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When it comes to your tax dollar, let's talk sense.

The AmherstIDA's mission is to develop a commercial base in order to effectively generate tax revenue. We've done that! In fact, we've become the model for other WNY communities in their efforts to do the same. Let's face it: attracting businesses to New York State is difficult when you consider that our state and local tax burden is over 50% higher than the national average.* Businesses can go elsewhere, and do. So we have to work harder. And smarter!

Through a strategic business development plan, we embrace controlled growth and take our responsibility to the residents and sustainability of our community very seriously. The AmherstIDA operates in accordance with the Town Master Plan** and County-wide Eligibility*** policies to determine who, what, how, and where businesses should go. We are a catalyst for the future of business in our community, and our only special interest is and always will be Amherst.

Creating a business-friendly atmosphere has definite advantages and real benefits such as jobs, financial opportunities, diversity, and tax relief. Commercial property pays more in tax than it receives in benefit services. For every one dollar of Town tax paid, commercial property receives \$.44 in services versus \$1.12 in services for the average residential property owner.**** That difference means commercial developments are paying for a large portion of the quality of life services we all enjoy every day - things like bike paths, community centers, and green space through open space acquisition. Amherst residents pay approximately \$38/\$1000 of assessed value... of that, Amherst Town Tax is \$5. You do the math.

Dollar for dollar, economic development in Amherst makes real sense.

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Dedicated.
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* www.bcnys.org/whatsnew/2006/0531censustaxdata.htm

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