



## Conclusion

The New Paltz community faces both exceptional opportunities and challenges to protecting its open space and community character amidst continuing regional growth. Achieving the community's goals for protecting open space will require multiple strategies.

Taking a partnership approach in which landowners and the community work together should be a priority. As noted in the plan, the Mill Brook Preserve area and the efforts to plan ahead around the Mill Brook (Tributary 13) concurrently for both conservation and development offers a model for this partnership approach.

Creating a local funding source(s) for the community to be able to offer compensation for land or development rights, is another key priority.

Identifying an individual(s), a committee, and/or staff or consultants to help the Town coordinate and advance its open space goals through specific projects and initiatives is critical to ensuring that the work gets done.

Finally, the Town of New Paltz should continue to collaborate with the Village of New Paltz and neighboring towns and regional partners to achieve open space protection for all intermunicipal resources, such as the Shawangunk Ridge and the Town's other significant natural systems, the working landscapes of farming and forestry, the recreational resources and trail systems, and shared scenic, cultural and historical heritage.