

Onondaga Lake Partnership Charter

The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) is established to promote cooperation among Federal, State, and local governments, and other involved parties in the management of the environmental issues of Onondaga Lake and its watershed.

The Partnership will facilitate and coordinate the development and implementation of improvement projects to restore and conserve water quality, natural resources, and recreational uses to the benefit of the Public. The Partnership's efforts and actions will be consistent with the Onondaga Lake Management Plan.

The signatories plan to develop a consensus-based partnership that has the following goals:

- Support and augment projects in the Onondaga Lake Management Plan (OLMP) including implementation of the Amended Consent Judgment (ACJ) and the approved remedies for the Onondaga Lake Superfund process.
- Develop a comprehensive project management tracking system, which includes action items, timelines, and milestones.
- Develop and implement an outreach plan to inform, educate, and involve the public on the OLMP activities.
- Conduct research, surveys, and studies necessary for the identification, development and implementation of projects and programs that will contribute to the improvement and restoration of water quality and other natural resources in Onondaga Lake and its watershed.

The following, by signing the Charter, agree to support the goals of the Partnership by contributing their time, resources, knowledge, technical skills, and best efforts to the extent of their ability, and consistent with their statutory authorities and subject to the availability of funds. This commitment will include attending meetings, participating in document development, and planning for the implementation of the OLMP. This Charter is a public statement of intent designed to foster good faith and cooperation among the parties.

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that this Charter shall not legally bind anyone or any organization to this or any other agreement. This agreement does not limit or in any way restrict the statutory or contractual obligations of the signatories in carrying out their private and/or public responsibilities.

On this day August 9, 2000.

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