Dear Amsterdam/Churchill Area Resident / Landowner;

After a year and a half of work, we are excited to announce the release of the Amsterdam/Churchill Community Plan. As many of you know, the plan is a product of two years of community discussion and research. The process has been led by the Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group, a volunteer steering committee working with the Gallatin County Planning Department to learn about and discuss ways to manage growth and change in the Amsterdam/Churchill area.

The planning process began with a kickoff community event in November 2007; that event led to the identification of five Guiding Principles:

- Preservation of small town values, rural character, and quality of life;
- Protection of the area’s agriculture heritage and wide-open views;
- A commitment to improving community infrastructure;
- Preservation of the area’s agricultural and rural lifestyle;
- Protection of community values;
- Increased local control in managing growth and change.

The ACCPG has met for the past two years, hosting several community events, meeting twice a month for committee meetings while turning these Guiding Principles into the first-ever Amsterdam/Churchill Community Plan. There will be a community event on November 10 at 7 pm in the old gym at Manhattan Christian School to discuss the draft plan. Please bring any questions you have.

You may pick up a copy of the draft plan at one of the following locations:

- The ACCPG website at http://amsterdamchurchillcommunityplan.com/
- Gallatin County Planning Department’s Website at http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/planning under “What’s New and Happening Now?”
- The Amsterdam Store
- The Churchill Bank
- Churchill Implement
- Danhof Chevrolet

There are two other dates to be aware of:

- **November 24 at 6pm**: The plan will be heard by the Gallatin County Planning Board
- **December 8 at 9 am**: The plan will be heard by the Gallatin County Commission. Both meetings will be held in the Community Room of the Gallatin County Courthouse.

Please feel free to call with any questions or input you may have. Thanks for your participation.

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