

Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan Working Group Meeting Minutes #14

5:30 – 7:00 PM, March 1, 2006

Elders' Room of Tsha'Hoñ'noñyeñ'dakhwa'
326 Route 11, Nedrow, New York.

Onondaga Creek Working Group: *Present:* JoAnn Cucci, Jim Daly, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Tarki Heath, Bill Guptill, Kaitlyn Guptill, Steve Kearney, Louise Poindexter, Jeanne Shenandoah, John Snavlin & spouse; *Absent:*, Taylor Atseff, Teresa Doherty, Chuck Goodman, Melody Holmes,, Salendria Mabrey, , Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce,.

Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team: *Present:* Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CCE): Amy Samuels, Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI): Meredith Perreault, Lindsay Speer, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Bruno Takahashi, Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage; *Absent:* Canopy: Lee Gechas, City of Syracuse: William Owens.

Additional Attendees: Clark Burdick, Brigit Burt, (OEI), Diane Carlton (NYSDEC), Ginny Collins, Wendy Gonyea, Catherine Landis, (ESF), Austin Diamond, Jake Edwards, Sabrina Rautio, Curtis Waterman.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group meeting will be on April 5, 2006 at 5:30 PM , at the Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street. The meeting will focus on training and preparation for the upcoming Community Forums.	
1b	Administrative: Homework	Working Group members wrote descriptions of their section of the Onondaga Creek, for the “About the Creek” page on the OCRP website.	Additional descriptions may be submitted at any time by mail or email to onon1@verizon.net .
1c	Administrative: Post-Standard Articles	Ms. Perreault noted that many articles were written in the Post-Standard about Onondaga Creek in the past month. Copies were made available (file copy only). Another article on Onondaga Creek, including information about the upcoming community forums, is expected to be published in the Post-Standard on Sunday, March 12, 2006.	Working Group members should read the articles.
2a	Onondaga Creek Community Forums	The Community Forums are scheduled as follows: Wednesday, April 19th, 7-8:30pm, Bob Cecile Center , 174 W. Seneca Tnpk, Syracuse; Wednesday, May 3rd, 5:30-7:00pm, City Hall Commons , 233 Washington St, Syracuse; Thursday, May 18th, 7-8:30pm, Lafayette Community Center , 2508 Rt 11, Lafayette. The Working Group expressed concerns about the acoustics in the Cecile Center and the City Hall Commons Atrium.	Ms. Speer will investigate availability of sound systems for the Community Forums.

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2b	Onondaga Creek Community Forums: Working Group Role	Dr. Smardon presented the draft program outline. Working Group members were asked to help facilitate the small group brainstorming sessions (training will be provided), as well as encourage 10 people to attend the forum in their area.	Dr. Smardon will provide training at the next Working Group meeting.
2c	Onondaga Creek Community Forums: Publicity	The brochure and flyer created by Ms. Speer were presented to the Working Group. Ms. Cucci and Ms. Poindexter said the brochure was too busy. Ms. Perreault noted Mr. Takahashi's work on the website and asked Working Group members for feedback.	Brochure comments will be incorporated into the next version. Working Group members are asked to visit and give feedback on the OCRP website.
3	Case Study: Eighteenmile Creek	Ms. Perreault delivered a presentation on the restoration project completed on a one-mile stretch of Eighteenmile Creek in Newfane in western New York (attached to file copy only). A discussion ensued. Attendees asked several questions about the restoration.	Ms. Perreault will research and provide answers at the next Working Group meeting.
4	Potluck Dinner!	The Working Group celebrated it's one year anniversary.	Working Group members will gain three pounds. =)

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Speer,
Recording Secretary of the Onondaga Creek Working Group