BON ACRE HAMLET, Rensselaer County, New York

Bon Acre Hamlet is the first new mixed-use hamlet proposed for the Capital District in a century. The project is a neo-traditional village concept that features a "community center" blending of single family homes, businesses, senior housing and pedestrian friendly "main street" amenities, with about 40 acres of open space (trails, woods, ponds and recreational fields) within a 92-acre site.

Behan Planning Associates, LLC along with Landscape Architect Cynthia A. Behan, RLA, designed the hamlet master plan and created renderings for EJP Construction, Inc., developer of the hamlet. Detailed site plans are under development. The firm prepared hamlet design guidelines to direct private development at the site, and is preparing a Generic Environmental Impact Statement for project approval.

A network of trails, paths and sidewalks will provide pedestrian linkages. The project is a progressive four phases to be implemented over the next 15 years. Bon Acre Hamlet will become a source of pride and symbol of economic vitality for the local community and become the standard from which other (regional) future hamlets will be modeled.