

Town of New Paltz, NY Open Space Plan, 2006

In December 2004, Behan Planning Associates was hired to complete an open space plan for the Town and Village of New Paltz working closely with the town's ad-hoc open space advisory committee.

Picking up from the committee's inventory and analysis and other public outreach efforts, we completed the following major deliverables:

- Extensive community and landowner outreach
- Resource synthesis maps summarizing the town's major natural, cultural, agricultural and biological resources
- An illustrated open space vision map that summarizes the most important resources and themes in "character areas" of the town
- Future conservation project selection criteria or "parcel rating criteria"
- A draft open space plan, including recommendations and actions for implementation



The New Paltz Open Space Plan was conducted in the spirit of partnership between the town, village, community, and landowners and provides a framework for open space conservation that embraces a range of landowner options. The plan was adopted unanimously in May 2006 and has been widely supported by the community and landowners as setting the stage for positive conversation and implementation. In November 2006 the town passed a \$2 Million bond to be used towards the preservation of open space.

