Events & Info to help move our region forward 2014

February 25 & 26, 2014
Building Economic Resilience to Disasters in the Buffalo Niagara Region
A training workshop for business owners, chamber representatives and economic developers.

March 2014
Downtown Market Report
Hear from real estate, development and economic experts discussing the changing market in Buffalo. What are the future prospects and what can we do to capitalize those opportunities?

April 29, 2014
Conference for New Urbanism
Attend this session for an opportunity to hear from CNU speakers before the conference and get an advance look at the importance of these topics to the business community.

May 2, 2014
Transportation & Infrastructure Summit
Panel discussion includes federal, state and local resources for infrastructure funding and associated regulations. Best practice models for financing and implementing/application of resources also examined.

June 2014
Different Approaches, Different Results
Joe Minicozzi, Principal with Urban3, is back with a local analysis of development practices in the region. Come hear the results of his 3-month study on the impact of our past developments on tax base, quality of life and livability, and overall economic health and viability of Buffalo Niagara.

Fall 2014
Organizing for Implementation – How do we get it done?
Progressive communities have started to plan for “people first” when it comes to road and infrastructure investments. Learn how planning for feet first, and cars after, is transforming the experience and developments in cities like Chicago and Toronto.

 Guidance from WNY REDC on Your CFA Project Proposal
Submit a “Letter of Interest” today for funding from the WNY Regional Economic Development Council. Gain technical assistance from REDC on making your project proposal strong and competitive.

Apply online http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/request-letters-of-interest

For more information and a full up-to-date listing of events and activities, visit oneregionforward.org
Over the next year, One Region Forward will continue to engage our diverse citizenry, business community, and local elected officials in developing a regional roadmap for how Buffalo Niagara and its communities can grow sustainably over the next forty years. It will offer guidance on how we coordinate our housing and transportation decisions, prepare for the disruptive effects of climate change, and make it easier and cost effective to grow food locally and make it available to dinner tables and restaurants throughout the region.

But One Region Forward is more than just a plan – it is designed to create tools that local civic and business leaders can use to implement its vision. It also includes broad community involvement and learning so that people across the region can both shape the vision and learn how they can contribute to implementing it.