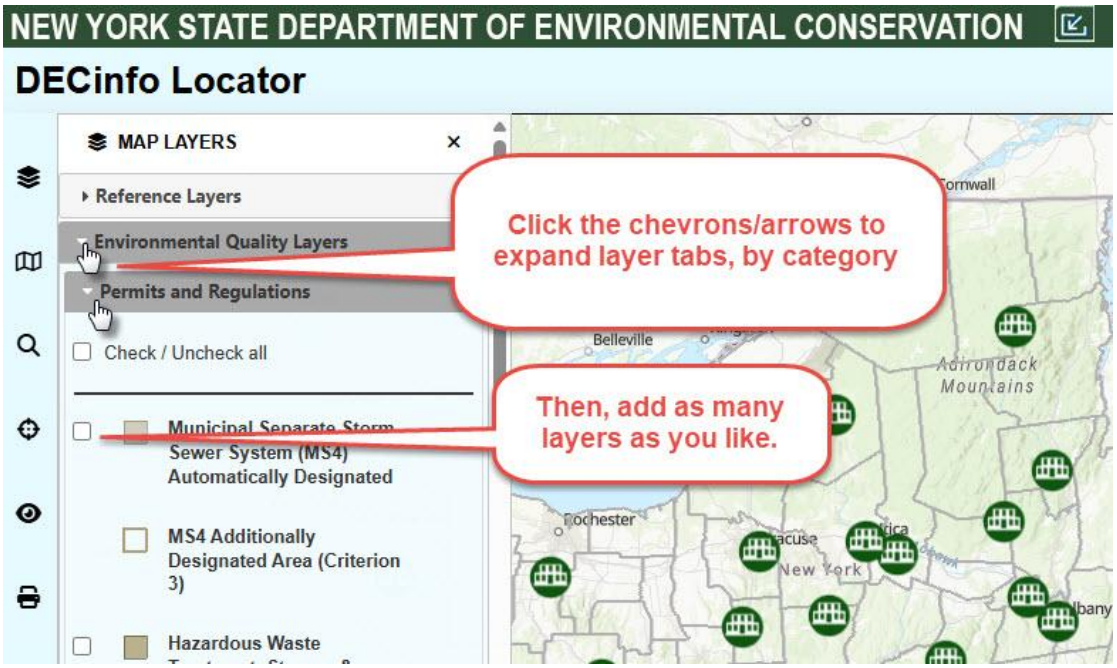
Department of Environmental Conservation

How to use DECinfo Locator

Activate Layers

Click on the Map Layers button to view the layer categories. Expand each category to select layers to display on your map.



