

- 77% said the Town and Village should actively pursue protecting open space as a strategy to keep New Palz fiscally healthy and affordable.
- 66% supported concentrating development in or near the village center of New Palz, and preserving open space in outlying areas.
- An overwhelming number (82%) supported policies to retain agricultural activity in our community.
- Over 2/3 of respondents (67%) favored some level of a tax increase to support open space protection.
- Of those who would accept a tax increase for open space, 2/3 supported a range of \$10 - \$100 per year.
- Another third supported a range of \$100 - \$300.
- Over 75% of the people believed the community should pursue innovative strategies to protect open space.

The New Palz Open Space Plan was created by a joint committee of citizens from both the Village and Town of New Palz as a cooperative intermunicipal effort. Primarily funded through the Town, the Open Space Plan established that there is a great deal of public support for the preservation of open space in general, and the Mill Brook (Tributary 13) area in particular (Map 1). A public survey was conducted as part of the Open Space planning process in 2004. Of those who responded to that 2004 community survey:

4.0 The Mill Brook Preserve and the Open Space Plan

Map 1. Original concept plan for the proposed Mill Brook Preserve from the 2006 New Palz Open Space Plan

