



# onondaga creek

CONCEPTUAL REVITALIZATION PLAN

## PROJECT SUMMARY

### PROJECT GOAL

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 social and economic conditions along Onondaga Creek.

### 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. Members are from Syracuse, Nedrow, the Onondaga Nation, LaFayette and Tully.

The Working Group meets at 5:30 p.m. 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](http://www.esf.edu/onondagacreek).

### 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 OCRP Project:

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

### PROJECT COMPONENTS

**Working Group Meetings** – Facilitated by Dr. Rick Smardon, SUNY ESF

**Public Education Programs** – Facilitated by SUNY ESF & CCE

*Purpose:* To raise public awareness, and encourage public involvement, for Onondaga Creek watershed issues and the OCRP project.

**Community Forums and Stakeholder Meetings** – Facilitated by SUNY ESF & OEI

*Purpose:* To provide opportunity for community input concerning visions for creek restoration. This input will be used in the development of the OCRP. A summary report will be available to the public.

**Information Reports about Onondaga Creek** – Facilitated by OEI & ASLF

*Purpose:* To provide the technical documents to guide the formation the OCRP, including conceptual restoration alternatives and case studies, an applicable government and regulatory jurisdictional guide, a summary of the state of Onondaga Creek, and a directory of relevant information. All reports will be available to the public.

**The Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan** – Facilitated by the Working Group

The plan is expected to be developed by mid-2007, and will be made available for public comment. The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) may choose to incorporate the conceptual plan for the revitalization of Onondaga Creek into the overall management plan for Onondaga Lake.

### PROJECT FUNDING

The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) sponsors the OCRP project with funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).