

July 15, 2008

Dear Amsterdam/Churchill Area Resident / Landowner;

The Amsterdam/Churchill Planning Committee, a community-based volunteer organization, has been meeting twice each month since December 2007 to learn about and discuss issues related to growth and change in the area. The group has held three community events, and two meetings specifically for large landowners, to directly ask community members what values should be protected in the greater Amsterdam/Churchill area as Gallatin County continues to grow.

The Planning Committee is discussing goals and policies for two geographic areas: 1) the Town Core, where Amsterdam and Churchill are expected to grow over the next several years, and 2) Rural Amsterdam/Churchill. The enclosed chapter from the DRAFT Amsterdam/Churchill Community Plan discusses goals and policies suggested for *rural* Amsterdam/Churchill. Please look over the enclosed chapter and provide us with feedback.

Please recognize that the Gallatin County Commission is in the process of developing its Growth Policy Implementation Program, which will include county-wide zoning. One of the highlights of that program is neighborhood, or community, planning for specific areas within the county. This is the process being followed by the greater Amsterdam/Churchill community right now with help from Gallatin County.

The Planning Committee meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Amsterdam Rural Fire Department from 7 to 9 PM. Area residents are encouraged to attend to assist us with this planning process. We encourage you to participate.

Do not hesitate to call with any questions or input you may have. Thank-you for your participation.



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