Working Team Members and Contributors Help Chart a Course for One Region Forward

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Over the course of six meetings during the remainder of 2013, the working teams will be asked to help us with the following tasks:

**1 Establishing Goals**

- Given the goals we set, what are the broad strategic initiatives we can take to achieve them? Starting with our May meetings, we will ask Working Teams to brainstorm these strategic approaches at a conceptual level—understanding that some participants will want to jump ahead to concrete action steps while others will want to continue to think at the broader level. Working Team chairs and staff support will work to sort it all out and represent the discussion to the members as discrete strategies for action.

**2 Frame Strategies**

- Framed by the goals and strategies, and starting with the June meetings, Working Team members will be asked to identify specific policies, programs, or projects to implement the strategies and achieve the goals. This will give members a chance to drill down, not only to specifics of what needs to be done, but also to who will do what and where the resources will come from.

**3 Identify Actions**

- Starting in June and continuing into the fall, Working Team members will be asked to advise staff on the construction of performance indicators. This work will borrow from indicators established during the NYSERDA-funded WNY Sustainability Plan and be based on best practices in performance indicators. Staff will refine indicators and perform baseline measurements over summer and fall, updating Working Teams as they go. Working Team members who want to play a more active role in indicator development can help through our online Teamwork Site.

**4 Construct Indicators**

- At two more meetings in early 2014 the Working Teams will review public feedback from the fall meetings and revise and refine all of the draft plan material.

**5 Establishing Goals**

- Guided by the Regional Vision and Values, Working Teams and their Contributors will work around the five focus areas of One Region Forward: Land Use and Development, Transportation and Mobility, Housing and Neighborhoods, Food Access and Justice, and Climate Change Action.

Regional experts and private citizens will work to fine-tune performance metrics, establish goals for the future and develop implementation strategies aimed at reaching those goals.