

Erie County's economic development plan "Initiatives for a Smart Economy" was first developed in 2013 and updated in 2017. In both versions sustainability is called out as one of the main themes and there are chapters that are devoted to energy, water and smart growth. For example, the original plan called for the establishing an Energy Director in the Department of Public Works, creating an interdepartmental Green Team, and partnering with the business community to develop the Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable. All of these initiatives have been realized. Examples of initiatives in the updated plan, "Initiatives for Smart Economy 2.0" include: support for light rail expansion, improvements to sewage treatment plants, job training for environmental work including composting and native plants, a community solar initiative and adopting PACE financing. Erie County has been working to implement these initiatives and making good progress.

I4SE2.0 (2017):

<http://www2.erie.gov/environment/sites/www2.erie.gov.environment/files/uploads/pdfs/Initiatives%20For%20Smart%20Economy%202.0.pdf>

I4SE (2013):

<https://www2.erie.gov/environment/sites/www2.erie.gov.environment/files/uploads/pdfs/SmartEconomy%20for%20Web3.pdf>