Niagara County - Niagara Communities Comprehensive Plan 2030 (2009)

Niagara County - The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Niagara County (2010)

Niagara County - 2012 Niagara County Economic Development Address (2012)

Niagara County - The Niagara County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan (1999)

Niagara County - Niagara Falls International Airport Bi-National Air Cargo Gateway Study (2006)

Niagara County - The Niagara National Heritage Area Study Act (2005)

Niagara County - Transit North Historic Canalway Corridor Plan (2008)

Niagara County - The Niagara County Business Development & Commercial Revitalization Study (2005)

Niagara County - The Niagara County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (2007)

Niagara County - The Niagara County Stormwater Management Program Plan (2010)

Niagara County - The Eighteenmile Creek Restoration Project Plan (Phase II Restoration) (2011)

Barker (Village) - The Village of Barker Capital Improvement Plan (2011)

Cambria (Town) - Town of Cambria Comprehensive Plan (1997)

Hartland (Town) - The Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hartland (1998)

Lewiston (Town) - Town of Lewiston Comprehensive Plan Update (2011)

Lewiston (Town) - Town of Lewiston Comprehensive Plan and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2000)

Lewiston (Village) - The Village of Lewiston Master Plan (2004)

Lewiston (Village) - The Village of Lewiston Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (2011)

Lockport (City) - The City of Lockport Comprehensive Plan (1998)

Lockport (City) - The City of Lockport Brownfield Opportunity Area Draft Pre-Nomination Study (2008)

Lockport (City) - Proposed Remedial Action Plan for Eighteenmile Creek Corridor Site (2010)

Lockport (Town) - The Canalside Wine Emporium Project (2009)

Lockport (Town) - The Town of Lockport Southwest Sector Plan (1992)

Lockport (Town) - The Town of Lockport Design Guidelines for Commercial Site Plans (2009)

Middleport (Village) - The Village of Middleport Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (2002)

Newfane (Town) - Town of Newfane 2015 Master Plan (1998)

Newfane (Town) - The Town of Newfane Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (1997)

Niagara Falls (City) - The Comprehensive Plan for City of Niagara Falls (2009)

Niagara Falls (City) - The Buffalo Avenue Heritage District Revitalization Strategy (2009)

Niagara Falls (City) - The Highland Community Area BOA Nomination Document (2011)

Niagara Falls (City) - Proposed Remedial Action Plan for Frontier Chemical - Royal Avenue (2011)

Niagara Falls (City) - The Buffalo Avenue Industrial Corridor Proposed Brownfield Opportunity Area (2008)

Niagara Falls (City) - The Highland Avenue BOA Community Participation Plan (2009)

Niagara Falls (City) - The City of Niagara Falls USA Niagara River Greenway Vision and Project Proposals (2006)

Niagara Falls (City) - Achieving Niagara Falls' Future: An Assessment of Niagara Falls' Waterfront Planning (2002)

Niagara Falls (Town) - Town of Niagara Comprehensive Plan (1972)

North Tonawanda (City) - The City of North Tonawanda Comprehensive Plan (2008)

North Tonawanda (City) - The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for North Tonawanda (1988)

Pendleton (Town) - The Town of Pendleton Comprehensive Plan for 2025 (2008)

Porter (Town) - The Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Porter (2004)

Porter (Town) - The Management Action Plan for the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (2009)

Royalton (Town) - The Town of Royalton Comprehensive Plan (2007)

Somerset (Town) - The Town of Somerset Comprehensive Plan (2003)

Somerset (Town) - The Town of Somerset Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (2005)

Wheatfield (Town) - The Town of Wheatfield Comprehensive Plan (2004)

Wheatfield (Town) - The Town of Wheatfield Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (2012)

Wilson (Town) - Town and Village of Wilson Comprehensive Plan (1966)

Youngstown (Village) - The Village of Youngstown Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (1989)

Youngstown (Village) - The Village of Youngstown Master Plan (1972)



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# 161 Plans. 64 local communities. 2 counties. One Region. One Vision.

