The time is now for Buffalo Niagara.

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. We have an opportunity to carry this momentum toward a prosperous future and move the region forward.

Welcome and thank you for participating.

Welcome and thank you for joining the One Region Forward Private Sector Council. By participating in this Council, you are joining a cross sector partnership of public, private and nonprofit organizations working to support collaboration and coordination across our two-county metropolitan region.

Supported by a multi-year grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, One Region Forward will develop a regional plan that builds on the Erie-Niagara Framework for Regional Growth and the WNY Regional Economic Development Plan A Strategy for Prosperity to create a broad-based consensus for voluntary action around sustainable forms of development in the Buffalo Niagara region.

This effort will make our region more competitive by giving us priority status for Federal funding opportunities today and into the future. But more importantly, it will allow us to come together to solve the problems we collectively face, but cannot effectively tackle individually.

One Region Forward is more than a plan, it is about implementation. The effort will bring together key actors to advance community priority projects, develop online tools and technical assistance that builds capacity for local decision-making, and engages the people of Buffalo Niagara to be a part of the process in driving positive, sustainable change for their communities.

Your involvement in this process will ensure that those efforts reflect the unique perspectives of our region’s private sector so that tools and strategies for collaboration and smart decision-making reflect the business sense of the stakeholders in our region who understand the challenges and opportunities of our economic landscape.

This Council will meet four times over the next two years of the project. We ask that you make a commitment that is continuous throughout this process so that we can carry forward the momentum throughout the initiative’s life span.

We thank you for your participation in this unprecedented convening of representatives from our region’s diverse private sector. We look forward to working with you on this important regional initiative.

Sincerely,

Hal Morse
Executive Director
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council