

## **INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AMSTERDAM/CHURCHILL PLANNING GROUP**

### *Recommended Actions to Protect Agriculture*

- Adopt a land use and zoning map designating a core growth area designed to direct growth into and adjacent to existing town. Proposed growth area comprised of one mile buffer around existing center of town. Zoning standards will assign density within the core.
- Adopt zoning standards protecting canals and ditches.
- Adopt zoning standards requiring buffer widths between new development and existing agricultural operations.
- Continue providing opportunities for landowners to learn about the open lands board and program.
- Implement zoning standards requiring new development outside of the core to cluster development in an open space development pattern.

### *Recommended Actions to Protect Community Values*

- Adopt zoning standards to prohibit bars, casinos and sexually-oriented businesses

### *Recommended Actions to Provide Better Infrastructure*

- Require sidewalks, curb and gutter, and streetlights in all new major developments within the core area.
- Commit to exploring ways to provide a new sidewalk along Churchill Road.
- Identify needs within the core growth area:
  - Parks and Trails
  - Transportation
  - Community Water/Sewer
  - Emergency Services

### *Recommended Actions to Increase Local Control*

- Form a non-profit organization to provide a forum for future community conversation.