towards a more sustainable
Buffalo Niagara

Housing & Neighborhoods
Working Team

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Agenda

Welcomes, introductions and review

Working Team Housekeeping

Bringing goals to “final draft”

What might Buffalo Niagara look like in forty years?

Strategy development discussion

Next steps
Why

we are creating a regional plan for sustainable development with a core regional strategy for our housing and neighborhoods...

• Centerpiece of Federal policy shift aimed at coordinated planning for how regions use Federal dollars
Why we are creating a regional plan for sustainable development with a core regional strategy for our housing and neighborhoods...

- Housing development remains one of our biggest regional challenges, and suffers from a lack of regional coordination
- We lack long-term, sustainable strategies and actions for our housing stock and neighborhoods
Working Team Process and Timeline

6 Meetings/4 Tasks

1 ESTABLISHING GOALS
2 FRAME STRATEGIES
3 IDENTIFY ACTIONS
4 CONSTRUCT INDICATORS

FALL 2013
Council and Community Congress Meetings

REVIEW & REFINE

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Data Gaps to work on

Major areas of research inquiry based on meeting #1 discussion

- More comprehensive data on regional demographic trends for today and the future

- More detail on changing development trends (i.e. re-investment in urban areas, increase in multi-unit housing, etc.)

- Data related to opportunities, access, and equity – education, mobility, services, etc.

- Quality of life data – crime, housing prices, etc.

- Stronger and more detailed data related to blight, disinvestment, vacancy and their connections to sprawl
**Draft Goals: Housing and Neighborhoods**

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<td><strong>Promote rehabilitation and development</strong> of lifespan housing to accommodate all life cycles.</td>
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<td><strong>Provide equal access</strong> to affordable, green, safe, and healthy homes throughout the region.</td>
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<td>Promote housing rehab and development to <strong>promote easier access to employment</strong> (e.g. location-efficient housing).</td>
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<td><strong>Design</strong> neighborhoods to be <strong>safe, accessible and walkable</strong>.</td>
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<td><strong>Create mixed-use</strong> neighborhoods where daily needs are accessible on foot, bicycle, or transit.</td>
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<td>Foster <strong>neighborhoods</strong> that are <strong>culturally diverse and distinctive</strong>.</td>
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<td><strong>Design</strong> new housing and retrofit existing housing for <strong>energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable production</strong>.</td>
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One Region Forward challenges us to decide what kind of change we desire.

What will life in Buffalo Niagara look like in forty years?

2013 2014 2015 2020 2035 2038 2040 2046 2050 2053
Brainstorming strategies for action for long-term sustainability in Buffalo Niagara

What might our region look like in 2050 if our region’s population...

...continues to shrink

...sees moderate growth?

...grows significantly?
Brainstorming strategies for action for long-term sustainability in Buffalo Niagara

Under alternative futures, what might our region look like in 40 years depending on future development patterns?

What will future residents look like?

Where would we want to see them live?

What will our older first ring suburban neighborhoods look like?

What housing will we preserve?

How will our school systems be set up?

How will our homes be fueled?
What should we, as a region, do today and in the future, to prepare our region’s housing stock and neighborhoods for sustainability?

A reminder on our distributed implementation model:

- Local municipalities, county governments, state or regional agencies
- Private sector actors or businesses (developers, business decision-makers)
- Community Based Organizations and private citizens
- Collaborative partnerships across these groups
Housing and Neighborhoods Working Team

Other ways to contribute as a Working Team Member at www.oneregionforward.org

Recruit a Working Team Contributor

Provide Online Feedback on Our Regional Vision and Values
Help tell the story of how we’re defining sustainability in Buffalo Niagara
TeamWork Site: https://oneregionforward.teamworkpm.net
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### Housing and Neighborhoods Working Team - One Region Forward

**Overview**

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**Project dates**

- Starts: Feb 12 2013
- Ends: Dec 31 2013

**Due to finish in 9 months**
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us

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