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Onondaga Creek Community Forums Top Goals and Concerns - DRAFT

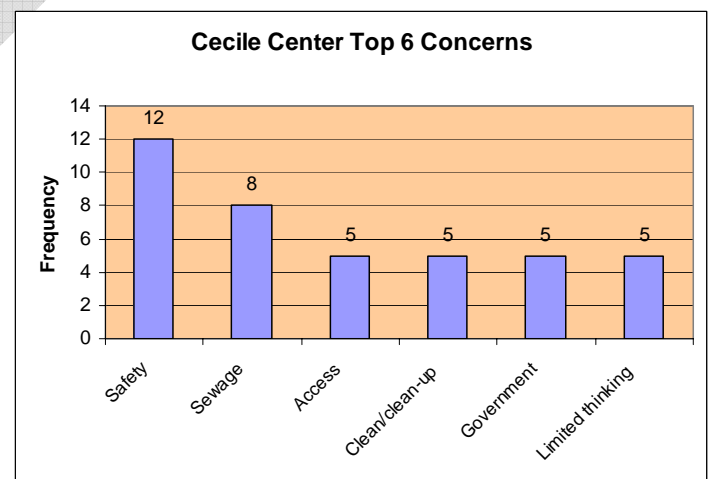
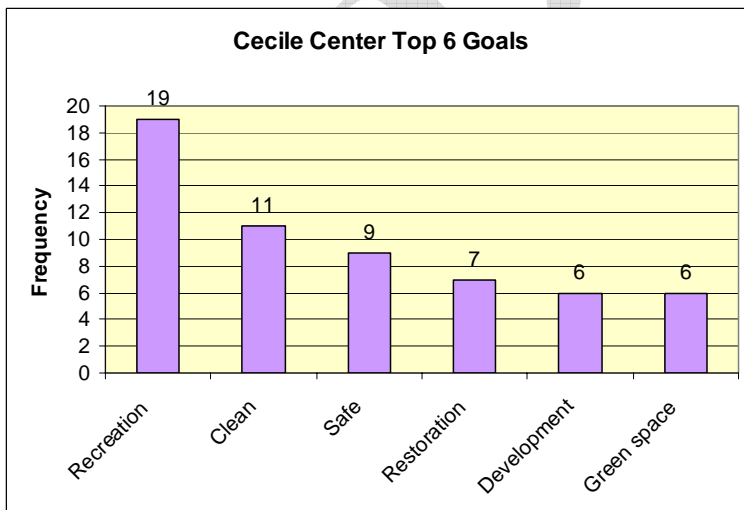
This fact sheet addresses top goals and concerns from the Onondaga Creek Community Forums. Seven forums, open to the public, were held during the spring and summer of 2006. Three types of input were collected from participants at the forums: dot board results, written responses (from question cards), and verbal comments (scribed to flip charts). Dot board data were entered into Microsoft Excel. Input collected from the question cards and flip charts was entered verbatim by OEI staff into a Microsoft Access database. Questions asked on the written cards are listed in table 1. The following graphs show topics most frequently mentioned at each community forum, obtained from written cards completed by participants at each meeting.

Table 1. Two question cards used at Onondaga Creek Community Forums

Card	Question
Goals card on blue card-stock	<i>What is your goal, vision or dream for the Onondaga Creek corridor? What do you want for Onondaga Creek and its surroundings in the future?</i>
Concerns card on green card-stock	<i>What issues or concerns, problems or obstacles, if any, must be overcome or solved before your vision of Onondaga Creek can be achieved?</i>

The methodology for creating the graphs is briefly summarized as follows. All written input, catalogued according to goals or concerns, was analyzed and assigned a one or two word code, identified as a key word that captured the contextual meaning. Key words were generated based on review of the data, rather than created beforehand. The input was grouped by key word for each forum and sorted by frequency. Input was then graphed by most frequently occurring key word. Sample quotes for various top goals and concerns are provided as examples of participant input.