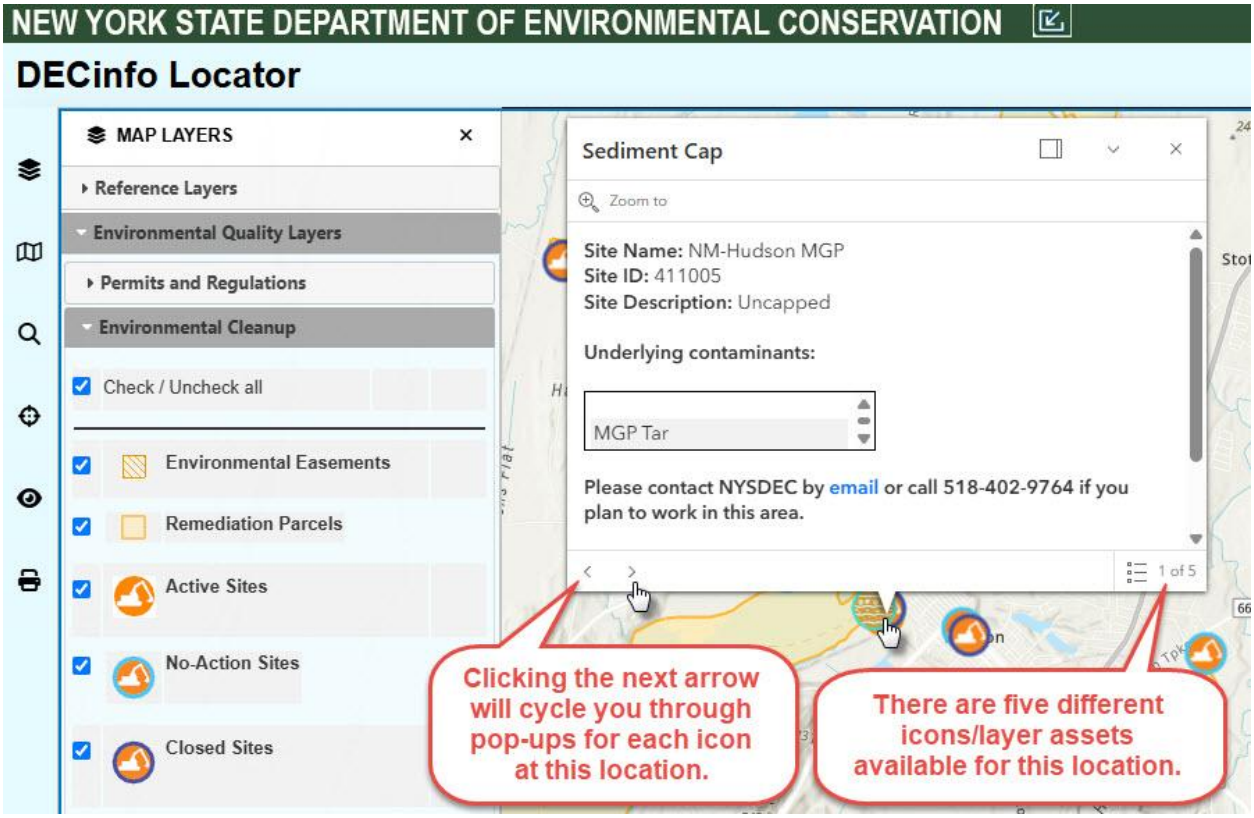


You can add data layers from multiple layer categories at once.

Because of the volume of data available, most layers will only activate after you have zoomed in on the map, to view your area of interest.

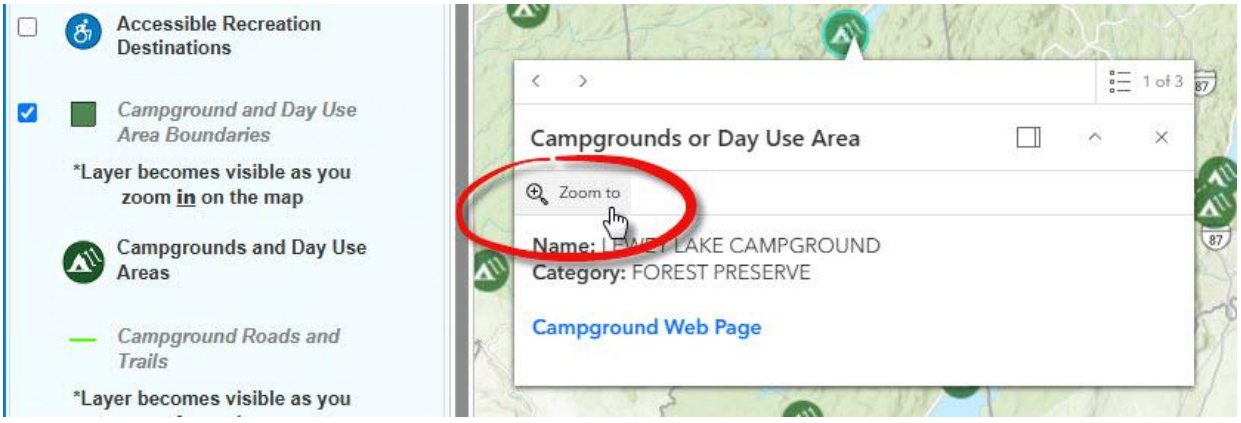
Pop-up windows

Clicking an icon, a shaded area, or a stream/trail will open a pop-up window with more information about that layer feature. When more than one record is available for a location, chevrons/arrows will appear in the lower left of the pop-up box, so you can cycle through the available information. In the lower right corner of the pop-up box, you can see how many records/icons are stacked at a location.



