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LOCAL SYRACUSE SCHOOLS TEST WATER QUALITY IN ONONDAGA CREEK TO CELEBRATE WORLD WATER MONITORING DAY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Syracuse, NY – On Wednesday, October 4th, and Tuesday, October 17th, the Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) is sponsoring two days of water quality monitoring and education for local area schools at Kelley Brothers Memorial Park, leading up to the 5th Annual World Water Monitoring Day on October 18th.

The Onondaga Lake Partnership promotes cooperation among government agencies and other parties involved in managing the environmental issues of Onondaga Lake and the Onondaga Lake watershed in Syracuse, New York. The OLP is committed to sharing and protecting our community's water ecosystem and encourages citizens to learn more about protecting our valuable water resources. World Water Monitoring Day is an excellent initiative designed to promote education and personal stewardship.

Participating students from Henninger, Nottingham, Fowler, East Syracuse-Minoa, Jamesville-DeWitt, and West Genesee High Schools; Parkview Jr. Academy; and Levy, Blodgett, and Soule Road Middle Schools will join with thousands of volunteers across the globe to sample the water quality and report their findings. Students will learn the importance of water quality protection and the science behind water monitoring, while gaining hands-on experience sampling for temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity in Onondaga Creek. Students will also have the opportunity to view the creek's inhabitants, such as fish and macroinvertebrates.

To facilitate this important event, representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Upstate Freshwater Institute (UFI), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the State University of NY School of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF), the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI), and other OLP members and associates will be on-hand to help test the waters and share their knowledge with the students.

Kelley Brothers Memorial Park is located at 251 Dorwin Avenue in Syracuse, NY.

For more information, call the Onondaga Environmental Institute at (315) 472-2150 x 25, visit the OLP web site at www.onlakepartners.org, and/or the World Water Monitoring Day web site at www.worldwatermonitoringday.org.