Cecile Center Community Forum, April 19, 2006

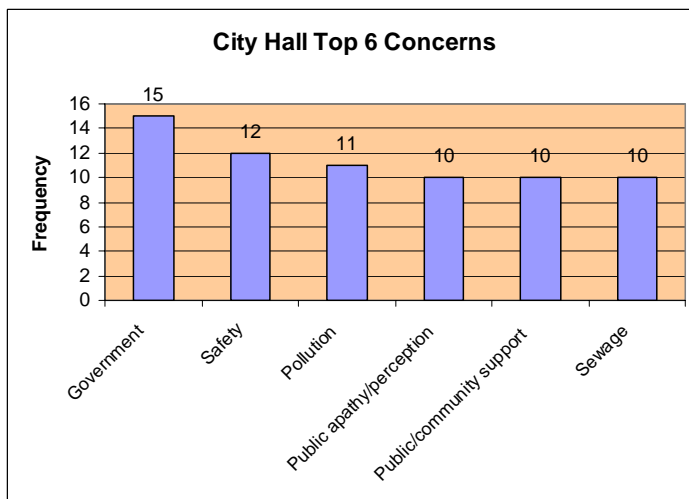
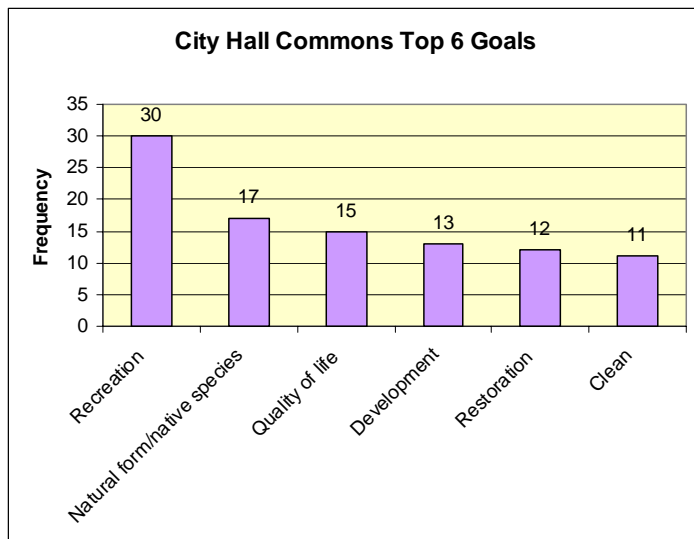


Sample quotes:

Recreation: *"My vision is to see the fence come down, the creek cleaned up also a launching pad for canoeing and boat rides from the Southside. Also bike roads or roller skates, fishing sections and benches."*

Safety: *"Safety - if a path is placed along the creek, will I feel safe using it alone?"*

City Hall Commons Forum, May 3, 2006

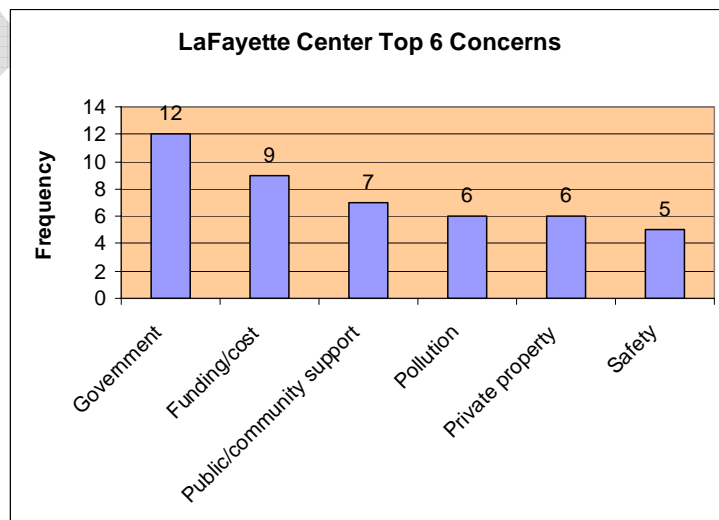
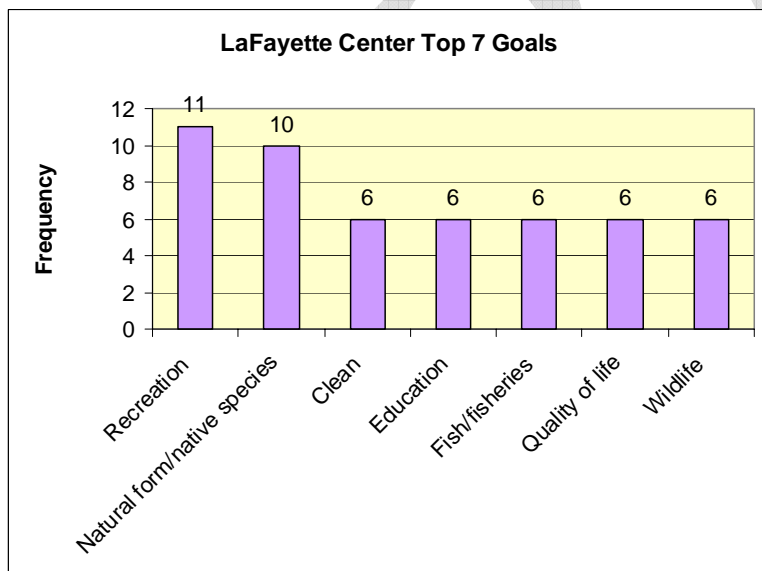


