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# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## Working Group Meeting Minutes #10

**5:15pm – 6:30pm, November 2, 2005; Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street, Syr, New York**

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Joanne Arany, Jim Daly, Bob Dougherty, Chuck Goodman, Bill Guptill, Tarki Heath, Louise Poindexter, Jeanne Shenandoah, John Snavlin; *Absent:* JoAnn Cucci, Teresa Doherty, Knowlton Foote, Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Carl Myrus, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Olive Sephuma

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

**Additional Attendees:** Brigit Burt, Ginny Collins, ESF, Don Hughes, Catherine Landis, ESF, Cathy Keenan, Kate Woodle.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Administrative: Reading items	Three Working Group members took chapters one, two and three of Ann L. Riley's <u>Restoring Streams in Cities: A Guide for Planners, Policymakers, and Citizens</u> (Island Press 1998) home to read between meetings.	Working Group members will return chapter copies to the next meeting.
2	Field trip recap	<p>Dr. Smardon reviewed the September and October field trips with a slide presentation (presentation attached to file copy only). The Working Group discussed the field trip. The group noted the difference in water clarity between Furnace Brook (the tributary of Onondaga Creek in Elmwood Park) and the main branch of Onondaga Creek at the Onondaga Nation. The group discussed the difficulty sampling fish at the Onondaga Nation boardwalk. Mr. Guptill noted that when flooding occurs on the West Branch near Hitchings Road, fish can be trapped in puddles or pools outside of the creek channel, after water levels reside.</p> <p>Dr. Smardon reviewed the October design treatment field trip to Armory Square, Lower Onondaga Park and the streambank stabilization site. He noted at Armory Square that Onondaga Creek's width is narrow and structures are very close to the creek. The Working Group discussed some of the issues pertinent to the Onondaga Botanical Garden and Arboretum plan, such as funding, public support and historic designation at some of the sites. Working Group members spoke favorably about the streambank stabilization site. Mr. Snavlin noted that funding problems halted the project near Nichols road, leaving the stones intended for creek improvements sitting in piles on its banks. Mr. Snavlin also mentioned that landslides had recently occurred near the streambank stabilization site on Fall and Rainbow Creeks, tributaries to the main branch of Onondaga Creek. Dr. Smardon noted the importance of developing different recommendations for different segments of Onondaga Creek.</p>	Ms. Perreault will bring aerial photos of the landslides to the next Working Group meeting.

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3	Community meetings, winter 2006	<p>Dr. Smardon introduced the mini-forum meetings as a component of the OCRP project and identified the need to gather public opinion on the future of Onondaga Creek. Dr. Smardon asked the Working Group what would make the mini-forum meetings more enticing to the public. The Working Group had a number of constructive comments. In summary, Working Group members suggested the fate of the revitalization plan must be clear to the public, i.e. whether implementation of the plan will be funded, costs of implementation, and impacts to the community should be identified. The Working Group recommended that an education component be included that is tailored to each audience group. Mr. Goodman suggested articles about Onondaga Creek should run concurrently in the Post Standard with mini-forum meetings. Ms. Arany suggested that the mini-forums might be ‘piggy-backed’ with existing community meetings. Some local organizations and interest groups were discussed.</p> <p>The Working Group expressed concern that the community needs to see actual progress on the creek, instead of just talking about it. Dr. Michalenko reminded the group that the mini-forums are designed to gather public opinion, which can be turned into support for a plan. He stated that once grassroots support exists, funding and actual work can proceed with better likelihood of success. Ms. Poindexter recounted a recent Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN)-sponsored workshop on the southwest side of the city. The meeting was designed to solicit ideas from neighborhood residents. She stated attendance was high because residents were enthusiastic about expressing their ideas, including those for Onondaga Creek.</p> <p>Dr. Smardon circulated a questionnaire to the Working Group (attached to file copy only) and asked the Working Group to provide input on effective mini-forum meetings.</p>	<p>Ms. Poindexter will ask SUN to share the workshop results for Onondaga Creek with the Working Group.</p> <p>The Working Group will mail or bring the completed questionnaire to the next meeting.</p>
4	Revisit Planning/Visioning Process	<p>Dr. Smardon reviewed the Working Group’s current place in the planning/visioning process: progressing from getting acquainted with Onondaga Creek to reviewing the state of the creek. Mr. Goodman inquired about coordination between the Working Group and other groups and agencies with projects on Onondaga Creek. Dr. Smardon noted that coordination would begin in the next phase.</p>	<p>Ms. Perreault will bring a list of known Onondaga Creek projects to the next meeting.</p>
5	Schedule next meeting	<p>The next Working Group Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, December 7, 2005, from 5:30-7:00pm</b> at Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street. The Working Group will plan upcoming mini-forum meetings with the community in the Onondaga Creek watershed.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Perreault, Recording Secretary of Onondaga Creek Working Group

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## Working Group Meeting Minutes #9

3:00pm – 6:00pm, October 4, 2005

**Onondaga Creek at Armory Square, Lower Onondaga Park, and near Tully Farms Road**

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Joanne Arany, JoAnn Cucci, Teresa Doherty, Tarki Heath, Jeanne Shenandoah, John Snavlin; *Absent:* Jim Daly, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Chuck Goodman, Bill Guptill, Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Carl Myrus, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Louise Poindexter, Olive Sephuma

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:** *Present:* *Canopy:* Lee Gechas, *Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC):* Meredith Perreault, Ed Michalenko, *SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF):* Richard Smardon, Bruno Takahashi;

*Absent:* *Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF):* Sam Sage, *City of Syracuse:* William Owens, *Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CUCE):* Amy Samuels

**Additional Attendees:** Ollie Clubb, Ginny Collins, *ESF,* Catherine Landis, *ESF,* Cathy Keenan, *NRCS.*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Administrative: Reading items	Ms. Perreault brought two chapters of Ann L. Riley's <u>Restoring Streams in Cities: A Guide for Planners, Policymakers, and Citizens</u> (Island Press 1998) to the Working Group. Ms. Landis recommended this book to the Working Group at the August meeting. Working Group members are invited to take chapters home to read between meetings.	The Working Group is to review the papers.
2a	Design treatments field trip summary	The October 4 <sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting was a field trip that served to familiarize the Working Group with design treatments in urban and rural settings. Field trip locations included 1) a site near Armory Square (for proposed storm water management techniques and design); 2) Lower Onondaga Park (where plans are being drafted for the Onondaga Arboretum and Botanical Garden); and 3) a streambank stabilization site (part of an Onondaga Lake Partnership-sponsored project) that included a willow planting, located on the main branch of Onondaga Creek in Tully Valley. The Working Group met at the O'Donnell parking lot at Walton and Fayette Streets. After 45 minutes of discussion at the Armory Square site, the group traveled by car to Lower Onondaga Park and then to the streambank stabilization site.	
2b	Armory Square highlights	Dr. Smardon led a discussion about the stormwater management design proposed by Ryan Kovac, a recent graduate of SUNY ESF. Dr. Smardon emphasized the challenge of remaking the site from a parking lot surrounded by conventional storm drains to a park-like setting that captures and filters surface runoff. The Working Group asked a number of questions about the Armory area hydrology, geology and the potential for public support for this type of design. The Working Group also discussed Syracuse's Comprehensive Plan and plans for a creekwalk from Franklin to Armory Square.	

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2b	Lower Onondaga Park highlights	Mr. Glen Lewis, from Syracuse's Parks, Recreation and Youth department, met the Working Group at Lower Onondaga Park to discuss the Onondaga Botanical Garden and Arboretum design plans. Dr. Emanuel Carter, SUNY ESF Landscape Architecture, developed the design with other project partners. Mr. Lewis is part of the project oversight team. Mr. Lewis pointed out that the design idea is to enhance a system of parks to use as a springboard for neighborhood revitalization. Mr. Lewis noted that historic landscape designations preclude radical changes in a number of the parks included in the design. This includes Lower and Upper Onondaga Parks and Elmwood Park. He added that Kirk Park and South Avenue have more flexibility for alteration. Mr. Lewis emphasized the need for a paradigm shift in people's thinking about Onondaga Creek. He said that community activities and parks programs can assist in this effort, as long as funding is available.	
2c	Streambank stabilization site highlights	Dr. Tim Volk, Program Director of the Short Rotation Woody Crops Program at SUNY ESF met the Working Group on Onondaga Creek, near Tully Farms Road in Tully Valley. He showed the Working Group a willow planting at a streambank stabilization project sponsored by the OLP and constructed by the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWCD) and the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Mark Schaub of the OCSWCD was also present to discuss the project. Dr. Volk explained the willows will grow quickly to stop erosion and sedimentation into Onondaga Creek from the newly modified streambank. After a period of time, other species should establish naturally on the streambank. The Working Group had a number of questions about the area's subsidence (sinking of the ground) that exacerbated the streambank erosion. It was noted that Honeywell is the landowner of the project site and the subsidence was related to brine mining in the past in the Tully Valley. Mr. Schaub discussed the placement of rock structures in the creek at this site. He explained that the new structures direct water flow and improve trout breeding habitat.	
3	Schedule next meeting	The next Working Group Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, November 2, 2005, from 5:15-6:45pm</b> at Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street. The Working Group will recap the last two field trips and discuss upcoming mini-forum meetings with the community in the Onondaga Creek watershed.	

