

2019 Comprehensive Plan Update and Zoning Amendments





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Background

- In 2016 a moratorium was established.
- Town needed time to determine the effects of development on the community.
- A committee assessed existing plans and regulations with recommendations to the Town Board.

Committee Findings

- The Town is projected to continue growing
- Large-scale multiple dwelling projects were being constructed as a permitted use in industrial districts
- Demographics are driving the market for multiple dwellings – this trend will continue
- Reuse of vacant and underutilized commercial and industrial properties needed to be encouraged
- Modifying regulations would advance the goals of the Comprehensive Plan

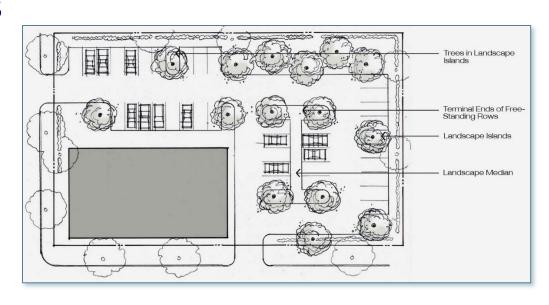
A Proactive Approach

- A holistic planning approach was needed.
- This was an opportune time to address:
 - ongoing development
 - changes in community character
 - farmland protection
 - traffic and active transportation
 - reuse of properties

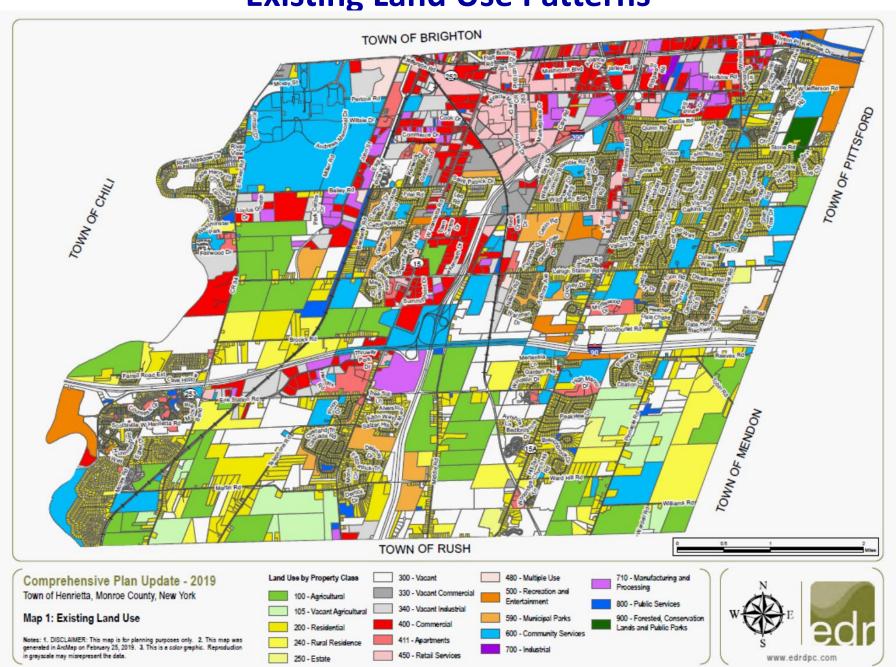
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The updated plan discusses:

