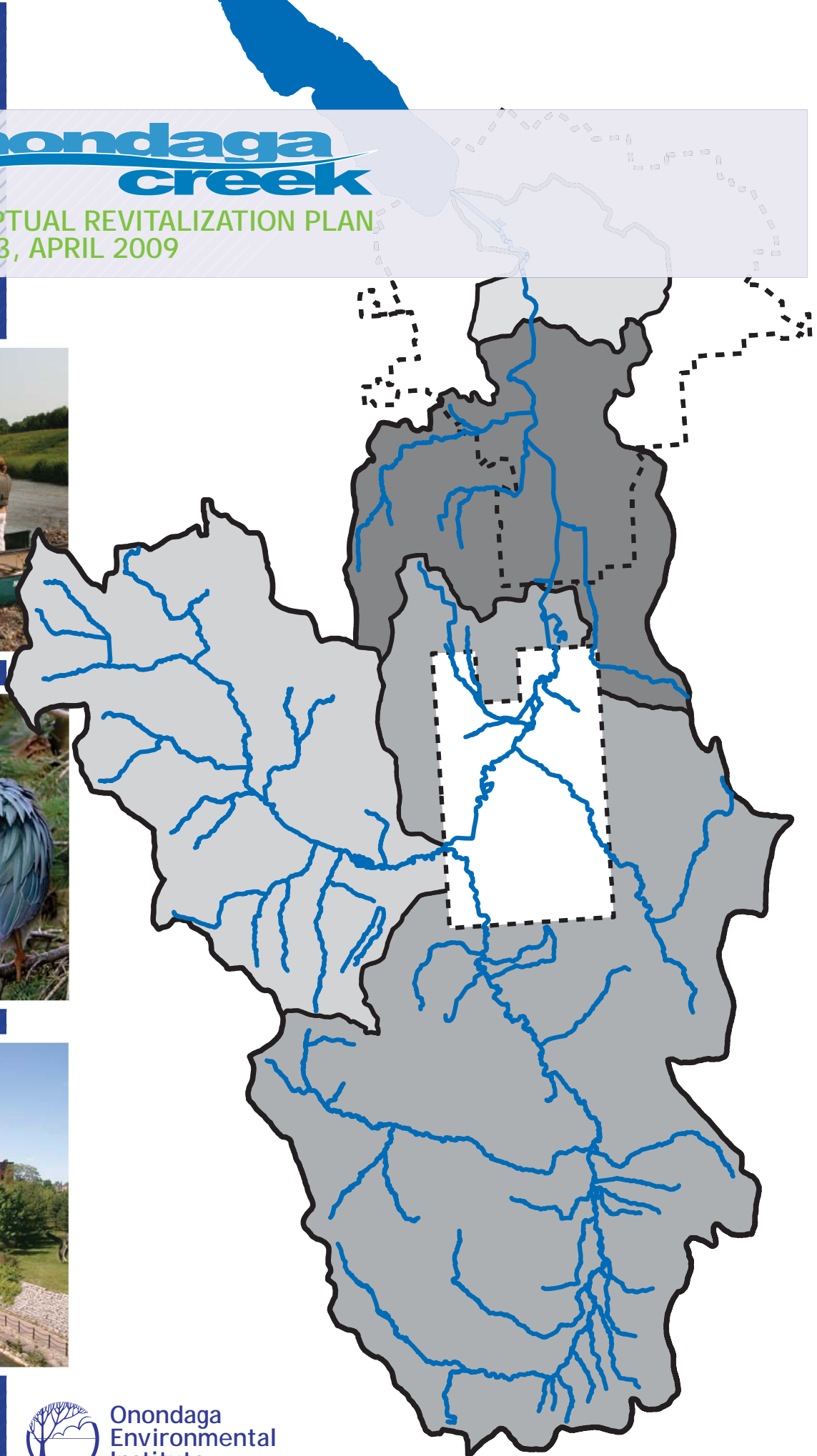


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To our Onondaga Creek Revitalization Partners:

The attached draft report, Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan, dated April 2009 was developed for the Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) by the Onondaga Creek Working Group and their supporting project team, led by the Onondaga Environmental Institute. The report provides a community-based conceptual plan for future development, water quality, and habitat improvements that can enhance environmental, social, and economic conditions along Onondaga Creek.

The draft plan was developed through a three-year process that involved many individuals from government, academia, non-government organizations, and (most importantly) interested community members. The Onondaga Creek Working Group will now be soliciting additional public comments to finalize the draft plan document. The OLP believes strongly that local citizens should define the goals, visions, and recommendations for revitalization of the Creek. We encourage you to participate in the public comment process. The OLP will work to promote the goals of the final plan in consideration of watershed management priorities. The priorities include fostering the implementation of plan recommendations, restoring and conserving water quality, natural resources, and recreational uses to the benefit of the Public.

