

Town of Beekman, NY - Open Space Plan, 2005

In 2004, Behan Planning Associates was invited back to the Town of Beekman after having prepared their Comprehensive Plan in 1999 and a Town Recreation Park Master Plan, to develop the town's open space plan. The open space plan was conducted working closely with an advisory committee. We worked with the Dutchess County Environmental Management Council and Dutchess County Department of Economic Development and Planning on resource synthesis, and invited a local land trust, Dutchess Land Conservancy, to participate in landowner meetings.

The town board adopted the open space plan in 2005. The project included the following tasks:

- Open space resource synthesis and analysis
- Landowner focus group meeting
- Individual landowner outreach, towards development of a pilot project
- Landowner survey
- Community outreach and communications
- Open space planning charrette
- Town-wide survey with a 27% return rate
- Creation of an open space vision map
- Draft resource criteria
- Open space plan

