

## 2. VISION, VALUES AND GOALS

In 2006, Ramsey community members formed Ramsey3, a grassroots organization dedicated to imagining the future of Ramsey. Through a series of community meetings the Ramsey3 process completed a Vision and Values statement with a Checklist for future decision making, summarized in the Introduction chapter. A set of Goals and Strategies, based on comments from the numerous community meetings, was compiled by consultants and City staff. The Goals and Strategies for each chapter of this plan are also repeated within those chapters. The Goals and Strategies were compiled before the final completion of the Vision and Values, so it is the intent of the City that where conflicts arise the Vision and Values will guide city policy decisions.

### A. THE VISION:

- 1) ~~Without compromising private property rights and needs of future generations,~~ Ramsey will evolve through citizen driven, collaborative processes that respect the balance and connectivity between its unique urban, rural and natural environments for current and future generations.

### B. THE VALUES:

- 1) Encourage ~~walkability through new~~ pedestrian friendly neighborhoods and balanced transportation.
- 2) Maintain land owner rights without compromising private property rights.
- ~~3) Employ careful foresight in city planning that includes citizen review, reliance on peer-reviewed science, and comprehensive data collection and analysis.~~
- ~~4) Involve all citizens in decisions that impact their lives, property and neighborhoods through the use of a facilitated process such as collaborative decision making~~involves all citizens in decisions that impact their lives, property, and neighborhoods through collaborative public engagement.
- ~~5) Embrace a people-centered, long-term perspective that nurtures neighborhood and community interactions and with flexibility to meet future needs without compromising the needs and interests of current residents.~~
- 5) Preserve unique natural resources for ~~the community and its~~ current and future residents.
- 6) Develop and maintain a well-connected park and public space system for all ages.
- 7) Attract and ~~sustain-retain~~ businesses that ~~should serve~~support the whole community.

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