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Perreault

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group

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## Working Group Meeting Minutes #8

3:00pm – 6:00pm, September 7, 2005

Elmwood Park, Glenwood Ave, and Onondaga Creek Banks behind the Onondaga Nation School

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* JoAnn Cucci, Jim Daly, Teresa Doherty, Bob Dougherty, Louise Poindexter & granddaughters, Bill Guptill, Knowlton Foote, Joanne Arany, John Snavlin, Chuck Goodman, Jeanne Shenandoah *Absent:* Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Ruth Pierce, Tarki Heath, Chasz. Parker, Olive Sephuma

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:** *Present:* Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC): Meredith Perreault, Ed Michalenko, Dan Gefell, Jennifer Fredenburg, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Bruno Takahashi; Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage, City of Syracuse: William Owens *Absent:* Canopy: Lee Gechas, Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CUCE): Amy Samuels, (ESF): Janet Marsden

**Additional Attendees:** Kelley Somerlot, (CUCE), Catherine Landis, ESF, Diane Carlton, NYS DEC, Peter Thompson,(ASLF).

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Administrative: Reading items	Ms. Perreault handed out a list of optional reading items to the Working Group about the history of Syracuse and Onondaga County. Ms. Perreault also introduced a book as recommended reading by Ann L. Riley called <u>Restoring Streams in Cities: A Guide for Planners, Policymakers, and Citizens</u> (Island Press 1998). Dr. Michalenko suggested that a copy of each chapter be available to Working Group members to read between meetings.	Mr. Sage will inquire about reduced pricing for the book.  Ms. Perreault will make copies of chapters available at the next meeting.
2a	Stream Ecology field trip summary	The September 7 <sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting was a field trip that served to familiarize the Working Group with basic stream ecology in both an urban and rural setting. The Working Group met at Furnace Brook in Elmwood Park (Glenwood Ave near South Ave). After an hour of demonstration and discussion, the group traveled by bus to a section of Onondaga Creek located behind the Onondaga Nation School, south of Nedrow.	
2b	Furnace Brook highlights	Dr. Neil Ringler of ESF led a discussion about the effect of vegetation along the banks of small creeks and rivers.  Dr. Ringler, ESF graduate student Tony Siniscal, and Dr. Michalenko, surveyed the density and diversity of fish and macro-invertebrates. Brown trout of various sizes were collected using a back-pack electro-shocking technique along Furnace Brook, a tributary of Onondaga Creek. After demonstration and discussion, the fish were released.	

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2b		<p>Dr. Ringler noted that the man-made rock stream banks provide important habitat and cover for the trout. Teresa Doherty noted that brook trout breed farther up Furnace Brook. Dr. Ringler added that once brown trout are introduced to a watershed, brook trout are displaced farther up stream.</p> <p>A kick screen was used to collect macro-invertebrates. Amphipods (scuds), water striders, mayflies, and belostomatid (giant water bugs) were discovered, with amphipods being most abundant. Dr. Ringler pointed out that a high density of brown trout and amphipods, but low overall diversity at that stream segment, may be due to the lack of tree canopy. He explained that more tree leaves provide more organic matter to the stream, which in turn provides diverse food, habitat, and physical environments conducive to increased diversity of aquatic insects. Invertebrates contribute to “drift” floating down stream; the greater the numbers, the larger the food source for fish. He also explained that turbidity might be a reason for the lack of invertebrate diversity.</p>	
2c	Onondaga Creek Highlights	<p>At the Onondaga Nation stop, the Working Group walked the boardwalk along the creek and wetlands. Several small fish were sampled, and among those identified were cutlips minnows, brown trout, and shiner. Sampling was different due to a lack of water clarity. Consequently, very few fish were captured.</p> <p>Dr. Ringler and Dr. Michelanko led a discussion about the impacts of turbidity and the Tully mudboil sediment load to the creek and Onondaga Lake.</p>	
3	Schedule next meeting	<p>Dr. Smardon introduced the next Working Group Meeting, which is a field trip scheduled for <b>Tuesday, October 4, 2005, from 3:00-6:00pm.</b> Ms. Perreault distributed reading material to the Working Group in preparation for the field trip. Locations include the willow biomass project site (south of Dorwin Ave), Lower Onondaga Park (where plans are being drafted for the Onondaga Arboretum and Botanical Garden, and a site near Armory Square (for proposed storm water management techniques and design).</p>	The Working Group will read the introductory material as preparation for the October 4, 2005 field trip.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fredenburg

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group

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## Working Group Meeting Minutes #7

5:30pm – 7:00pm, August 3, 2005

105 Marshall Hall, SUNY ESF Campus, Syracuse, New York

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Joanne Arany, Jim Daly, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Tarki Heath, Carl Myrus (new member), Louise Poindexter, John Snavlin; *Absent:* JoAnn Cucci, Teresa Doherty, Chuck Goodman, Bill Guptill, Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Olive Sephuma, Jeanne Shenandoah,

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCRP) Project Team:** *Present:* Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage, Canopy: Lee Gechas, Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC): Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Janet Marsden, Bruno Takahashi; *Absent:* Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CUCE): Amy Samuels

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Cathy Keenan, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Catherine Landis, ESF

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Wetlands field trip summary	Dr. Smardon reviewed the July wetlands field trip with a slide presentation (presentation attached to file copy only). The Working Group discussed each stop on the field trip; reviewing the functions and values of the types of wetlands seen.	
1b	Wetlands creation exercise	The Working Group broke into four teams to complete a wetlands creation exercise. This consisted of a paper contour map of the Meadowbrook detention basin. On trace paper, each team sketched an alternative plan for the basin. Each team then described their plan to the other teams.	
2	Onondaga Creek Fest briefing	Mr. Gechas briefed the Working Group on Onondaga Creek Fest (July 23, 2005). The Working Group discussed the event and made suggestions to Mr. Gechas for enhancing attendance and visibility.	
3	Schedule next meeting	The next Working Group meeting was scheduled <b>Wednesday, September 7, 2005, from 3:00-6:00pm, as a stream ecology/fisheries field trip.</b> Ms. Perreault will contact the Working Group with field trip details. Working Group members received, as homework, an article on the Onondaga fishery, written by Joan Cope Savage, OLCC (article attached to file copy only).	The Working Group will read the fisheries article as preparation for the September 7, 2005 field trip.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Perreault

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group

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## Working Group Meeting Minutes #6

3:00pm – 6:00pm, July 6, 2005

Barry Park, Meadowbrook Drive and Westcott Street, Syracuse, New York

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* JoAnn Cucci, Jim Daly, Teresa Doherty, Bob Dougherty, Chuck Goodman, Tarki Heath, Chasz. Parker, Louise Poindexter, Olive Sephuma; *Absent:* Joanne Arany, Knowlton Foote, Bill Guptill, Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Ruth Pierce, Jeanne Shenandoah, John Snavlin

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:** *Present:* Canopy: Lee Gechas, Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC): Meredith Perreault, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Janet Marsden, Bruno Takahashi; *Absent:* Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage, Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CUCE): Amy Samuels, OLCC: Ed Michalenko

**Additional Attendees:** Virginia Collins, ESF, Stephanie Harrington, CNY Regional Planning and Development Board, Evan Kelly, Syracuse University, Cathy Keenan, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Catherine Landis, ESF, Jennifer Owens, CNY Community Foundation

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Wetlands field trip summary	The July 6 <sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting was a field trip that served to familiarize the Working Group with local natural and created wetlands. The Working Group met near Barry Park, at Meadowbrook and Westcott Street, and traveled by bus to three stops (field trip schedule attached to file copy only): two stops at wetlands on the West Branch of Onondaga Creek, and the third stop at the Meadowbrook detention basin.	
1b	Wetlands field trip highlights	<p>Dr. Smardon teamed with Dr. Don Leopold, Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology at SUNY ESF to discuss the natural and cultural importance of wetlands.</p> <p>At the first stop on the West Branch of Onondaga Creek, South Onondaga Marsh at Hogsback Road and Route 80, the Working Group observed a shallow freshwater marsh and riparian forest. At the second stop, on Red Mill Road, the group observed a deep marsh and riparian forest. At both stops on the West Branch, the Working Group observed these wetland functions: flood attenuation (a reduction in flooding by slowing, storing and absorbing rain and melt water); nutrient uptake (absorption by plants of nutrients from the soil); habitat for songbirds, waterfowl, amphibians and mammals; plus enjoyment by people (also referred to as heritage values) – hunting, fishing, nature appreciation and aesthetics.</p>	

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1b	Wetlands field trip highlights	<p>Dr. Leopold pointed out various tree species, noting that Eastern Cottonwood and Box Elder are two native riparian tree species. Dr. Leopold informed the group that American Elm - Green Ash - Red and Silver Maple are a typical historic wetland tree assemblage that is now scarce in Central New York, noting that there are two diseases that attack American Elm. Mr. Daly remembered cedars used to be present at the second stop on the West Branch. Dr. Leopold added that the now uncommon Northern White Cedar swamps shelter many rare native plant species, including orchids; therefore, cedar swamp restoration is especially important. The Working Group discussed the impact of beaver activity on wetland environments, and invasives such as Purple Loosestrife and Common Reed.</p> <p>Dr. Smardon reviewed the history of Meadowbrook detention basin and its function as a created wetland for stormwater management. The Working Group discussed the potential of created wetlands to slow and filter runoff and assist with flood management.</p>	
2	Schedule next meeting	<p>The next Working Group meeting was scheduled <b>Wednesday, August 3, 2005, from 5:30-7:00pm, at 105 Marshall Hall on the SUNY ESF campus.</b> Ms. Perreault told the Working Group that the prior two meeting locations were booked and offered a choice between the Dunbar Center and SUNY ESF. Working Group members agreed to meet at SUNY ESF, but expressed a concern about parking.</p>	<p>To facilitate parking, Ms. Perreault will provide SUNY ESF parking authority with a list of Working Group members.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Perreault

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group

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## Working Group Meeting Minutes #5

5:30pm – 7:00pm, June 1, 2005

Betts Branch Library, 4862 South Salina Street, Syracuse, New York

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Joanne Arany, Jim Daly, Teresa Doherty, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Chuck Goodman, Bill Guptill, Tarki Heath, Ruth Pierce, Louise Poindexter, Olive Sephuma, Jeanne Shenandoah; *Absent:* JoAnn Cucci, Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Chasz. Parker, John Snavlin

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:** *Present:* Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage, Canopy: Lee Gechas, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE): Amy Samuels, Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC): Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Janet Marsden, Bruno Takahashi

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Virginia Collins, ESF, Catherine Landis, ESF.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Recap of Onondaga Creek tour	The Working Group reviewed the May 4 <sup>th</sup> field trip. To aid the discussion, Dr. Smardon used a presentation dividing the Onondaga Creek corridor into eight geographic areas. Using worksheets from the field trip, the Working Group discussed aspects observed at each area. Dr. Smardon explained the purpose of the field trip and review was to familiarize the Working Group with Onondaga Creek and surrounding conditions.	The Working Group will bring their worksheets to the next meeting for compilation into a summary document by Mr. Takahashi.
2	Overview of the planning/visioning process	Dr. Smardon presented a planning/visioning process for the Working Group (presentation attached to file copy only). The presentation served as a procedural “roadmap” for the Working Group.	
3	Plan future meetings	The Working Group discussed potential field trips for future meetings. The group used a worksheet of field trip ideas to rank their preferences (field trip ranking sheet attached to file copy only). [After the meeting, Ms. Perreault compiled field trip preferences. The top ranking field trips were, in order of preference: 1) wetlands, 2) landscape design/public access, and 3) Onondaga Creek fishery.]	

