MOVING ONE REGION FORWARD.

The Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD) is being created through an unprecedented collaborative effort involving government, business, environmental organizations, community groups, and citizens at large.

"Buffalo Niagara Consortium" are one of 29 grantees to win an award in a pool of over 140 applicants from around the country.

A cadre of public sector and nonprofit partners from the Framework for Regional Growth Working Group worked together to pursue funds from the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program.

Building the collaborative partnerships for implementation on the road ahead, including community leaders, elected officials, the business community, and concerned citizens from city, suburb, village, and rural areas.

A credible sustainability plan needs to be based on precedent, evidence, and systematic benchmarking and measurement. This will include a comprehensive review and analysis of the existing planning framework for our region.

Involving regional leaders, stakeholders, and citizens in the planning is vital to developing the support needed to approve and implement the regional plan.

Partnering, research, and public dialogue will feed directly into the heart of the planning.

Any plan only as good as our ability to put it into action. Some of the steps to be taken to implement the plan include the following:

- Creating a project selection scorecard based on the HUD livability principles
- Selecting strategic demonstration projects for action by the implementation council
- Integrating sustainability criteria in the selection of regional transportation projects
- Providing technical assistance programs to private developers and local governments in how to employ sustainability concepts in the development process
- Update data, metrics, and analytics in the computer mapping system of the Erie Niagara Regional Framework for Growth to improve management of the ongoing implementation process

One Region Forward is launched with outreach to the public, in person, and on-line.

Check-in to confirm the regional vision, review interim findings and update the public on progress on the plan.

Presentation and review of RPSD draft plan.

Final draft RPSD presented for further review.

RPSD final plan is finalized and adopted.

160+ plans in Erie and Niagara counties.