

# ENERGY & UTILITIES

## Current Conditions

### Public Water & Sewer

- Public water service available in northern half of the Town. In some areas where public water service is not available, on-site supplies are inadequate.
- Only the State Industry Residential Center in the northwest part of the Town has public sewer service.

### Broadband

- Parts of Rush have unreliable access to high-speed internet



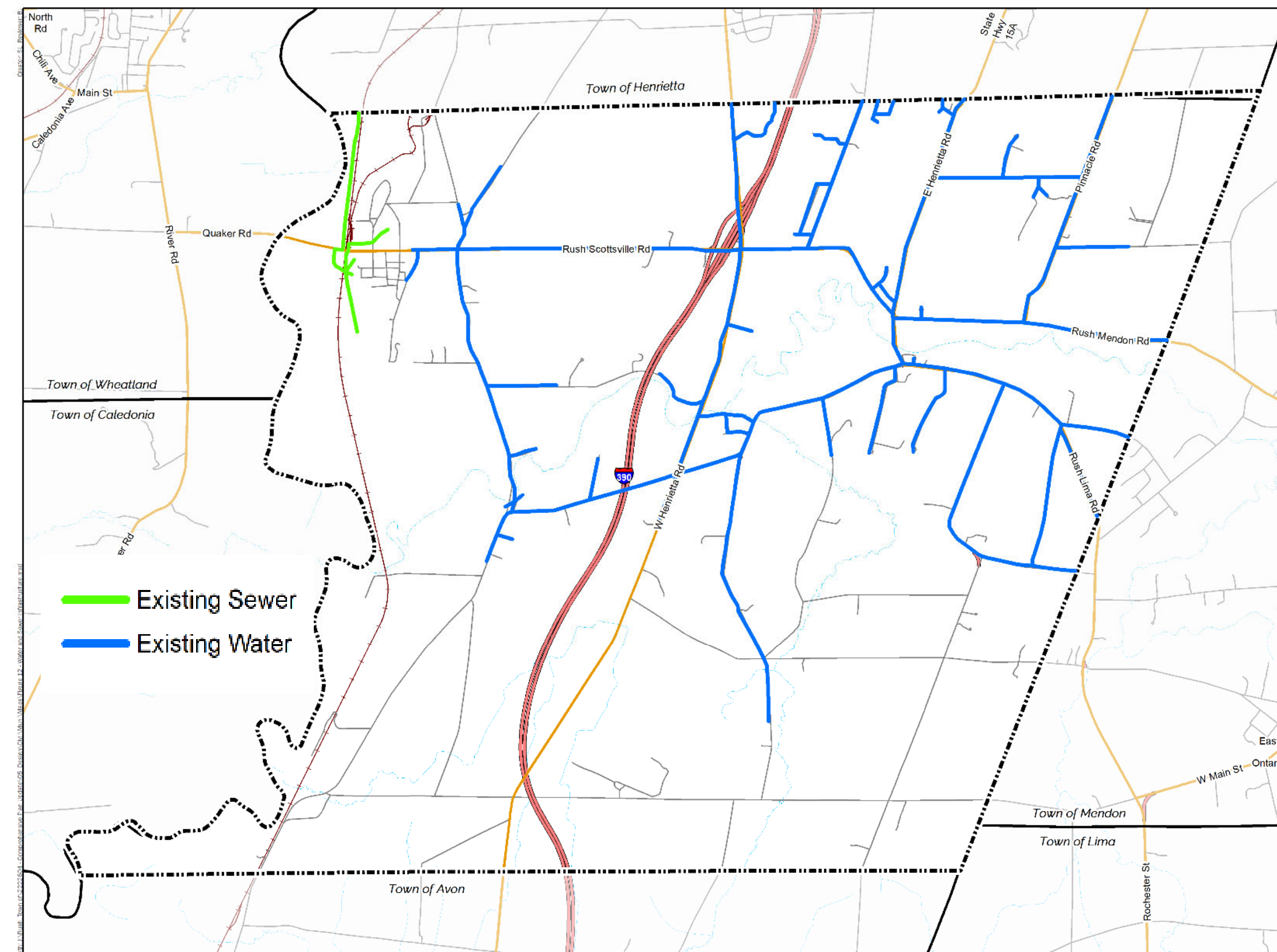
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## Comprehensive Plan Goals and Strategies

### Goals:

- *Improve, maintain and manage utility infrastructure, consistent with preserving the rural character of the community.*



### Strategies:

1. Improve public utilities that meet the needs of the community while maintaining the Town's rural character.
2. Encourage and support renewable energy & energy efficiency improvements to benefit existing buildings and facilities in the Town.
3. Continue to seek assistance to extend water service to reach areas where on-site supplies are inadequate.

## Resources

### Town of Rush Highway Department

- Responsible for maintaining, including ditches, culverts and other stormwater drainage facilities along Town roads and on Town-owned land.

### Monroe County Water Authority

- Manages water services. Supply is Hemlock Lake.

### Monroe County Broadband Initiative

- Analysis of impediments to broadband found gaps in coverage in Rush and recommends extension of fiber optic.

### NYSERDA and Utility Incentives

- Financial incentives to businesses and homeowners for energy assessments, solar energy installations, and ground-source and air-source heat pumps.

### Clean Energy Communities Program

- Grants and incentives for municipalities to implement "high impact actions"