People United for Sustainable Housing

A Just Transition Story

Buffalo, New York
How to Achieve A Just Transition

A STRATEGY FRAMEWORK FOR JUST TRANSITION

**Extractive Economy**

- **Worldview**
  - Consumerism & Colonial Mindset
- **Work**
  - Exploitation
- **Resources**
  - Extraction
  - Dig, Burn, Dump
- **Governance**
  - Militarism

**Regenerative Economy**

- **Worldview**
  - Caring & Sacredness
- **Work**
  - Cooperation
- **Resources**
  - Ecological & Social Well-being
- **Governance**
  - Deep Democracy

**Values Filter**
- Shift economic control to communities
- Democratize wealth and the workplace
- Advance ecological restoration
- Drive racial justice and social equity
- Relocalize most production and consumption
- Retain and restore cultures and traditions

**Strategy Framework**

- **Stop the Bad** Solutions that are visionary and oppositional
- **Build the New**
- **Change the Rules**
  - Draw down money and power
- **Invest in Our Power**
  - Feed & grow

Developed by Movement Generation with **Our Power Campaign**

**Communities United for a Just Transition**
People First – “We Know what we want, where we live”
Resident Leaders Paving the Way Forward
Green Development Zone
Participatory Design

Collaborative Design of the Public Spaces

A day in the life - Role Playing Activity
Creating Green Jobs - Connecting People to Energy & Power
Restoring Vacant Properties to green affordable homes
PUSH Green
Connecting People to Energy and Power


- Advocacy
- Community Benefit Agreements with local contractors
- High road job creation
- Alliance to address policy change surrounding energy efficiency and renewable energy (solar).
Green Infrastructure to Address CSOs

To address Combined Sewer Overflow and promote ecologically sound practices, PUSH Blue carries out design, installation, and maintenance of:

- Rain Gardens
- Green Roofs
- Vegetated Swales
- Stormwater Planters
- Permeable Pavement
- Pollinator Gardens
- Community Gardens
- Riparian Buffers
- Vegetated Filter Strips
- Soil Amendment
- Native Plant Landscaping
- Water Storage Cisterns
GI Installations

Left: Permeable parking pad

Right: Raingarden

Left: Cistern

Right: 14th Street Community Garden
Systems Impact
2008-2019

● $40 million invested in green affordable housing, green infrastructure and stormwater management in the Green Development Zone
● More than 1,000 homes transformed through weatherization or green retrofit
● Over 150 green jobs created and over 350 workers trained in training programs
● More than $130 million new investment in weatherization across the state
● More than $90 Million in green infrastructure investments by City of Buffalo
● Approximately 200 metric tons of CO2 reduced on annual basis
Educating **Future** Generations towards a Just Transition – What the **Hands** Do, Teaches the **Heart**