We gathered up plans from around our region. We read every one of them and wrote a short summary of each. Then we coded the summaries for statements of intent - visions, values, goals, and objectives - and grouped the statements into themes or topics. The picture this produced can tell NIAGARA us a lot about what our vision is for Buffalo Niagara.

This is not the end of the discussion. But we aren't starting from scratch. And this is a good place to start again.

### Are we missing any plans?

Let us know if we have overlooked any plans by emailing info@oneregionforward.org. We will make sure to include missing plans In the analysis.

### What was the scope of the plans?

22 Regional plans. Plans that cover our two counties and beyond.

90 plans from Erie County. 9 county-wide, 81 at the municipal or neighborhood

49 plans from Niagara County. 11 county-wide, 38 at the municipal or neighborhood

50 Comprehensive/ Master Plans

15 Brownfield plans

15 Waterfront plans

10 Neighborhood plans

8 Transportation plans

8 Parks and recreation plans

6 Business district plans

6 Watershed plans

5 Agriculture and farmland plans

5 Economic development plans

And more, plans for tourism, storm water management, corridor development, etc.



### What do our plans say?

A word cloud is just a graphic way to illustrate what's being said in any conversation — in this case in a group of plans. The words in the clouds shown below were drawn from our analysis of the inventory of plans. The more frequently a word is mentioned, the larger it is shown in the word cloud. The words in the smallest fonts may have been mentioned only once. The words in the largest fonts were mentioned in plans dozens of times. All the words are important but the biggest ones are most important. Taken together, they provide an outline of where we would like to go as a region.



economic development

Create a more competitive and prosperous 21st century regional economy.



"smart growth"

Build on existing infrastructure and invest in developed areas to lower costs, improve efficiency and enhance quality of life.



transportation

Provide broader transportation options to improve access to jobs and services and promote energy efficiency and safety.

Clarence (Town) - The Town of Clarence Master Plan 2015 (2001) Clarence (Town) - Town of Clarence Parks & Recreation Master Plan (2005) Clarence (Town) - The Supplemental Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Clarence Hollow Pollution Abatement Project (2007) Colden (Town) - The Town of Colden Master Plan 2002 (1992) Concord (Town) - The Town of Concord and Village of Springville Joint Comprehensive Plan (1999) Depew (Village) - The Proposed Remedial Action Plan for Depew Village Landfill (2008) East Aurora (Village) - The Village of East Aurora Community Forestry Management Plan () Eden (Town) - The Town of Eden 2015 Comprehensive Plan (2000) Evans (Town) - The Town of Evans Comprehensive Plan (1999) Evans (Town) - The Town of Evans Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (1986) Evans (Town) - The Town of Evans Stormwater Management Program Plan (2007) Evans (Town) - The Lake Erie Beach Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (2010) Grand Island (Town) - The Town of Grand Island Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (2006) Hamburg (Town) - The Town of Hamburg 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update (2007) Hamburg (Town) - The Town of Hamburg Five Year Consolidated Plan (2010) Hamburg (Town) - The Town of Hamburg Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (2011) Hamburg (Village) - The Village of Hamburg Comprehensive Plan Update (2010) Hamburg (Village) - The Village of Hamburg Strategic Plan (2002) Holland (Town) - The Town of Holland Town Park Master Plan (1994) Kenmore (Village) - The Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Kenmore Business District (2003) Lackawanna (City) - The City of Lackawanna Comprehensive Plan 2020 (2001) Lackawanna (City) - RESTORE III - Lackawanna Redevelopment Plan (2010) Lackawanna (City) - City of Lackawanna Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (1989) Lancaster (Town) - The Town of Lancaster Stormwater Management Plan (2010) Lancaster (Town) - The Town of Lancaster, Village of Lancaster, and Village of Depew Comprehensive Plan (2000) Marilla (Town) - The Town of Marilla Comprehensive Plan (1998) Newstead (Town) - The Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Combined Comprehensive Plan (2001) North Collins (Town) - The Town of North Collins Comprehensive Plan (1996) Orchard Park (Town) - The Town of Orchard Park Comprehensive Plan (2007) Orchard Park (Town) - Orchard Park Economic Development Committee Strategic Plan (2008) Orchard Park (Town) - Town and Village of Orchard Park, New York Land Use Study: The Orchard Park Plan (2002) Sardinia (Town) - The Town of Sardinia Comprehensive Plan (2003) Tonawanda (City) - City of Tonawanda Comprehensive Plan and Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2002) Tonawanda (Town) - The Town of Tonawanda Old Town Neighborhood Plan (2009) Tonawanda (Town) - Tonawanda Brownfield Opportunity Area Program, Pre-Nomination Study (2011) Tonawanda (Town) - The Tonawanda Waterfront Rezoning Study and Land Use Plan (2002) Tonawanda (Town) - The Town of Tonawanda Comprehensive Plan (2005) Tonawanda (Town) - The Town of Tonawanda Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (1993) Tonawanda (Town) - The Town of Tonawanda Sheridan Parkside Village Courts Development Plan (2003) Tonawanda (Town) - The Town of Tonawanda's Proposed Third Program Year Action Plan (2012) West Seneca (Town) - The Town of West Seneca Comprehensive Plan (2005) Williamsville (Village) - Village of Williamsville Community Plan and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2008)

