

Amherst Town Center PLAN 2 - A Newer Shade of Gray

“The Amherst Town Center will be a **livable, pedestrian-friendly community** combining a unique mix of residential, commercial, retail and hospitality amenities.” ~ Anonymous mailing



What **“community”** are they referring to?

An enormously disproportionate ratio of high-density commercial space (over 250,000 square feet) compared to the number and size of residential units means the people living at this site could support no more than a small fraction of the needed business. This plan depends on automobiles to sustain its existence and includes vast areas set aside for parking that do not make this a liveable pedestrian-friendly environment. **Claims of this creating a “community” within the development itself are purely fiction.**

“The Amherst Town Center will include a 4.5-acre **public park** along Maple Road that will feature extensive green space and landscaping, a tree orchard and a walking-bicycle trail.”

~ Anonymous mailing



In an area full of public recreation, who would use a **“public park”** adjacent to a road with 45 mph traffic on one side, parking lots on the other, and dissected by four commercial access driveways?

Exposing users to entering and exiting traffic, exhaust fumes, and noise, who would even think this traffic and these commercial driveways would provide a safe and healthy environment for walkers, joggers, or bicyclists? Potential deceleration lanes could also cut into this park in the future reducing green space and walkability even further.