Navigation

You can zoom in on the map using the scroll wheel on your mouse, by using the **+** or **–** buttons in the upper right of the map, or by left clicking on an item of interest and clicking on "**Zoom to**."



The Home button in the upper right corner of the map lets you recenter the map and zoom out to view the entire state. While many layers will no longer be visible at this extent, it's an easy way to get your bearings and zoom back in to a different location without changing your active map layers.

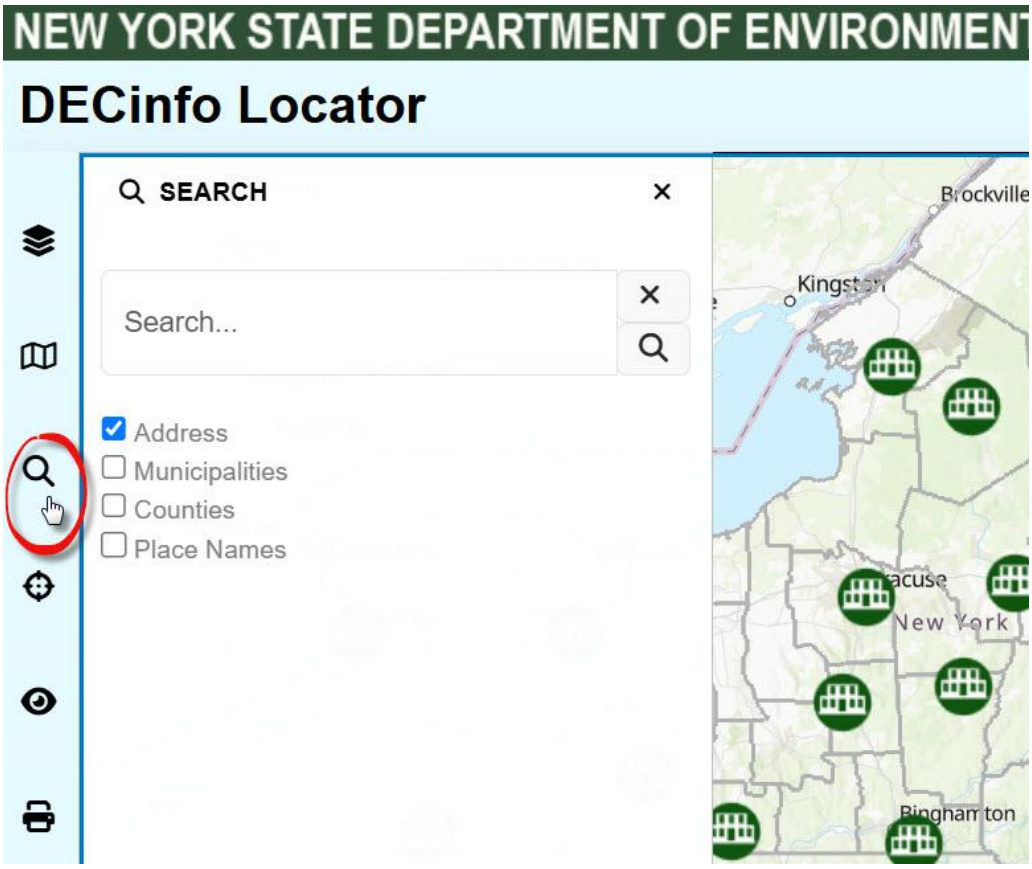
The Reset button will also recenter the map and zoom out to the statewide view, but it will also turn off all active layers, letting you start a new map from scratch.

