2nd Food Policy Summit—October 23rd, 2013

Community Feedback—“TELL US WHAT YOU THINK”

Members of the One Region Forward team attended the 2nd Food Policy Summit on October 23rd, 2013. Team members distributed approximately 100+ palm cards out to the community that included information about the organization and One Region Forward’s upcoming November workshops. Additionally, 28 community members signed up with their email address to receive the monthly e-News that One Region Forward sends out. Also, 15 members registered to attend our coming Community Congress workshops, in order to contribute to our region’s plan for a more sustainable and livable Buffalo Niagara.

The community was then asked to answer three questions, displayed on presentation boards, regarding sustainability in their neighborhood. For the first two questions, 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. For the third question, community members were asked to choose between four options and to affix a sticker under the chosen answer. Community members could also choose the “other” option and affix their own response on a 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 three sustainability questions are below.

- **What would you change about your community to make it more sustainable?**
  - Bus rapid transit is needed
  - Integrate UB and public transportation more. For example, allow UB ID cards to work on NFTA buses
  - More adult and youth education workshops
  - Wider access to alternative modes of transportation
  - City run farms on vacant lots
  - Teaching people to harvest and can. Also, teach people how to share food with others.
  - More and safer bike lanes
  - The process from unsustainable to a more sustainable environment
  - Affordable housing with access to groceries

- **What about your community do you want to save for future generations?**
  - Family farms and farmland
  - Our city parks
  - Parks, zoo, museums, and schools that the past generations left for us
Safe bike lanes

If you could choose one thing to make Buffalo Niagara more sustainable, what would it be?

- Expand public transportation and increase alternative ways to get around: 8
- Grow more food: 11
- Limit fossil fuels: 1
- Reinvest in Communities: 13
- Other, write in your own:
  - Stop new residential development on existing farmland
  - Celebrate the blue economy and invest in it
  - Stop our government from subsidizing corn—corn is for junk food. Demand subsidies for vegetables and fruits.