Buffalo Promise Neighborhood's Community Fun Day — August 21st, 2013

Community Feedback—“TELL US WHAT YOU THINK”

Members of the One Region Forward team attended the Buffalo Promise Neighborhood's Community Fun Day at McCarthy Park on Wednesday, August 21st, 2013. Team members distributed approximately 100+ palm cards out to the community that included information about the organization and One Region Forward’s upcoming November workshops. Additionally, 23 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?**
  - Decrease the number of work days
  - Increase the number of career-related workshops and training sessions. For example, create more workshops about how to make a resume and act on an interview.
  - Decrease the cost of living
  - Increase the number of high-paying jobs
  - More felony-friendly jobs
  - No more racism
  - More cameras for safety purposes
  - More afterschool programs for children
  - Better parks
  - Clean up abandoned lots
  - More responsive government-make the 311 system more responsive!
  - More classes about how to grow fruits and veggies.
  - Clean up the environment more
- More parks 3
- More funding for the food stamp program
- Increased recycling
- Lower taxes
- Increase the minimum wage
- Increase school attendance 2
- Safer streets to play in
- More dedicated teachers to better prepare our kids
- Rehabilitate old houses
- More jobs 2
- More jobs at a decent wage
- Less golf courses! We need housing more than we need golf courses.
- Increase the number of kid-friendly activities
- More encouragement to our children that they need to go to college
- More inner city housing
- Better education for children
- Tear down the old houses and build new ones.
- Build more community centers
- Affordable, decent, and modern housing for single people and families 3
- More activities in the community for children and families.
- More community activities in general

- **What about your community do you want to save for future generations?**
  - Neighborhoods that are close together
  - Parks
  - McCarthy Park
  - Architecture

- **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: 7
  - Grow more food: 6
  - Limit fossil fuels: 4
  - Reinvest in Communities: 8
  - Other, write in your own:
    - Limited government regulations