The Onondaga Creek Conceptual Revitalization Plan is available for public review and comment at <http://www.OnondagaEnvironmentalInstitute.org> or by contacting Onondaga Environmental Institute at outreach@oei2.org or 315-472-2150 x10. Comments will be accepted through December 31, 2009.

Sincerely,

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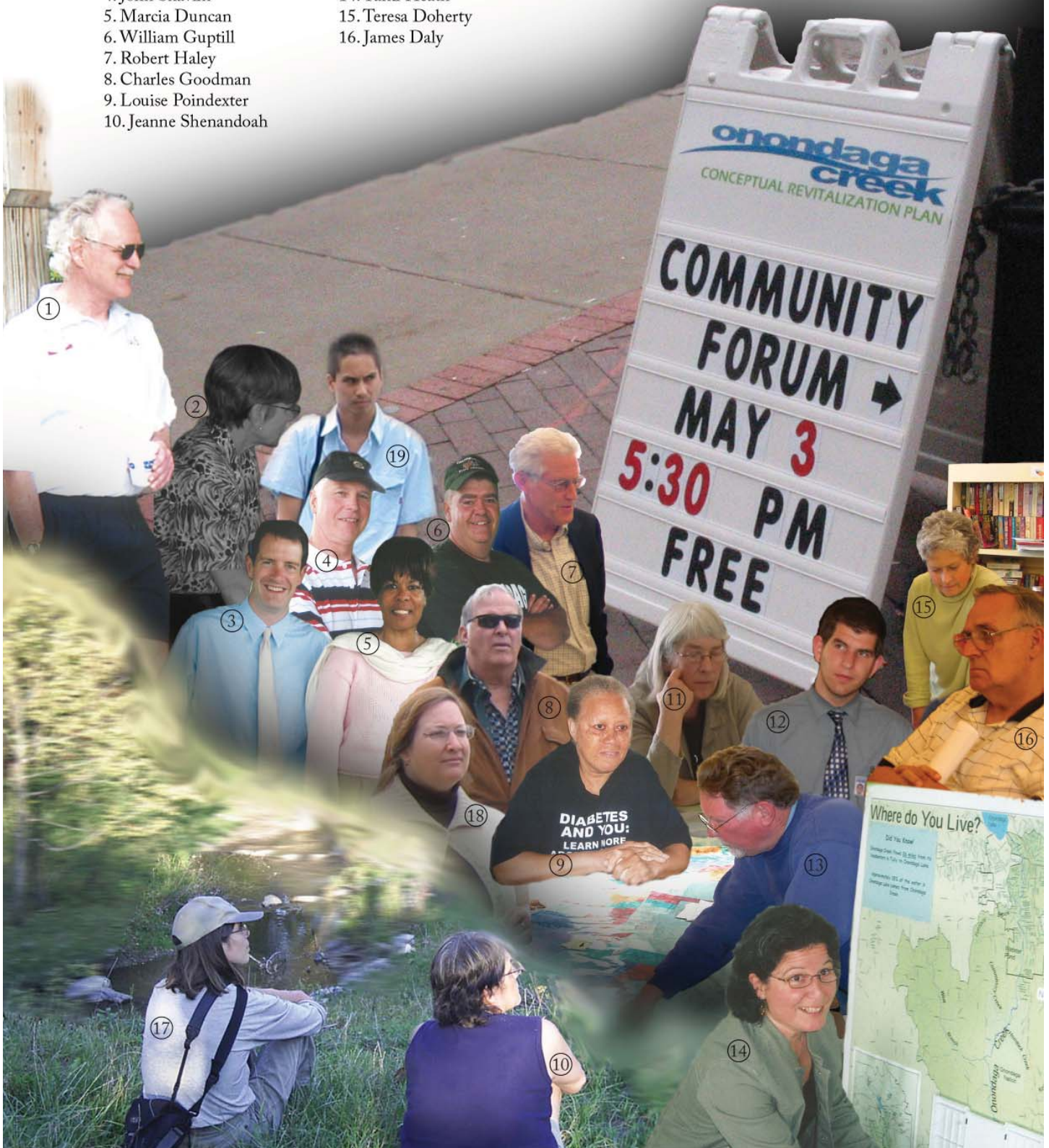
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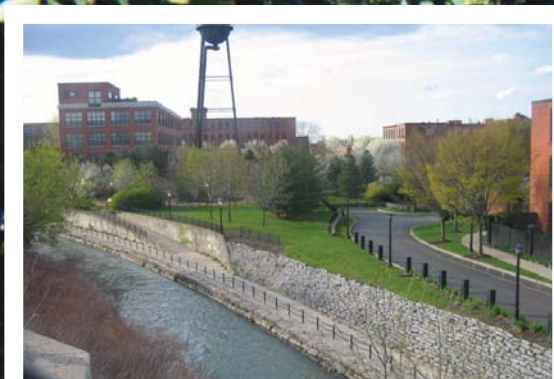
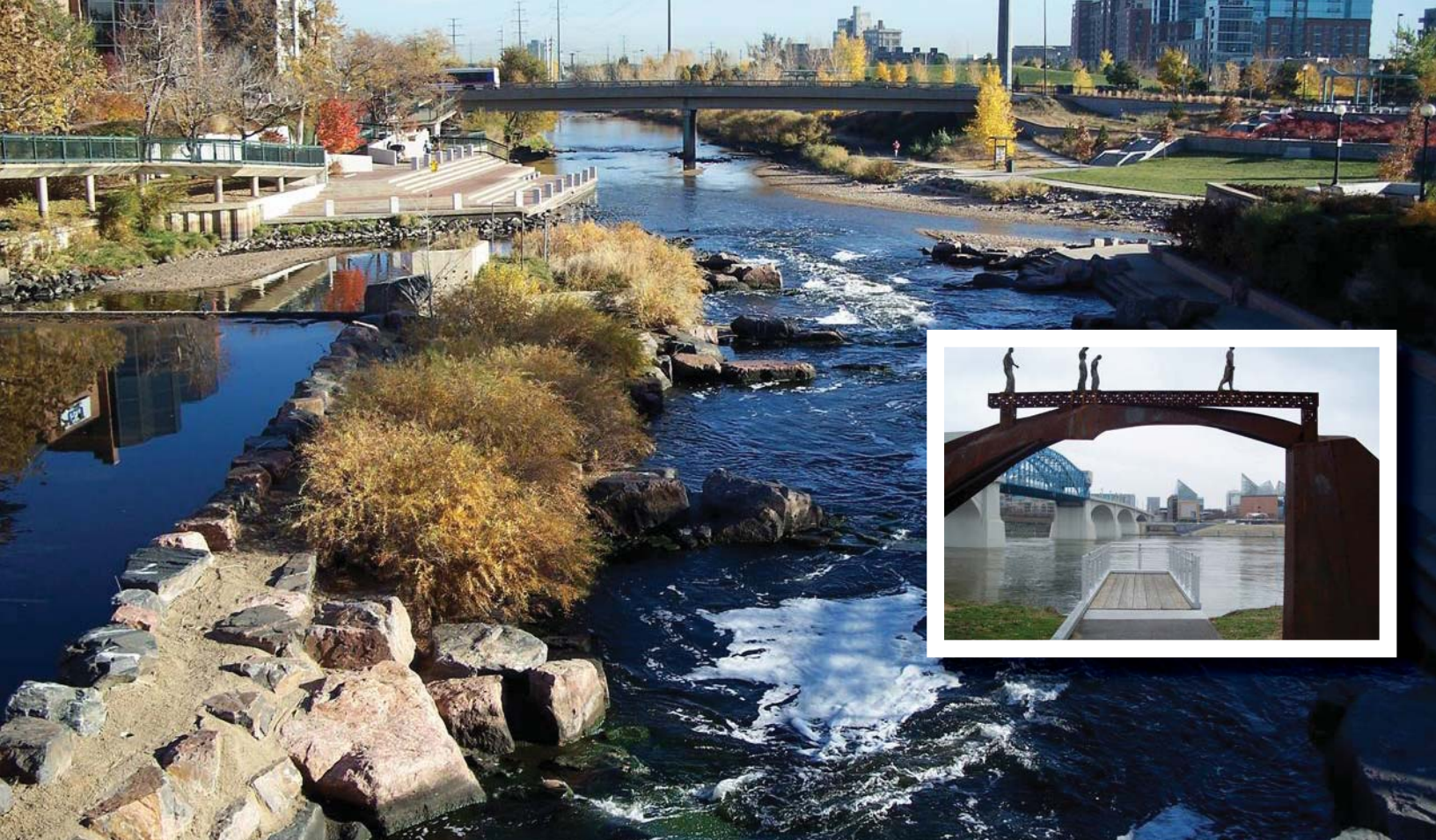
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