

# Onondaga Lake Watershed Community Forum



Onondaga Lake  
Natural Resource Damage  
Assessment and Restoration  
Trustee Council



## Tuesday, November 29

Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Syracuse, New York

**5:00pm Open House: Exhibits and Refreshments** *Rotunda*

**6:00pm Welcome & Presentations** *Banquet Room*  
Dave Eichorn, Emcee

### Traditional Haudenosaunee Opening

The Words that Come Before All Else, Tadodaho Sidney Hill

#### Presenters

- Tadodaho Sidney Hill, Onondaga Nation
- County Executive Joanne Mahoney, Onondaga County
- Mayor Stephanie Miner, City of Syracuse
- Regional Administrator Judith Enck, Region 2, USEPA
- Regional Director Kenneth Lynch, NYSDEC Region 7

**6:45pm Introduction & Transition to Roundtables**  
Dave Eichorn and a representative from Syracuse University's Program for the Advancement and Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC)  
*Please help yourself to the sweet treats on your way to your roundtable!*

**7:00pm Roundtables – Watershed Challenges and Opportunities**  
Roundtable topic descriptions are on the back of this program. Tables are first come, first serve. Sign-up sheets for each roundtable are located near the welcome table. Please have a second choice roundtable ready, if your first choice sign up sheet is full.

**7:45pm Closing - Reconvene** *Banquet Room*  
Dave Eichorn, PARCC, and Onondaga Environmental Institute  
Roundtable report back and raffle

### Traditional Haudenosaunee Closing

Tadodaho Sidney Hill

**Let us hear from you! Please fill out an evaluation form and drop it in the blue bin before you leave.**

After the forum, please visit the Onondaga Lake Partnership website for questions and answers raised at tonight's roundtables. Information will be posted as it is received – check back in the coming weeks.

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# Roundtable Topics

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## a. Beyond the cleanup: projects to reconnect with Onondaga Lake

*Convener: Kenneth Lynch, NYSDEC*

**Purpose:** Update the public on planned projects to reconnect with Onondaga Lake and foster public input on planned and future projects. Examples could include (but are not limited to); increased access for boating, fishing, and hiking around the lake and tributaries.

**Desired Outcome:** Develop ways to involve the public in identifying additional projects to reconnect with the lake.

## b. Preparing for lake dredging in 2012: progress to date and upcoming plans

*Conveners: Robert Edwards and Timothy Larson, NYSDEC and Onondaga Lake Lead Community Participation Working Group*

**Purpose:** Share information and answer questions on current progress and upcoming Onondaga Lake cleanup activity.

**Desired outcome:** Foster a better public understanding of the progress with the Onondaga Lake cleanup and solicit community input to enhance communication with the public.

## c. Save the Rain: The use of green infrastructure\* in managing stormwater in the Onondaga Lake Watershed

*Conveners: Bj Adigun, CH2M Hill for Onondaga County and Andrew Maxwell, City of Syracuse*

**Purpose:** To briefly explain the purpose and scope of the Save the Rain program, describe the City/County partnership essential to its implementation and to answer questions from the community.

**Desired Outcome:** Increase public knowledge about the program, and to hear back from the public on how to enhance Save the Rain information and outreach efforts.

*\*Green infrastructure refers to techniques used to capture rainwater where it lands in order to reduce stormwater runoff.*

## d. Onondaga Lake Natural Resources Damage Assessment & Restoration (NRDAR)\* process in depth

*Conveners: Andrew Guglielmi, NYSDEC; John Davis, NYS Office of the Attorney General; Thane Joyal, for General Counsel of Onondaga Nation*

**Purpose:** Explain the phases and current status of the NRDAR process for Onondaga Lake and distinguish it from other ongoing Lake efforts.

**Desired outcome:** Increase public understanding of the phases and status of the NRDAR process and know what points in the process they can become involved.

*\*Through the NRDAR process, studies are conducted to identify the extent of resource injuries, the best methods for restoring those resources, and the type and amount of restoration required. Trustees work with the public to select and implement restoration projects.*