

Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

Working Group Meeting Minutes #23

5:30pm – 7:00pm, January 3, 2007;

Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York

Onondaga Creek Working Group: *Present:* Bob Dougherty, Teresa Doherty, Marcia Duncan, Claire Fisher, Knowlton Foote, Bill Guptill, Tarki Heath, Steve Kearney, Paul Mercurio, Louise Poindexter, Jeanne Shenandoah, John Snavlin; *Absent:* Kitty Burns, JoAnn Cucci, Jim Daly, Chuck Goodman, Bob Haley, Melody Holmes, Salendria Mabrey, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce.

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

Additional Attendees: Bernard Carr, Diane Carlton (NYS DEC), Virginia Collins (SUNY ESF), Karin Limburg (SUNY ESF), Jim O’Loughlin (Parsons Corp.), Dan Maffei, Tish Price, Larry Rutledge (Canopy).

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Point of Discussion</u> | <u>Action</u> |
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| 1a | Administrative: Next meeting | The next Working Group Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2007 from 5:30-7:00pm at Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street. Hydrology options for the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan will be discussed. | Ms. Perreault will invite Mr. Peter Black to attend. |
| 1b | State of Onondaga Creek Fact Sheets | Ms. Speer distributed binders with the final (pending OLP approval) versions of the Onondaga Creek Fact Sheets to Working Group members for their use during the planning process (file copy only). | |
| 2 | Community Input Fact Sheet | Ms. Perreault distributed a draft fact sheet with preliminary analysis of goals and concerns from the Community Forums. | |
| 3 | Drivers for Revitalization | Working Group discussed major ecological, economic, and social drivers for revitalization, facilitated by Dr. Smardon. Ms. Perreault recorded ideas on flipcharts. Seven major subsets were identified: water quality, human health & safety, politics & economics, quality of life, community involvement, physical/visual access and use, and ecological health & habitat quality. Ideas to consider within each of those categories were suggested by the Working Group. | |
| 5 | Stream Segments for Planning | The Working Group discussed how to conceptually divide Onondaga Creek for the planning process. Ms. Perreault recorded segments on watershed map overlay. The Working Group agreed upon the following segments: Headwaters to Rainbow Creek, West Branch, Rainbow Creek to dam, dam to Dorwin Ave., Dorwin to Ballantyne Ave., and Ballantyne to Inner Harbor. | |
| 6 | Sustainability assessment grant | Ms. Fisher suggested Working Group members consider the Sustainability Design Assessment Team recommendations as well as public input and fact sheets when creating the plan. | Ms. Perreault will distribute recommendations when they are available. |

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