3.0 THE ONTARIO CENTER

3.1 Features of the Plan

3.1.1 Introduction

Planning for The Ontario Center has considered not only the urban setting of the site, but also those critical concerns and issues facing the community and region through the end of the decade and beyond: energy, transportation, housing costs, demographics and urban services. The Land Use Plan which has evolved (Exhibit 3-1, p. 14) represents an integrated, balanced urban form which responds to these concerns. The plan provides for:

- A balance of employment, shopping and housing opportunities, reducing the need for long commutes.
- A higher density housing orientation, recognizing trends toward smaller household size.
- A mixture of recreation and entertainment opportunities for Center users.
- A looped circulation network encouraging public transit opportunities as well as pedestrian walkways and bicycle routes.
- A comprehensive urban design treatment, integrating the Center into an urban form which is both visually pleasing as well as functional.

The plan is composed of key components, each critical to the success of the other. The components of the plan described as follows should not be viewed as independent entities, but in terms of an integrated whole, working together to create a dynamic urban experience.