Open Buffalo’s "Involved, Informed, Invincible!" event
August 7th, 2013

Community Feedback—“TELL US WHAT YOU THINK”

On August 7th, 2013 members of the One Region Forward team attended Open Buffalo’s "Involved, Informed, Invincible!" event, during which local musical talents took the stage to advocate for more youth involvement in issues faced by communities across the region and across the country. Community members at the event were asked to answer two questions, displayed on presentation boards, regarding sustainability in their neighborhood. The public was 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. All community member responses were displayed for the duration of the festival for others to see. Responses to the two sustainability questions are below.

1. What would you change about your community to make it more sustainable?
   - Better access to public transportation, including extending the Metro Rail through the East Side to the airport
   - More bike paths
   - Reverse sprawl by moving back into the city and refurbishing existing housing
   - Reuse existing structures like the grain elevators
   - Use more solar power
   - Education and funding for composting, water collection, and gardens
   - Increase the number of plastics that can be recycled
   - Turn Central terminal into a high speed rail and metrorail station

2. What about your community do you want to save for future generations?
   - Parks
   - Nature preserves
   - Trees and various other plants throughout the city
   - Central terminal
   - Our unique collection of grain elevators