

BREAKING GROUND:

DESIGN COMPETITION FOR 998 BROADWAY, BUFFALO, NY

ABOUT:

The 2018-2019 YIMBY “Breaking Ground: The Redevelopment of 998 Broadway Design Competition” is a competition that endeavors to show how to develop the 998 Broadway (former K-Mart) site in a community-positive way. Entrants may come up with a broad range of suggestions and may present their proposals in a number of different ways. Teams with architects may want to present architectural drawings, planners may want to present conceptual diagrams, community activists may want to present written proposals, and artists may present any kind of visual concept. A sociological study of the community with recommendations for what sorts of development are needed could be one type of acceptable written proposal. Concepts should include redevelopment of the entire site, not just the building.

SITE:

998 Broadway, 5.28 acres with the 80,000 sq.ft. former K-Mart building, set back from Broadway, and bordered by Gibson, Lombard and Beck Streets.



COMPETITION:

A public workshop was held on September 15th to kick-off the competition. The competition is open to all interested individuals and teams. It is strongly encouraged, but not required, to have a community member on the team. Taking into account community input, in one form or another, is required.

A celebratory reception in honor of competition entrants will be held Friday, March 15th, 2019, where all entries will be displayed. Entrants' will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite peer submission at that time. The public will be able to vote for a People's Choice award at the YIMBY Festival, to be held Spring 2019, and the judges will select overall award winners. A minimum of \$1500 in cash prizes will be awarded, split between the winners with the top prize of \$1000 generously donated by Cedarland Development.

While a unique aspect of the Buffalo YIMBY competition is the opportunity for entrants to have their submissions displayed in its celebration of designs, that celebration will also have awards recognizing excellence, chosen and presented by a multidisciplinary panel of judges will include architects, planners, community activists, and a representative of the building owner.

An additional site visit will be scheduled for January 5, 2019.

DESIGN CRITERIA:

Designing is the process of creating an orderly solution to solve one or more problems, or to achieve some desirable end. A *design* refers to an outcome of the act of designing; it may be either tangible or intangible.

The design for the Breaking Ground competition is focused on one site, 998 Broadway, and how it relates to its surrounding neighborhood. Knowledge of the chosen site is critical, and time spent visiting the site and surroundings will be essential to developing a good proposal. Submissions should directly address sustainability with consideration of our local climate, sensitivity to the local community, which is a diverse group of ethnic and racial populations, and economically viable project solutions. The proposals should attempt to optimize the area's ecological, social, cultural, and economic health.

Designs may be conceptual. They can be built environment, landscapes, site plans, habitat, interiors, physical infrastructural or policy plans. Uses include -- but are not limited to—a single or mixed-use built environment, infrastructure that saves or produces energy, food, shared social or public spaces, land use or policy plans that promote sustainability. The built environment may be new builds or adaptive re-use. Policy plans may be for societal and/or business infrastructure or a governmental use. Designs may range in scale from the interior of the building, to strategic framework. Creativity, innovation and sustainability are foremost, but while the designs may be conceptual, they should be realistic in nature. In order for a design to come to reality on this site it must be economically viable.

Designs should consider the site' connectivity, within the surrounding community as well as within the greater metropolitan Buffalo area. Knowledge of the site can be via personal familiarity and/or through online map software (e.g. Google, Bing, GIS). Entrants should consult existing neighborhood plans (Please see the RESOURCES section of our website for additional resources) and pay consideration to how submissions directly address sustainability, how the design impacts the surrounding area, the neighborhood and the City of Buffalo as a whole.

SUGGESTED ISSUES TO CONSIDER, AMONG OTHERS:

- Storm Water Retention
- Renewable energy
- Public Art

- Neighborhood Connection. The design is not only about re-purposing a single building, but also setting a precedent and achieving a positive impact on the whole neighborhood and beyond.
- Respecting the history of the site and neighborhood
- Respecting current residents and their wishes
- Significant green space component
- Affordable housing component. If housing is included in the proposal, please include an affordable housing component. A mix of low-income, workforce, and market rate housing would be desirable.
- Ability to withstand and thrive in the effects of global climate change
- Human needs and social responsibilities, including the stresses which will be encountered by the effects of local cultural change and global climate change
- Contributing to community cohesiveness, a place and way to bring people together for a variety of social, cultural, economic reasons, from a variety of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds
- Food security
- Energy security
- Water and waste issues
- Infrastructure/ Green Infrastructure

Judges will consider economic, social, and ecological aspects, with feasibility, creativity and interdisciplinary approaches earning high valuations. The best projects will address how to support groups of people with different financial means to live, work and thrive as a direct or indirect result of the proposed project. Many resources are available to help with research in the RESOURCES section of the Buffalo YIMBY website.

Additionally, the following categories will be considered by the judges' panel when selecting the award-winning submissions. As such, it is recommended that entrants address at least one, if not multiple categories when developing submissions.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

Connectivity projects will improve upon our existing means of getting from place to place through enhancements to safety, walkability, reliability, affordability and usability while taking into consideration the context of the surrounding neighborhood and access to community assets.

AGRICULTURE & FOOD JUSTICE

Agriculture and food justice projects will cover parts of or the entire life cycle of food, including production, distribution, consumption and disposal. Submissions may range from enhancements to innovative urban farming practices and technologies, to the access and affordability of fresh produce and foods.