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
4	Onondaga Creek Works	Ms. Perreault explained Onondaga Creek Works, an idea proposed by Mr. Gechas, as a collection or archive of materials relating to Onondaga Creek (description attached to file copy only). Working Group members are encouraged to bring items to Working Group meetings to be archived by OLCC. Two or three times a year, OLCC will distribute a CD which will picture and describe items. Dr. Michalenko pointed out that all items will be returned to Working Group members at the following meeting.	
5	Schedule next meeting	The next Working Group meeting was scheduled <b>Wednesday, July 6, 2005, from 3:00-6:30pm.</b> The meeting will be a wetlands field trip, based on the ranking of Working Group preferences.	Ms. Perreault will notify the Working Group of the plans for the upcoming field trip.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Perreault

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group

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## Working Group Meeting Minutes #4

3:00pm – 6:15pm, May 4, 2005

Field Trip Meeting Place – Inner Harbor, West Kirkpatrick St, Syracuse, New York

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Joanne Arany, JoAnn Cucci, Jim Daly, Teresa Doherty, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Chuck Goodman, Bill Guptill and daughter, Tarki Heath and daughter, Louise Poindexter; John Snavlin; *Absent:* Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Olive Sephuma, Jeanne Shenandoah

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:** *Present:* Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage, Canopy: Lee Gechas, City of Syracuse: Bill Owens; Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE): Amy Samuels, Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC): Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Janet Marsden, Bruno Takahashi

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Kelly Casey, OLCC, Virginia Collins, ESF, Stephanie Harrington, Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, Catherine Landis, ESF, Jennifer Owens, Central New York Community Foundation, Kelly Sommerlot, CCE.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Onondaga Creek Field Trip	The May 4 <sup>th</sup> Onondaga Creek Working Group meeting took place as a field trip. The field trip served as an overview of the Onondaga Creek corridor. The Working Group met at the Syracuse Inner Harbor and traveled by bus to four stops in the creek corridor (field trip schedule attached to file copy only): Gatehouse Pond in Tully, the flood control dam on the Onondaga Nation, Onondaga Creek at Kelly Brothers Memorial Park in Nedrow, and Onondaga Creek at Kirk Park in Syracuse. The field trip ended with a stop at the Inner Harbor. Each Working Group member received a worksheet to record comments about the field trip (attached to file copy only). The Working Group's comments will be discussed at the next meeting.	The Working Group members will complete and bring their field trip worksheets to the June meeting.
2	Schedule next meeting	The next Working Group meeting was scheduled <b>Wednesday, June 1, 2005, from 5:30pm – 7:00pm</b> . Ms. Perreault proposed that the Working Group meet at the Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church. However, the Church has no free meeting space for June 1 <sup>st</sup> . <b>The new location will be the Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street.</b> The meeting adjourned.	

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Perreault

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group

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## Working Group Meeting Minutes #3

5:30pm, April 7, 2005

Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church, 275 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Joanne Arany, JoAnn Cucci, Jim Daly, Teresa Doherty, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Chuck Goodman, Bill Guptill, Tarki Heath, Jeanne Shenandoah; John Snavlin; *Absent:* Tom Cunningham, Melody Holmes, Kerry Mannion, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Louise Poindexter, Olive Sephuma

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:** *Present:* Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage, Canopy: Lee Gechas, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE): Amy Samuels, Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC): Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Janet Marsden, Bruno Takahashi; *Absent:* City of Syracuse: Bill Owens

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Ollie Clubb, Rob McAfee, Fernando Ortiz, Jr. City of Syracuse Department of Community Development.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Onondaga Creek anecdotes	After introductions, the Working Group and other meeting attendees each relayed an anecdote or thought about Onondaga Creek. Responses varied from memories of swimming in Onondaga Creek as a child to expressing frustration or dismay about the creek's current condition.	
2	Review brain writing results	Dr. Smardon distributed and discussed his summary of the brain write exercise from the March 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting (attached to file copy only). Dr. Smardon told the Working Group that their responses to the brain write can be used as major themes for organizing a plan for revitalization. The Working Group can continue to return to the summary and use it as a benchmark.	
3	Summarize and clarify presentations from March 9, 2005 meeting	Summaries of the March 9 <sup>th</sup> presentations were distributed to the Working Group (attached to file copy only). The Working Group members asked a few questions about the presentations. Dr. Smardon and members of the Project Team responded.	
4	Next step: plan next meeting	For the next meeting, Dr. Smardon proposed a stream ecology speaker or a field trip and asked for thoughts from the Working Group. A discussion ensued. The Working Group agreed to an overview field trip of the Onondaga Creek corridor. Ollie Clubb offered to organize a canoe trip in the future for the Working Group. The Working Group expressed enthusiasm for the idea.	The OCRP Project Team will develop a field trip schedule and Ms. Perreault will mail it to the Working Group.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
5	Review meeting minutes and schedule next meeting	The next Working Group meeting was scheduled as a field trip for Wednesday, May 4, 2005, from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. The meeting adjourned.	

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Perreault

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group

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# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## **DRAFT** Working Group Meeting Minutes #2

6:00pm, March 9, 2005

The Dunbar Center, 1453 South State Street, Syracuse, New York

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* JoAnn Cucci, Jim Daley, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Bill Guptill, Tarki Heath, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Chasz. Parker, Olive Sephuma, Jeanne Shenandoah; *Absent:* Joanne Arany, Tom Cunningham, Teresa Doherty, Chuck Goodman, Melody Holmes, Kerry Mannion, Ruth Pierce, Louise Poindexter, John Snavlin

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:** *Present:* Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage, Canopy: Lee Gechas, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE): Amy Samuels, Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC): Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Janet Marsden, Bruno Takahashi; *Absent:* City of Syracuse: Bill Owens

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Virginia Collins, SUNY ESF, Jim Creveling, Ted Endreny, SUNY ESF, Bill Kappel, US Geological Survey (USGS), Joe Heath, Rob McAfee, Jamie Murray, Catherine Landis.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Brain Writing Exercise	After introductions, Dr. Rick Smardon (ESF), Chair of the Onondaga Creek Working Group, conducted a “brain writing” exercise. Meeting attendees received an index card to write two major issues for the revitalization of Onondaga Creek. Attendees stated their issues, which were written on a flip chart. Dr. Smardon noted that he would consolidate the issues into a document, which the Working Group would revisit and use at future meetings.	Dr. Smardon will produce a document summarizing the revitalization issues from the brain writing exercise.
2	Hydrology of the Onondaga Creek/Tully Valley Presentation	Dr. Bill Kappel of the US Geological Survey (USGS) presented information about the geology and hydrology of the southern part of the Onondaga Creek watershed (presentation attached to file copy only). He introduced the formation of the Onondaga Creek/Tully Valley, the “mudboil” phenomenon near Otisco Road, landslides in the valley, historic salt production, fresh water springs in the City of Syracuse, and recent findings from the USGS groundwater drilling project sponsored by the Onondaga Lake Partnership. Dr. Kappel recommended that the Working Group read the USGS pamphlet <i>Tree Rings Record 100 Years of Hydrologic Change Within a Wetland</i> (Working Group members received this pamphlet in their notebooks).	



<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
3	<i>Onondaga Creek Conveyance and Thoughts on Restoration Presentation</i>	Virginia Collins, SUNY ESF graduate student working with Dr. Ted Endreny, presented information about urban aspects of the Onondaga Creek channel and flooding (presentation attached to file copy only). Ms. Collins gave a historical overview of the channelization of Onondaga Creek in response to flooding in the city. She summarized pertinent restoration criteria: 1) maintaining acceptable flood conveyance risk, 2) improving creek aquatic habitat and water quality, and 3) enhancing riparian structure and function. Ms. Collins provided the following web address: <a href="http://www.esf.edu/Onondaga">www.esf.edu/Onondaga</a> for more information about the Onondaga Creek Restoration Feasibility Study and provided email addresses for questions: Dr. Ted Endreny: te@esf.edu and Virginia Collins: vbcollin@syr.edu.	
4	Working Group Meetings Structure	Dr. Smardon briefly summarized the schedule of meeting topics for the project. He divided the Working Group meetings into three subject blocks: 1) Block 1, Getting acquainted with Onondaga Creek 2) Block 2, Review of technical work products 3) Block 3, Creek revitalization planning Final product: Creek Revitalization Conceptual Plan.	
5	Schedule Time and Location for Next Meeting	The next Working Group meeting was scheduled on Wednesday, April 6, 2005. [Due to a schedule conflict for Dr. Smardon, the Working Group meeting was rescheduled to <b>Thursday, April 7, 2005 at the Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church, 275 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse.</b> ] The meeting adjourned.	

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Perreault

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group

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# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## Working Group Meeting Minutes #1

6:00pm, February 2, 2005

The Dunbar Center, 1453 South State Street, Syracuse, New York

**Present:** *Onondaga Creek Working Group:* Joanne Arany, JoAnn Cucci, Tom Cunningham, Jim Daley, Teresa Doherty, Bill Guptill, Melody Holmes, Kerry Mannion, Michele Mike, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Louise Poindexter, Jeanne Shenandoah, John Snavlin;

*Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:* Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Sam Sage, Canopy: Lee Gechas, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE): Amy Samuels, Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp (OLCC): Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF): Richard Smardon, Janet Marsden, Bruno Takahashi;

*Additional Attendees:* Seth Ausubel and Mario DelVicario, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 Office, Jeff Carmichael, Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District, Susan Miller, Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.1	Introductions and Mission Statement	After introductions, Dr. Smardon (ESF), Chair of the Onondaga Creek Working Group, discussed the mission of the Working Group: to develop a conceptual revitalization plan for Onondaga Creek that addresses access, land use, development and habitat enhancement. Dr. Smardon said the Working Group would also assist in developing a groundswell of support for creek revitalization among Onondaga Creek stakeholders.	
1.2	Discussion	The Working Group asked several questions of Dr. Smardon at this point. Ms. Cucci asked if prior work had been done planning revitalization of Onondaga Creek. Dr. Smardon answered that pieces of work had been accomplished by different people. They would be invited to assist the Working Group. Mr. Guptill asked if the Onondaga Nation had been invited. It was answered that they had and would send a representative to the Working Group meetings. Ms. Pierce asked how the Regional Treatment Facility at Midland Avenue would be addressed as either under or above ground. Dr. Smardon said the group needed to assume that the Midland facility would be built and suggested that the Working Group might look at some of Dr. Emmanuel Carter's (ESF) work on urban design ideas for Onondaga Creek.	
2	Onondaga Creek Overview	Dr. Smardon gave a presentation that provided an overview to the state of Onondaga Creek (file copy attachment).	