Williamsville (Village) - Village of Williamsville Water Mill Final Re-use Report (2009)

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### **ERIE COUNTY PLANS**



Erie County - The Community Development Block Grant Final 2012 Action Plan (2012)

Erie County - The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2011)

Erie County - The Comprehensive Three Year Local Plan 2005-2008 (2005)

Erie County - The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (2012)

Erie County - The Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan (2012)

Erie County - The Erie County Parks System Master Plan (2003)

Erie County - Erie County's Road to a Bright Future (2009)

Erie County - The Consolidated Plan for the Amherst, Cheektowaga, and Tonawanda (2010)

Erie County - The Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Towns of

Aurora, Elma, Holland, Wales and the Village of East Aurora (2002)

Alden (Town) - The Town of Alden Comprehensive Plan (2009)

Alden (Town) - The Town of Alden Water District Number 5 Plan (2009)

Alden (Village) - The Village of Alden Comprehensive Plan (2000)

Amherst (Town) - The Town of Amherst (2012-2017) Capital Improvement Program (2011)

Amherst (Town) - The Town of Amherst Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan (2007)

Amherst (Town) - The Town of Amherst Recreation & Parks Master Plan (2004)

Amherst (Town) - The Master Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Amherst State Park (2003)

Angola (Village) - The Village of Angola Comprehensive Plan (2003)

Aurora (Town) - The Aurora Open Space Plan (2010)

Boston (Town) - The Town of Boston Comprehensive Plan: A Vision for the Year 2020 (2002)

Brant (Town) - The Town of Brant and Village of Farnham Master Plan (2003)

Buffalo (City) - Queen City in the 21st Century: Comprehensive Plan (2006)

Buffalo (City) - Queen City Waterfront (2007)

Buffalo (City) - Queen City Hub: A Strategic Regional Action Plan for Downtown Buffalo. (2003)

Buffalo (City) - Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Master Plan Update (2010)

Buffalo (City) - The Black Rock Canal Park Feasibility Analysis (2010)

Buffalo (City) - The Buffalo Building Reuse Project Report (2012)

Buffalo (City) - The Buffalo Green Code Draft Land Use Plan (2012)

Buffalo (City) - The Buffalo Harbor Bridge Final Scoping Report (2010)

Buffalo (City) - The Buffalo Harbor Bridge Placemaking Report (2011)

Buffalo (City) - The Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority Perry Choice Neighborhood Planning Initiative (2011)

Buffalo (City) - Buffalo Olmsted Park System: Plan for the 21st Century (2008)

Buffalo (City) - The Buffalo Promise Neighborhood Needs Assessment Study (2011)

Buffalo (City) - The Buffalo River Restoration Feasibility Study (2011)

