

The Working Group

The Onondaga Creek Working Group will develop the conceptual revitalization plan for Onondaga Creek. They are a diverse group of volunteers who live or work in the Onondaga Creek watershed.

The Working Group meets at 5:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public. For a meeting schedule and location please visit www.esf.edu/onondagacreek.



Working Group members learn about the Creek

S. Harrington, CNYRPDB

The Project Team

The Project Team is responsible for facilitating the Working Group, Community Forums, and Stakeholder meetings, public education events, and the creation of various informational documents. The following organizations work together to assist the Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan Project:

- Atlantic States Legal Foundation
- Canopy
- City of Syracuse
- Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County
- Onondaga Environmental Institute
- State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF)



M. Perreault, OEI

West Branch of Onondaga Creek

We want to know what you think!

What is important to you along the creek?

What changes do you wish for?

Let us know!



A. Helpert



E. Michalenko, OEI



A clean lake reflects well on all of us.

The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) sponsors the Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCRCP) project with funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). Visit www.onlakepartners.org for more information on the OLP.

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CONCEPTUAL REVITALIZATION PLAN

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CONCEPTUAL REVITALIZATION PLAN

Onondaga Creek Deserves a Vision...

You can help create it!



Past—1919

Syracuse Interagency Sewer Board (2007)



Present—2006

K. Foote

Your Vision Here!

Future

This vision can only come from the community who lives, works and plays in its watershed.

HELP ONONDAGA CREEK

...join the list of rivers around the nation that have made dramatic recoveries after years of neglect and abuse, bringing recreational, ecological, and economic opportunities to their surrounding communities.

**re-vitalize:
to give new life or vigor**



E. Clark, US EPA

Onondaga Creek near Ballantyne Road

PROJECT COMPONENTS

Working Group

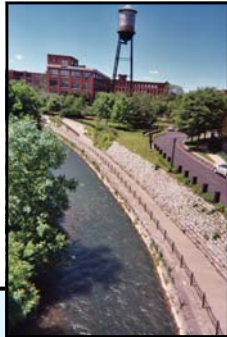
Public Education Programs

Community Forums and Stakeholder Meetings

Information Reports about Onondaga Creek

The Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan

Onondaga Creek at Franklin Square

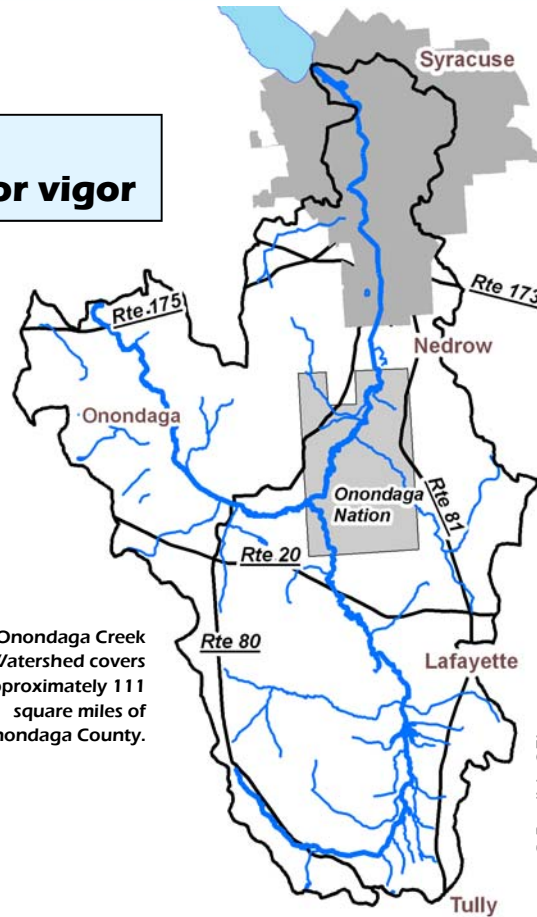


E. Michaelenko, OEI

PROJECT GOAL

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 social, environmental, and economic conditions along Onondaga Creek.

WHY ONONDAGA CREEK?



The Onondaga Creek Watershed covers approximately 111 square miles of Onondaga County.

C. Burdick, OEI

- A healthy creek can help Onondaga Lake! Approximately 35% of the water in Onondaga Lake comes from Onondaga Creek.
- Onondaga Creek has changed over time—but that change is not necessarily permanent. We can plan to improve the creek's water quality, wildlife habitat, and open spaces.
- Access to the creek is currently limited by fences and private property. Creative planning could provide safe opportunities to interact with the creek.

GET INVOLVED!



Attend the Community Forums and other public meetings about the Creek, and bring your friends! A large part of this plan depends on the input given by the public—make your voice heard about the future of Onondaga Creek!

Attend public education programs and events related to the Onondaga Creek watershed—educate yourselves!

Visit the OCRP website:
www.esf.edu/onondagacreek

for more information about the history, geology, and ecology of the Onondaga Creek watershed.

Join the Friends of Onondaga Creek Working Group email list

by emailing maponon@verizon.net or visiting www.esf.edu/onondagacreek

Canoeing Onondaga Creek



A. Halpern