towards a more sustainable Buffalo Niagara

Land Use and Development

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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
we are creating a regional plan for sustainable development with a core regional strategy for our Land Use and Development...

- Centerpiece of Federal policy shift aimed at coordinated planning for how regions use Federal dollars
we are creating a regional plan for sustainable development with a core regional strategy for our Land Use and Development...

- Sprawl without population growth remains one of our biggest regional challenges
- We lack the tools and platforms for coordinating strategies for smart growth
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

+2 Additional Meetings

Review & Refine

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Data Gaps to work on

Major areas of research inquiry based on meeting #1 discussion

- Demonstrated evidence of the positive impacts of smart growth policies, especially related to tax burden
- A more complete description of WNY’s natural heritage
- A more accurate picture of the vacant housing problem
- Analyze the location and increase of vacant commercial spaces, not only housing
- Reconsider the causes of the loss of agricultural land; development is not the only factor
- A consideration of potential future population changes in terms of total population and demographics
Data Gaps to work on
Major areas of research inquiry based on meeting #1 discussion

SOURCES:
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What the Data Tells Us

SOURCE:
Focus development in areas already served by infrastructure especially in urban cores, corridors, and village centers.

Promote the adaptive reuse of commercial, industrial, and ecclesiastical building stock to preserve embedded energy, neighborhood integrity, and heritage.

Minimize the conversion of natural areas, rural and agricultural land to development.

Coordinate investments in transportation infrastructure with plans for development and redevelopment.

Manage land use to restore or protect our water, water rights, and watersheds.
Repair the toxic damage left by our industrial past and make land ready for appropriate future reuse.

Protect or restore our waterfronts, connect them to local communities and make them more accessible to the public.

Maintain, improve, expand, and connect our parks, recreation areas, trails and open spaces.
One Region Forward challenges us to decide what kind of change we desire.

What will life in Buffalo Niagara look like in forty years?
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?
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Under alternative futures, what might our region look like in 40 years depending on future development patterns?

What will our cities, villages, and main streets look like?

How will people get to work, and how long will it take?

Will smart growth policies be different or the same, given different population growth possibilities?

Where will our farms, natural areas and other open spaces be? How much will we have?

How will climate change impact land use and development?
What should we, as a region, do today and in the future, to create more sustainable forms of development and land uses?

A reminder on our distributed implementation model:

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

Get Started 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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Overview

Activity

Today

- Handout - Landuse&Development Meeting 2.pdf (V.1 - 237Kb, Category: Meeting 2 - May 6, 2013)
  Uploaded by Teresa B. 11:41

30th April

- Notebook Land Use and Development Draft Goals (V.2)
  Edited by Teresa B. 12:18

26th April

- Agenda - Land Use and Development Meeting 2.docx.pdf (V.1 - 297Kb, Category: Meeting 2 - May 6, 2013)
  Uploaded by Teresa B. 16:47

23rd April

- Notes WTC additions - Land Use and Development.pdf (V.1 - 471Kb, Category: Meeting 1 - April 2, 2013)
  Uploaded by Teresa B. 13:18
- Presentation Material - Land Use Meeting 1.pdf
  Edited by Teresa B. 13:18

15th April

- Notebook Land Use and Development Draft Goals (V.2)
  Created by Teresa B. 09:59

8th April

- Presentation Material - Land Use Meeting 1.pdf
  Uploaded by Teresa B. 12:23
- Working Team Handout April 2 LandUse.pdf
  Edited by Teresa B. 12:27
- Agenda - Land Use and Development Meeting 1.pdf (V.1 - 257Kb, Category: Meeting 1 - April 2, 2013)
  Uploaded by Teresa B. 12:27
- Working Team Handout April 2 LandUse.pdf
  Uploaded by Teresa B. 12:26

4th April

- Meeting First Working Teams Meeting (Disc 62 April)
  Completed by Teresa B. 10:00

13th March
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