

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Albany NY
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...MACROBURST /STRAIGHT LINE WIND DAMAGE/ CONFIRMED FROM
QUEENSBURY IN WARREN COUNTY TO KINGSBURY IN WASHINGTON
COUNTY
NEW YORK...

Location...Queensbury in Warren County across the county
line to
Kingsbury in Washington County New York
Date...May 18, 2017
Estimated Time...730-740 PM EDT
Estimated Maximum Wind Speed...90 MPH
Maximum Path Width...1.5 Miles
Path Length...3 Miles
* Fatalities...0
* Injuries...0

* The information in this statement is preliminary and
subject to
change pending final review of the event(s) and
publication in
NWS Storm Data.

...Summary...
The National Weather Service in Albany NY has confirmed
a
macroburst /straight line wind damage/ from Queensbury
in
Warren County to Kingsbury in Washington County New York
on
May 18, 2017. Confirmation is based on maps and pictures
provided
by Washington County Emergency Management, newspaper
photos, storm
damage reports from Warren County Emergency Management
and trained
spotter reports.

Winds from the macroburst did extensive damage to trees, flattened a barn and tore part of a roof off a building. Power outages, damage to homes from falling trees, and road closures were widespread in this area. Damage started near the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport. However, communications to the Automated Surface Observing System /ASOS/ that provides weather information at the airport were lost. Communications are still down so no measured wind speeds are available from the airport.

This information can also be found on our website at weather.gov/ALY.

For Reference:

A macroburst is a convective downdraft with an affect outflow area of at least 2 1/2 miles across and peak winds lasting between 5 and 20 minutes. Intense macrobursts may cause tornado-force damage of up to EF3 intensity. Straight-line winds are generally any wind that is not associated with rotation, used mainly to differentiate them from tornadic winds.