Search

The search tool in the left margin of the map lets you search information by:

- Address
- Municipality
- Place Name (such as “Seneca Lake” or “Mount Marcy”)
- County

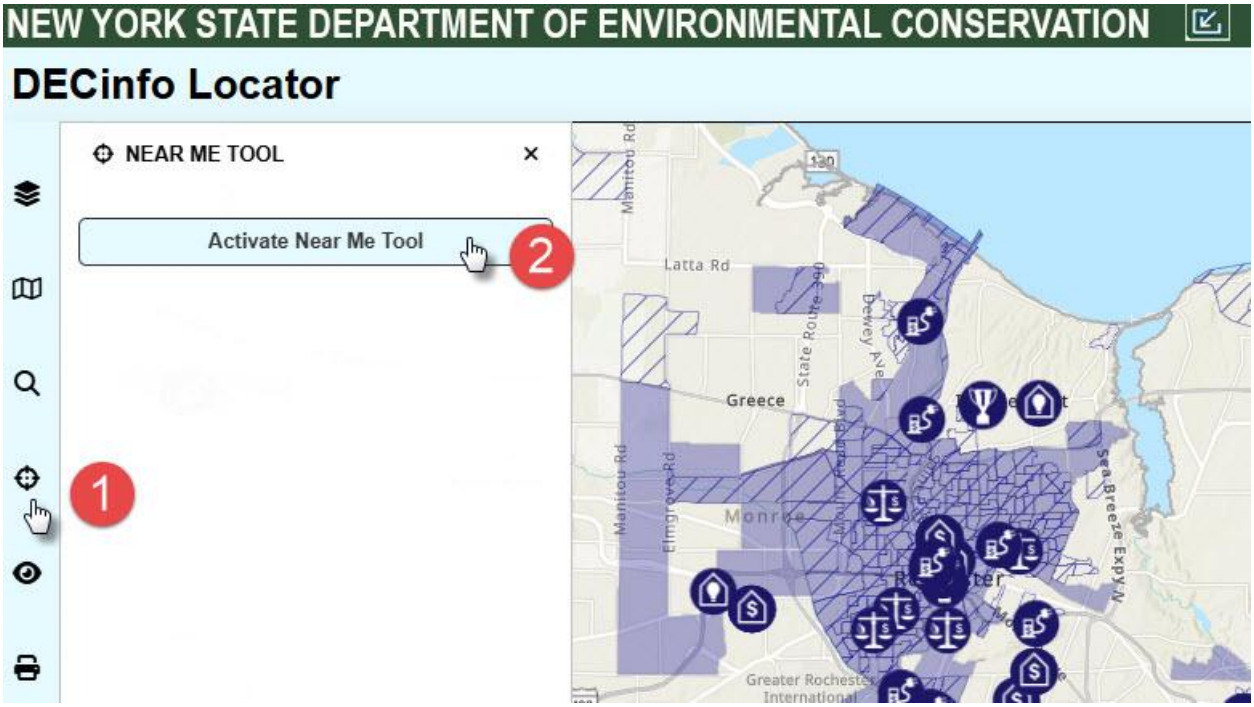
Once you select a search criteria, type in what you are looking for. You can then choose from the list of search results or, if you don’t find what you are looking for, try searching by a different name or criteria.



Search Near Me

You can search for facilities and locations, or you can set a location pin to search within a radius of as small as 0.25 miles, or as large as 10 miles from a point you select on the map.

You can then access information about all data points within that radius by clicking on the feature's name in the category drop-down list.



Measure Tools

You can measure distances or areas on the map using the two measure tool icons in the upper right of your map.

The Distance Measurement Tool lets you measure – in a range of units of measure -- straight-line distance between two or many points on the map.

The area measurement tool lets you draw a polygon to measure areas of any shape. As with the Distance Measurement Tool, many units of measure are available.

