Meeting #3: Where we are today in the process

1. ESTABLISHING GOALS to guide where we want to go
2. FRAME STRATEGIES for action
3. IDENTIFY ACTIONS and who will act
4. CONSTRUCT INDICATORS to measure progress

Given the goals we set, what additional strategic initiatives do we need to include to achieve all goals?

Organize Preliminary Strategies to address Final Draft Goals

Continue to develop strategies in order to address all goals
### FINAL DRAFT GOALS

| Goal 1 | Maintain and create places in city, suburb, village, and countryside that are vibrant, beautiful, efficient, distinctive, have lasting value, and are loved by the people who live there |
| Goal 2 | Foster a pattern of development that makes wise use of resources – land, existing building stock, transportation, utilities and other infrastructure – to save money and energy and promote economic prosperity and quality of life |
| Goal 3 | Protect or restore our waterfronts, connect them to local communities, make them more accessible to the public, and dedicate them to “water dependent” or “water enhanced” uses |
| Goal 4 | Maintain, improve, expand, and increase access to our parks, recreation areas, trails and open spaces and connect them to each other and the places people live and work. |
| Goal 5 | Protect and restore natural resources including rural and agricultural land, natural habitat, biodiversity, watersheds, air quality, water bodies and the quantity and quality of our water, as well as the ecological services that natural resources provide |
| Goal 6 | Promote the adaptive reuse of residential, commercial, industrial, and ecclesiastical building stock to preserve embedded energy, neighborhood integrity, and heritage |
| Goal 7 | Manage abandoned industrial and commercial land and neighborhoods in decline to minimize negative impacts now and prepare their resources for timely and appropriate reuse |
| Goal 8 | Create communities that are resilient and adaptable, that can serve the region’s needs even as population, demographics, climate, and other factors fluctuate |
| Goal 9 | Improve public literacy about planning and build public support for regional planning and smart growth policies |

### STRATEGY THEMES

**Structure and process of land use planning**
- Create a regional planning body
- Define a land use concept for the region
- Broaden the base of public service provision
- Redesign revenue-raising structures to promote land use goals
- Build support for regional planning through public engagement and reaching more diverse stakeholders

**Strategies for Redevelopment**
- Establish mechanisms to manage declining or devalued properties, neighborhoods and districts

**Strategies for protecting natural resources**
- Identify important and sensitive natural resources and natural places
- Provide incentives to preserve natural areas, rural land, and farms
- Plan at the watershed scale considering both land use and water use

### STRATEGIES

**Preliminary strategies developed by Working Team Members and Contributors**

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

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## What’s next for the Working Team Members

### September 2013 Meeting

Last meeting before the Community Congress Workshops. Strategies will continue to be developed, refined and finalized.

### November 2013 Community Congress Workshops: “You Choose How to Move One Region Forward”

The Next Community Congress will be focused on scenario planning process. A series of Community Congress meetings this fall will offer the public an opportunity to tell us what their future Buffalo Niagara looks like. In a series of highly interactive, hands-on workshops, One Region Forward will ask participants to map what their future approach to land use, development, housing and transportation for our region would be.

Please help us get the word out - Help us attract a diverse public that is truly representative of our region to these events by filling in the form provided to help us get the word out.

### Winter 2014

Two additional meetings to review and refine materials before creating the Draft Plan in Spring 2014.