towards a more sustainable Buffalo Niagara

One Region Forward
Working Team Orientation
April 2, 2013
The time is now...

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.
now...

We have an opportunity to carry this momentum toward a prosperous future and move the region forward.
Collaboration in Our Region
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Work on One Region Forward will build upon collaborative efforts of the past, like the Erie-Niagara Framework for Growth, and coordinate with those now underway.
The economic context

Coordinating with the work of the WNY Regional Economic Development Council

3 Core Strategies
- Prepare Our Workforce
- Implement Smart Growth
- Foster a Culture of Entrepreneurship

Sector Strategies
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Bi-national Logistics
- Energy
- Health | Life Sciences
- Higher Education
- Professional Services
- Tourism
Collaboration Pays Off

Public, private 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.

Working Group
Erie & Niagara County

Federal Program
Collaboration and Coordination

Leveraging innovative Federal and State programs to implement local policies and strategies

- Coordination of Planning in the Region
- Aligned at State Level
- Leveraging Federal Support

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Sustainable Communities
A plan that
Makes Buffalo Niagara
Competitive and Sustainable

Agreeing upon where we
want to go as a region
How we’ll get there
And how we’ll know we’re
on the right path
More than just a plan
Building, Engaging and Doing

A Plan with Many Implementers – Distributed actors and actions

Not starting from scratch

Filling in gaps or drilling down

Keeping the collaboration going through Research, Planning and Education
Where We Have Been

One Region Forward will provide a way for broad community leadership, elected officials, the business community, our dense network of community-based organizations, and concerned citizens from city, suburb, village, and rural areas to participate in a conversation that will drive planning and action.

Forging Partnerships

Steering Committee + Local Gov’t. Council + Private Sector Council + Community Congress + Working Teams
Where We Have Been

Informing decisions and development of the plan through evidence and analysis

Research & Planning

Not starting from scratch

Baseline Assessment
Where We Have Been

Concerned citizens, community leaders, representatives from our business community, and our region’s elected officials weigh in.

Drafting the Regional Vision & Values

What Our Plans Tell Us

Draft Values Based on Plans

Testing Values With the Region

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10 DRAFT VISION & VALUES

REGIONAL VISION & VALUES

Local Gov’t. Council
Private Sector Council
Community Congress
Where We Are Today

Building off of the foundation so far and collaborating to inform the work that will feed directly into the plan

- Continuing to engage our public and collect feedback on vision and values online
- Forming Working Teams of subject matter experts and local decision-makers to create the road map
- Performing policy analysis and best practice research on collaborating regionally around sustainable development
Where We Are Going

Keeping the collaboration going through Research, Planning and Education

Chart a **Roadmap for a sustainable future** – where we want to go, how we get there, and metrics that tell us if we’re moving in the right direction.

Launch a **Citizen Planning School** that can build community-level capacity to promote sustainability at our local levels.

Create **tools and capacity-building opportunities** to support smarter decisions by our civic and business leaders.
Thank you for participating and lending your expertise, knowledge and influence to the effort.

We value what you can bring as a subject matter expert as we move One Region Forward together.
Partnership, research and dialogue that feeds directly into the heart of the planning.

ESTABLISH GOALS
Translating vision and values into goals and objectives

FRAME STRATEGIES
Align strategies to match our regional goals

IDENTIFY ACTIONS
Develop and prioritizing action items and who will act

CONSTRUCT INDICATORS
Create metrics to measure our progress

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The Work of Working Teams

A transparent process that has a built-in feedback loop to our community.

Working Teams meet to explore policies and programs, develop goals and action steps, and define indicators.

Contributors review documents from the working teams and submit feedback for Working Team to review.

Work goes into the DRAFT PLAN and is posted on One Region Forward website as process unfolds.
5 Focus Areas/
5 Working Teams

- Land Use and Development
- Transportation and Mobility
- Housing and Neighborhoods
- Food Access and Justice
- Climate Change Action
What will life in Buffalo Niagara look like in fifty years?
What kind of community will our children’s children live in?
Where will they live?
How will they get around?
Will there be good jobs?
Will there be nice parks?
Will there be clean water?
Where will our food come from?
We are answering these questions about tomorrow
today
The Work of Working Teams

Get Started as a Working Team Member

Recruit a Working Team Contributor

Provide Online Feedback on Our Regional Vision and Values
The Work of Working Teams

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