

RE-IMAGINE BUTLER – VISIONING BREAK-OUT SESSIONS SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

Education	Commercial Partnering	Recreation: Trails-Tourism	Building Renovation	Transportation	Community Partnering	Agriculture Development/ Food Access	Energy	Water Management	Restoration Environment	Miscellaneous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green STEM career training center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop & encourage industries/markets for recycled materials e.g. Hydroblox, compostable food service items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect parks and trails in Butler Co. and PA (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pullman Building, Bantaum (?) Building, Penn Theater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create passenger service between Erie and Pgh. (currently only freight) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening a door for pro-gas landowners to join the transformation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop urban farms and community gardens in Butler City (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility providing energy efficiency and renewable energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernize & replace Butler water system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creek drainage fixed W. End, W. Penn Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sawmills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular economy education on R & D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create commercial kitchen for food processors and value-added foods and food coops market in SR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaches along Connoqu. and other areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need affordable housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pgh./Butler Regional Airport Airline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage intergenerational opportunities/events beyond Cranberry – Work together to make continuous efforts not to change with each new admin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host “slow food tours” and farm to fork experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Energy Farms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent storm runoff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Connoqu. Creek litter and clean water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green chemistry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with SRU & BC3 to train for new clean technologies, sustainable agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable public/private partnerships for energy audits, retrofits in all houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cranberry to Butler Trail, utilizing Harmony route or Butler short line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrofit and reuse existing commercial space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Pgh/Zelie Butler commuter rail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome climate refugees as a prepared and inclusive community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for food access, local food system on a regional basis (coordinate farmers, markets, distribution) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar/Wind Farms in N. & S. Butler Co (4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved storm water/building codes that aid green buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montiteau (?) landfill cleanup (over fill) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-PACE Implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moraine partnership w/ schools to get students into nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate transformation (from gas to clean) tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take advantage of important bird access (IBAs) and habitats to dev. Birding trails and eco-tours 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create NCT (?) spur to Slippery Rock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage new businesses with lower taxes or tax-free first 10 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic farms Local food sustainability (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-grids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that slow water runoff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services to plug leaking gas wells (community-funded) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare collective of professionals to contract for long term/short-term events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moraine sponsoring internship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-based plastics production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once trails are connected, some towns can develop as “trail towns” for business opportunities Include cafes (2) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commuter bus line from Butler to SR for SRU students 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Mentorships • High school and college interns on farms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric car charging stations on Interstate rest stops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydroblox draining in residential areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant native trees, importance of CO2 sequestration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastics retailer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College green courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop “Dollar General” stores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopen urban park (old Worsley’s) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commuter light rail connection to Pgh. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydroblox 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree giveaways 	

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• Home Economics mentoring	• Region known for high performance green buildings	• Expand and add parks		• Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus service to Butler		• Incubator kitchens for local farms and V. crops	• Solar Energy Farm on Spang property	• Water collection from roofs for reuse	• Ban & protest invasive plants through landscaping ordinances in every township	• Change zoning from preserving homogeneous past to allowing heterogeneous future
• Education Tours	• Task force on sustainability between businesses and communities	• Add park in N. Butler County, Eastern Butler County		• Hyper-Loop to Pgh Airport		• Sustainable food Coops (CSAs)	• Change twp/boro ordinances to allow encourage renewable energy (2)	• Green parking lots (storm water drainage)	• Promote/ identify planting native pollinator gardens and yards (Monarch watch) (2)	• Housing demand in Pgh. pushes growth to surrounding areas- capitalize on this over other counties
• Green K-12 and university relationships		• Expand Wolf Creek Narrows		• High speed trail in median of I-79		• More farm tours	• Rooftop solar on strip malls in Cranberry and Butler		• Shade tree commission • Protect green space in perpetuity	• Enable local government to control land use
• Require classes on environment in public schools, colleges, state universities		• Expand Moraine and Jennings		• Require driver’s education again		• Local Farm to Table	• More Electric Vehicles		• Protect watershed of Glade Run Lake (2,000 acres)	• Legal ways to reduce property taxes to facilitate municipal mergers
• Free job training from fossil-free jobs to green industry jobs		• Protect more properties in Buffalo, Wolf, SR, Bear, Connoqu. Creek Valley				• Solar on Farms	• Increased focus on solar, wind, geothermal, other renewables		• Riparian buffer plantings	
• Involve surrounding communities in ideas for sustainable development: Saxonburg, Cabot, Sarver, Marwood		• Multi-faceted re-purposing for limestone quarry for public recreation & industry				• Utility scale solar farms	• Water energy		• River cleanup to ice block quality	
		• Youth and elder hostel				• Task force and funding to attract new farmers	• Community sustainable energy co-ops; use brown fields		• Law that requires development to replace nature taken in another location	

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• Involve more young people in environmental stability		• Moraine Days-spring/summer/fall event encouraging outdoor recreation patrons & businesses to connect and enjoy together				• Focus on sustainable agriculture, focusing on food security	• Hydropower - low head		• Historic preservation office	• Recycling incentives for private property, business
• Engage college students w/little knowledge of Butler County		• Advertise less known parks				• Promote local food markets in box stores	• Water turbine system		• Make more wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors	• Tax incentives for pounds of recycled paper, plastics, metal
• Sustainable libraries		• Beer tours				• Compost center and plant	• Anti-fracking ordinance			• Recycling at Moraine
• Educate children about farming		• Wine tours on old rail lines				• More diverse ethnic restaurants	• Municipal solar program, then move to business & homes			• Recycling center
						• Add food & agricultural courses to SRU & BC3 to promote local agriculture	• Tax incentives for reduced use electric, heat, water for wind/solar			
						• Community/farm connected food banks	• Solar initiatives in schools			
						• Indoor agriculture (Norway)	• Incentives for new construction to include solar			
						• High-tech manufacturing for battery storage	• More "Green" Energy			
						• Renewed use of Augrent(?) land	• Wind Energy			

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		• Rivers of steel and oil tours				• Local food truck (like ice cream truck)	• No residential drilling			
		• Railroad tourism				• Ag best management practices	• More energy efficient campuses			
		• Southern county ag. tourism				• Hemp	• Promote energy efficiency, government, businesses			
		• Allegheny River tourism in Emlenton				• Roof gardens				
		• Walking trails in wilderness areas				• Local agricultural initiative, community gardens and crop diversity				
						• Tax incentives for ag business that recycle plastic				
						• Fresh vegetable farming for urban market				
						• ID 100 yr. farms				
						Ag-development different types of Ag				
						• Promote crop diversity				
						• Farm markets in food deserts				