Sample quotes:

Natural Form/Native Species: *"The creek must be restored where possible to its natural state, with its meanders and associated wetlands to accomplish this goal."*

Government: *"I'm concerned that the City of Syracuse and the County of Onondaga seem vested in warning with each other and never seem to get enough out of their own ways to do anything but maintain the status quo."*

LaFayette Community Center, May 18, 2006

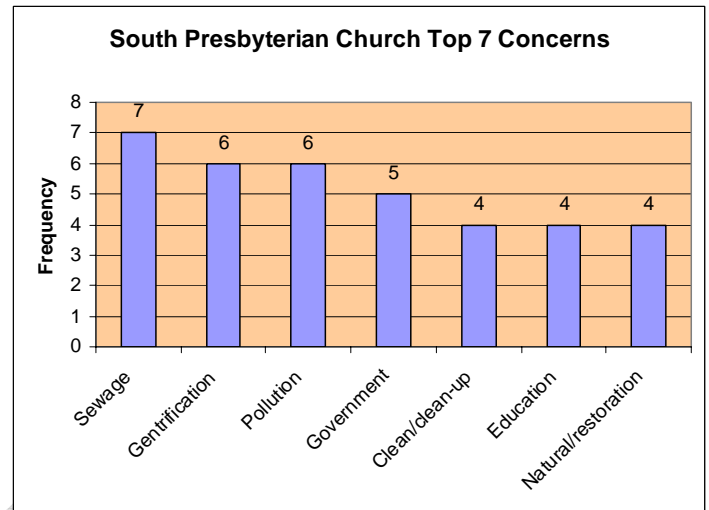
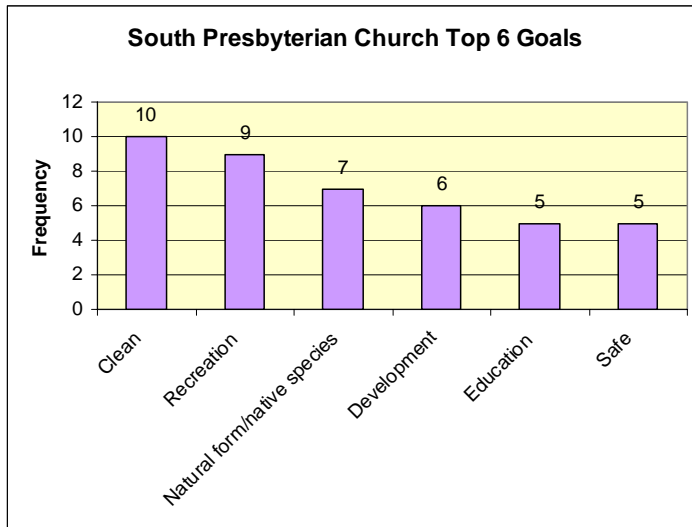


Sample quotes:

Clean: *"At the very least I'd like to see Onondaga Creek become a clean, healthy, natural, waterway."*