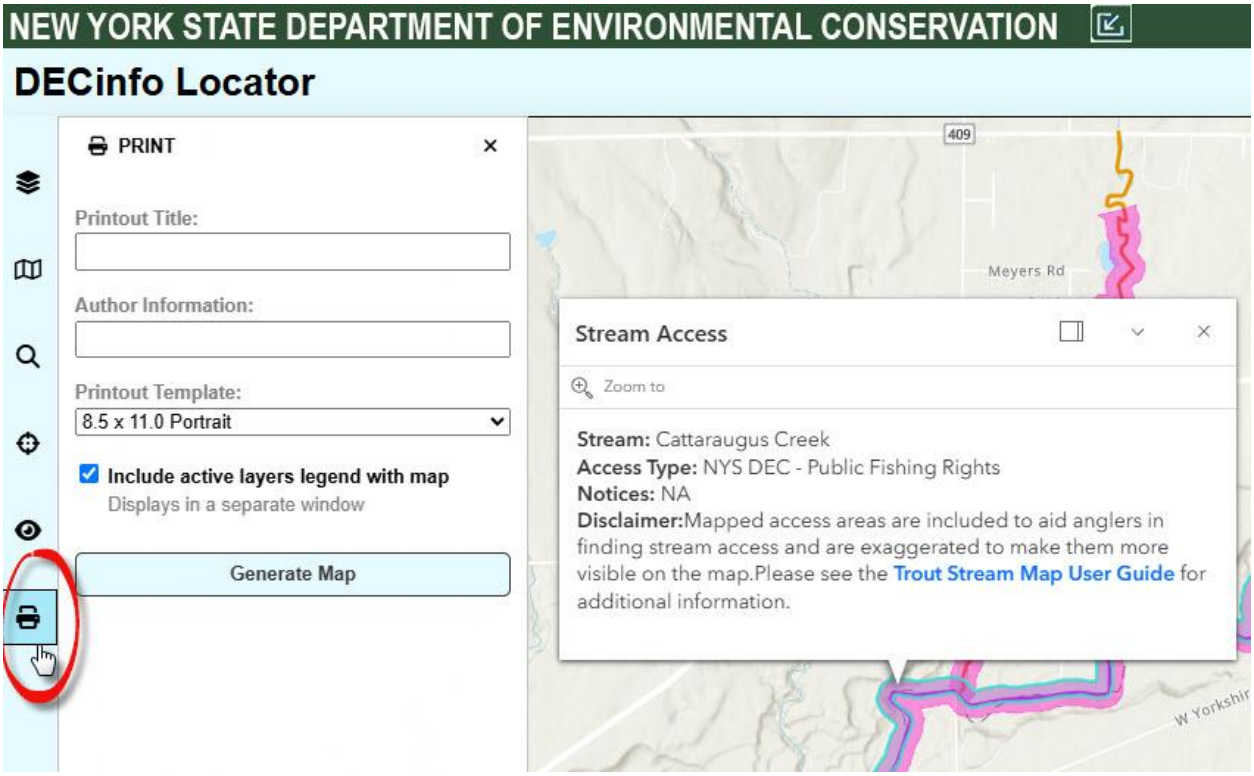
To turn off a measurement tool and return to using layers on the map, click the Clear Measurements button.

Printing the map

To print a map, use the **Print** tool located in the left margin of the map.

Pick a title for your map, include your name, if you want, and then select a size from the drop-down menu before clicking **Generate Map**.

This will generate a PDF of both your map and legend (if you leave the **Include legend with map** box checked), which you can then send to your printer (**Ctrl + P**).

