Amherst #4

TITLE: New and Improved WNY: Buffalo 2.0

DECISION PRINCIPLES:

1. Sensible public transportation:
   - Efficient, balanced system
   - Connect airport to downtown
   - Connect universities
2. Keep centers dense
   - Build where infrastructure exists
   - Reverse urban deterioration and sprawl
   - Keep towers downtown
3. Strategic planning choices to correct economic disparities.
4. Preserve farmland and enhance village/hamlet centers. Concentrate density (homes and jobs) in centers.
5. More greenway connections that connect to interior places and resources (parks, centers).

NOTES:
- Reinvest in existing urban areas where infrastructure exists.
- Move Williamsville tolls.
- Reasonable growth – not 6 stories.
- Support agriculture (2).
- Focus denser development around UB in Amherst.
- Expand greenways/”Rails-to-trails” throughout the region.
- More parks and open areas in urban areas.
- Disparities throughout the city should be corrected.
- Reclaim land. Renovate vacant homes.
- Public transit from airport to downtown and airport to Amtrak station.
- Improve water quality.
- Connect colleges and universities.
- Improve/calm Rt. 198 - make it better, contextually sensitive design.
- Waterfront for the people.
- Don’t forget parking for transit stops and stations.
- Need for public transit connection to Southtowns.
- Protect farms and farm soils. Support agriculture.
- Support cultural organizations to enhance desirability of city.
- Preserve farmland/rural areas - develop around village center.
- Don’t build anything new. Repurpose older stock and vacant houses.