

## Town of Queensbury, NY - Open Space Plan, 2003

Behan Planning Associates, LLC was retained by the Town of Queensbury in 2003 to assist in the preparation of an open space vision plan. The plan offers a community-based vision for the long-term conservation of the varied and beautiful open space resources found within the town. An extensive public participation process was developed to address community concerns. Residents were invited to provide their input through surveys, a planning design workshop and charrette, public forums, a town tour and meetings, email, and letters.

The plan identifies the major existing resources and opportunities for action to improve access and protect open space resources for the future. Key resources identified include: mountain ridge lines, scenic view sheds and roads, New York State DEC wetlands, surface water resources, watershed boundaries, cultural facilities, historic sites and landscapes, and agricultural and forest resources. Several farm parcels are enrolled in agricultural assessment programs that help provide real property tax relief.

As a result of this plan, the town has begun the process of ascertaining local agricultural community interest in participating in a larger town-wide agricultural protection and retention program.

### *Role of Behan Planning Associates, LLC:*

- Project coordination with town planner and consulting team
- Designed and conducted public outreach and planning charrette
- Open Space Vision Map
- Draft report
- SEQR