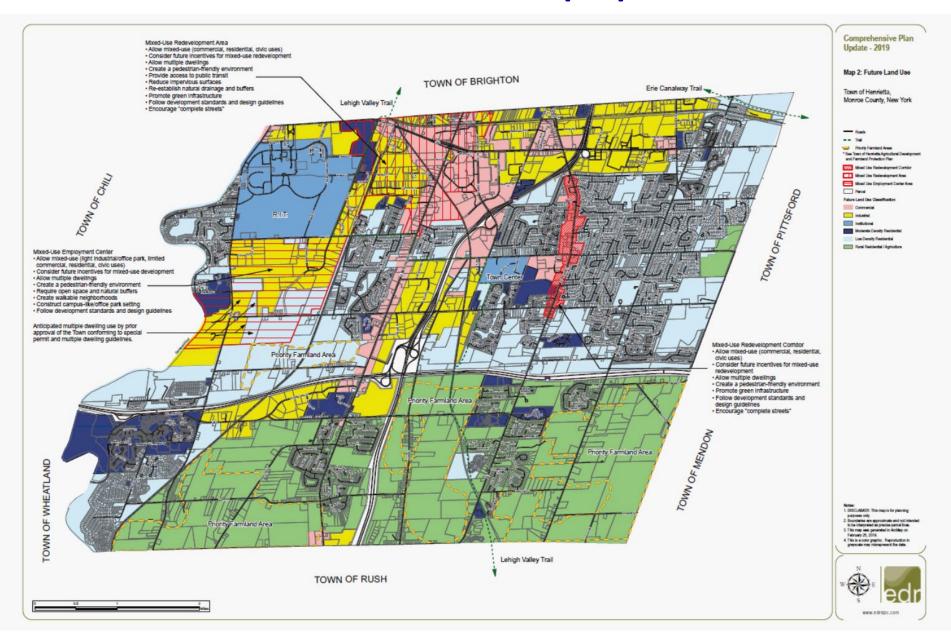
- recent population and demographic trends
- land use and development trends
- future land use goals
- agriculture and rural character
- reuse of properties
- mixed-use
- community design



Existing Land Use Patterns



Future Land Use Map Update



Zoning Modifications

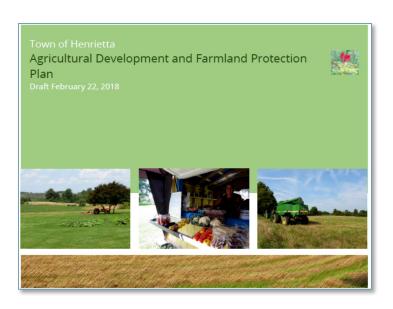
- Removing multiple dwellings as a permitted use in industrial zoning districts and rezoning existing multiple dwelling facilities to R-2-15.
- Updating permitted uses in the industrial district and elsewhere.
- Allowing mixed-use development multiple dwellings are permitted subject to special permit.
- Establishing areas where mixed-use is supported by services and infrastructure.

Zoning Modifications

- Modifying special permit considerations to emphasize community character, agriculture and infrastructure.
- Adding new Definitions and Purpose and Intent Statements.
- Modifying buffer zone requirements.
- Adding agribusiness and agritourism as permitted farm-related uses in the Rural Residential District.

Implementing Concurrent Plans

- Implement the recommendations:
 - Agricultural Development & Farmland Protection Plan
 - East River Road Corridor Traffic Study
 - Active Transportation Plan