Buffalo (City) - Updated Addendum to Stage 2 Remedial Action Plan Report Buffalo River AOC (2011)

Buffalo (City) - Proposed Remedial Action Plan-Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park, Parcel 4 Site (2009)

Buffalo (City) - Queen City Gardens Plan (2009)

Buffalo (City) - South Buffalo Brownfield Opportunity Area—Nomination Document (2009)

Buffalo (City) - "Building a Neighborhood of Choice: A Neighborhood Plan for the Riverside Planning Community" (2007)

Buffalo (City) - Celebrating Buffalo's Cultural Diversity: A Vision for the Michigan Street Heritage Corridor (2011)

Buffalo (City) - Green Infrastructure Solutions to Buffalo's Sewer Overflow Challenge Draft Feasibility Study (2011)

Buffalo (City) - Groundwork Buffalo - Feasibility Study (2009)

Buffalo (City) - "Preserving Our Heritage and Planning Our Future" (2007)

Buffalo (City) - The Larkin District Plan (2006)

Buffalo (City) - The Lower West Side: Strategies for Neighborhood and Community Development (1994)

Buffalo (City) - The Lower West Side Neighborhood Stabilization Demonstration Project: Housing Design Review Guidelines (2002)

Cheektowaga (Town) - The Town of Cheektowaga Comprehensive Plan and Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2010)

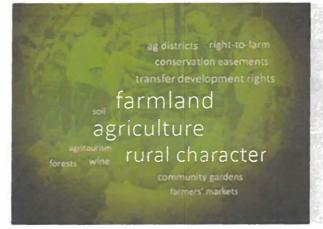
Clarence (Town) - The Town of Clarence Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan (2012)

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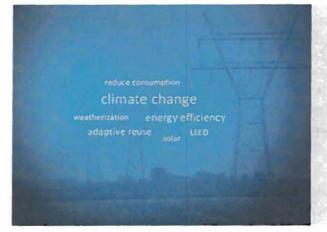
housing and neighborhoods

Preserve our housing stock and foster neighborhoods that are great places – safe, well-served and distinctive.



agriculture and food

Protect farmland, support farmers, connect farms to local markets and ensure access to healthy food.



energy and climate

Use less energy, generate green energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



protect natural resources

Protect our water and other natural resources to promote a healthy ecology, economy and community.



culture and heritage

Protect and develop culture and heritage resources for economy and quality of life.



parks and recreation

Provide for parks, recreation, and the preservation of open space.



planning together

Foster collaboration, coordination, strong implementation and plan with an engaged public.



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### **REGIONAL PLANS**



- Regional The WNY Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan (2011)
- Regional Niagara Region Transportation Strategy Update (2011)
- Regional Revealing Niagara: A Citizen Vision for Heritage and Cultural Tourism in the Bi-National Niagara Region (2002)
- Regional Rethinking the Niagara Frontier: A Report on the Continuing Bi-National Forum (2001)
- Regional The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan (2009)
- Regional The International Watersheds Initiative: Implementing a New Paradigm for Trans-boundary Basins (2009)
- Regional Impact of Urban Areas on Great Lakes Water Quality (2009)
- Regional The 14th Biennial Report on Great Lakes Water Quality (2009)
- Regional The NYS Park System: An Economic Asset to the Empire State (2009)
- Regional The 2009 New York State Rail Plan (2009)
- Regional Strategic Plan for State Forest Management (SPSFM)/Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2011)
- Regional Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (2011)
- Regional Transportation Improvement Program 2011-2015 and Long Range Transportation Plan (2010)
- Regional Buffalo Niagara: Where Industry Creates Energy (2009)
- Regional The WNY Environmental Alliance Our Shared Agenda for Action (2009)
- Regional 2008 Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (2008)
- Regional The Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway (2007)
- Regional Revisioning Brownfields: A Regional Strategic Approach (2007)
- Regional The Niagara River Greenway Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (2007)
- Regional The Framework for Regional Growth (2006)
- Regional Building UB: The Comprehensive Physical Plan (2006)
- Regional The Buffalo Niagara Cultural Tourism Initiative (2005)

# A REGION-WIDE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT





Building a more sustainable region will require making important and difficult changes in how we manage our infrastructure, invest in our economy, and regulate our growth. It will be crucial to gather broad support for the actions we will take.



