MAPPING OUR VALUES

115 Citizen-created maps that put our Regional Vision & Values into action

Focus development and reinvestment where infrastructure exists
Participants placed 94% of new jobs & 67% of new homes in the developed areas (brown areas on the map)

Revitalize neighborhoods in decline
Participants placed “Traditional Neighborhood” chips in areas to revitalize homes and businesses in these places.

Bring jobs back to large former industrial sites
Participants placed “Office Industrial” chips on former brownfields in Niagara Falls, Tonawandas, Buffalo and Lackawanna

Grow Where We’ve Already Grown

Preserve the character of villages with Strong Main Streets

Invest to make strong village centers throughout the region

Most Popular Place Type: 44% more VC chips

VC Village Centers

Promote a transportation system sensitive to pedestrians and bicyclists
Participants placed 23% of new homes and 13% of new jobs in this place type

At least eight maps used bicycle-pedestrian infrastructure as a guiding principle for future development

Build and Protect Livable, Walkable Communities

Make and Improve Transit Connections Across the Region
106 out of 115 maps noted that making and improving transit connections so that people are able to get around without a car was important to them

Highway investment should only focus on alleviating major bottlenecks
71% of all maps added NO highways at all

Leverage trails to connect parks, waterfront areas, rural communities and natural assets
Citizens added... to connect waterfronts, parks and other assets to rural communities

Connect Our Region by Expanding Transportation Options

Conserve open space and land
94% of maps drew areas where they DO NOT want to see future development

Preserve and protect farmland
59/115 Maps

Fifty-nine maps wrote about the need to protect farmland. Others emphasized a priority to promote agriculture including urban agriculture and improve access to locally-sourced food

Make waterfront access a priority

46/115 Maps
Put recreational trails along Erie and Ontario lakefronts

Protect Farmland, Parks, and Natural Areas