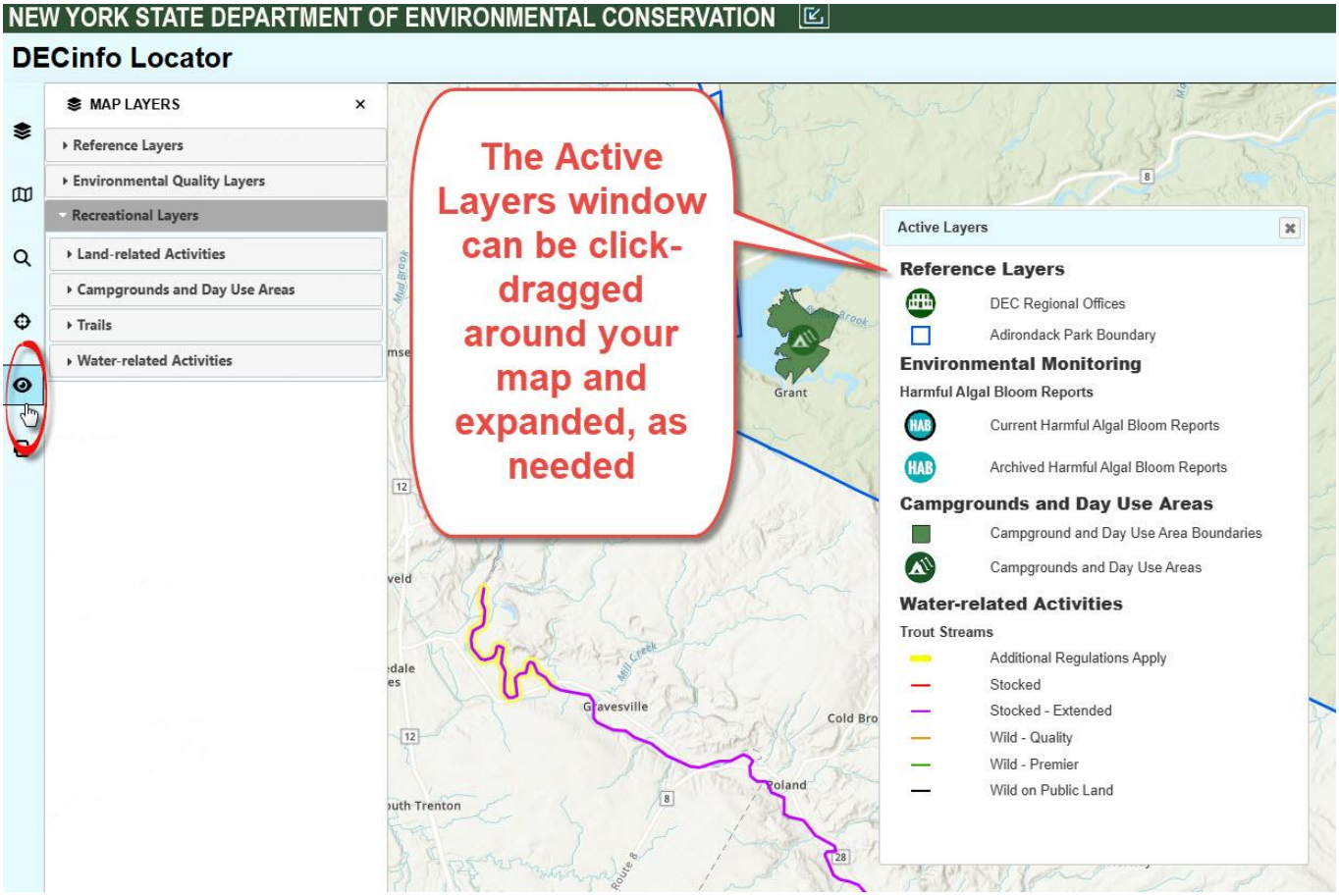


Active Layers Window

With nearly 100 interactive layers available, it can be helpful to see, without clicking through legend window categories, which layers are active on your map.

