

# *à la conservation*

**YOUR MEANINGFUL GIFT WILL HELP:**

## *conserve farmland*

PLAN has helped protect over 30 farms, growing food on more than 3,500 acres of land that feed us every day. With your help, we will conserve at least 10 more farms encompassing 900 acres, protecting our rural character, food supply and local economy.

## *protect nature*

Saratoga PLAN protects habitats for native wildlife and indigenous plant species on 46 preserves throughout Saratoga County. We ensure that flowing water, lakes, and drinking water drawn from wells remain pure and plentiful. Our success helps combat global warming.

We are currently working with 4 landowners to conserve over 400 acres for the future.

## *build community*

The time, talent and muscle power of our 200 volunteers are the heart and soul of Saratoga PLAN. Student interns, young professionals, working aged folks, and retirees are improving our communities and the world through local action.

Over the next 6 months we will restore and equip a Stewardship Resource Center to supply our devoted volunteers with a centralized space for the tools they need to maintain trails across the county.

## *boost public health*

PLAN's nature preserves counteract the heart, respiratory, and mental health problems associated with sedentary lifestyles.

In addition to 10 sites open to the public, PLAN is opening 2 more soon. PLAN is also leading an effort to design the Sarah B. Foulke Friendship Trail system in the 63 square-mile Palmertown Range, located in the Adirondack Foothills. The trails will seek to accommodate as many types of trail users – hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, wheelchair riders, dog walkers, cross-country skiers, paddlers – as possible.

