**Amherst 16:**

**TITLE:** The Genesis Experiment

**DECISION PRINCIPLES:**

1. Return population to cities + villages, reduce urban sprawl and preserve rural integrity/ have more housing options.
2. Better transportation options: light rail to airport, Canada connections.
3. Neighborhoods, walkable, services (urban villages + TN)
4. Preserve agricultural areas and develop and manage urban forms.
5. Jobs

**NOTES:**

- TOD (¼ -1/4 mile development).
- Towns competing with the city.
- Reinvesting in VC +UC.
- More village centers, 1 in Kenmore, 1 in East Aurora and 1 in OP.
- 52% of downtown is parking.
- Link to Canada, increase airport traffic, tourism and Canadian investment.
- Light rail to Canada.
- Belt line LR.
- Light rail to airport.
- More housing choices in city (smaller etc.)
- Grow + expand our ability to grow our own food- urban farming.
- Stop sprawl- return people to cities. Reinvest in UC and VC.
- How will we grow revenue?
- Villages duplicate services, need more shared services-retain identity.
- Empty space: mix in agrarian concepts in the city= pride of ownership and stable neighborhoods.