Funding/cost: *"Secure the necessary funding, from both private and governmental grant sources."*

South Presbyterian Church, May 25, 2006

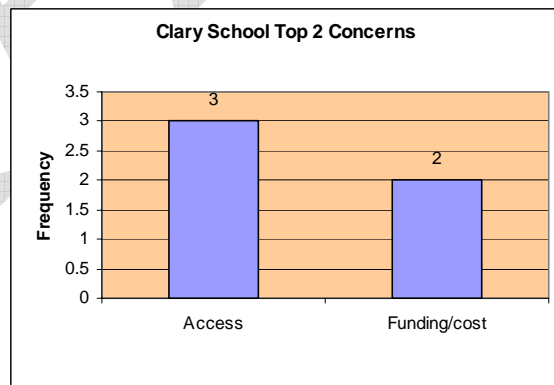
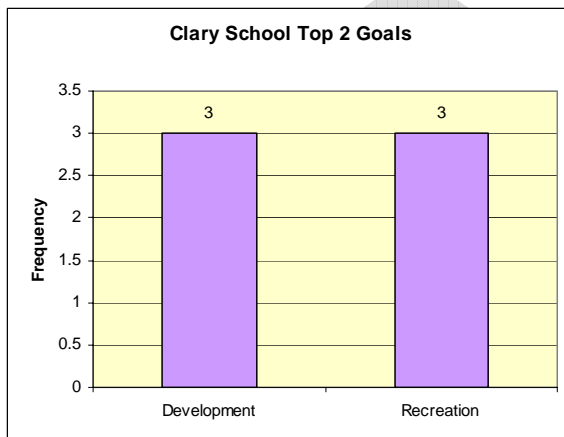


Sample quotes:

Development: *“Walking trail, fishing spot, clean water, safe summer jobs for youth in neighborhood, biking trail, ice cream shop, flowers.”*

Gentrification: *“Fears of Gentrification and public space privatization, the corridor becomes a place for expensive condos.”*

Clary Middle School, July 19, 2006

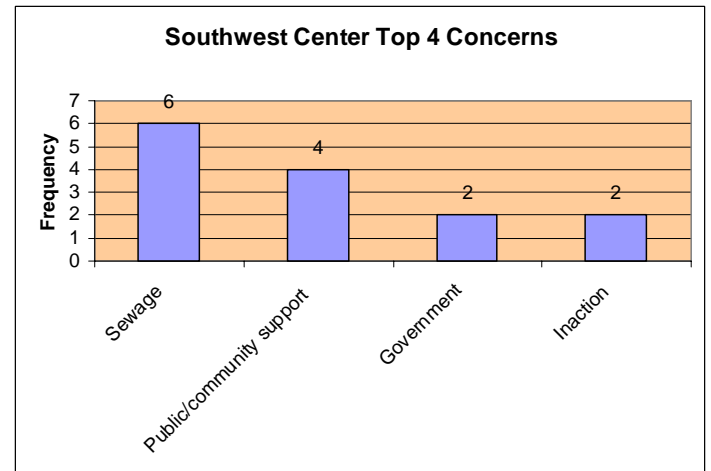
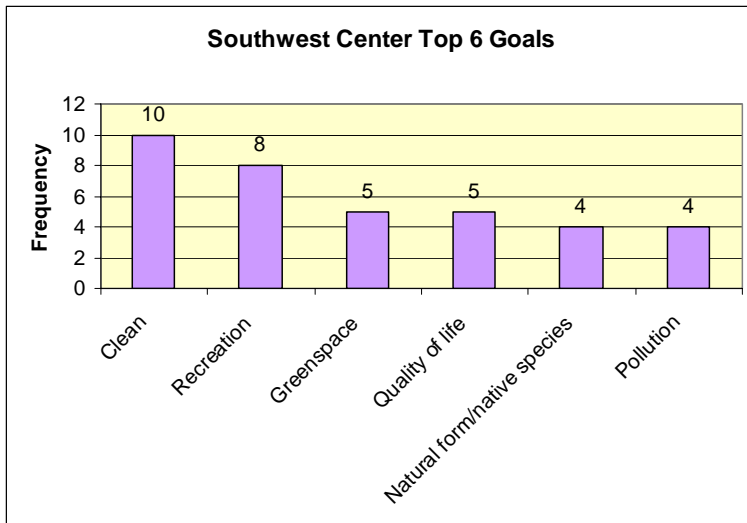