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
3	Introduction to the <i>Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan</i> Project	Dr. Michalenko (OLCC) gave a presentation that introduced the Working Group to the <i>Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan</i> (OCRCP) project (file copy attachment). He explained the structure of the Working Group and its part in the project.	
4.1	Working Group Decision Making: 1. Basic Rules	Dr. Smardon introduced meeting mechanics and communications. A brief discussion ensued. Dr. Smardon suggested making decisions by consensus until more structure was needed. Several individuals expressed concern regarding committee representation to the press. The group agreed to work together in a collective effort and address the press through only one or two people as spokesperson(s). Mr. Parker asked for clarification on Working Group communications outside of meetings. It was noted that OLCC would maintain meeting minutes and correspondence. Ms. Perreault encouraged the Working Group to contact her, either by phone (472-2150, x 4) or by email (maponon@verizon.net).	For the next meeting, Dr. Smardon asked the Working Group to think about how the group would interact with the press.
4.2	Working Group Decision Making: 2. Committees	Dr. Smardon proposed that the Working Group would need to make a decision on whether to work in subcommittees, stay in one group, or function in both formats.	Dr. Smardon asked the Working Group to think about meeting as a whole, breaking into subcommittees, or both, for the next meeting.
4.3	Working Group Decision Making: 3. Schedule Time and Location for Next Meeting	The Working Group discussed scheduling the next meeting. The Working Group agreed on scheduling meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. The group agreed to stay at the Dunbar Center for the first meetings during the winter, and then move to different locations, including the possibility of scheduling a day meeting/field trip to see the creek. [Due to a schedule conflict with Mayor Driscoll's City of Syracuse address, the Working Group meeting was rescheduled to <b>Wednesday, March 9, 2005, 6:00pm at the Dunbar Center, 1453 South State Street, in the Recreation Room.</b> ]	

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
5	Closing Discussion	After discussing the meeting schedule, the Working Group addressed various comments to Dr. Smardon. Ms. Mike proposed that some tangibles and benchmarks were needed to move the meetings along. She also requested clarification of the terms being used such as conceptual plan and revitalization. Ms. Cucci expressed a preference for starting and ending the meetings on time. Ms. Arany asked what the obligations are of administrators and regulators to accept what the Working Group proposes. Dr. Smardon responded that he could not definitively answer what would be accepted and stressed the importance of generating a groundswell of support for revitalization from Onondaga Creek stakeholders.	Dr. Smardon will lay out a schedule with benchmarks for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Perreault

Recording Secretary of the OCRP Project Team and Onondaga Creek Working Group(?)

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## ***DRAFT*** Working Group Meeting Minutes #11

**5:30pm – 7:00pm, December 7, 2005; Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street, Syr, New York**

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Joanne Arany, Jim Daly, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Bill Guptill, Kaitlyn Guptill, Tarki Heath, Jeanne Shenandoah.; *Absent:* JoAnn Cucci, Teresa Doherty, Chuck Goodman, Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Carl Myrus, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Louise Poindexter, Olive Sephuma, John Snavlin

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

**Additional Attendees:** Clark Burdick, Brigit Burt, Steve Kearney

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Administrative: Determine next meeting	Working Group members agreed to meet January 4, 2006 at the Betts Branch Library meeting room, noting that the Rose Bowl football game was the same night.	Ms. Perreault will reserve the Betts Branch meeting room for Jan. 4, 2006.
2	Comments on November questionnaire	<p>The Working Group responded to the November meeting's homework questionnaire (attached to file copy only). Dr. Smardon shared Working Group responses sent electronically prior to the meeting. The group recorded responses on flip chart paper posted around the meeting room. The Working Group then voted for preferred responses with adhesive dots. A discussion ensued. A summary of preferences is below.</p> <p>The Working Group agreed to use the following name: "Onondaga Creek Community Forums". Many suggestions were made for forum locations. The group noted that locations should be non-intimidating to the public and that parking downtown can be problematic. For scheduling, the Working Group favored Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the late afternoon and early evening. The Working Group preferred presentation information on local impacts of revitalization and current project ideas. Mr. Guptill noted the importance of tailoring information presented to forum location.</p> <p>As tools for soliciting issues and goals at the community forums, the group preferred a survey. The group agreed that a survey in the newspaper would be helpful. The Working Group was in favor of light refreshments, donated by local businesses or host organizations. For publicizing the forums, the Working Group preferred using the newspapers; seconded by all other media outlets in a phased strategy.</p>	Ms. Perreault will compile the Working Group's responses to the questionnaire into a summary document.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
2	Comments on November questionnaire, continued	For key publicity contacts, the group had numerous recommendations, particularly favoring Sean Kirst and Dick Case from the Post-Standard newspaper. The Working Group suggested a number of locations for placing flyers, indicating a preference for distribution via the schools. For post-forum follow-up, the Working Group favored an email list-serve and follow-up forums a few months after the initial meetings. The group suggested specific individuals or groups that should be invited to the community forums, noting the importance of involving Dick Case and Sean Kirst from the Post-Standard, elected officials and representatives from the business district of the city.	
3	December homework	Dr. Smardon distributed a map of the project's planning segments for Onondaga Creek, a draft stakeholder list and a short worksheet as homework (attached to file copy only).	The Working Group will review the map and stakeholder list.
4	Working Group Attendance	Members of the Working Group expressed concern about declining attendance and offered suggestions for improving participation. Possible projects were discussed as a method for invigorating community involvement.	
5	Schedule next meeting	The next Working Group Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, January 4, 2006, from 5:30-7:00pm</b> at Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street.	

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Perreault,  
Recording Secretary of Onondaga Creek Working Group

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## ***DRAFT*** Working Group Meeting Minutes #21

5:30pm – 7:00pm, November 1, 2006;

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

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

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

**Additional Attendees:** Vincent Esposito (City of Syracuse), Catherine Landis (SUNY ESF)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Administrative: Next meeting	The next Working Group Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, December 6, 2006, from 5:30-7:00pm</b> at Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street.	
2	Stakeholder Organization Meetings	Dr. Smardon summarized the OCRP Project Team's strategy for upcoming stakeholder organization meetings. Dr. Smardon requested Working Group recommendations of stakeholder businesses to contact for future meetings, in the upper watershed of Onondaga Creek.	Working Group members will contact Ms. Perreault with suggested business names. Ms. Perreault will bring the stakeholder meetings strategy to the next Working Group meeting.
3	Suggestions for October fact sheets: Flood Control Fact Sheet	The Working Group reviewed the flood control fact sheet from the October meeting (attached to file copy only). A discussion of flood control structures ensued, encompassing questions of jurisdiction and permitting. Mr. Dougherty inquired about the purpose of the drop structure built at Dorwin Avenue. Dr. Smardon stated OEI would research the purpose of the drop structure for the Working Group.	OEI staff will research the purpose of the Dorwin Avenue drop structure and clarify its purpose.
4	Fisheries fact sheet discussion	Dr. Smardon asked Dr. Michalenko to summarize the fisheries fact sheet (attached to file copy only). The Working Group asked a number of questions and made suggestions for the fact sheet and accompanying map.	OEI staff will revise the fisheries fact sheet based on the Working Group's suggestions, including modifications to the map.
5	New and revised fact sheets	Dr. Smardon distributed a revised version of the pathogens fact sheet and a new habitat fact sheet (attached to file copy only) for take-home reading.	The Working Group will read the habitat fact sheet for the next meeting.
6	Sustainability assessment grant	Mr. Haley and Mr. Mercurio informed the group that the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County and Syracuse University have received an American Institute of Architects grant for a <i>Sustainable Design Assessment Team</i> to perform a sustainability assessment in Syracuse. A charrette is planned for December 2006.	Mr. Mercurio and Mr. Maxwell will keep the Working Group informed of upcoming meetings associated with the grant.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Perreault,  
Recording Secretary of Onondaga Creek Working Group

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## Working Group Meeting Minutes #20

5:30pm – 7:00pm, October 4, 2006;

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

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

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

**Additional Attendees:** Erika Clark, Chris Dere (US EPA Region 2 Office), Don Hughes (OEI)

<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 <b>Wednesday, November 1, 2006, from 5:30-7:00pm</b> at Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street.	
1b	Administrative: Upcoming events	Dr. Smardon noted October events pertinent to Onondaga Creek, as recorded on the agenda (attached to file copy only). Mr. Dere summarized the October 4, 2006 World Water Monitoring Day event at Kelley Brothers Park, sponsored by the Onondaga Lake Partnership.	
2	Suggestions for September fact sheets	The Working Group reviewed handouts from the September meeting, including revised versions of the water quality summary table and mudboils fact sheet. Dr. Smardon noted the water quality summary table's qualitative section will continue to expand. Dr. Smardon distributed a new pathogens fact sheet (attached to file copy only). A discussion ensued. The Working Group asked a number of questions and made suggestions for the above fact sheets. Mr. Haley requested a map of combined sewer overflow (CSO) abatement projects and suggested a simplified diagram to reflect the points made in the mudboil fact sheet.	OEI staff will research sudden change (~1998-1999) in monthly average fecal coliform bacteria sampled in the City of Syracuse, represented on the pathogens fact sheet. OEI staff will request or produce a CSO abatement map and a simplified mudboil diagram.
3	Hydrology fact sheet discussion	Dr. Smardon asked Dr. Hughes to review the Hydrology fact sheet (attached to file copy only). Several Working Group members requested clarification of concepts and graphics in the fact sheet. Mr. Haley suggested a diagram of gaging station locations and a diagram of impervious cover runoff. Mr. Snavlin noted that he has tracked rainfall amounts on his farm for twenty years.	OEI staff will revise the Hydrology fact sheet based on the Working Group's suggestions, including adding/clarifying diagrams. OEI staff will research capacity of the creek channel.
4	Flood Control fact sheet discussion	Dr. Smardon distributed and briefly introduced the flood control fact sheet (attached to file copy only). He asked the Working Group to review for the next meeting.	The Working Group will review the flood control fact sheet for the November meeting.
5	City grant noted	Mr. Kearney announced that the City of Syracuse is pursuing a grant to install a stone-dust trail from Dorwin Avenue to Seneca Turnpike.	



Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Perreault,  
Recording Secretary of Onondaga Creek Working Group

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## DRAFT Working Group Meeting Minutes #19

5:30 – 7:00 PM, September 6, 2006  
 Betts Branch Library Meeting Room  
 4862 S. Salina St., Syracuse, NY 13205

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

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

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton, NYSDEC.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Administrative: Next Meeting	<b>The next Working Group meeting will be 5:30 PM at the Betts Branch Library, 4862 South Salina St, Syracuse NY 13205 on October 4, 2006.</b> State of Onondaga Creek: Hydrology and Flood Control.	
2a	The State of Onondaga Creek: Mudboils	Working Group members read the <i>Tully Valley Mudboil Fact Sheet</i> (file copy only) created by Ms. Joan Cope Savage of OEI. Discussion ensued on the following topics: mudboil history and rarity, the pros and cons of current mudboil diversion projects, the likelihood of a mudboil appearing in Onondaga Creek and possible ramifications, the connection or similarities between mudboils and landslides in the Tully Valley, hypothetical long-term plans for managing the mudboils, and the potential historical or interpretive value of the mudboils. Mr. Haley asked for a map of Mr. Bill Kappel's findings.	OEI staff will incorporate requests for additional information. Specific action items attached to file copy only.
2b	The State of Onondaga Creek: Water Quality and Chemistry	Dr. Smardon introduced the one-page water quality summary, and water quality and chemistry factsheets (file copy only) created by Dr. Don Hughes of OEI. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of data available for Onondaga Creek. Mr. Foote and Ms. Doherty questioned whether or not fecal coliform bacteria from agricultural runoff, salinity from road salt, and high pH are a problem for Onondaga Creek; Dr. Smardon noted that a summary of pathogen bacteria levels, toxic organics, and heavy metals is forthcoming from Dr. Hughes. The Working Group agreed that this summary is a useful document, and made the following suggestions for improvement: "odor" as sampling criteria; color-code water quality summary by stream reach; maintain consistency of data presentation; replace map on back with a map showing stream segments; and use a topographic base map to relate all other maps.	Working Group members will continue to review Dr. Hughes' documents. OEI staff will incorporate suggested changes.

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan Working Group Meeting Minutes #18

6:00 – 7:00 PM, August 2, 2006

Bob Cecile Senior Center

174 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13205

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

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

**Additional Attendees:** none

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Administrative: Next Meeting	<b>The next Working Group meeting will be 5:30 PM at the Betts Branch Library, 4862 South Salina St, Syracuse NY 13205 on September 6, 2006.</b> State of Onondaga Creek water quality data will be discussed.	
2a	Onondaga Creek Community Forums Data: "Dot Boards"	Ms. Perreault distributed a summary of "dot board" data collection methods and results from all seven Community Forums (file copy only). This document is intended for Working Group members' information.	Working Group members will review document.
2b	Onondaga Creek Community Forums Data: Organize the structure for data evaluation	Ms. Perreault distributed a draft categorization of written goals from the first four Community Forums (file copy only). It was created by summarizing written goals into 1-2 word phrases, and sorting into categories suggested by the Working Group.  The Working Group reviewed document in breakout groups, considering two questions: 1) Do the six main categories make sense? and 2) Are there obvious subcategories within the categories?  The Working Group made suggestions for major topics and subtopics, and agreed that OEI staff should consolidate similar comments under each category.	Ms. Perreault will create a summary of suggestions for distribution at next Working Group meeting.  Ms. Perreault will incorporate suggestions into data analysis.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
3	State of Onondaga Creek: Water Quality & Chemistry.	<p>The following items were distributed (file copy only):  A draft handout on water quality for Onondaga Creek, a map of sampling sites, Eighteenmile Creek’s “report card”, a summary table from the Oswego River Remedial Action Plan, and a glossary of water quality terminology.</p> <p>Working Group members discussed presentation and availability of data with Donald Hughes, Ph. D., of OEI.</p> <p>Working Group members were instructed to keep the water quality glossary available for future reference.</p>	<p>Working Group members are asked to review the water quality findings, and evaluate the Eighteenmile Creek and Oswego River documents for information summary methods prior to the next Working Group meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Hughes will incorporate suggestions for additional graphs and data presentation methods into water quality report.</p>

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## Working Group Meeting Minutes #17

6:00 – 7:00 PM, July 12, 2006

Faith Heritage School Library

3740 Midland Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205-0132

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

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

**Additional Attendees:** none

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	<b>The next Working Group meeting will be 6 PM at the Bob Cecile Center, 174 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse NY 13205 on August 2, 2006.</b> Water quality and Community Forum data will be discussed.	Mr. Daly will contact Nedrow Fire Hall.
1b	Administrative: Onondaga Creek Community Forums	Flyers with dates and locations for the July Onondaga Creek Community Forums were distributed (file copy only).	Working Group members are not required to attend.
1c	Administrative: New Working Group members	Four new potential Working Group members were identified and contacted. Ms. Claire Fisher will join the Working Group at the next meeting, representing the Business District. Ms. Marcia Duncan is a property owner along Onondaga Creek in the Valley.	OEI staff will follow up with other two candidates, Mr. Bob Haley and Ms. Muria Larison.
2a	Onondaga Creek Community Forums Data: Dot Boards and Maps	Ms. Perreault distributed preliminary dot board data from the first four forums (file copy only). Mr. Kosakowski requested consistency between graphs, as well as include a description of data collection methods. Mr. Snavlin suggested that methods remain the same for July Community Forums.	Ms. Perreault will explain data collection methods in a summary document, and distribute to the Working Group.
2b	Onondaga Creek Community Forums Data: Data Reports	Mr. Michalenko distributed initial data reports (file copy only). All data is verbatim from the cards and flipcharts. The Working Group examined flipchart data and discussed potential categories and keywords. Mr. Michalenko suggested the Working Group establish categories that are easy to use and can facilitate data evaluation and interpretation. He also cautioned against establishing a classification scheme that could potentially introduce bias.	OEI staff will use Working Group's suggestions to create draft categories for review at next meeting.

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan Working Group Meeting Minutes #16

6:00 – 7:00 PM, June 7, 2006

Palace Theater Lobby

2384 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13206

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

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

**Additional Attendees:** Clark Burdick, (OEI), Diane Carlton (NYSDEC), Jaime Howley, John Mackey, Eric Persons, Rachel May, Bruce Block.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group meeting is <b>changed to Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup></b> to avoid the July 4 <sup>th</sup> holiday. The meeting will be held at <b>5:30 PM at Faith Heritage School Library, 3740 Midland Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205-0132 Syracuse.</b>	
1b	Administrative: New Members	Mr. Dougherty remembered community forum participants who expressed interest in joining the Working Group.	OEI staff will contact potential Working Group members.
2a	Onondaga Creek Community Forums: Feedback	The Working Group discussed the Community Forums, including common themes, diversity of ideas, reasons for lower turnout at the last two forums, and the possibility of scheduling additional forums. The Working Group discussed the importance of gathering input from the following areas and groups: the business community, students, Franklin Square, Tully, the Onondaga Nation, and the Southside. The Working Group supported the Project Team's plan for Community Forums with the Onondaga Nation and the Southside, and supported switching to stakeholder meetings soon. Ms. Poindexter mentioned the Southwest Community Center and the Dunbar Center serve distinct communities on the Southside. The Working Group agreed that Southwest Community Center was a more appropriate venue as it is located closer to the creek. The Working Group complemented the Community Forums facilitator, Ms. Kim Farrell.	Ms. Speer will coordinate with Ms. Shenandoah to plan a Community Forum on the Onondaga Nation and attempt to schedule another community forum at the Southwest Community Center.

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2b	Onondaga Creek Community Forums: Publicity	Mr. Mackey suggested Dr. Michalenko and Dr. Smardon to return to Hour CNY and stage a forum on TV to familiarize the public with the event. Working Group members also suggested more publicity through Mr. George Kilpatrick and Mr. Mark Weiner.	Ms. Speer will contact Ms. Ketchum of Hour CNY to discuss further publicity. Ms. Speer will continue communications with Mr. Weiner of the Syracuse Post Standard and Mr. Kilpatrick of WSYR radio.
3	Presentation: Robin Chanay	Working Group members attended Ms. Chanay's presentation, "Stream Restoration as a Cornerstone of Urban Revitalization," at 7 PM at the Palace Theater.	

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## Working Group Meeting Minutes #15

5:30 – 7:00 PM, April 5, 2006

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

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

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

**Additional Attendees:** Clark Burdick, (OEI), Diane Carlton (NYSDEC), Kim Farrell (Farrell Consulting Inc.).

<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 replaced by the Onondaga Creek Community Forum on May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2006, held at City Hall Commons Atrium, 201 E. Washington Street in Syracuse from 5:30 – 7 PM.	Ms. Speer will inform Working Group if discounted parking is available.
1b	Administrative: Upcoming Events	Ms. Perreault presented a list of upcoming events relating to Onondaga Creek. Dr. Craig Colton from Louisiana State University wishes to host a roundtable about environmental justice issues and Onondaga Creek on April 10 <sup>th</sup> during his visit to Syracuse University.	Working Group members will contact Ms. Perreault if interested in attending.
1c	Administrative: Handouts, Available Materials, and Homework	Ms. Speer requested that Working Group members complete the homework assignment for the website. Ms. Perreault noted that the US EPA's Watershed Planning Handbook is now available to the public.	Working Group members should email Ms. Speer their submissions for the website or turn in sheets at a future meeting.
2a	Onondaga Creek Community Forums: Scheduling	A fourth forum has been scheduled for <b>Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, at South Presbyterian Church</b> , 112 W. Colvin St., Syracuse.	
2b	Onondaga Creek Community Forums: Publicity	Dr. Michalenko and Dr. Smardon will be appearing on Hour CNY with George Kilpatrick and Liz Ayers on April 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Ms. Speer distributed a checklist of Working Group members' responsibilities for the community forums, as well as copies of the flyers for distribution (file copy only).	Ms. Speer will email Working Group the telephone number for Hour CNY to call in with questions. Working Group members will help distribute flyers, call locals, and otherwise help get the word out.



