



Amherst Development Park - Engaging the Community and Embracing the Environment



Community Engagement Spaces

Nature Education Center

Goal: Provide an opportunity for environmental education, furthering the natural connection that Amherst already has.

Exhibits Include:

- Wisconsin's Glacial and Natural History
- Restorative Prairie Importance
- Nature in Your Backyard: The Tomorrow River
- Implications of Climate Change



Amphitheater

Goal: Community space for performances, meetings, and concerts to improve Amherst social capital, increase tourism, and provide entertainment.



Master Plan

Our vision for the Village of Amherst is to blend the community and the environment together while supporting and stimulating economic growth and prosperity. Our plan includes an engaging nature education center that will have environmentally focused activities and learning opportunities for all ages, along with an amphitheater for hosting outdoor events. All nestled within a beautiful restored prairie with hiking trails weaved throughout. Our plan also includes a multi-use development that will bring new and innovative businesses along with new living opportunities for the village. All blended with light industrial development to create and sustain jobs to encourage economic growth.



Multi-Use Development Complex

Lower-Level Small Businesses

Goal: Provide low rent, small business spaces to increase access to resources that benefit the wellness and resiliency of the community.

- Business examples: yoga studio, art gallery, Food Cooperative, tutoring center, gym, coffee shop, restaurants, low waste shop



Upper-Level Moderate Income Housing

Goal: Provide new housing opportunities to support a growing Amherst.

- Community members expressed a shortage of housing, blending this with multi-use development would provide a new opportunity for moderate income housing to allow for effective community growth.

Community Gathering Space

Goal: Housed in the center of the multi-use development. Connect people of all ages through physical movement within natural settings.

- Studies show community engagement spaces increase happiness, cooperation, and overall community health.
- Children have close access to outdoor spaces with parent supervision.

Duality of Industry and Conservation



Industrial Development

Goal: Create job opportunities and economic revenue for Amherst.

- Private industries that provide careers and revenue are essential for economic stimulation and community stability.
- We encourage those who buy these lots to develop their buildings sustainably and use renewable energy.

Ecological Restoration

Goal: Reestablish native species for the purpose of conservation and education.

- Improving soil health, carbon sequestration, water retention, biodiversity, reduction of erosion and runoff, among other important ecosystem services.
- Serves as an educational tool to the public, highlighting the importance of land resources and ecosystem restoration.



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