Sample quotes:

Development: *“Transform from community barrier to community “seam”/asset. Create mixed-use developments and recreational programming. Create new wetlands to handle high water volumes. To be able to walk from the city line to the lake!”*

Access: *“City of Syracuse needs to lift legal restrictions that limit public access to banks of Onondaga Creek.”*

Southwest Community Center, July 20, 2006

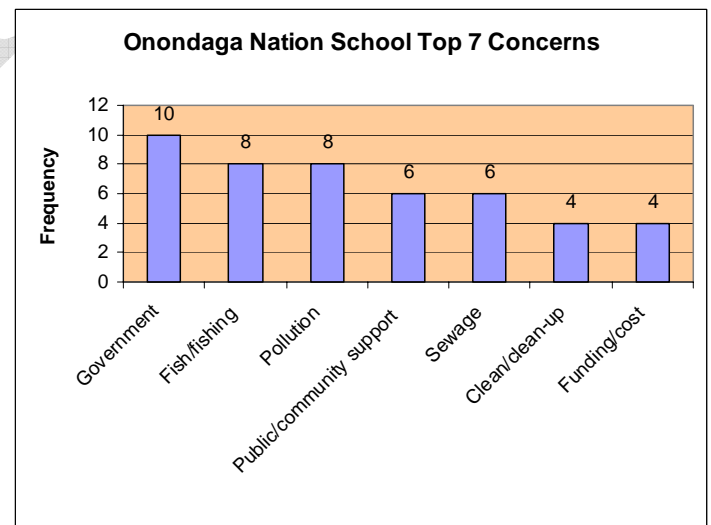
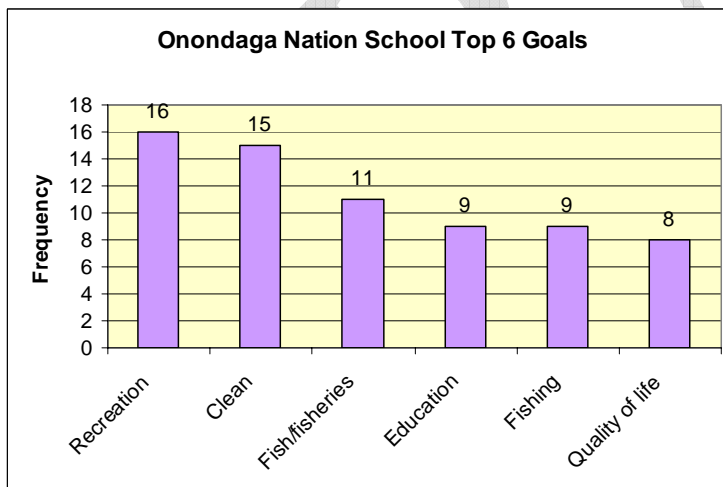


Sample quotes:

Clean: *“For it to be clean. I think it would have a great impact on this community in so much way that crime would drop because of clean creek for kids to play and have nature camps for kids/adults, educate them about nature which would lead to peace of mind they'd discover.”*

