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Onondaga Lake Partnership Supports Environmental Education in Local Schools

SYRACUSE, N.Y -- (1/30/07) -- The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) continues to offer grants to teachers to educate students about Onondaga Lake and its environment. In its first year, the program provided nearly \$4000 to more than a dozen educators throughout Onondaga County. Projects ranged from Onondaga Lake art projects to water quality sampling and watershed mapping and reached over 300 students in elementary, middle and high school. Building upon last year's success, the OLP Environmental Education Fund continues to be offered to local teachers. This non-competitive grant offers up to \$500 per teacher per school year for projects meeting program criteria. Teachers may apply at any time.

The OLP is seeking classroom and field projects that promote environmental education activities focused on Onondaga Lake environmental issues. "The OLP is happy to continue to offer this opportunity for teachers to give hands-on lessons to their students about the lake and its watershed. The program is designed to be flexible and easy for teachers to apply, and so many exciting projects are possible," said Seth Ausubel, Chief of the Freshwater Protection Section of the USEPA, Region 2 and OLP Outreach Committee Chair.

The Environmental Education Fund is sponsored by the Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP), a group of federal, state, and local agencies and other involved parties working together to restore and enhance Onondaga Lake and its watershed. Additional information about the Onondaga Lake Partnership, the lake restoration effort, the OLP Environmental Education Fund, and other OLP public outreach and education efforts may be obtained on the OLP website, www.onlakepartners.org, by email at info@onlakepartners.org, or by calling toll free 1-800-833-6390. Environmental Education Fund applications can be requested by contacting the Onondaga Environmental Institute at 315-472-2150 or outreach@oei2.org.