

Citizen's Checklist for Sound Waterfront Development

(Based on Principles adopted unanimously by the Outer Harbor coalition 10/4/2017)

ACCESS: Does the plan/project retain and expand public lands? Does it:

- Retain and restore public ownership of public lands? Yes___ No ___
- Include all publics? Yes ___ No ___
- Provide clean, non-polluting public transportation to & between lakefront destinations? Yes ___
No ___
- Avoid sprawl (not divert development resources from the City proper)? Yes ___ No ___

PARKLAND: Does the plan/project support the vision of our Erie lakefront as parkland?

Does it:

- Support water-based or water-dependent uses? Yes ___ No ___
- Support a 21st century waterfront park that honors Olmsted's legacy in Buffalo-Niagara? Yes ___
No ___
- Comply with the public wish for a "quieter, simpler, waterfront?" Yes ___ No ___
- Provide physical and visual public access to the shoreline? Yes ___ No ___

HABITAT and HEALTH: Does the plan/project promote healthy human & wildlife habitat?

Does it:

- Protect/connect/restore significant natural environments and native fish & wildlife habitats?
Yes ___ No ___
- Help clean-up or sequester harmful contaminants in soil and water? Yes ___ No ___
- Protect water quality? (e.g. limit impervious surface, parking lots, runoff)? Yes ___ No ___
- Provide trail options (footpath, boardwalk, bike,etc) and connectivity for physical activity?
Yes ___ No ___

CONSISTENCY: Is the plan/project consistent with existing plans & policies including the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, Niagara Greenway Plan, Olmsted Parks legacy? Does it:

- Base decision-making on a transparent and democratic process? Yes ___ No ___
- Conserve and promote our natural and cultural heritage? Yes ___ No ___
- Reuse existing structures? (e.g. Terminals A & B to support big public events and celebrate Buffalo's history as a manufacturing hub and Lake Erie port) Yes ___ No ___
- Include information on lake/river/park ecology and connections in public art & signage? Yes ___
No ___

CLIMATE SMART: Is the plan/project climate smart? Does it:

- Include a clear assessment of risk and resilience factors on the Erie lakefront? Yes ___ No ___
- Protect the city and taxpayers from the costly risks of unsuitable development? Yes ___ No ___
- Preserve, restore and buffer natural in-lake and coastal habitats and functions? Yes ___ No ___
- Foster sustainability? (Design for low maintenance, resilience, renewable energy?) Yes ___ No ___