Get Involved: Help Shape the Vision

Anything else you're interested in is not going to happen if you can't breathe the air and drink the water. Don't sit this one out. Do something.

Envision Our Future

June 28, 2011
 Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview Presentation: Who, What, Why
- Break-Out Sessions
  - Environment
  - Society
  - Economy
- Prioritization Exercise
Who is the Project Team?
Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency

- Bergmann Associates
  - Renaissance Planning Group
  - Camoin Associates
What is the Process?
- Existing Conditions & Trends Analysis
  - May-July

- Scenario Development & Modeling
  - July-October

- Policy & Strategy Development
  - October-December
What is the Final Product?
Final Product: web site  http://future.ongov.net/

A Living Plan...
...accessible, transparent, interactive

- Choose Our Future
- Research & Best Practices
- Links & Tools
- Policies & Projects
What do We Hope to Achieve?
Establish a regional understanding and appreciation for sustainable land use and development decision-making.

Build a broad, on-going planning dialog.

Provide broader solutions that foster stronger cooperation among Onondaga County municipalities, its people, and its businesses.

Make final product a user-friendly, transparent, accessible, interactive and “living” tool.
What is Sustainability?
Concept of sustainability was popularized by the 1987 World Commission on Environment and Development report (Brundtland Commission) *Our Common Future*

Commission created to address growing concern "about the accelerating deterioration of the human environment and natural resources and the consequences of that deterioration for economic and social development."

Sustainability: meet present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
Sustainability is a balanced approach that considers: social, environmental and economic conditions.

- "Social" refers to community well-being and equity.
- "Environmental" refers to the environment and resource conservation.
- "Economic" means economic vitality.
We See Sustainable Investments in:

- Green roofs, green walls, historic preservation, walkable communities, mass transit, sidewalks and trails, community supported agriculture, urban gardening, renewable energy, conservation subdivisions, rain gardens, permeable pavements, community recycling programs, affordable housing, accessible health care, conveniently located grocery stores & medical facilities, a diversified economy, educated workforce, etc.
Why Should We Care? Some Onondaga County Trends
Housing Unit Growth

- 1998-2007: 7,000+ new units
- 47 subdivisions
- 2,600 acres built-out
- Housing unit size up 40%
Water Infrastructure Expansion

2001-2008

- 144 mi. of added or acquired water mains
- 1,075 new hydrants
- 3 new storage facilities
- 2 new pumping stations

- Cost per 1000 gal up 95%
- Water delivered is down 15%
Wastewater & Stormwater Infrastructure

- 57,201 feet of new sewer in 2007
- Added 12,550 acres to Sanitary District since 1998
Transportation Infrastructure

- Added 61 miles of new road since 2000
- 43% increase in daily VMT since 1990
- Average commute is now over 20 minutes
All of this expansion & investment...

...with no regional population growth.
Why Should We Care? Some Broader Trends
Some Resulting Impacts:

- A reduction in farmland
- An inability to support mass transit
- Increased driving time and a larger carbon footprint
- Demand for facilities and public services in new areas
- Declining neighborhoods, and abandoned buildings and job centers
- Concentrations of poverty
- Economic competiveness
- Spreading tax dollars over a larger geographic area
1.3 billion people without access to clean water

Contributions to species extinction and limiting important greenway corridors

Increasing energy demands

Decreasing air quality

Housing affordability

Increasing competition for financial resources

National health crisis
National health crisis: Overweight & Obesity

Economic Related Issues
- Increased health issues
- Increased insurance premiums
- Increased competition for both personal and employer financial resources

Social Related Issues
- Reduced Quality of Life
- Decreased life expectancy
- Lost opportunities with friends and family

Environmental Investment to help reduce crisis:
Out-the-door, active living opportunities: multi-modal connectivity (trails, sidewalks), parks
Statistics for Onondaga County

- Percent of adults overweight or obese
- 55.5%
Moving Forward this Evening
Select 2 work groups to participate in: “Environment”, “Economy” or “Social”.

Go to first group.

30 minute topic discussion.

After 30 minutes, rotate through to next group.

After 30 minutes, we will re-group for rain barrel give-away.

Conclude with a prioritization exercise. Use the colored dots provided to identify your highest priorities. Use blank space to add additional thoughts, ideas or comments.
Continue to Choose Your Future at:

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