Sustainable Land Use

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BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SUSTAINABILITY
Buffalo secure as a greater steel center—Views of Bethlehem Steel Company’s Lackawanna plant
Organizing in the Shop

IN THE SHADOW OF THE MILLS:

Steelworkers In Erie County
Taverns and Social trap
The Parish and Social Capital
The Form of the City
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Olmsted and the Garden City
Post-war Progress
Rise of the Suburbs
Deindustrialization: The Collapse of the Working Class
Suburbs in the City: A Failed Response
Sprawl Without Growth
Back in the Neighborhood

What Does our History Teach Us?
One Way Forward: Community-based Capital?

- Community-based anchor institutions to obtain and allocate capital
- Place-based synthesis of community organizing and CDC neighborhood and business development
- Launch social enterprises in a range of sectors and with a variety of legal forms
- Strong commitment to social mobilization, accountability campaigns and democratic voice
Cluster Development and Sector Coordination
Creative Identities
Renewables
City as Architectural Museum
Walkable Communities
with Vital Small Business
Rediscovery of Waterfront: Public Access
Future of the Great Lakes
Metros

- Metro land-use planning
- Industrial sector collaboration and pathways to employment
- Respect for historical form at level of city and level of street
- Anchor institution development with community benefits
- Renewable energy revolution
- Typologies: Strategic investment to promote asset-based neighborhood development
- Community anchor institutions
Case Study - PUSH Buffalo: Building Power for Place-based Change
When it comes to turning our neighborhoods around, we're all in this together!
Ongoing Community Planning
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Neighborhood Typologies
Community Mobilization
Leadership Development

When we show up in BIG numbers PEOPLE LISTEN

People are policy makers because we know what we need where we LIVE! We really about our neighborhoods PEOPLE!

Leadership Development
The Green Development Zone (GDZ)

The Heart, or central area, of the GDZ is made up of three vital community resources—the Butler-Michell Boys & Girls Club, the Mass Ave Park, and the MAP Growing Green Program and Maple Street Park. These spaces are a neighborhood’s main corridor. Massachusetts Avenue GDZ partners are working to strengthen these existing resources through community planning and organizing for community control of resources.

- New iconic bus shelter
- Garden walls, gateways, and bike racks
- Planters, benches, trash receptacles, and pavers
- Enlarged tree planting and expanded green space
- Maple Street Park with landscaped connections

Project By:
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Push Buffalo
460 Massachusetts Avenue (Before)
460 Massachusetts Avenue (After)
Repairing the Fabric

CITIZEN PLANNERS IN ACTION
People-centered Housing
Pathways to Employment: Community Benefits
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PUSH Blue Crew
14th Street Community Garden Completed
Public Infrastructure
Organizing for Community Control
Sustainable Innovation
Achieving Net Zero
Net-zero Retrofit
Youth as the Foundation for the Future
Culture as a Foundation for Change
Put people first: Neighborhood transformation can mean pathways to employment, cultural expression, youth culture and new public space. Improving physical conditions begins with building social capital.

Organizing and community development go hand in hand. Change in a place can yield systems change.

Our older neighborhoods provide ideal opportunities for building resilient communities, with walkable streets, green housing, food production, transportation accessibility and small independent business.
Sector: Residential Energy Efficiency
Sector: Sustainable Landscape

The Green Infrastructure Revolution
Scaling Green Infrastructure
Sector: Retail

West Side Bazaar (WEDI Project)
The rules of business apply to social entrepreneurship
Mission-orientation can increase quality of work and dedication of workers
Social mobilization and strategic campaigns can generate capital needed for start-up
Focus on triple-bottom-line sectors
Even to scale, community-rooted enterprises can never generate enough jobs to meet the needs, nor can all needs be met by enterprise
PUTTING YOUR CITIZEN PLANNER SKILLS INTO ACTION

Resources
Wrap Up

Materials available online
oneregionforward.org

Looking ahead to the next session

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