Kenmore Farmer’s Market—October 12th, 2013

Community Feedback—“TELL US WHAT YOU THINK”

Members of the One Region Forward team attended the Kenmore Farmer’s Market on October 12th, 2013. Team members distributed approximately 30+ palm cards out to the community that included information about the organization and One Region Forward’s upcoming November workshops. Additionally, 4 community members signed up with their email address to receive the monthly e-News that One Region Forward sends out.

The community was then asked to answer three questions, displayed on presentation boards, regarding sustainability in their neighborhood. For the first two questions, community members were instructed to write down their responses to the two questions onto post-it notes and to affix the post-it note to the appropriate presentation board. For the third question, community members were asked to choose between four options and to affix a sticker under the chosen answer. Community members could also choose the “other” option and affix their own response on a post-it note to the appropriate presentation board. All community member responses were displayed for the duration of the festival for others to see. Responses to the three sustainability questions are below.

- **What would you change about your community to make it more sustainable?**
  
  o More walkable neighborhoods 2
  o A supermarket within walking distance of the Village of Kenmore
  o Grow more of our own food because it is less expensive and it is healthier
  o Decrease the amount of air and water toxins which lead to health problems
  o More bus routes to the city from the suburbs
  o More public transportation between the suburbs to the City of Buffalo, because it is difficult to hire workers that don’t have access to transportation
  o Expand the subway system so that it is twice as big
  o Decrease our dependence on federal funds for educational services
  o Increase the number of jobs in our area, especially in the technology and engineering sectors
  o More development on the Tonawanda Waterfront
  o Decrease the high taxes for small businesses in the Village of Kenmore that are owned by non-residents, because this discourages other businesses from moving in
  o Improve public transportation in the South Towns
  o Invest in local, existing businesses rather than new businesses
- Create a dog park in the Village of Kenmore 3
- Stop creating roads that cut through communities
- Move the Lackawanna toll booths so that you can travel farther without paying tolls
- Decrease politics in education (the lottery is supposed to help schools but it does not seem like this is happening)
- Limit the number of casinos
- Improve schools in the City of Buffalo
- Use filtered water instead of plastic water bottles
- Limit urban sprawl, which damages the environment
- Promote the use of motorcycles, which have better gas mileage
- Use thermoses instead of disposable coffee cups

**What about your community do you want to save for future generations?**
- Bike paths 2
- Development on the waterfront
- The walkability of the Village of Kenmore 3
- Senior Center in the Village of Kenmore 2
- Garden walk in Kenmore 2

**If you could choose one thing to make Buffalo Niagara More sustainable, what would it be?**
- Expand public transportation and increase alternative ways to get around: 2
- Grow more food: 4
- Limit fossil fuels: 1
- Reinvest in Communities: 4
- Other, write in your own:
  - *No responses*