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2c	Onondaga Creek Community Forums: Facilitation and Format	Ms. Kim Farrell, of Farrell Consulting, Inc., described forum format and planned facilitation methods. Working Group members will sit at the tables as members of the community, but will assist by facilitating the collection and summarization of the input cards. Concerns were raised about the possibility of long meetings. Ms. Farrell reassured the Working Group that she would keep the meetings on-time. Ms. Cucci asked if we would respond to people's concerns or simply note them during the forums. Working Group members agreed that avoiding responses to concerns will allow the forums to flow smoothly and finish on time. Mr. Foote was reassured that refreshments will be served, thanks to a donation from Wegmans. OEI staff canvassed Working Group members attendance of the first forum. Ms. Farrell encouraged the Working Group to provide feedback via telephone or email to OEI on the community forums,	Ms. Farrell will note during introduction that the goal of the evening is primarily to collect the input from the public.
2c	Onondaga Creek Community Forums: Materials for input and education	Ms. Farrell described the materials used to gather input, including dot boards, index cards, and watershed maps. Ms. Cucci suggested that the dot board input be recorded on clear plastic overlay sheets, and table tents be used as a way to gather contact information from participants. Concerns were raised about allowing anonymity when giving input, and of people constraining their ideas. The group agreed to communicate that attendees should not limit their thoughts about the creek to the location of the forum, and that input would be anonymous. The Working Group suggested additional materials were suggested, including a "What happens to my input?" flyer, a slideshow of the creek, and use of the South Platte DVD to inspire the public.	Ms. Speer will change all possible media materials to "doors open at 6:30 pm" to allow for time to interact with materials prior to the start of the forum.  Ms. Perreault will create the "what happens to my input?" handout.  Ms. Speer will assemble a slideshow of the creek, to play before the forum begins.
3	Revisiting the planning/visioning process	Dr. Smardon briefly reviewed the current status of the planning process with the Working Group, illustrated with a PowerPoint slide (file copy only).	

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

# 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 <b>April 5, 2006 at 5:30 PM</b> , 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 <a href="mailto:onon1@verizon.net">onon1@verizon.net</a> .
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: <b>Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm, Bob Cecile Center</b> , 174 W. Seneca Tnpk, Syracuse; <b>Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7:00pm, City Hall Commons</b> , 233 Washington St, Syracuse; <b>Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm, Lafayette Community Center</b> , 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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## ***DRAFT*** Working Group Meeting Minutes #13

**5:30 – 7:00 PM, February 1, 2006**  
**Betts Branch Library Meeting Room**

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Taylor Atseff, JoAnn Cucci, Bob Dougherty, Knowlton Foote, Tarki Heath, Bill Guptill, Kaitlyn Guptill, Kristin Kowalksi, Salendria Mabrey, Louise Poindexter, John Snavlin; *Absent:* Joanne Arany, Jim Daly, Teresa Doherty, Chuck Goodman, Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Carl Myrus, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Olive Sephuma, Jeanne Shenandoah

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCRCP) Project Team:** *Present:* Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CCE): Amy Samuels, Canopy: Lee Gechas, 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:* City of Syracuse: William Owens.

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton (NYSDEC), Vince Eposito (Syracuse DPW), Korrin Nash (student), Kathy Stribley, Catherine Landis, Ginny Collins, (ESF), Brigit Burt, (OEI), Martha Loew (Sierra Club), Chris Rauber (City of Syracuse Engineering Dept.), Sherry Chayat (Zen Center of Syracuse), Larry Rutledge (Canopy), Jim Creveling, Kendra Harper, Tish Price.

<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 <b>March 1, 2006 at 5:30 PM</b> , at in the Elders' Room at Tsha'Hoi'noñyeñ'dakhwa', the Onondaga Nation Arena, at 326 Rt. 11 Nedrow, NY 13120	Working Group members are invited to bring a snack for the March meeting's potluck.
1b	Administrative: Homework	Ms. Speer prepared a short assignment soliciting descriptions of each Working Group member's section of the Onondaga Creek, for the "About the Creek" page on the OCRCP website (attached to file copy only).	The Working Group will provide short descriptions of the creek for the website.
2	Presentation by Mr. Chris Rauber, City of Syracuse Facilities Engineer: Onondaga Creekwalk	Mr. Rauber described the City of Syracuse's Creekwalk project, and answered questions. The scope of the project is limited to trail creation, due to the nature of its funding. It will not include alteration of the creekbed, stream restoration, nor any amenities, although the city is interested in additional funding and collaboration to enhance the project. Copies of the plans were distributed (attached to file copy only). The Onondaga Creekwalk project will eventually provide a trail from Jefferson St. (near Armory Square) to Onondaga Lake. The expected completion date is 2009. Mr. Rauber also noted that the City recently awarded a 12-month contract to Barton & Loguidice, PC, to study the feasibility of extending the Creekwalk from Armory Square to Kirk Park.	

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
3	Onondaga Creek Community Forums	Dr. Smardon clarified the Working Group's role for the Community Forums: Working Group members are expected to attend as many forums as possible, especially the forum closest to their home or workplace, to welcome attendees and hear the community's input firsthand. Ms. Perreault handed out a list of projects along the Creek, a draft schedule of the Community Forums meetings, and the draft Publicity Plan (all attached to file copy only).	The Working Group will review and give feedback on the proposed schedule and Publicity Plan.
4	Case Study: South Platte River, Denver, CO	The Working Group viewed a DVD produced by The Greenway Foundation and a short presentation by Ms. Perreault on the South Platte River in Denver, CO.	Ms. Perreault will present another case study at the next meeting.

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## *DRAFT* Working Group Meeting Minutes #12

5:30 – 7:00 PM, January 4, 2006  
Betts Branch Library Meeting Room

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Joanne Arany, JoAnn Cucci, Jim Daly, Knowlton Foote, Tarki Heath, Jeanne Shenandoah; *Absent:* Teresa Doherty, Bob Dougherty, Chuck Goodman, Bill Guptill, Melody Holmes, Theardis Martino, Michele Mike, Carl Myrus, Chasz. Parker, Ruth Pierce, Louise Poindexter, Olive Sephuma, John Snavlin.

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

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton (*NYSDEC*), Cathy Keenan (*NRCS*), Clark Burdick, Brigit Burt, (*OEI*).

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Meeting Minutes	Ms. Perreault will prepare the December meeting minutes for the next meeting.	
1b	Administrative: Hosting Education Presentations	Ms. Perreault asked working group members to suggest groups interested in hosting Ms. Samuels' (CCE) Educational Presentations about Onondaga Creek. Ms. Samuels noted that presentations can be held in the daytime or evening, and are approximately 15 minutes long, but can be tailored to be more or less time.	Members with interested groups, or groups to suggest should contact Ms. Samuels: (315) 424-9485 x 233 or <a href="mailto:ams71@cornell.edu">ams71@cornell.edu</a>
2a	December Homework Discussion: Opinions on the Planning Segments	The Working Group discussed the planning segments. Ms. Cucci noted that the segments made sense, but bringing people together from all segments should be considered. Ms. Heath suggested that the Tully segment be divided in two. Discussion generally supported this idea, as the northern segment is farmland and the southern segment is better characterized as upland forest, and representation of each segment already exists in the Working Group.	The Project Team will divide the Tully planning segment in two at the confluence of Rainbow and Fall Creeks at Onondaga Creek.
2b	December Homework Discussion: Deciding which segments should have the first Community Forums	The Working Group discussed where to start the Community Forums. Suggestions included the following: forums need to catch peoples attention; an area with a sense of urgency, another with an "easy win"; the creekwalk area, as the city already has plans; not the creekwalk area, for the same reason; the Dorwin area, the Kirk Park area and Inner Harbor were mentioned repeatedly. The Working Group expressed interest in identifying projects currently scheduled along the creek, and to base the decision upon that information.	The Project Team will provide a summary and schedule of pending projects on Onondaga Creek for the next Working Group meeting.  OEI will invite Chris Rauber the City to attend the next meeting, for the purposes of educating the Working Group on the Creekwalk project.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
2b	December Homework Discussion: (Continued from previous page)	Mr. Foote suggested that instead of one meeting for each segment, three meetings be held in total, grouping similar stream segments. Concern was expressed that the issues pertinent to each segment would be lost in larger meetings. Additional suggestions included: break into groups by stream segments during the large meetings; hold an extra meeting open to everyone, for people unable to attend the original meetings; and have ways to submit input via emails, or the website.	The Project Team will propose a schedule for the Community Forums at the next Working Group meeting, incorporating the 3-4 meeting idea.
3	Brainstorm Content of Presentations for Onondaga Creek Community Forums	The Working Group brainstormed content improvements for the Onondaga Creek Community Forums presentations. Suggestions included: 1) mention wetlands, and whole watershed drainage as related to the creek; 2) excite people about planning – come back to what the creek could mean to people in their current lives as a conclusion for the presentation; 3) in discussion of forefathers, make the point that we need to undo what was done, become more sustainable again; 4) mention recreation, heritage and environmental education possibilities; 5) explain what it would take to make Onondaga Creek good fish habitat again; 6) answer the question, “will this happen in my time?” 7) Add more pictures of people, with quotes if possible. Concern was expressed about biasing public input with the presentation’s information, thereby limiting ideas. As a solution, Ms. Cucci suggested that the presentations be bracketed by brainstorming sessions, thereby collecting both raw and informed ideas.	The Project Team will review and incorporate the suggestions into the presentation and format plans for the Community Forums.
4	Discussion: Adding/engaging working group members	The Working Group discussed ways to re-engage those members of the Working Group that are regularly absent. The group decided to have OEI staff contact the absentees, inquire about their disengagement, and ask if they know of anyone else who would be interested in representing their area on the Working Group. The group also decided to try holding meetings in less formal settings, and to have a social meeting. Suggestions for alternative meeting places included: St. Paul’s Church, the FOCUS room at City Commons, and the new ice rink on the Onondaga Nation.	OEI staff will follow the suggestions to contact absent Working Group members, and investigate the availability of alternate meeting spaces.
5a	Case Study: Des Plaines River	The Working Group viewed a DVD provided by Dr. Smardon about the constructed wetland of the Des Plaines River in Illinois. Discussion followed concerning where wetlands could be constructed in the Onondaga Creek watershed, and how the recent events in New Orleans could be utilized to help local residents understand the importance of wetlands. The Working Group expressed interest in seeing more case studies at subsequent meetings.	Ms. Perreault will prepare and present another case study at the next meeting.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
5b	Case studies: Weblinks	A list of web links to other case studies was distributed.	Members with access to the internet are to visit sites for more examples of case studies.
6	Schedule Next Meeting	The Next Working Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2006, from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street. Chris Rauber from the City of Syracuse Department of Engineering will be coming to discuss the City's Creekwalk plans.	