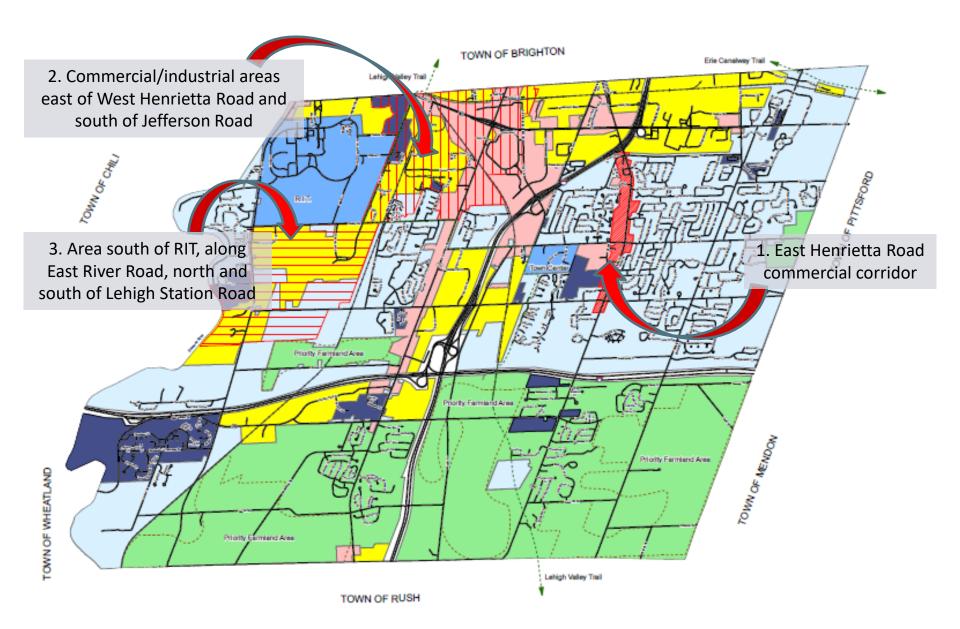
Major Zoning Changes



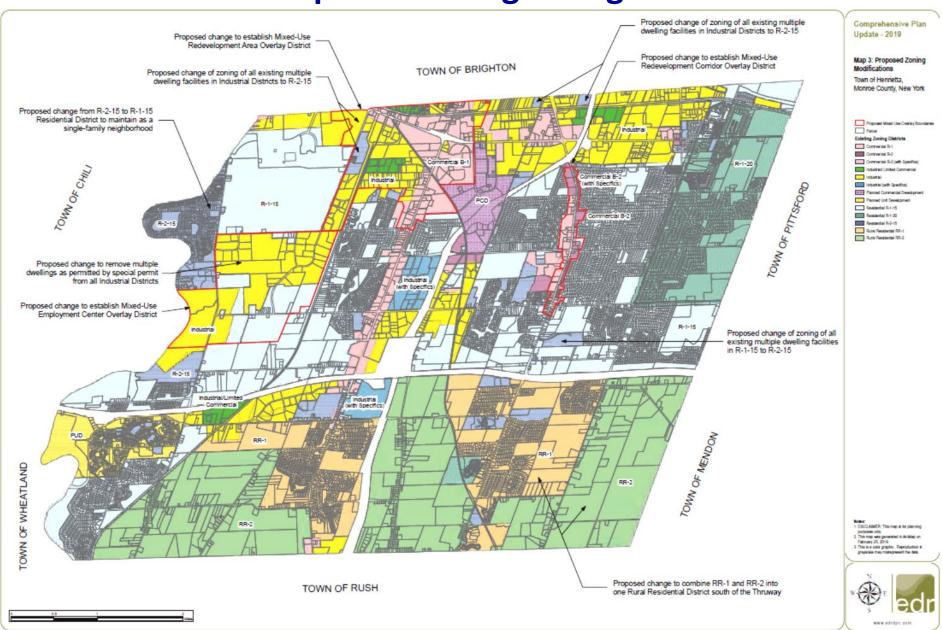
Major Changes

- Establishing Mixed-use Overlay Districts providing an <u>option</u> to conventional suburban development and intended to benefit the environment.
- Overlays are designed to:
 - revitalize older commercial corridors
 - encourage investment and redevelopment
 - facilitate economic development to attract new businesses and entrepreneurs near RIT

Overlay Zoning



Proposed Zoning Changes



Mixed-use on a large-scale

- Mixed-use is encouraged to address changing trends in housing and retailing
- All new mixed-use development, including those with multiple dwellings, will be subject to projectand site-specific SEQRA review.
- The potential impacts and mitigation measures, if needed, will be identified prior to site plan, subdivision and special permit approvals.

East River Road Corridor Traffic Study

- The Study looked at development projects anticipated over the next 15 years that would add traffic to the corridor near RIT.
- The Town proposed a SEQRA based mitigation fee to be collected from developers to fund intersection improvements necessitated by the cumulative impacts of new traffic using the corridor.
- Individual residential properties and developers that already contributed to improvements of the corridor would not pay additional fees.

Active Transportation Plan

Town is considering:

- Seeking funding for a bicycle/pedestrian path along East River Road
- Seeking funding for a River Walk from Breese Park up through Riverwood Tech Campus
- Extending sidewalks
 with an overall goal for
 an interconnected
 pedestrian system



Design and Development Guide

- Standards and guidelines are established to enhance community character through building and site design.
- Encourage sustainable practices and green infrastructure.
- Identify opportunities to protect and enhance natural features, open space and pedestrian connections.

