



ONONDAGA CREEK CONCEPTUAL REVITALIZATION PLAN

Project Description: The goal of the Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCRP) project is to develop a community-based revitalization plan for the Onondaga Creek watershed, providing a guide for future development, water quality and habitat improvements that can enhance environmental, social and economic conditions along Onondaga Creek.

The Onondaga Creek Working Group will develop the revitalization plan. They are a diverse group of volunteers that live or work in the Onondaga Creek watershed, including Tully, LaFayette, the Onondaga Nation, Nedrow, Syracuse and the West Branch of Onondaga Creek. Working Group meetings occur on the first Wednesday of the month and are open to the public. Meeting times and locations can be found on the Onondaga Lake Partnership website and the project website: www.esf.edu/onondagacreek.

To assist the Working Group in plan development, OCRP Project Team members facilitate several project elements, including the following:

- Public community forums and stakeholder organization meetings to gather community input.
- Public education programs to raise public awareness and encourage involvement.
- Technical reports about Onondaga Creek to inform the development of the revitalization plan.



OCRP Community Forum

Location: The project area is the Onondaga Creek watershed, which runs through the south-central

portion of Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse, New York.



Onondaga Creek

Project Sponsor: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency serves as the Federal sponsor of this Onondaga Lake Partnership project. The OCRP Project Team serves as the non-Federal sponsor through work-in-kind provided by: City of Syracuse, Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI), Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County (CCE), Canopy, Atlantic States Legal Foundation, and SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (SUNY ESF).

Current Status: As of Spring 2007, project status is as follows:

- The Onondaga Creek Working Group is currently developing the draft revitalization plan.
- Public community forums collected input from over 200 people during Spring and Summer of 2006.
- Public education programs, conducted by CCE and SUNY ESF, reached adults and school-age children in the watershed. SUNY ESF supports the project website.
- The OCRP Project Team continues to gather community input; meetings with stakeholder organizations are on-going through Winter and Spring of 2007.
- A series of Fact Sheets about Onondaga Creek, created by a collaborative process between scientists at OEI and the Working Group, are available to the public.
- The draft revitalization plan is expected in Fall 2007.