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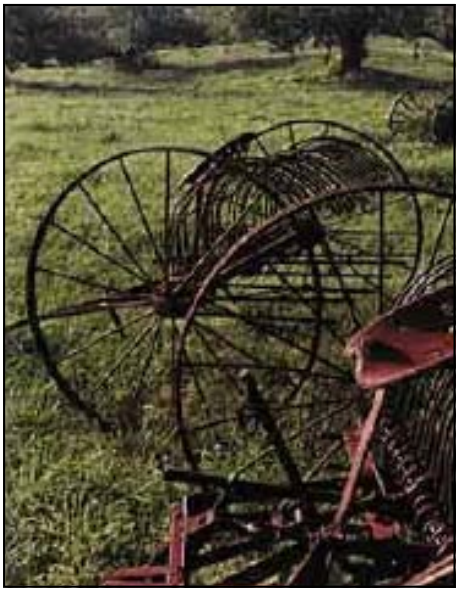
Town of Londonderry, NH
Master Plan Update and Zoning, with Town Center Vision Plan



As consultants to the Town of Londonderry, Behan Planning Associates helped this southern New Hampshire community to develop a plan that addresses immediate, short-term needs (such as updates to zoning regulations regarding commercial development), while providing a framework for achieving long term success.

The planning process included a series of public participation events such as interviews, focus group workshops, and town-wide meetings to establish a vision and path for future growth and conservation efforts.

The plan includes many recommendations and strategies that team economic development with conservation goals. For example, a new zoning law will help the town conserve a significant portion of a rural highway while encouraging development of a new hamlet. In addition, the town's historic center became the focus of a design charrette where opportunities for enhancements were discussed and outlined. Some of the recommendations included improvements to the pedestrian landscape and the town common, use of design standards during project review, re-use of underutilized historic structures, and opportunities for conservation of surrounding open space. T his resulted in a conceptual town center area plan.

The concept map for the Londonderry Town Center, a result of a focused community design charrette.

In addition, we recently assisted the town with an update to the framework and structure of their zoning ordinance. Like many zoning codes, the document had been updated piecemeal through the years and was in need of a thorough reorganization. The new format is now more user-friendly and easier to understand for the layperson and easier for the town to work with and amend.