

**Planning &  
Zoning  
Appreciation  
Banquet  
2013**

**Smart Growth  
Award Category:  
Make Development  
Decisions Predictable,  
Fair, and Cost  
Effective**

**Recipient:  
Town of  
Brookfield  
Comprehensive  
Planning Committee:**

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Chuck Blood  
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Rachel Owen  
Kristin Wiles  
George Cowen  
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**Congratulations** to the Town of Brookfield Comprehensive Planning Committee for being selected for a Smart Growth Award. This Committee was selected for its dedication to creating the first Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Brookfield.



**Lessons Learned**

- Town's first Comprehensive Plan
- Brookfield Comprehensive Planning Committee established November 2009
- Key Component in the process was public input: Survey designed and mailed out. Tremendous response rate: 230 surveys completed and returned
- Majority supported the development of the Comprehensive Plan and felt planning for the Town's future was very important
- Discovered 2 top reasons for living in Brookfield: rural atmosphere and natural environment/open space
- Top 5 priorities for Brookfield's future: property tax reform, farmland preservation, develop a sustainable local economy, open space preservation, balanced mix ag/recreation

Draft Comprehensive Plan available [here](#) or online at [www.brookfieldny.us](http://www.brookfieldny.us)