One Region Forward Scenario Modeling

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Before you are done:

1. Show areas to preserve – using the black and orange markers.
2. Show where transportation should go using red, green, and blue markers.
3. Place all of your chips on the map to show where development should go.
4. Describe the principles that guided your decisions – why you did what you did.
5. Give your map a title that captures your intent.

Pieces of the game:

- Seventy-three (73) chips representing seven different “place types.”
- Map of Erie and Niagara Counties at the scale of one inch equals one mile.
- Green marker to indicate where trails and greenways should go.
- Blue marker to show where transit-pedestrian corridors should go.
- Red marker to show where highway improvements or extensions should go.
- Black marker to indicate natural areas to preserve from development.
- Orange marker to show where existing places should be preserved.

A suggestion on how to proceed:

- Introduce yourselves.
- Discuss generally how you would like to see the region grow.
- Show what you wish to preserve – natural areas or existing communities.
- Draw in where highways, transit corridors, and trails & greenways should go.
- Place the “big” chips first – Urban Centers and Village Centers.
- Put the “smaller” chips in later – Traditional Neighborhoods & Single Family.
- Consider whether you need to trade chips in to express your specific vision.
- Make notes on your map to explain what you are doing and why.
- Use Post-It™ notes to add commentary.
- List the principles you have used to make decisions.
- Give your map a descriptive title.
- When you are sure where the chips should go, remove the protective backing from the chip and affix it to the map.
The chips represent the total growth expected to occur in Buffalo-Niagara by 2050:

- The chips represent **how much land** needs to be developed to accommodate 265,000 additional people in 150,000 new homes with 130,000 new jobs.
- The chips represent seven different **place types** many citizens will recognize: urban centers, village centers, traditional neighborhoods, suburban strips, office industrial parks, single family homes, and exurban residential.
- Each place type has a distinct **character**, consists of a different **mix of uses**, and carries a different **density** of development.
- Each chip represents **one square mile** regardless of the character, mix of uses, or density.
- The mix of chips you get to start reflects the **proposal** in the Erie Niagara Regional Framework for Growth – 70 percent of new development in already urbanized areas; 15 percent in developing areas; 15 percent in rural areas.

Your task is to express your table’s values and vision for the future of the region you can:

- Use the chip set **as given** OR...
- Trade chips to create a **denser**, more urban vision for the region OR...
- Trade chips to create a **less dense**, suburban/rural vision.

- You can place a chip anywhere on the map...
  - In the urbanized area to indicate that place would be “**revitalized**” to bring back a previous pattern OR...
  - In an urbanized area to show it is “**re-imagined**” to create a new kind of place on the old OR...
  - In a rural area to “**create new**” development where none was before.

- There is enough vacant and underutilized land within the urbanized area to accommodate all 265,000 people.