

One Region Forward

CRTC Meeting April 16, 2014



What can we do together?



believing one relevance in today's region What we've already been doing together



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Great _____ partnerships



Great Region

... the region's work on One Region Forward

PLANNING PROCESS TO DATE



WINTER 2013

Regional Vision and Values

Shaped by many voices and 160+ plans



Teams

Developing the

substance of the plan

FALL 2013 - PRESENT

Mapping Workshops

What citizens want, 57 maps and counting

LOOKING AHFAD

Roadmap for Planning

Tools for Action

Resources for the community beyond the plan

MORE THAN A PLAN **FALL 2014** FINAL Plan

Created through an unprecedented collaborative effort

...gathering feedback on what citizens want for their communities and the region



...exploring practical solutions to economic challenges facing our region's business community and local governments

One Region Forward Event

Economics of Sustainability Series

JAN 2013

Examining Models of Sustainable Development **MARCH 2013**

Village Centers and Urban Core Revitalization Resources for Proactive

JUNE 2013

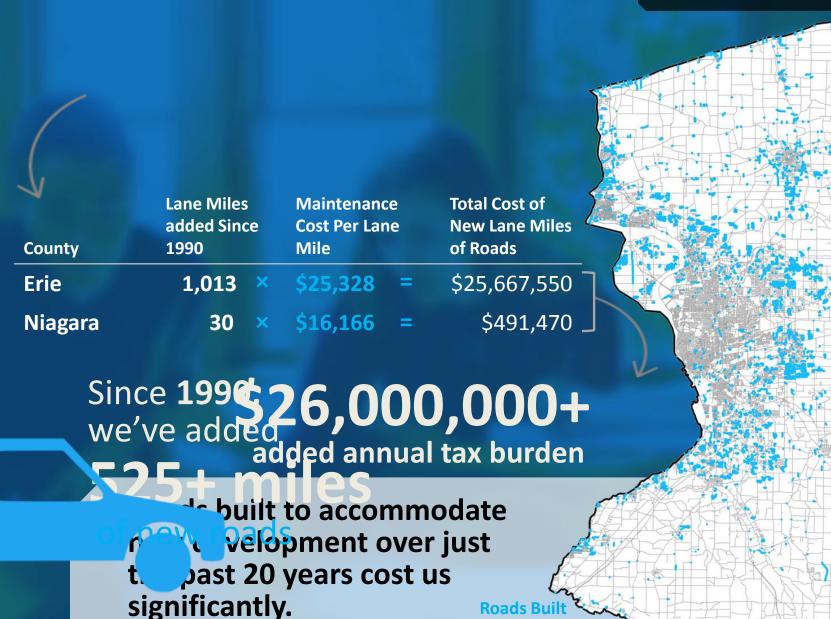
Proactive Preservation and Redevelopment DECEMBER 2013

A Curbside Chat with Chuck Marohn

OVERVIEW

You don't know where you're going if you don't know where you've been.

WHAT THE DATA TELLS US



Source: US Census, 1990, 2010; NYS Comptroller's Office Roads Built Since 1990 Roads Built Before 1990

We travel further each day and spend more and more time in our cars.



On average, each person travels 10 miles further each day in 2010 than they did in 1970.

Source: GBNRTC, 2010

How Buffalo Niagara Gets to Work



Because we've spread out, our transit system cannot cost-effectively connect workers to jobs and residents to destinations.

Source: US Census, 1970, 2010

The typical Buffalo Niagara family spends \$1,100 a month on transportation costs



We spend more of our time and money driving and less time with our families, enjoying the great things this region has to offer.

Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology, 2013

More folks are turning to bicycles for transportation.

Workers commuting by bicycle DOUBLED has DOUBLED in the past decade.

Yet we have a larger highway, bridge and road infrastructure to maintain and care for. More than 525 new roads built since 1990

Source: US Census, 1990, 2000, 2010

WHAT THE DATA TELLS US

Fossil Fuels



of our electricity comes from fossil fuel sources Despite the significant amount of hydropower we produce at Niagara Falls, our carbon footprint continues to grow.

