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Inconvenient Truth

The film "Inconvenient Truth" is a must-see for everyone, no matter what position you take on global warming and no matter your political persuasion.

When you see this film, our global predicament comes clear. Mr. Gore understands the science and makes great use of visuals to teach all of us the basics. He explains how the American media has been blindsided on the issue. And he offers hope for effective responses to help reduce the impacts of global warming.

The film ends with a litany of actions to take to combat global warming. At the top of the list is: use and expand public transit, since gasoline-powered vehicles are a prime culprit in CO2 emissions.

Higher gasoline prices have already stimulated increased use of public transit in WNY. Recent figures for NFTA transit ridership shows increase of 4.8% for Metro Rail and 1.6% for Metro Bus during 2005-2006.

The globe is already experiencing some of the impacts of global warming. Weather events are more severe and drought is unrelenting. Melting polar ice will cause sea levels to rise, inundating coastal cities. Migration to escape such situations is inevitable.

Buffalo has great assets during this time of global warming: a ready infrastructure to accept more people and the start of a comprehensive light rail transit system.

Let's build on our assets and welcome people who are tired of hurricanes and drought, flooded homes and ruined crops.

Let's insist that Buffalo act now, to grapple with this "inconvenient truth!"

Framework for Regional Growth for Erie and Niagara Counties

Public Meetings

to Review the Draft Framework

Wednesday, July 12, 6-8 PM

Cornell Cooperative Extension Service (auditorium)
4487 Lake Road, Lockport, NY 14094

Thursday, July 13, 2006, 7- 9 PM

Erie County Emergency Services Training Facility
3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Two meetings have been scheduled to receive public comment on the draft Framework for Regional Growth, Erie and Niagara Counties.

The Framework will serve as the first two-county regional plan since 1974. The policies included in the document are intended to guide future County decisions as they affect physical development in the region. See the draft report at www.RegionalFramework.com.

For further information, please contact Erie County Community Planning Coordinator Tom Dearing at (716) 858-7256 (dearingt@erie.gov) or Niagara County Department of Economic Development Commissioner Samuel Ferraro at (716) 278-8750 (sam.ferraro@niagaracounty.com)

Citizens Regional Transit Monthly Meeting

July 18, 12:00-1:30 PM

Citizens Regional Transit meets at:

3330 Main Street, corner NF Blvd., Buffalo

in the University Presbyterian Church education wing
Enter through the parking lot door, take elevator to "ML."

CRTC meetings are free and open to the public.

New Millenium Group
presents

“SmartCode” Zoning

by
**Nathan Norris and Chad Emerson,
PlaceMakers, Alabama**

**July 29 (Saturday) from 10:00
to 2:30 p.m.
(with lunch provided),**

**Saturn Club, 977 Delaware
Avenue, Buffalo**

Attorneys Nathan Norris and Chad Emerson from the PlaceMakers organization of Alabama will show how the City of Buffalo can adopt a “SmartCode” zoning ordinance. Learn what a form-based zoning code can do to improve land use and the built environment of a city.

Many City officials have been invited to attend. This program is open to the public, but you must make reservations by calling Chuck Banas at 400-3762, as space is limited.

Bruno: Light rail in Capital region's future

by *Eric Anderson, 6-27-06*
www.timesunion.com

ALBANY -- State Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, R-Brunswick, said Monday he expects light rail to play a role in the Capital Region's transportation future.

"Light rail ... is the most economical and efficient way in moving people," he said during a conference call with reporters [June 26].

Bruno said a study has been commissioned that will look at potential routes, although he said the logical connections would be between the Rensselaer train station, Albany International Airport and the area's cities, including a route north to Saratoga Springs.

*Ed. note:
Any progress in Albany
will be good for our efforts in
Rochester and Buffalo.*

CALENDAR

Framework for Regional Growth
public meetings (see p. 1):
July 12 6-8 PM, Lockport
July 13, 7-9 PM, Cheektowaga

July 17-21 (Monday to Friday)
Chautauqua Institution theme week
“Landscape Architecture and
Community Design”

**July 18 Noon
CRTC Monthly Meeting
3330 Main St., Buffalo
(corner NF Blvd & Main St.)**

July 24-28 (Monday to Friday)
Chautauqua Institution theme week
“Global Climate Change: Securing
the Future” former U.S. Vice
President Al Gore speaks on
Monday, July 24 at 10:45 a.m.

July 29 10:00-2:30 PM
“SmartCode” zoning
Saturn Club, 977 Delaware, Buffalo

Aug. 2 9:30 AM
PCC meeting of GBNRTC
NFTA, 181 Ellicott, Bflo. 856-2026

Nov. 4-8 (Saturday to Wednesday)
Rail-Volution 2006
Chicago, Illinois

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