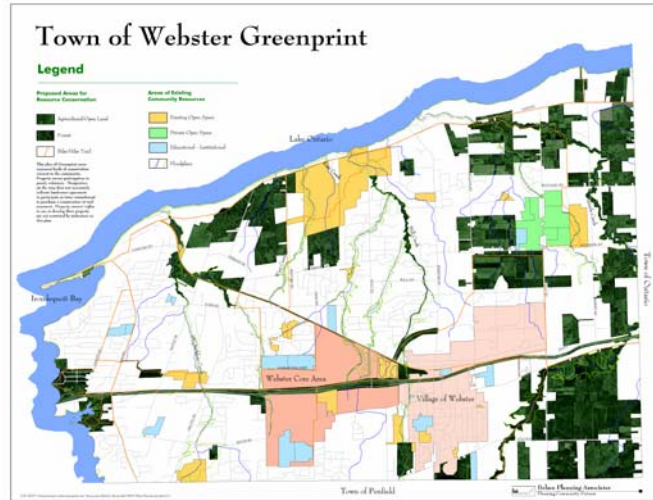


Town of Webster, NY – Open Space Plan and Implementation Services - *Ongoing*

In 2001, Behan Planning Associates, LLC prepared the Town of Webster’s Open Space Plan, the *Town of Webster Greenprint: A Plan for Open Space Conservation*, and coordinated a Fiscal Impact Study in conjunction with the Center for Governmental Research (CGR). Webster is a growing suburban town outside of Rochester, NY. The town board sought to pursue a level of conservation of \$22.5 million in 2002 to protect about 4,000 acres (including about 3,000 acres under a purchase of development rights program). This bond was narrowly defeated, and the advisory committee and town board re-grouped.



From 2002–2003 Behan Planning Associates, LLC continued working with the committee and town to prioritize Greenprint parcels, identify willing landowners, and helped to develop a list of 28 parcels for a modified conservation program. Our firm conducted outreach with interested landowners and negotiations on behalf of the town, and performed numerous acquisition-related activities to implement the Webster Greenprint, such as preparing letters of intent and draft language for purchase contracts. In 2003, Behan Planning Associates secured purchase agreements on behalf of the town for approximately 1,000 acres of open space and helped develop the projects for bond authorization. **The total program budget for the 28 parcels is valued at \$7.9 million.**

The next step was to pursue one key project for success for the community. In 2003, the Town of Webster purchased the Sand Bar Property, a priority parcel identified in the Webster Greenprint, for \$1 million after voters approved the purchase by a full referendum public vote.

In April 2004, voters successfully approved the town’s spending up to \$5.9 million on the land conservation program. The balance of the program funding was obtained through county, state and federal grants (\$1.75 million).

Additionally, with Behan Planning Associates’ help, the town has secured the following:

▪ NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Farmland Protection Grant, 2002 -	\$1.2 million
▪ Monroe County Greenspace Grant, 2002	\$250,000
▪ <u>USDA grant, 2003</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total grants for the Town of Webster, 2002:	\$1.75 million