

**City of Albany, NY**  
***Arbor Hill Neighborhood Plan***

The key to the success of any planning process is its ability to involve the local community in the plan development in a meaningful way. Working as part of a consultant team and with a broad and diverse group of stakeholders appointed by Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings Behan Planning Associates assisted the city in development of



the Arbor Hill Neighborhood Plan. Our firm designed and led a creative planning and design charrette with neighborhood residents and other stakeholders that served as the basis for the plan's community development ideas. Our firm also developed the framework and content of plan principles and developed conceptual development plans for housing, recreation, and commercial revitalization projects.

This project is being comprehensively implemented through a number of partnerships and individual actions. For example, the plan set the stage for \$5 million in HUD funding for affordable housing. In addition to this and other projects, the plan is being further advanced by the private donation of \$1 million to construct new single-family homes in the neighborhood.