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



**Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan**  
**Working Group Meeting Minutes #22**  
**5:30pm – 7:00pm, December 6, 2006;**  
**Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York**

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

**Onondaga Creek Sub-basin Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCRP) Project Team:** *Present:* Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF): Richard Lee; *Canopy:* Lee Gechas; *Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CCE):* Amy Samuels; *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;

**Additional Attendees:** Diane Carlton, NYSDEC; Bill Kinne, Onondaga County Legislature.

<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 <b>Wednesday, January 3, 2006, from 5:30-7:00pm</b> at Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street.	
1b	Administrative: Spring Schedule	Ms. Perreault distributed a draft meeting schedule for Spring 2007 (file copy only). Dr. Smardon described the topics and schedule. Discussion ensued regarding additional topics and logistics for the design charrettes. The Working Group agreed that weekdays are better than weekends, and suggested holding the charrette over two days in May.	Ms. Perreault will revise the schedule accordingly.
2	Stakeholder Meetings	Dr. Smardon distributed (file copy only) and described strategy summary for stakeholder meetings. Announced tentative meeting date as March 20 <sup>th</sup> 2007 at the Museum of Science and Technology (MOST). Dr. Foote suggested meeting with the University College Thursday Morning Roundtable. Working Group requested copy of stakeholders list for review.	Ms. Perreault will provide the Working Group with a stakeholder group list. Ms. Perreault will contact additional stakeholder groups.
3	Fact Sheet Review	The Working Group discussed Habitat and Fisheries Fact Sheets, requested more information about Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) locations, and expressed surprise at the lack of data available for the tributaries. Dr. Michalenko noted the difference between water quality sampling methods, fish, and habitat surveys. The Working Group will receive a final packet of all Fact Sheets in January.	OEI staff will work on the CSO outflow map.
4	Geography, Land Use, and Access Fact Sheets	Ms. Perreault distributed copies of Land Use, Geography, and Access fact sheets (file copy only). Dr. Smardon described the maps and information available, and requested additional known access points. Working Group requested clarification of land use categories, labeling of streets on Access maps, labeling of parks, and noted other points of access.	OEI staff will provide definitions of land use categories, and incorporate Working Group input regarding access.

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## DRAFT Working Group Meeting Minutes #29

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, July 18, 2007;

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

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

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

*Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF):* Grayson Fahrner, Sam Sage; *Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI):* Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault, Julia Renn; *SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (SUNY ESF):* Richard Smardon PhD; *Absent:* Lee Gechas, Bill Owens, Amy Samuels, Bruno Takahashi

**Additional Attendees:**

*City of Syracuse:* John Corbett, Steven Nann; *Representative of Congressman Walsh:* Ginny Carmody; *Parsons Engineering:* Shane Blauvelt; *SUNY ESF:* Catherine Landis; *Syracuse University:* Brandon Miller.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group (WG) Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, July 18, 2007 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Betts Branch Library.</b> WG will complete the design charrette for the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan. WG will prioritize recommendations.	OEI will schedule a meeting location.
1b	Administrative: Meeting Minutes	WG approved the May Meeting Minutes.	
2a	Design Charrette	Dr. Smardon explained the second part of the design charrette process. WG teams continued working on large scale planning maps. WG used pre-cut symbol cards designed by OEI staff that represented options discussed at prior WG meetings, to make recommendations for three creek segments: 1) Urban, 2) Rural and 3) Mixed. Comments were recorded on flip charts and symbols were placed on large scale planning maps. At the end of the meeting, WG teams summarized their progress. Facilitators summarized progress on each planning segment.	OEI will compile recommendations into documents, as described in the design charrette guide (attached to file copy only).

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Perreault,  
Recording Secretary of Onondaga Creek Working Group

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan Working Group Meeting Minutes #28

5:30 pm – 7:45 pm, June 6, 2007;

Cecile Community Center, 174 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York

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

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

*Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF):* Marlene Bryant, Mallory Blackburn, Grayson Fahrner, Derek Purcell; *Canopy:* Lee Gechas; *Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI):* Clark Burdick, Robert Griffiths, Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault; *SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (SUNY ESF):* Richard Smardon PhD; *Absent:* Bill Owens, Amy Samuels, Bruno Takahashi

**Additional Attendees:**

*City of Syracuse:* Phil LaTessa, Andy Maxwell; *Representative of Congressman Walsh:* Ginny Carmody; *Local Residents:* Bill Tetley, Lindsay Speer; *Metropolitan Development Association:* David Mankiewicz; *SUNY ESF:* Emmanuel Carter, Maren King, Catherine Landis, Kathy Stribley; *Southside Homeowners Association:* Charles Pierce; *USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service:* Cathy Keenan

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group (WG) Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, July 18, 2007 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Betts Branch Library</b> . WG will complete the design charrette for the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan. WG will prioritize recommendations.	OEI will schedule a meeting location.
1b	Administrative: Meeting Minutes	WG approved the May Meeting Minutes.	
2a	Design Charrette	Dr. Smardon explained the second part of the design charrette process. WG teams continued working on large scale planning maps. WG used pre-cut symbol cards designed by OEI staff that represented options discussed at prior WG meetings, to make recommendations for three creek segments: 1) Urban, 2) Rural and 3) Mixed. Comments were recorded on flip charts and symbols were placed on large scale planning maps. At the end of the meeting, WG teams summarized their progress. Facilitators summarized progress on each planning segment.	OEI will compile recommendations into documents, as described in the design charrette guide (attached to file copy only).

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan Working Group Meeting Minutes #27

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, May 2, 2007;

Cecile Community Center, 174 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York

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

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

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

**Additional Attendees:**

*Local Residents:* Pete Hammer, Bob Oberst, Larry Rutledge, Lindsay Speer, Bill Tetley; *Onondaga County Soil and Water:* Mark Schaub; *NYSDEC:* Dave Lemmon; *SUNY ESF:* Emmanuel Carter, Virginia Collins, Ted Endreny, Myrna Hall, Maren King, Catherine Landis, Don Leopold, Karin Limburg, Kathy Stribley; *USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service:* Cathy Keenan.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group (WG) Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, June 6, 2007 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Cecile Community Center.</b> WG will complete the second part of a design charrette for the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan. WG will prioritize recommendations.	OEI will schedule additional time at the Cecile Center.
1b	Administrative: Meeting Minutes	WG approved the April Meeting Minutes.	
2a	Administrative: Design Charrette	Dr. Smardon explained the design charrette process and distributed the design charrette and symbols key guide (attached to file copy only) to WG.	
2b	Design Charrette	WG used pre-cut symbols, cards designed by OEI staff that represented options discussed at the three WG meetings, to make recommendations for three creek segments: 1) Urban, 2) Rural and 3) Mixed. Comments were recorded on flip charts and symbols were placed on large scale planning maps. At the end of the meeting, WG teams summarized their progress.	OEI will compile recommendations into documents, as described in the design charrette guide.

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## DRAFT Working Group Meeting Minutes #26

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, April 4, 2007;

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

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

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

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

**Additional Attendees:**

*Local Residents:* Charlotte Brett, Joan Bjorness, Khris Dodson, Edie Dooley, Karla Hyde, Vicky Lane, Bill Mitrus, Brandon Murphy, Fred Odhner, Gretta Odhner, Tish Price, Larry Rutledge, Hillary Smith, Lindsay Speer; *Parsons Corporation:* Jim O'Loughlin; *NYSDEC:* Diane Carlton; *SUNY ESF:* Emmanuel Carter, Myrna Hall, Catherine Landis, Kathy Stribley; *Syracuse University:* Eric Persons; *USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service:* Cathy Keenan.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Point of Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group (WG) Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, May 2, 2007 from 5:30-7:30pm at Cecile Community Center.</b> WG will complete the first part of a design charrette for the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan.  At the end of the meeting WG discussed time changes for May/June Design Charrette.	OEI will schedule additional time at the Cecile Center.
1b	Administrative: Meeting Minutes	WG approved the March Meeting Minutes.	
1c	Administrative: Stakeholder Meeting	Ms. Perreault noted the high turnout and successful data collection on March 20, 2007 at the MOST in Armory Square.	
2	Review of Biology/Ecology/ Hydrology Options	Dr. Smardon distributed and reviewed Biology/Hydrology options (attached to file copy only). Based on WG discussion in March, he noted the options were divided into two broad categories: 1) System Wide and 2) Site Specific Options. He encouraged WG to use this format for the April meeting.	WG will use the hydrology, ecology/biology options at the May 2007 meeting in order to determine site specific options for the Creek.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
3	Revitalization Options: Ecology/Biology	<p>WG discussed future Land Use/ Access/Recreation/ Safety options for Onondaga Creek, facilitated by Dr. Smardon. Ms. Perreault recorded options on flipcharts.</p> <p>Dr. Smardon broke the discussion into two parts. First, WG discussed a number of options for land use and open space, including connectivity. Second, WG discussed recreation, safety and access, including options for urban fencing and physical improvements to the creek channel.</p>	<p>OEI staff will compile Land Use/ Access/Recreation/ Safety comments. Options will be listed as system wide goals and/or site specific goals.</p>

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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## Working Group Meeting Minutes #25

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, March 7, 2007;

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

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

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

*Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF):* Derek Purcell, Sam Sage; *Canopy:* Lee Gechas; *Cornell Cooperative Extension:* Amy Samuels; *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.

