

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.
 - Carl Sagan



Envision Our Future

Sustainability & Social Equity

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- 1 piece of the sustainability puzzle
- If there are inequities, injustice and limited access to the decision-making and people are isolated, the system is not sustainable.
 - Concentrations of poverty in older neighborhoods – over half of the City’s housing stock is renter-occupied, while less than 10% of new building outside is renter and/or affordable or rental housing
 - Current development patterns make mass transit an incredible challenge



sustainable development - development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

□ Benefits of a Sustainable Society

- Equitable access to education, jobs, services, transportation and housing
- Clean environmental condition (Air, Water, Land)
- Capacity building through retention and attraction
- Respect for all cultures
- Equitable share of benefits and impacts of decisions
- Healthy living options (exercise, local foods, access to doctors & mental health professionals)



□ Trends in Onondaga County

- Loss of youth
- Brownfields and other contamination
- Re-distributed population: 7,000 new units since 2000, with no regional population growth and a loss of 30,000 acres of prime farmland since 1980
- Difficulty supporting transit: spreading out, causing average commute to increase and reduction in transit opportunities
- Concentration of poverty in older urban neighborhoods and reduced private investment in older neighborhoods
- Health related issues such as access to health centers and obesity



What is Your Vision of Social Equity in Onondaga County?