

## Beekman Town Center Park Master Plan and Construction Documents, Town of Beekman, NY

The Town of Beekman commissioned **Behan Planning Associates, LLC** to prepare a park master plan and construction documents for phase I of the Town Center Park. Working with the appointed town recreation committee and recreation construction committee, **Behan Planning Associates** conducted a survey of local residents and user-groups, outlined a detailed and prioritized action program for the phased development of the park, prepared cost estimates, a grant application and phase I construction documents. This work was an effort in part to implement recommendations outlined in Beekman's Comprehensive Plan for the Town Center Area and to meet the growing need for community recreation facilities in the town.

The park master plan includes project elements to satisfy both active and passive recreation needs for such activities as soccer and little league, basketball, tennis, public trails, roller hockey, skateboarding, and swimming among others. Since the park is located within the Town Center area and contains a NYSDEC class II wetland, provisions were made for additional and complementary civic uses, as well as the restoration and enhancement of existing water resources and public access via a stream corridor-wetland nature and interpretative trail to these resources.

Project elements of phase I include: the creation of a stream corridor-wetland nature and interpretative trail; three soccer fields; one little league field; a park maintenance facility; a combined picnic pavilion, concession stand, and restroom facility; a paved playing surface for roller hockey/skateboarding; a small informal play area; a main access road, and parking area. When fully developed, the Beekman Town Center Park will provide needed recreational opportunities for the growing populace, will satisfy a variety of user group needs, and will be an attractive component in the landscape of the town.

