Amherst #14

TITLE: Core Strength

DECISION PRINCIPLES:

1. Beef up urban core of people and businesses.
2. Improve transportation from urban core to the suburbs including, trail like paths, bus lines, light rails.
3. Protect the character and ambiance of existing villages. Meaning put big buildings in the urban centers.
4. Do not build on farms, no more strip malls, no more fracking.
5. Public access to waterfront- waterfront belongs to the people.

NOTES:

- Transportation improvements from Niagara Falls to Buffalo.
- Hotels and anything above two-stories should go downtown.
- Bike path from Hamburg to waterfront.
- VC at Maple with a mixed use of activity, a more walkable maple, and more commerce for UB residents.
- Build exurban residential in old quarries, around farms etc., instead of single family.
- Village center services as a buffer between UC and TN.
- Bike path commuting, UB and Clarence.
- Mass transportation connecting downtown with the towns of Clarence, Orchard Park, Williamsville, North Tonawanda.
- In existing villages, keep character, charm and low traffic volume.
- Local waterfront revitalization plan, coastal enforcement.
- Amherst—stay the same
- Elmwood—keep same
- Brant St. — Village center
- East side—Village center
- Cheektowaga—Village center
- UB north—Village center
- Maple—village center
- Niagara Falls—urban center, village center
- Region can only be as strong as its core