Sewage: *“Sewage and Combined Sewer overflows - nasty, dirty, unhealthy.”*

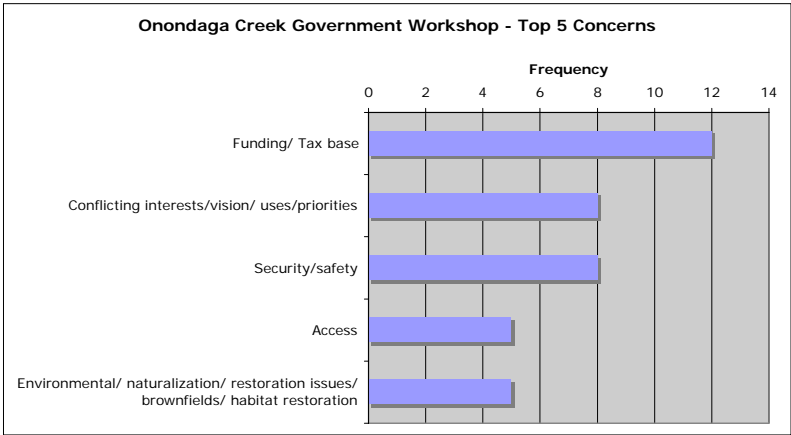
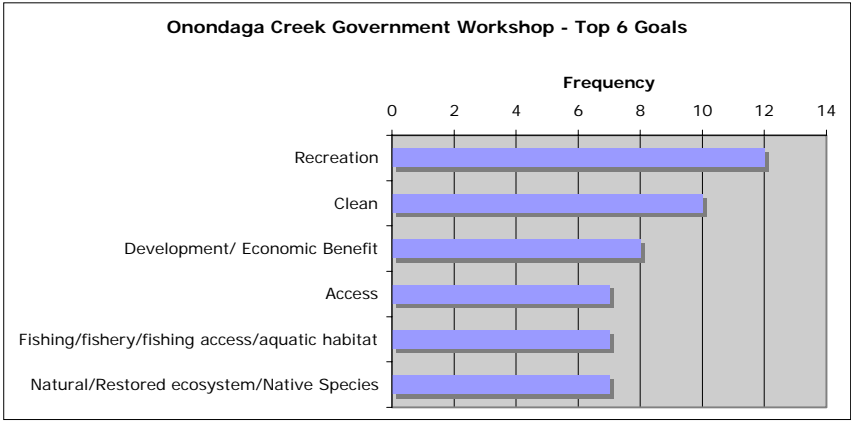
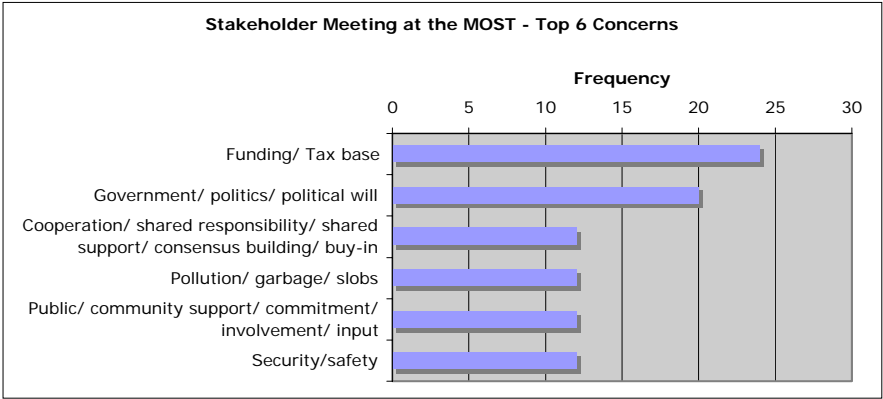
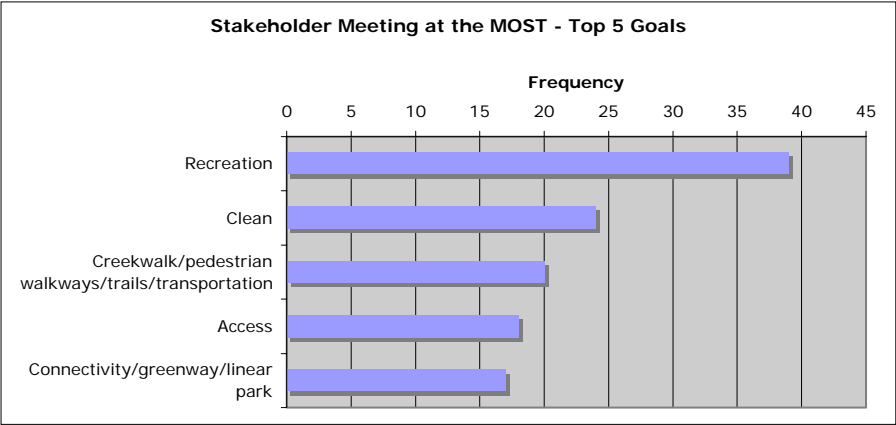
Onondaga Nation School, July 27, 2006

