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Onondaga Lake Partnership announces 2009 grant recipients

Syracuse, N.Y. – The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) is pleased to announce the selection of the following recipients for mini-grants through the 2009 Public Education and Outreach Mini-Grants Program:

- **Syracuse Center of Excellence:** \$3,013 for construction of a green roof and installation of permanent signage for the ongoing green infrastructure demonstration project at 515 Tully Street on the Near Westside.
- **Upstate Freshwater Institute:** \$5,000 to educate students at LaFayette High School and all five of the Syracuse city high schools, about the diversity of the aquatic macroinvertebrate community of Onondaga Lake.
- **Liverpool Central School District:** \$5,000 for the ‘Living Lake Project’ to make Onondaga Lake part of the 5th grade educational program in the Liverpool School District.

The annual OLP Mini-Grant Program encourages locally-based projects designed to increase the knowledge and involvement of the public to help restore, conserve and enhance Onondaga Lake and its watershed.

In addition to the mini-grants, the OLP also awarded two grants of \$500 each through the 2009 Teacher’s Education Fund to teachers from Salem Hyde Elementary School for class projects associated with stream restoration in the Onondaga Lake watershed and the “Nature in the City” field trip to Onondaga Lake for 3rd and 5th grade students, respectively.

Funding for the Mini-Grant Program and Teacher’s Education Fund is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an OLP member organization, through a grant to the Onondaga Environmental Institute. For more information on these and other OLP programs, please visit our website at www.onlakepartners.org.

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