#### SUSTAINABILITY CONGRESS

A series of Sustainability Congresses will offer an opportunity for citizens in general to make their voices heard in every phase of the work. We will tap the region's dense network of not-forprofit, community-based, and volunteer organizations to ensure that a broad array of perspectives is included in the dialogue. And everyone is welcome.



### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

The consortium will convene a Local Government Council to advise the planning. Leaders of cities, towns, and villages throughout Erie and Niagara counties will be among those most responsible for implementing policies, programs, and projects called for in the plan. They need to be on board.



### PRIVATE SECTOR COUNCIL

The process will also provide a role for a Private Sector Council made up of business leaders throughout Buffalo Niagara. They have a special contribution to make in ensuring the plan for sustainability supports the economic development goals and strategies now being developed in



the region.



### **WORKING TEAMS**

The meat of the plan will be developed in a series of working teams focused on key topics in the plan: land use and economic development; housing equity and efficiency; transportation and infrastructure; food systems and security; and climate and energy. Working teams will be composed of experts and stakeholders in these topic areas and generate proposals for broader consideration in the plan.



### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The planning process is led by a broad-based consortium including our metropolitan planning organization, the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Erie and Niagara counties, the cities of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, representatives of other municipal governments, our regional business alliance, and organizations devoted to fair housing, community development, and more.



COUNCIL

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### **CITIZEN PLANNERS**

A citizen planning school will be organized to promote awareness and understanding of the intricately interconnected issues that define true sustainability. This will include both broad-based public education in sustainability issues and training for a cadre of citizen champions who will take the message back to their home towns and neighborhoods.



### IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL

Implementation Councils will focus on demonstrating the value of recommendations of the plan by putting into action high-leverage projects in strategic locations. These councils will be made up of key actors with the ability to make those projects a reality and provide tangible progress toward the common vision.



# The time is now for Buffalo Niagara.

We're working together to build a more sustainable region. Our many efforts to grow our economy and build livable communities are coming into alignment. We have an opportunity to carry this momentum toward a prosperous future and move the region forward.

Welcome and thank you for participating.



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Join our online community for news and updates as the effort unfolds.

Welcome and thank you for joining the One Region Forward Local Government Council. By participating in this Council, you are joining a cross sector partnership of public, private and nonprofit organizations working to support collaboration and coordination across our two-county metropolitan region.

Supported by a multi-year grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, One Region Forward will develop a regional plan that builds on the Erie-Niagara Framework for Regional Growth and the WNY Regional Economic Development Plan A Strategy for Prosperity to create a broad-based consensus for voluntary action around sustainable forms of development in the Buffalo Niagara region.

This effort will make our region more competitive by giving us priority status for Federal funding opportunities today and into the future. But more importantly, it will allow us to come together to solve the problems we collectively face, but cannot effectively tackle individually.

One Region Forward is more than a plan, it is about implementation. The effort will bring together key actors to advance community priority projects, develop online tools and technical assistance that builds capacity for local decision-making, and engages the people of Buffalo Niagara to be a part of the process in driving positive, sustainable change for their communities

Your involvement in this process will ensure that those efforts reflect the perspectives of our region's local communities and have the input of the civic leaders who are best situated to work together and Implement a vision for regional prosperity.

This Council will meet four times over the next two years of the project. We ask that you make a commitment that is continuous throughout this process so that we can carry forward the momentum throughout the initiative's life span.

We thank you for your participation in this unprecedented convening of local government representatives. We look forward to working with you on this important regional initiative.

