

**Draft Agenda for the Mini-Conference:**  
**Improving Citizen Water Quality Monitoring**  
**In Central New York**  
**January 20, 2018**

**Gateway Center at SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry**

**9-10 AM**

Registration and Poster Sessions, plus coffee & donuts for early arrivals

**10-11 AM**

Background and objectives of this Mini-Conference by Project Watershed board members (30 minutes):

- A. Introduction of conference sponsors and participants
- B. Presentation on Izaak Walton League of America's "Clean Water – Your Right to Know" nationwide survey and report
- C. Summary report on SUNY-ESF hydrology research paper: "Designing a Stream Monitoring Program for Onondaga Lake and its Tributaries: A Citizen Science Approach"
- D. Brief history of citizen volunteer water monitoring organizations across New York State

Community Science Institute – 20 minute presentation on the CSI stream monitoring program

Coffee Break until 11 AM

**11 AM – 12 PM**

Finger Lakes Institute – 20 minute presentation on the FLI stream monitoring program

Project Watershed CNY – 20 minute presentation on the PW stream monitoring program

NYS Federation of Lake Associations – 20 minute presentation on CSLAP volunteer lake monitoring program and citizen based tributary monitoring activities

**12 - 1:00 PM**

Lunch at Gateway Center

**1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Round table discussion by groups of 5-6 participants on the successes, strengths, weaknesses, and primary questions/concerns of their monitoring programs, and how we can collaborate with each other and the surrounding communities. Project Watershed monitors will compile poster board notes from each table

**2:30 – 3:00 PM**

Summary presentation of notes and recommendations from round table groups

**3:00 PM**

Optional tour of "Flume" watershed model site at Baker Lab building at SUNY-ESF