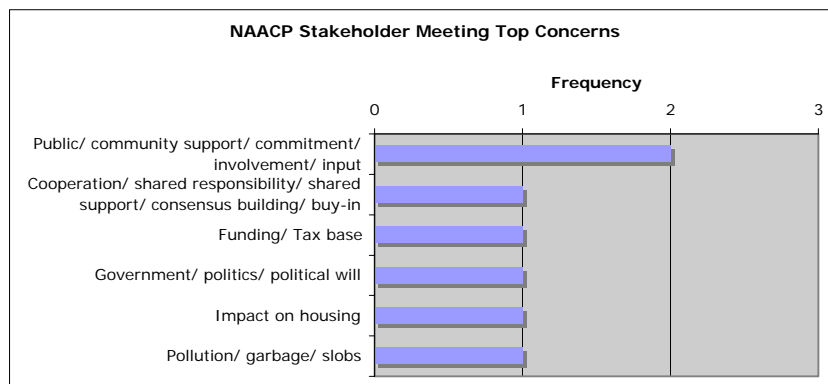
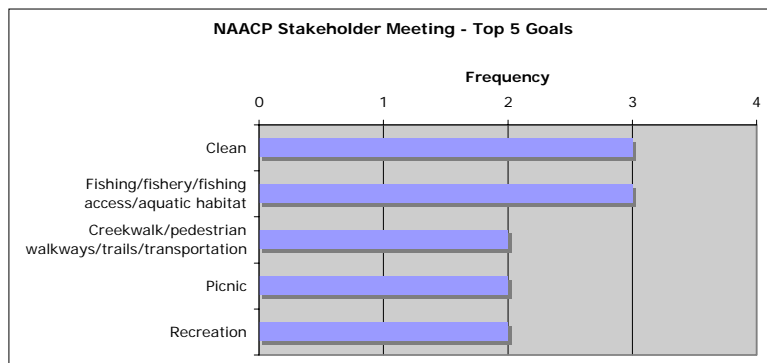
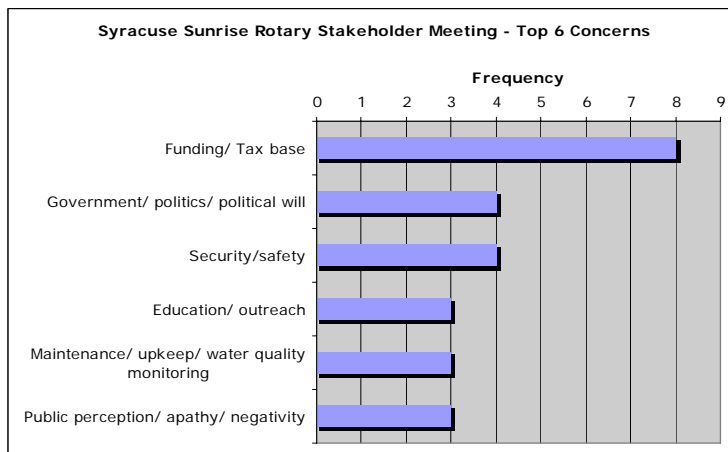
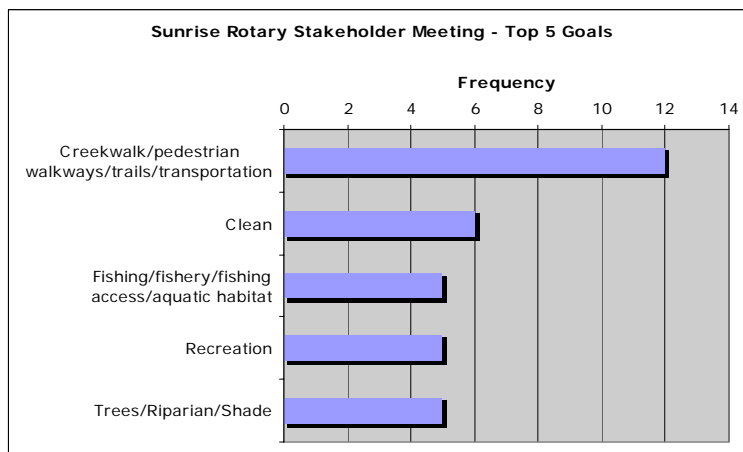


