1. Data Point: Population loss over the last forty years versus the increase in urbanized land area. 

2. Data Point: We have lost 160 square miles of farmland over the past forty years. 

3. Data Point: We have built 150,000 new housing units while vacant dwellings have more than tripled in the last forty years. 

   Source: Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council, 2011.


6. Data Point: We have built 525+ miles of new road since 1990, costing us $26 million each year. 

7. Data Point: We owe on average $0.75 in debt for every $1 in revenue. 

8. Data Point: Projected loss of population and jobs and increase in abandoned homes. 

   Data Source: University at Buffalo Regional Institute, Independent Analysis. Projections are based off of trends from the US Decennial Census (1990, 2000 and 2010). The placement of projected new housing units are determined using local municipal zoning maps and ordinances and current parcel information from Erie County Department of Environment & Planning, 2012 and the Niagara County Department of Economic Development, 2011.

10. Data Point: Projected road miles created from new housing in Buffalo Niagara in 2050. 
    Data Source: University at Buffalo Regional Institute, Independent Analysis. Projections are based off of trends from the US Decennial Census (1990, 2000 and 2010). The placement of projected new housing units is determined from local zoning and current land use. New roads created, based on the additional area consumed by certain types of homes, is calculated using ArcGIS and Envision Tomorrow Plus Software (to find out more visit http://www.frego.com/services/envision-tomorrow/).