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Ground Water Protection Plan

New York Rural Water Association

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The Town of Rochester has been fortunate to have had a very thorough investigation conducted by the New York Rural Water Association. The resulting report details the physiography and bedrock hydrogeology throughout the town; identifying unconsolidated deposits, surficial geology and unconsolidated aquifers as well as existing contamination sites that could threaten the town's water supply. Many maps are included to further help in identification of areas studied.

The report further identifies the various public and private water supply wells in use throughout the Township and locates wellhead protection areas. Low yield well areas are mapped as is an aquifer protection overlay district.

Aquifer recharge rates are established as are discharge rates for effluent dilution which are invaluable for calculating land density requirements to ensure Town water supplies remain uncontaminated and potable.

Impervious surfaces is also discussed as to how such coverage of land does not allow for precipitation to infiltrate into the soil and reach the water table and therefore can negatively impact ground water recharge.

The excellent report goes on to recommend various ways that the Town can proactively protect the single most important resource a community has: pure water.

The Code Task Force is studying the report and hopes to include some of its recommendations.

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