SUSTAINABILITY IN BUSINESS

Sustainability in business projects will optimize the logistics, supply chain, service or production across an industry or within an organization.

DESIGN INNOVATION

Design innovation projects will display novel and imaginative thinking in recreating the project site. This may be a completely new building and site design or reuse of existing structures and reconfiguration of the site design.

REUSE, RETROFITS & PRESERVATION

Reuse, retrofit and preservation projects will improve upon the existing structure either through adaptation, rehabilitation or modification.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Competition submissions may be in one of three forms, 2-D printed graphic, digital video, or physical model. Other mediums may be approved by request. All submissions must be delivered in person to Fillmore Forward located in the Neighborhood Housing Services Center at 780 Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14212 by February 15, 2019. All submissions must be accompanied by a digital representation of the proposed project for judging with an accompanying project narrative (1,000 words maximum).

- Printed graphics must be no larger than 30x40 in. and mounted on a foam core presentation board. Submissions may be any combination of photographs, renderings, drawings, plans, captions, diagrams, collages, etc. that best describe and visualize your submission.
- Digital video submissions must be no more than 4 minutes long and be a self-containing complete project description. All video submissions must be accompanied by a written transcript or have subtitles available. Videos should be in a common video format (.avi, .mov, .mp4, .wmv, etc) and submitted on CD or DVD.
- 3-dimensional models must fit through a standard doorway (34x78 in.) or capable of being assembled and disassembled and no more than 20 pounds (assembled projects may be up to 20 pounds per component).

Applicants are required to submit an electronic copy (jpeg or pdf) of their design & narrative to Buffalo YIMBY by the submission deadline to buffaloyimby@gmail.com. Final submissions must be received by 5:00 P.M. EST, Thursday, March 14, 2019 (this date is subject to change). Receipt of your submission will be confirmed via email.

**All final submissions must disclose ONLY the project registration number. No company logos, team or company names, email-addresses, social media accounts, phone numbers, web addresses, or other advertising may be displayed on project boards. This is to ensure that judging remains fair & impartial.

**Specific Questions on submission format may be directed to crystalsurdyk@gmail.com and georgebesch1@gmail.com. Please address emails to both, thank you.

HOW TO ENTER:

Entrants must register by submitting the YIMBY registration form and sending submissions as per the instructions that will be provided to you upon receipt of your registration.

Only one submission permitted per registration fee. Registration may be done any time up to the registration deadline of 5:00 P.M. EST Thursday, March 14, 2019, but must be before submitting your entry. Your registration will be confirmed and entrants will receive a registration number via email.

REGISTER BY MAIL:

Entrants may register by mail by sending the registration form to:

Designing to Live Sustainably, Inc.
Attn: Buffalo YIMBY
PO Box 482
Lancaster, NY 14086

OR submit the online Registration Form found at <https://buffaloyimby.org/2018-2019-competition/>.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The submission of your YIMBY registration (form & payment) acknowledges that you have read, understand, and agree to fully comply with the YIMBY submission requirements listed in the "Submissions Requirements" section.

***DISCLAIMER**

d2ls, Buffalo YIMBY, and Design Buffalo reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to disqualify any submission that they determine to be profane, obscene, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate. The competition organizers also reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to disqualify any incomplete submission or any submission that does not comply with the terms and conditions of the competition.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 2018: Registration Opens

Participants may submit their registration forms and fees online or by mail. Registration may be done any time up to the registration deadline of 5:00 P.M. EST Friday, April 19, 2013, but you must register before submitting your entry.

September 15, 2018: Kick-Off Public Workshop Interested members of the public were invited to learn more about the Buffalo YIMBY: Breaking Ground Design Competition by attending the public workshop held at 998 Broadway. Attendees were given a walking tour of the site and immediate surroundings, listened to a presentation by Design Buffalo and participated in a visioning exercise.

January 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Additional Site visit for those interested in touring the site and building again.

March 14, 2019, 5:00 p.m. EST: Registration Deadline Participants must submit their registration form by this date.

March 14, 2019 5:00 p.m. EST: Submission Deadline Buffalo YIMBY must be in receipt of your physical project submission AND an electronic copy (jpeg or pdf) of your design & narrative must be submitted to buffaloyimby@gmail.com.

March 15, 2019: Entrant's Reception & Peer Awards Entrants will be invited to join the Buffalo YIMBY, Designing to Live Sustainably, Design Buffalo and judges for a celebratory reception at the Broadway Market. Admission is free for competition entrants and one guest.

April 27, 2019: Buffalo YIMBY & Public Award Ceremony The 2019 Buffalo YIMBY Festival will feature a Public Award Ceremony honoring all participants in the Breaking Ground Competition as well as to unveil award winners.

Questions, comments or concerns about the competition should be addressed to Crystal Surdyk at: crystalsurdyk@gmail.com

Further information can be found online by accessing the YIMBY website at: <https://buffaloyimby.org/2018-2019-competition/>

Or to register, scan the QR code:



**Buffalo YIMBY is an initiative of Designing to Live Sustainably (D2LS), a local non-profit organization that strives to inspire the bioregional community to leverage its comparative advantages, optimizing the area's viability as climate change impacts our ecological, social, cultural, and economic health. D2LS believes that bringing preparedness to the Buffalo-Niagara Region presents an opportunity for the region to THRIVE, not just survive in the face of impending climate change.*