

*elan (ā-lān ) n, distinctive style and flair, panache, vigorous spirit.*

# Stepping stones

## News...

### Elan Looks Ahead

The Index of Small Business Optimism gained 3.8 points, rising to 90.6.

We here at Elan are optimistic about the business environment. Our client list continues to grow. Our private sector clients that previously put project plans on hold are bringing them back to the table. These clients expect monies to become available in the near future.

Based upon these indicators, Elan is optimistic about the big picture business setting and has invested in expanding our employee base. Jaclyn Hakes was hired as a Project Manager; Kathleen Stanko for Project Development; Nicholas Mullins as a community planner and Zuzanna Blaise as a landscape designer.

Each of these people bring their own particular skills and experience to Elan. Our capabilities in land planning and site design have grown exponentially through these additions.

Whatever your land planning needs (brownfield redevelopment, community/regional planning, waterfront/downtown revitalization, corridor planning, commercial/retail facilities, educational facilities, etc.) give us a call. We're happy to brainstorm opportunities for your project with you.



## Saratoga is the Summer Place to Be!

When you're in Saratoga Springs this summer enjoying the City and racetrack, we invite you to stop by our office for a visit. Elan is located in the "Lofts" at 18 Division Street, 3rd floor, Studio 304. Our building is located around the corner from Borders on Broadway.

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## Nick Mullins Joins Elan

Elan Planning, Design, & Landscape Architecture PLLC is pleased to announce the addition of Nicholas Mullins as a community planner.

Nick. Mullins, of Glenville, N.Y., received his Masters in City and Regional Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Mr. Mullins is a graduate of the University at Albany, graduating cum laude with Bachelors degrees in both urban studies and geography. "We are very excited to have Nick join our team of professionals and launch his career at Elan." said Lisa Nagle, Principal.

Mr. Mullins' previous project experience includes work on a transportation and land use study for Van Schaick Island in Cohoes and a traffic impact study for a 2,400-unit private development in Lake Luzerne. At Elan, his current focus is on the Village of Owego's Business Opportunities and Advancement Project and the Village of Hamilton Five-Way Intersection Plan.

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## New Projects

- Jere Tatich of Elan met with board members of the new Adirondack Folk School in Lake Luzerne, NY to discuss their plans for their school's upcoming opening. Based upon an understanding of their needs and goals, Elan created a site master plan for the school. The Folk School will host classes in traditional Adirondack folk arts.
- Elan, along with Dadras Architects of Liberty, NY, combined their professional expertise to form the Main Street Group. The consultant group will conduct Main Street revitalization studies for Sullivan County.
- Elan recently provided consultant services for granting writing and project management services in the fields of planning, design, and landscape architecture for Greene County. Grants were completed for the Villages of Greenwich, Athens, and Catskill.
- Elan is a member of the design team for the development of a Central Adirondack Laboratory for Environmental Studies (CALES) in Old Forge New York, a regional center for research and education in the Central Adirondacks. The CALES facility will provide housing and laboratory space for scientists conducting environmental research in the Central Adirondack Mountains.



Lisa Nagle, Principal

## 17th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks "Leveraging Resources to Sustain Communities"

Lisa Nagle, a founding Elan Principal, was a panelist for a roundtable presentation on Adirondack Economic Climate Change at the Adirondack Research Consortium's annual conference. Lisa is working with several "North Country" communities on their land planning challenges.

Other panelists included George E. Leveille, Government Assistance Team, Harris Beach, PLLC; Mike Conway, Executive Director, Adirondack Economic Development Corp.; and Carol Calabrese, Co-Director, Essex County IDA. The moderator for the roundtable was James B. McKenna, CEO and President, of the Essex County Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism.

The Adirondack Research Consortium (ARC) was founded to bring together research organizations and people who work to make the Park a better place, such as business owners, local and State governments, private land managers, farmers, foresters, teachers, and interested citizens resulting in a vibrant regional economy and a healthy environment.

## Elan! Leading the Pack...

**LISA NAGLE: FIRST PLACE FEMALE CEO, PRIVATE SECTOR** in the CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge!

Elan and its sister business NTC Consultants made great time in the 30th Anniversary race of the 2010 CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge, the Capital District's largest running and walking event produced annually.

The 3.5 mile race winds through historic downtown Albany. Over 8,500 runners and walkers, that comprised over 400 teams from Capital District corporations, government agencies and not-for-profit organizations, participated.

We work hard but play harder. Sports and their facilities are important to Elan both personally and professionally.

Elan's sport enthusiasts also play on the firm-sponsored team in the **Saratoga Co-Ed Softball League**.