Source: The New York Independent System Operator, 2013 Load & Capacity Data: "Gold Book"

WHAT THE DATA TELLS US

Fossil Fuels

Our dependence on fossil fuels means our region's carbon footprint continues to grow.

Source: The New York Independent System Operator, 2013 Load & Capacity Data: "Gold Book"

What We've Heard



A competitive, creative, equitable **economy** Build where we already have infrastructure Make it easier for people to **get around** without a car Repair, renew and redesign **housing** for a changing population Protect **farmland** and support **farmers** Use less energy and promote green energy Restore and protect water and natural resources Embrace **culture** and heritage Invest in and connect our **parks** Foster collaboration, transparency and diverse perspectives



What would you invest in?

What would you protect? Where would you locate our homes, jobs and attractions? What would you change?

Testing Our Values

Mapping a future approach to land use, development, housing and transportation for our region



Scenario Planning Workshops



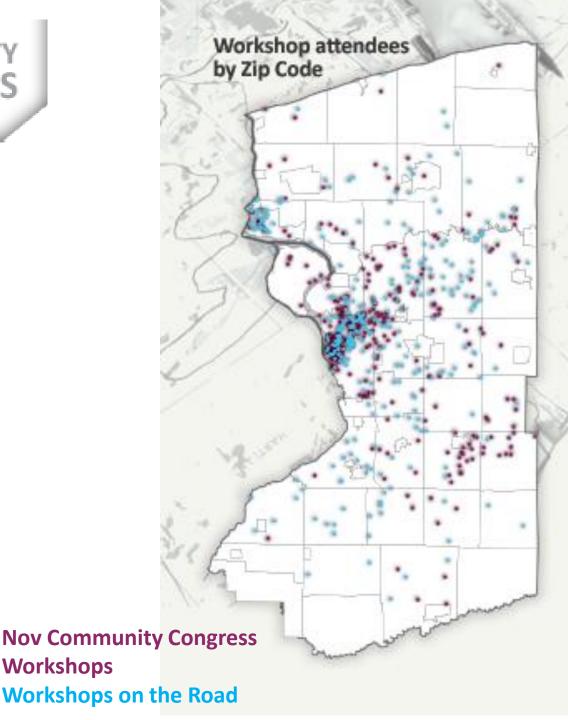
Mapping a Future Buffalo Niagara -Getting More Specific NOV COMINIUMITY 2013 CONGRESS

5 Workshops 350+ participants 57 Maps



Workshops

22 Workshops 420+ participants 56 Maps



Scenario Planning Workshops

What what would you protect?

Where would you locate our **homes**, **jobs** and attractions? What would you change?



HOW DID CITIZENS MAP A MORE SUSTAINABLE FOR BUFFALO NIAGARA?

Mapping choices for Buffalo Niagara



What will you protect and maintain?



we keep as they are today?







We Should Grow Where We've Already Grown

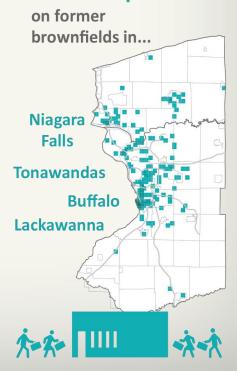
Focus development and reinvestment where infrastructure exists **Participants** placed **95%** of new jobs 8 87% of new homes in the developed areas

