

Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

Working Group Meeting Minutes #24

6:00 pm – 7:00pm, February 7, 2007;

Broadway Coffee Cafe, 210 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York

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

Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:

Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage; *Canopy:* Lee Gechas; *Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI):* Robert Griffiths, Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault; *SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (SUNY ESF):* Richard Smardon, Bruno Takahashi; *Absent:* Bill Owens, Derek Purcell, Amy Samuels

Additional Attendees:

Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWCD): Mark Schaub; *SUNY ESF:* Peter Black, Virginia Collins, Ted Endreny; *USGS:* Bill Kappel

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2007 from 5:30-7:00pm at Betts Branch Library. Ecology/Biology options for the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan will be discussed.	OEI will invite ecology/biology experts.
1b	Administrative: Spring Schedule	A Stakeholder Organization Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2007 at the MOST in Armory Square. Doors open at 7:30 am, discussion starts at 8:00am. Additional meetings with specific organizations are ongoing.	OEI will provide flyers to Working Group for further distribution.
2	Review of Revitalization Drivers	Dr. Smardon briefly reviewed January's drivers as part of the creek hydrology discussion.	Working Group will revisit the drivers at the March 2007 meeting.
3	Revitalization Options: Creek Hydrology	Working Group discussed future hydrology options for Onondaga Creek, facilitated by Dr. Smardon. Ms. Perreault and Mr. Michalenko recorded options on flipcharts. Working Group developed five options for stream hydrology: 1) Do Nothing; 2) Dam Modification; 3) Stream Channel Modification; 4) Floodplain Realignment; and 5) Best Management Practices. Working Group rated hydrology drivers on a Hydrology Options Checklist. Each option was rated on a three-point scale: positive, negative, neutral/questionable. Working Group requested that OEI link specific comments with the each hydrology option.	OEI staff will link specific comments with working group ratings for each hydrology option, if possible.

4	Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District Update	Mr. Schaub reported progress on OCSWCD projects from Rt. 20 to Solvay Rd. He reported an overall reduction in sediment pollution to Onondaga Creek. OCSWCD restored ~25 of the 40 priority reaches. Mr. Schaub pointed out site locations on a GIS map.	
5	Other Important Points of Discussion	Working Group discussed the impacts of global warming on the watershed. Mr. Kappel described greater variation in hydrological regimes and a need for risk management in future planning. Working Group discussed jurisdiction of the dam, regulatory authority and importance of the Onondaga Nation in decision making.	

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert Griffiths,
 Recording Secretary of Onondaga Creek Working Group