

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Albany NY

...NWS DAMAGE SURVEY FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2020 THUNDERSTORM
WIND EVENT...

* Wind damage event along Route 7 Johnsonville, NY...

Location...Johnsonville in Rensselaer County in New York

Date...10/07/2020

Estimated Time...3:56 PM EDT

Estimated Maximum Wind Speed...100 mph

Maximum Path Width...300 yards

Path Length...0.86 miles

Beginning Lat/Lon...42.8454/-73.468971

Ending Lat/Lon...42.8463/-73.4527

* Fatalities...0

* Injuries...0

...Summary...

A microburst along New York Route 7, east of Pittstown, produced significant damage on Oct 7, 2020. The microburst moved in a general west southwest to east northeast direction. Damage included steel girders holding up a large billboard bent to the point that the billboard was almost horizontal with the ground, structural damage to a saw mill, numerous power poles leaning, and numerous trees uprooted. Direct damage to one large shed was also noted. There were also a few snapped trees and several large branches broken off of trees along the path.

Numerous other small areas of tree damage were noted in the vicinity of the above two surveys, with larger and more significant areas of tree damage on the eastern shore of Tomhannock Reservoir. Westerly winds, moving across the reservoir, accelerated and uprooted and snapped off hardwood trees along the eastern shore of the reservoir along Reservoir Lake Road between New York Route 7 and Melrose-Valley Falls Road.

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