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A GREEN CODE FOR 21ST CENTURY BUFFALO

We need your help • Make your voice heard

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The City of Buffalo is creating a "Green Code" to guide the rebuilding of our city for the next twenty years and beyond. We need citizens to be a part of the process. Plan to attend the upcoming workshop in your neighborhood. Our future depends on it.



It starts with a land use plan.

That's what the experts call it. Think of it as a development plan for rebuilding our city. It will guide public and private investment in our neighborhoods, local business districts, and larger employment centers.

The plan makes our vision a reality.

Citizens have already shared their vision for Buffalo in *The Queen City in the 21st Century: Buffalo's Comprehensive Plan*. It describes the strategy for rebuilding Buffalo. Land use plans will fill in the details of how to make the vision a reality in every part of the city.

The plan becomes *The Green Code*.

The land use plan will be the basis for the creation of a new zoning ordinance known as *The Buffalo Green Code*. It will give the comprehensive plan the force of law by governing what property owners can build on their land. It will give the plan some "teeth." *The Buffalo Green Code* will say whether you can build a house, a Tim Horton's donut shop, or a steel plant.

What are YOU concerned about?

Housing vacancies?
Preserving our great architecture?
Strengthening business districts?
Creating jobs for the future?
Protecting our parks?
Restoring our environment?
Making streets more walkable?

This is your chance to express yourself.

Community Workshops

Northwest

Tuesday, March 1st
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Riverside High School
51 Ontario St.

West

Thursday, March 3rd
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Lafayette High School
370 Lafayette Ave.

Central

Monday, February 28th
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Hutch-Tech High School
230 S. Elmwood Ave.

Ellicott

Wednesday, March 2nd
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Montessori School
342 Clinton St.

North

Wednesday, March 2nd
6:30pm - 9:00pm
North Park Academy - 780 Parkside Ave.

Northeast

Tuesday, March 1st
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Bennett High School - 2885 Main St.

Masten-E. Delavan

Saturday, March 5th
9:00am - 11:30am
East High School - 820 Northampton St.

East

Saturday, March 5th
1:00pm - 3:30pm
Lt. Col. Matt Urban Ctr. - 1081 Broadway

South

Thursday, March 3rd
6:30pm - 9:00pm
S. Park High School - 150 Southside Pkwy.

For more information, call 311 or go online to www.buffalogreencode.com

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The Green Code protects your community.

You care about your property, how it looks and fits in with your neighborhood. You want your neighbors to do the same. *The Buffalo Green Code* will put in place rules that will bring added harmony to how our neighborhoods look and feel. That makes everyone's property worth more.

It's all about what "fits."

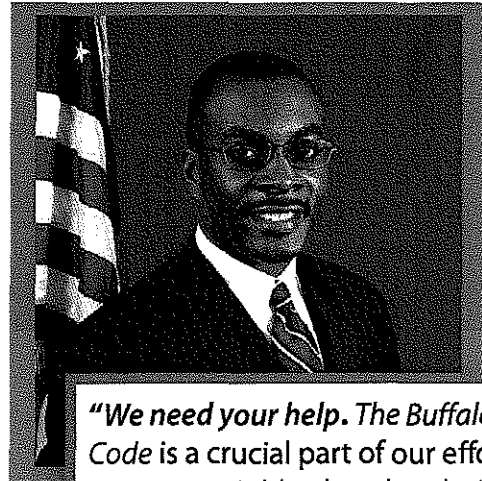
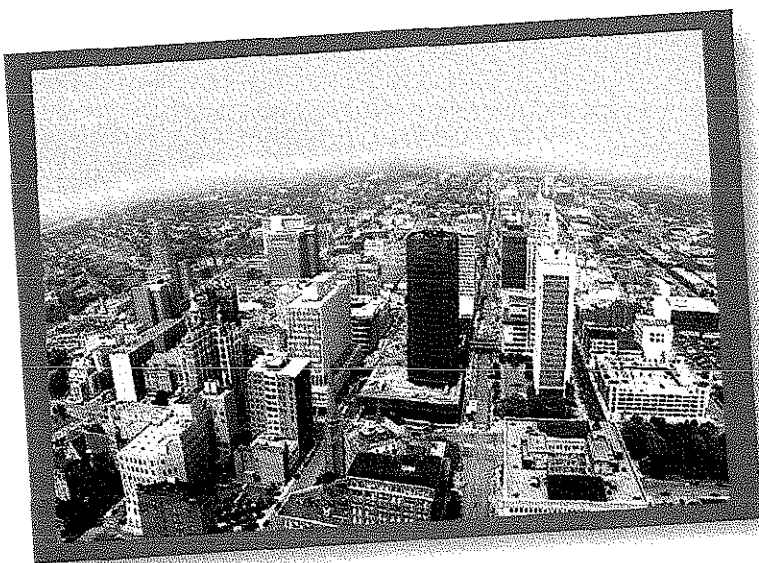
Everyone reaps rewards when buildings and their uses fit the character of a neighborhood. Storefront retail and residential streets can go together. Apartment buildings and offices can go together. But uses that generate traffic, noise, or pollution can diminish the value of neighboring properties. *The Buffalo Green Code* will protect us from that.

Strong neighborhoods are beautiful neighborhoods.

A building design that doesn't fit can damage property values as much as a land use that doesn't fit. *The Buffalo Green Code* will also control what buildings look like and how they relate to the street and their neighbors.

A land use plan guides government, too.

When any level of government invests money in roads, highways, transit, bridges, water and sewer systems, parks and community centers, they look to land use plans for guidance. Buffalo's land use plan will guide investment in infrastructure to make the city more efficient and to make room to create jobs.



"We need your help. The Buffalo Green Code is a crucial part of our effort to save our neighborhoods, rebuild our city, and create jobs."

Byron Brown, Mayor of Buffalo

Predictability gives everyone confidence.

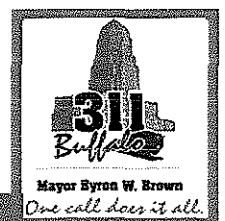
Home owners will be more likely to invest in their property and businesses will be more likely to invest in jobs when they know for sure what the land use plan intends for their neighborhood. Because *The Buffalo Green Code* will make development more predictable it will make it more likely.

It's a "green" century.

New rules for building our city need to make room for the jobs of the future. But they also need to help us use less energy, do less driving, protect the quality of air, water and soil, and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Make your voice heard.

The best plan for Buffalo will be the one that brings the greatest rewards to the community. That can only happen if the community makes their values, priorities, and concerns heard in the planning process. Don't wait until the plan and zoning ordinance have already become law. Let us know now. Participate in the community workshop in your neighborhood.



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