The Taste of Diversity—June 29th, 2013

Community Feedback—“TELL US WHAT YOU THINK”

Members of the One Region Forward team attended the annual Taste of Diversity festival on June 29th, 2013. The community was asked to answer two questions, displayed on presentation boards, regarding sustainability in their neighborhood. 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. 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?
   - Make more community centers for youth
   - Walkable communities
   - Regionalism
   - Consolidate college campuses
   - More public transportation
   - Keep housing affordable
   - Help the school system so kids flourish
   - Local production of consumer goods
   - Leased solar panels
   - Keeping kids in school and job training
   - Safer bike lanes on Elmwood and all over downtown
   - No more litter
   - More playgrounds or kid-centered places
   - Green + Clean
   - Organic waste to synthetic natural gas
   - Better and awesome transportation
   - An improved food system for all
   - More locally-owned mom and pop stores
   - Compost—sustainable solutions for food waste
   - End animal abuse—report all to the SPCA
   - More food buyers’ clubs
   - Compost bins (along with garbage and recycling) for households
   - Utilizing pre-existing cultural and natural assets like the Olmstead Parks
   - More bike paths
- Administrators of all health care businesses (hospitals, drug companies, etc.) are way overpaid, all medical care should be “Not For Profit”
- More people staying to shop in the community
- More solar panels
- Partnership with Buffalo State College
- Paint the front of every house in Buffalo

2. **What about your community do you want to save for future generations?**
   - Architecture
   - Park system
   - Protect our water
   - Continue to clean
   - Bring people to enjoy the water
   - The ability to get places on public transportation
   - Old windows
   - Community gardens
   - The diversity
   - Natural waterfront
   - Community centers
   - Parks and Recreation centers
   - To do.
   - Trees
   - Lafayette Avenue
   - Walkable neighborhoods
   - Farm shares
   - Historic Architecture
   - Maintain good, strong neighborhoods
   - All the fun things that will not kill us (short term and long term)