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Onondaga Lake Partnership helps students study water quality

Syracuse, N.Y. – The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) will work with students and teachers from local schools to study water quality on Fri., Oct. 17 at Onondaga Creek. The event is one of many scheduled nationally in recognition of World Water Monitoring Day.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Jane M. Kenny and other representatives of the OLP and the Upstate Freshwater Institute will work with teachers to instruct students on site about water quality issues affecting Onondaga Creek and Onondaga Lake, and will help them with hands-on activities such as collecting and analyzing water samples. Students will test water for dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity/clarity and temperature.

“The Onondaga Lake Partnership is committed to restoring, enhancing and protecting the ecosystem of Onondaga Lake and its watershed,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hall, Chair of the OLP Executive Committee and Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, lead agency for the OLP. “Public involvement is integral to our success, and we are especially pleased to welcome the active involvement and participation of students. Experiences like this water monitoring event help teach us all how to be good stewards of the environment and to ensure a healthier Onondaga Lake and watershed for the future.”

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The event is an extension of World Water Monitoring Day, coordinated by America's Clean Water Foundation, the International Water Association and a host of global partners, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, all members of the Onondaga Lake Partnership. The annual event invites citizens and organizations to share in the experience of water quality monitoring and serves as an educational platform to promote understanding about how the actions of individuals in a watershed can impact many others.

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