. (brown areas on map) Revitalize neighborhoods in decline

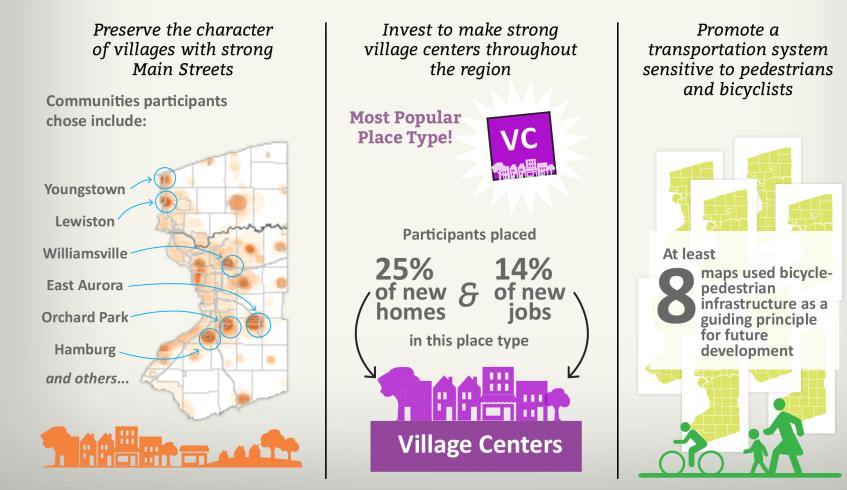


Bring jobs back to large former industrial sites

Many participants placed "Office Industrial" chips



We Should Build Walkable, Livable Communities and Preserve Those that Are Vibrant and Working



We Should Connect Our Places by Expanding and Diversifying Our Transportation Options

Make and improve transit connections across the region

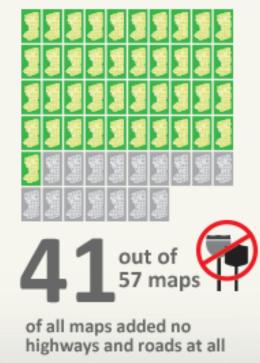


53 out of 57 maps

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



Leverage trails to connect parks, waterfront areas, rural communities and natural assets

Citizens added

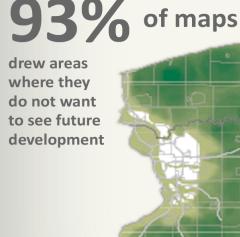


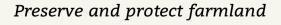
to connect waterfronts, parks and other natural assets to rural communities.



We Should Protect Farm Land, Parks and Natural Areas to Ensure a Good Quality of Life

Conserve open space and land







the need to protect farmland

40

maps

wrote

about

Others emphasized a priority to promote agriculture including urban agriculture and improve access to locally-sourced food.



Make waterfront access and development a priority



had waterfronts as a guiding principle for future

HALF of maps

put recreational trails along the Erie and Ontario lakefronts



What's already happening in our communities



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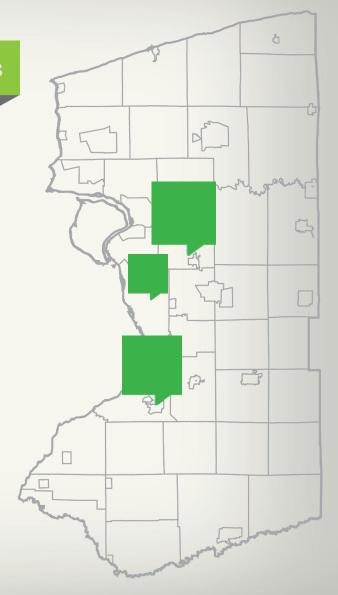
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Street (Williamsville)

Hamburg **Main Street**

Bike Infrastructure/ lanes in Bflo



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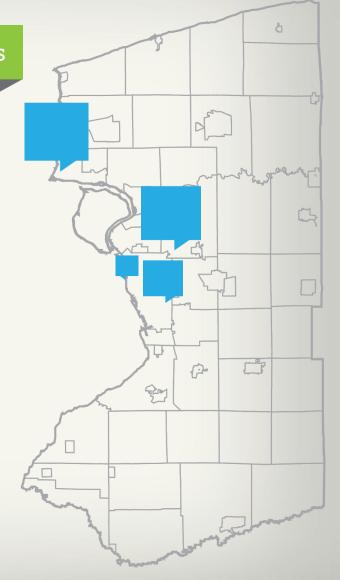
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Niagara River Greenway

Bike infrastructure for Complete Buffalo Streets Carshare



Amherst-Buffalo Transit Corridor





Next Steps:

Continuing the analysis and design meeting for "scenario shopping"

Build "scenario ranges" and story-telling around them

Run output measurements on models of variation

Present to the public in June and through the summer



Measure the impacts

Costs Land Consumption Abandonment Agricultural Lands Transportation Systems





Questions? ONE REGION FORWARD SCENARIO PLANNING





How do we make it work?