**Executive Director** Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council

One Region Forward is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities. The effort is guided by a broad-based consortium of public, private and nonprofit sector organizations including: Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA), Eric County, Niagara County, University at Buffalo Regional Institute and Urban Design Project (UBRI/UDP), Local Initiatives Support Corporation Buffalo (LISC), The John R. Oishei Foundation, Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC), Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. (Belmont), Buffalo Niagara Partnership (BNP), City of Buffalo, City of Niagara Falls, Association of Eric County Governments, Niagara County Supervisors Association, Empire State Development, New York State Department of Transportation, Niagara County Department of Social Services and Niagara Falls Housing Authority.

# MOVING ONE REGION FORWARD.

The Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD) is being created through an unprecedented collaborative effort involving government, business, environmental organizations, community groups, and CITIZEN citizens at large. PLANNING

### **NOV 2011**

"Buffalo Niagara Consortium" are one of 29 grantees to win an award in a pool of over 140 applicants from around the country.

### **FALL/WINTER 2012**

SCHOOL

**Enrollment begins** 

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Conversations with citizens

will inform our developing

regional vision.

to train citizen

champions.

One Region Forward is launched with outreach to the public, in person, and on-line.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### **FALL 2013**

Check-in to confirm the regional vision, review interim findings and update the public on progress on the plan.

# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### SPRING 2014

Presentation and review of RPSD draft plan



RPSD

### **FALL 2014**

Final draft **RPSD final** plan is finalized and presented for further adopted

COMMUNITY

MEETING



review. 2014 2011 2012 2013

### Collaboration **Pavs Off**

A cadre of public sector and nonprofit partners from the Framework for Regional Growth Working Group worked together to pursue funds from the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program.

### Forging a Partnership

Members of the consortium work together to create the plan and guide the process. But this is only the beginning of organizing ourselves for collaboration. Members will be added to the consortium as needed and form topic-focused working groups to develop the substance of the plan.

The UB Regional Institute / Urban Design Project were formally designated as the Regional Sustainability Team, responsible for guiding the development of the plan and creating programming that can advance implementation efforts even while we plan.

Convene the Local **Government Council**, assemble the Private Sector Council, and organize for a series of Sustainability Congresses

Group chooses a name and brand for the initiative -"One Region Forward"

### Understanding **Our Situation**

A credible sustainability plan needs to be based on precedent, evidence, and systematic benchmarking and measurement. This will include a comprehensive review and analysis of the existing planning framework for our region.

Review and analyze plans, programs, and projects, at the local and neighborhood level as well as the regional scale

Define project-relevant benchmarks and measures to assess our current conditions

Track our progress as we implement the plan

Conduct a build-out analysis - a model of what our region would look like if growth continues according to current regulations and trends in development

# **Engaging the Public**

Involving regional leaders, stakeholders, and citizens in the planning is vital to developing the support needed to approve and implement the regional plan.

**Meetings of Local Government** Council, Private Sector Council, and **Sustainability Congresses** 

Public website for the project built for online engagement and Information

The first class of students in the citizen planning school will enroll before the end of 2012

Provide broad public education on sustalnability topics throughout the project



# **Charting the Course**

Partnership, research, and public dialogue will feed directly into the heart of the planning.

The project will place special emphasis on focused planning for food systems and security, housing equity and efficiency, and responses to climate change.

Confirming the regional vision for the future

**Developing goals and ways** to measure our progress through the working groups

Creating a draft plan for public review

Refining the draft for final approval

# Taking Action

Any plan is only as good as our ability to put it into action. Some of the steps to be taken to implement the plan include the following:

Creating a project selection scorecard based on the HUD livability principles

Selecting strategic demonstration projects for action by the implementation council

Integrating sustainability criteria in the selection of regional transportation projects

Provide technical assistance programs to both private developers and local governments in how to employ sustainability concepts in the development process

Update data, metrics, and analytics in the computer mapping system of the Erle Niagara Regional Framework for Growth to Improve management of the ongoing Implementation process

### **Guiding Future Decisions for** the Region

The Regional Plan for Sustainable **Development** will be the basis for a new

approach to the arowth of our region, a clear quide to sustainable future. Just as important, the work of creating the plan will build a new capacity in our region for working together, protecting our shared resources, and investing wisely in a sustainable prosperity.