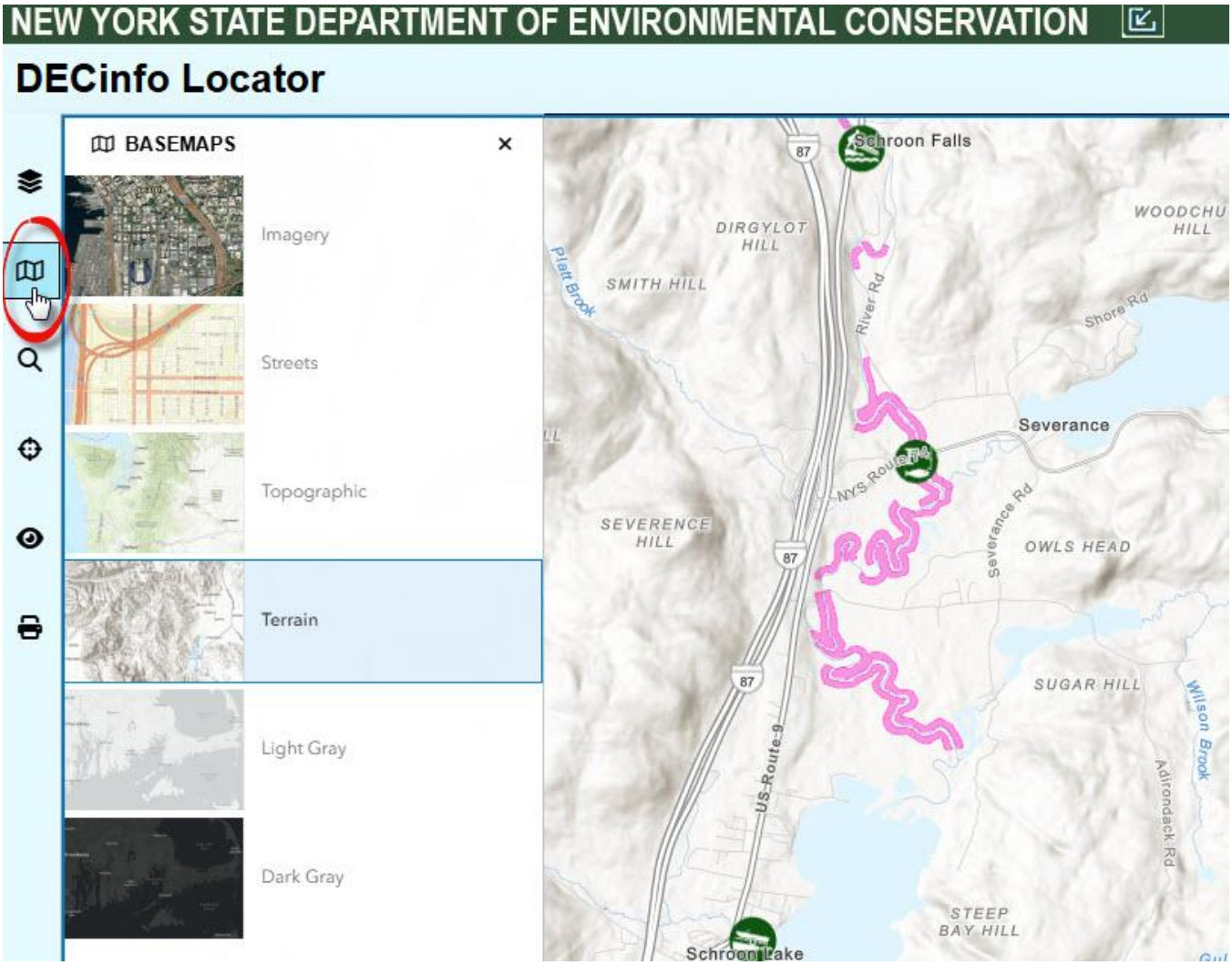
To open the Active Layers window, click or tap the **Show Active Layers** button.

You can close the Active Layers window by clicking the **X** in the upper right corner of the window.



Basemap Gallery

You can change the background map view, to see different base map features, including aerial imagery, or terrain, or to make your data easier to view (by using the Light Gray basemap). Click the **Basemaps** icon to view your options.



Contact

If you run into difficulty using the map, please call 518-402-8526. If you find errors in the data, please email us at DECInfoLocator@dec.ny.gov and identify the data layer and location.

Please include a screenshot, if possible. We will work with DEC staff to correct the information.