

February 6, 2008

Hon. Satish Mohan
Hon. Town Board Members
Town of Amherst
5583 Main Street
Williamsville, New York 14221

Dear Supervisor Mohan and Town Board Members:

As a member of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, the region's second largest business advocacy organization that represents more than 2,000 member businesses, I am requesting your full support of Benderson Development's proposed Amherst Town Centre.

This visionary \$44 million redevelopment project will turn an existing lead contaminated brownfield, commonly know as the "Gun Club", into a first of its kind mixed use lifestyle center featuring a livable, walkable community that will integrate a unique mix of residential, commercial, retail and public facilities.

The project, including a multi-million dollar environmental clean up, will be fully privately financed with no town government or Amherst IDA funding assistance. It will result in real economic benefits for Amherst taxpayers, including annual property tax revenues in excess of \$1.6 million, of which approximately \$1 million will be paid to the Sweet Home School District. The retail portion of the project will generate more than \$3 million in sales tax revenues for state and local governments. In addition, the project will result in hundreds of jobs during construction and once completed.

The Amherst Chamber of Commerce actively seeks to create and maintain a positive economic, political and social climate in Amherst, thereby making our community a great place to live, work and conduct business. The Amherst Town Centre provides our community another opportunity to meet that objective.

Please support the sustainable growth of our community - support the Amherst Town Centre.

Sincerely,

Amherst Chamber of Commerce Member