



ONE REGION FORWARD

towards a more sustainable Buffalo Niagara

The time is now for Buffalo Niagara. We're working together to build a more sustainable region. Our many efforts to grow our economy and build livable communities are coming into alignment. We have an opportunity to carry this momentum toward a prosperous future and move the region forward.

Find out how you can get involved.
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ONE REGION FORWARD IS FOCUSED ON



PROMOTING EFFICIENT
**Land Use and
Development**



IMPROVING
**Transportation
and Mobility**



SUPPORTING
**Housing and
Neighborhoods**



PREPARING FOR
Climate Change



ENSURING
**Food Access
and Justice**

Working toward a more sustainable Buffalo Niagara

One Region Forward will feature strong coordination among regional leaders, robust community engagement to build consensus for action, an aggressive program of community learning about sustainability, practical implementation of priority projects now, and construction of clear measures of our ongoing progress.

We face serious challenges as a region: declining population; a stagnant economy; urban sprawl without growth and a costly and inefficient infrastructure; and a burdensome legacy of "brownfields," vacant housing, and vacant land.

We need to work together to protect the quality of our air, water, and land; to ensure access to food, affordable housing, and to help address the global threat of climate change right here; and to create jobs and provide transportation choices that make it possible for people to get to work.

Fortunately, this work has already begun in dozens of efforts across Buffalo Niagara – all aimed at promoting the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of our region.

These include Buffalo's revision of its zoning ordinance as a "Green Code" for the 21st Century; a comprehensive plan for the revitalization of Niagara Falls; a smart growth and knowledge-based economy plan for the Town of Amherst; and the historic Erie Niagara Regional Framework for Growth.

One Region Forward will build on, coordinate, and extend all of this work to produce effective action to ensure Buffalo Niagara enjoys a growing economy, a healthy environment, and shared opportunity now and for many years to come.

Led by a broad-based consortium of public and private sector organizations and supported by a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the plan will produce a practical roadmap for improving transportation, land use, infrastructure, economic development, food access, housing, and our region's response to the challenge of global climate change.

Work on the regional plan will be carefully coordinated with the existing and emerging framework of planning for Buffalo Niagara including the Regional Economic Development Strategy, the "Buffalo Billion," a five-county sustainability plan funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and numerous recent planning efforts undertaken at the local and county level.