Meeting #2: Where we are today in the process

1 ESTABLISHING GOALS to guide where we want to go

DRAFT GOALS

2 FRAME STRATEGIES for action

GOALS → STRATEGIES

3 IDENTIFY ACTIONS and who will act

4 CONSTRUCT INDICATORS to measure progress

Finalizing Goals

Working Team Members review draft goals that were discussed at Meeting #1, review feedback from Working Team Contributors and make revisions and adjustments in finalizing goals.

DRAFT GOALS

FINALIZED GOALS

Brainstorming strategies for action for long term sustainability

What might our region look like in 2050?

By 2050, if our region’s population:

- continues to shrink
- sees moderate growth
- grows significantly

Under alternative futures, what might our region look like in 40 years depending on future development patterns?

- What will our cities, villages, and main streets look like?
- Where will our farms, natural areas and other open spaces be? How much will we have?
- How will people get to work, and how long will it take?
- Will smart growth policies be different or the same, given different population growth possibilities
- How will climate change impact land use and development?

Given the goals we set, what are the broad strategic initiatives we can take to achieve them?

STRATEGIES

Working Teams brainstorm strategic approaches at a conceptual level thinking about how alternative futures for the region might affect those strategies.
Goal Revisions from Meeting #1

1. Focus development in areas already served by infrastructure, especially in urban cores, corridors, and village centers.

2. Promote the adaptive reuse of commercial, industrial, and ecclesiastical building stock to preserve embedded energy, neighborhood integrity, and heritage.

3. Minimize the conversion of natural areas, rural and agricultural land to development.

4. Coordinate investments in transportation infrastructure with plans for development and redevelopment.

5. Manage land use to restore or protect our water, water rights, and watersheds.

6. Repair the toxic damage left by our industrial past and make land ready for appropriate future reuse.

7. Protect or restore our waterfronts, connect them to local communities and make them more accessible to the public.

8. Maintain, improve, expand, and connect our parks, recreation areas, trails, and open spaces.

One Region Forward Working Teams: Draft Goals

Housing and Neighborhoods

1. Preserve and revitalize our existing housing stock to preserve history, embedded energy, and neighborhood integrity.

2. Promote rehabilitation and development of lifespan housing to accommodate all life cycles.

3. Provide equal access to affordable, green, safe, and healthy homes throughout the region.

4. Promote housing rehabilitation and development to promote easier access to employment (e.g., location-efficient housing).

5. Design neighborhoods to be safe, accessible and walkable.

6. Create mixed-use neighborhoods where daily needs are accessible on foot, bicycle, or transit.

7. Foster neighborhoods that are culturally diverse and distinctive.

8. Design new housing and retrofit existing housing for energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable production.

Climate Change Action

1. Conservation / Efficiency: Plan, design, develop and manage our region for energy efficiency and conservation to reduce our carbon footprint to mitigate the advance of climate change.

2. Mitigate through Renewables: Invest in renewable energy production, especially from wind, solar, hydro-electric, and geothermal sources by developing progressive policies and funding mechanisms.

3. Adaptation: Anticipate and prepare to adapt to the already-inevitable impacts of climate change now under way.

4. Transmission: Ensure that the energy network is sufficient to manage, store and transmit various types of energy.

5. Jobs: Use the policy of conserve/mitigate/adaptation as the economic impetus to create jobs and support new industries and businesses.

6. Great Lakes: Protect the Great Lakes and enormous water resource of our Region.

7. Education: Educate people about the implications of climate change on our region and the ways it can be addressed through mitigation and adaptation.

Food Access and Justice

1. Protect our current and potential farmland from “sprawl” and keep our farms farming.

2. Adopt agricultural practices that reduce the consumption of water, energy and chemical inputs in the growing process.

3. Support all forms and scales of food production in urban areas.

4. Connect local farmers to the full range of local opportunities to market and distribute their products.

5. Strengthen the economic vitality of local food production so that our farmers compete locally against national and international food producers.

6. Strengthen the economic viability of local food processing so that the value chain is more effective and sustainable.

7. Foster “Complete Streets,” by maintaining existing infrastructure and investing in new infrastructure to make walking and bicycling a safe and comfortable mode of transport.

8. Heightsen public awareness of local food production, processing and distribution.

9. Create a culture that values healthy eating and a strong local food economy.

10. Enhance opportunity for all individuals in all communities to obtain healthy foods.

Transportation and Mobility

1. Provide safe, affordable and healthy transportation options to enhance mobility, promote access to jobs, and increase quality of life for all.

2. Develop a multi-modal transportation system that is energy efficient, promotes energy conservation and reduces vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

3. Foster “Complete Streets,” by maintaining existing infrastructure and investing in new infrastructure to make walking and bicycling a safe and comfortable mode of transport.

4. Invest in infrastructure to facilitate efficient national and bi-national freight and passenger rail service that will provide both economic and environmental benefits to the region.

5. Increase collaboration and cooperation between the federal government. State of New York, local governments and authorities to develop innovative finance mechanisms, consider life cycle costs, and develop long-term decision making criteria to deliver an efficient and sustainable transportation system.
Here’s How to Keep Involved as a Working Team Member

Visit us online at oneregionforward.org to:

Recruit a Working Team Contributor
Your friends and colleagues can feed into the work of our Teams by contributing comments and suggestions to this process online. As Working Team Contributors, their ideas and input can feed directly into the nuts and bolts planning occurring through our One Region Forward Working Team planning process.

Provide Feedback on our Regional Vision and Values
If you did not attend one of our Community Congress meetings in early 2013, we ask you as Working Team members to check the Regional Vision & Values Feedback Tool to make your voice heard. This online conversation will be available until May 31, 2013.

Bring One Region Forward to your Community
We want to hear from citizens and organizations across Erie and Niagara County to guide the vision and participate in the development of the plan. If you have an organization or group in your community you would like us to give a presentation to, let us know and we will arrange for a member of the One Region Forward project team to come out to your community.

Feature your work in Sustainability on our website
If you’re involved in a project or a program that you believe helps define what sustainability means for the future for our region, tell us about it and we will feature it on our website’s interactive map “Sustainability in Action.”

Help us promote One Region Forward online
Sharing One Region Forward on your website is an easy and effective way to show your support and involvement with the initiative. Let us know if you are interested and we will be happy to assist you with sharing One Region Forward on your organization, business, or personal website.

Sign up for eNews and join our online community
We’re on Facebook, Twitter and Google+. Follow us on social media, or even better, sign up to receive our newsletter and bulletins that will chart the progress of our work, report on major findings, and let you know the dates of upcoming events.

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