**Additional Attendees:**

*Local Residents:* Adria Ripka; *Onondaga Community College:* Bill Mitrus; *Onondaga County Dept. of Public Works:* Vince Esposito; *Onondaga County Water and Environmental Protection:* Sue Miller; *NYSDEC:* Diane Carlton, Dave Lemmon; *SUNY ESF:* Don Leopold, Karin Limburg; *Kathy Stribley;* *Syracuse University:* Jake Bendix.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Point of Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group (WG) Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, April 4, 2007 from 5:30-7:00pm</b> at Betts Branch Library. Land Use, Safety and Access, Recreation, City Design/Concept Plans, and Open Space options will be discussed for the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan.	OEI will invite community experts in major point of discussion.
1b	Administrative: Meeting Minutes	WG approved February's meeting minutes.	
1c	Administrative: Spring Schedule	Ms. Perreault discussed the upcoming stakeholder meeting scheduled for March 20, 2007 at the MOST in Armory Square.	
2	Review of Hydrology Options	Dr. Smardon briefly reviewed February's hydrology options as part of the creek ecology/biology discussion.	WG will revisit the hydrology, ecology/biology options at the May 2007 meeting in order to determine system wide goals for the Creek.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
3	Revitalization Options: Ecology/Biology	WG discussed future ecology/biology options for Onondaga Creek, facilitated by Dr. Smardon. Ms. Perreault and Dr. Smardon recorded options on flipcharts. WG discussed ecology/biology options on two levels: 1. <b>Site Specific</b> (Creek Reach), 2. <b>System Wide</b> (Entire Creek Watershed). WG determined that goals had to be determined at the creek level, while maintaining the integrity of the overall creek/watershed. WG discussed the present condition of the Creek. WG determined three major system/stream wide options: restore a cold water fishery, increase diversity of riparian vegetation, increase wetland viability. WG stressed the importance of creating site specific goals conducted in multiple phases in order to maintain support and demonstrate progress.	OEI staff will group ecology/biology comments with WG ratings for each hydrology option. Options will be listed as system wide goals and/or site specific goals.
4	Other Important Points of Discussion	Dr. Leopold discussed restoration ecology. WG discussed the Creek as part of a larger watershed. WG discussed the need for a defined process for creating the plan.	

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



# 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 <b>Wednesday, March 7, 2007 from 5:30-7:00pm</b> 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

# 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 (OCRPs) 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>
1a	Administrative: Next meeting	The next Working Group Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, February 7, 2007 from 5:30-7:00pm</b> 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

# Onondaga Creek Subbasin Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## Working Group Meeting Minutes #30

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, August 1, 2007;

Cecile Community Center, 174 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York

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

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

*Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF):* Grayson Fahrner, Samuel Sage; *Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI):* Don Hughes, Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault, Julia Renn; *SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (SUNY ESF):* Richard Smardon PhD, Bruno Takahashi

**Additional Attendees:**

*City of Syracuse:* Andy Maxwell, Steven Nann; *Local Residents:* Clyde Giaquinto, Les Monostory, Teichera Price, Steve Seleway, Lindsay Speer; *NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation:* Diane Carlton; *SUNY ESF:* Catherine Landis

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: Next Meeting	The next Working Group (WG) Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, September 5, 2007 from 5:30-7:00pm at the Betts Branch Library.</b> WG will identify co-development opportunities with other on-going projects and work further on system-wide goals.	
1b	Administrative: Meeting Minutes	Dr. Smardon noted that July meeting minutes will be prepared for the September meeting.	Ms. Perreault will prepare July and August meeting minutes for the September meeting.
2	Review Stakeholder Input	Ms. Perreault presented a draft summary of top five goals recorded by participants in the 2007 Onondaga Creek stakeholder meetings (attached to file copy only). Similar to the findings from Community Forums held in 2006, themes of a clean creek and recreation opportunities were among the five most frequently written goals of all stakeholder meetings. An Onondaga Creek fishery and fishing opportunities and improved access were also among the top five goals of several stakeholder groups.	Ms. Perreault will produce a handout of top concerns from the 2007 stakeholder meetings for the September meeting.
3	Set Priorities for the Onondaga Creek System	Dr. Smardon revisited the Working Group’s “drivers” (or motivators), created in January 2007 (attached to file copy only). He asked the Working Group to prioritize and/or modify the drivers, if necessary, based on community input. A lengthy discussion ensued. Dr. Smardon summarized the newly prioritized drivers as 1) Water quality, 2) Human health and safety, 3) Ecological health and habitat, 4) Connectivity – physical/visual access and use, 5) Education.	

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
3	Set Priorities for the Onondaga Creek System, continued	<p>The Working Group determined that several drivers were more appropriately described as “process” items, which included: politics and community involvement, economics, neighborhood/quality of life/health concerns and needs.</p> <p>Working Group members and meeting participants discussed the City of Syracuse creekwalk. Mr. Nann, City Engineering Department, reviewed and updated the Working Group on the creekwalk.</p>	
4	Review creek-related projects list – consider compatibility and timescale	<p>Dr. Smardon distributed the handout entitled “Ongoing or Pending Projects in the Onondaga Creek Corridor” (attached to file copy only). He asked the Working Group to determine if these projects add urgency to the prioritization of projects in the Working Group’s plan. Discussion turned again to the City’s creekwalk as a project that could add urgency and potentially conflict with Working Group drivers.</p> <p>Ms. Heath asked how to gather more information on and how to coordinate the revitalization plan with listed projects. Mr. Haley noted the importance of involving Onondaga County in education efforts about the revitalization plan and sustainability in general.</p>	OCR Project Team members will bring information on listed projects to the next Working Group meeting.
5	Next steps in developing revitalization plan	<p>Dr. Smardon told the group that criteria developed from the drivers will be used develop and prioritize projects from the revitalization maps. Criteria will also be used to evaluate ongoing and pending projects. Dr. Smardon asked Working Group members to review the projects list.</p>	Working Group members will review pending projects list.

Respectfully submitted,  
MeredithPerreault,  
Recording Secretary of Onondaga Creek Working Group

# Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan

## DRAFT Working Group Meeting Minutes

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, March 5, 2008;

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

**Onondaga Creek Working Group:** *Present:* Jim Daly, Teresa Doherty, Bob Dougherty, Marcia Duncan, Knowlton Foote, Bob Haley, Tarki Heath, Steve Kearney, Louise Poindexter, Jeanne Shenandoah, John Snavlin  
*Absent:* Kitty Burns, Claire Fisher, Chuck Goodman, Bill Guptill, Paul Mercurio.

**Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan (OCR) Project Team:**

*Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF):* Samuel Sage; *Canopy:* Lee Gechas, *Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County:* Amy Samuels, Kelly Somerlot; *Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI):* Sam Gordon, Ed Michalenko, Meredith Perreault; *SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (SUNY ESF):* Richard Smardon

**Additional Attendees:**

Lauren Brodey, Brigit Burt (OEI), Diane Carlton (NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation), Ana Fernandez (Centers for Excellence), Reed Fuller, Dan Gefell (OEI), Tom Hryvniak, Mark Kuney, Marian Jerosé (Tully Action Group), Catherine Landis (SUNY ESF), Steven Nann (City of Syracuse), Sally Rock-Blake (SUNY ESF), Anne Rooney (Onondaga County), Gloria and Martin Sage, Fereshteh Toosi (Syracuse University), Lisa Welch (Onondaga County).

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1a	Administrative: next meeting	The next Working Group (WG) Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 5:30-7:00pm at the Bob Cecile Community Center.</b> WG will continue review of the draft conceptual plan document.	
1b	Administrative: event announcement	Mr Sage announced a presentation by Ms Nancy Stoner, Natural Resources Defense Council, for Thursday, March 6, 2008, 7:00pm at Marshall Hall, SUNY ESF campus. Ms Stoner presented green infrastructure solutions for stormwater pollution on Onondaga Creek.	
2	Draft plan review process	Dr Michalenko welcomed attendees and explained draft plan review process. Working Group review will occur through May. Next steps are Onondaga Lake Partnership review and comment period, then release to public for comment. Dr Michalenko stressed the importance of WG agreement with content to achieve ownership and support of plan document. Ms Perreault noted the plan cannot meet all expectations of the community; however, continued public involvement and support will foster a 'living document' to guide revitalization. During WG review public may contact OEI with questions; comments are welcome but may not be addressed until public comment period.	WG will review draft plan and bring revisions to next WG meeting.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Point of Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
3a	Draft plan document review	Dr Smardon distributed draft plan document and explained additional sections of the plan will be prepared for April WG meeting. Most sections are ready for WG review, especially recommendations developed by the OCRP Project Team (attached to file copy only). Of these, Dr Smardon focused on WG continuation and intermunicipal cooperation. A discussion ensued.	
3b	Recommendation review: Working Group continuation	Mr Haley suggested reviewing balance of participants to ensure representation needed to proceed with implementation. He suggested this may include political leaders. Ms Heath stated that dynamics of citizen representation has been a wonderful element of the WG. Ms Poindexter noted that current representation is fairly comprehensive; politicians are always welcome, but may be problematic as added members. Mr Sage noted that many watershed groups divide into a citizen group and a government group. Mr Dougherty countered that current government involvement, through City and Onondaga Nation, combined with citizen involvement in the WG has been a good thing. The WG concurred that additional members should attend by choice, rather than by appointment. Ms Samuels suggested the Oneida Lake watershed model: stakeholders that showed interest were appointed as town representatives.	
3c	Recommendation review: intermunicipal cooperation	WG discussed possible structures and implications of setting up intermunicipal cooperation. Mr Haley and Mr Foote noted that an intermunicipal agreement of some kind will address watershed-wide concerns, such as an Onondaga Creek greenway. Mr Dougherty and other WG members reiterated that citizen representation and scientific input has been important to group's success and that an evolving, less official process may be preferable. Mr Sage suggested that WG take steps to implement some form of intermunicipal arrangement to have greater control over process.	
3d	Goal review: diversity	Mr Sage asked the Working Group to review the use of 'diversity' in the first Ecological Health and Habitat goal (attached to file copy only). Mr Sage cited a case of existing habitat destruction in southwestern Ohio to achieve biodiversity goals. He stated his preference for protecting what already exists in creek corridor.	WG will review wording of goal at April meeting.
4	Next steps in draft plan review	Dr Smardon tasked the WG with two assignments for the April meeting, 1) to consider whether people they know would find this plan acceptable, and 2) bring comments about the draft document to the meeting.	

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