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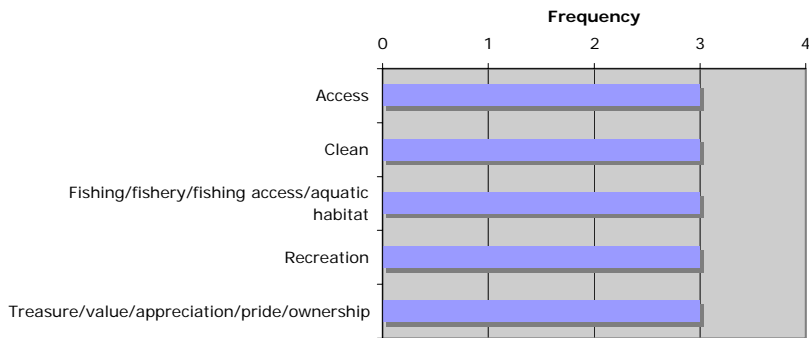
Fish/fisheries: *“I want my children and future grandchildren to be able to fish in a clean creek and be able to eat the fish they catch.”*

Pollution: *“Habitat loss, the rift that has formed between people and the creek, fish degradation, trash, disrespect, runoff, denial.”*

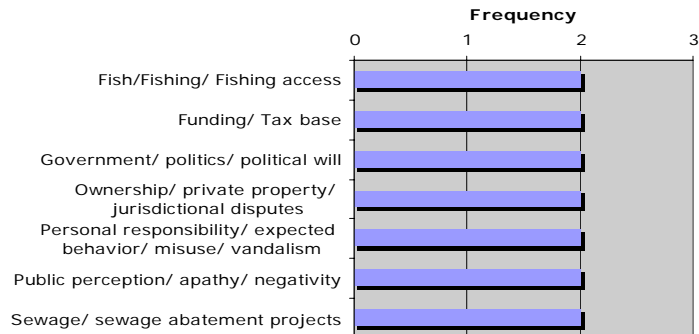




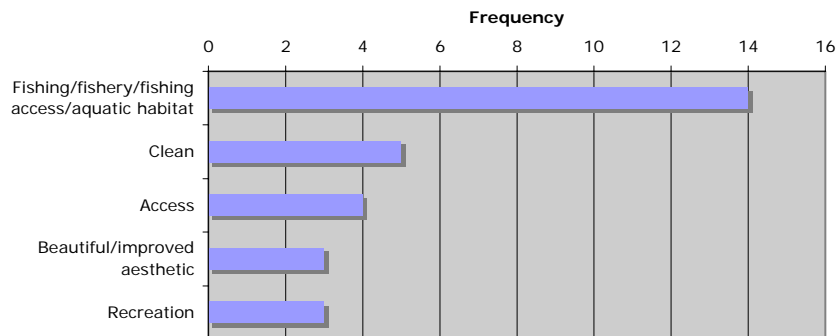
Izaak Walton League Stakeholder Meeting - Top 5 Goals



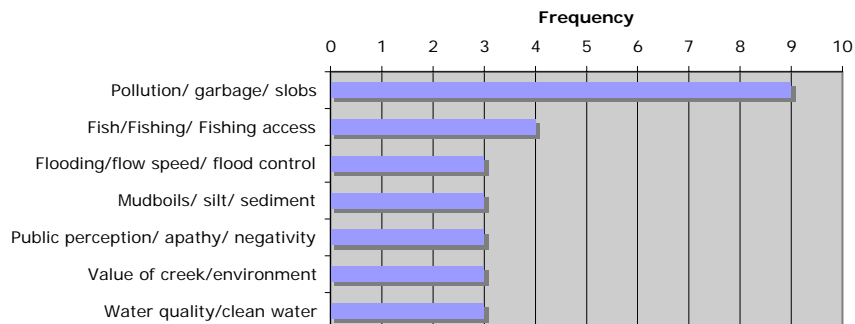
Izaak Walton League Stakeholder Meeting - Top 7 Concerns

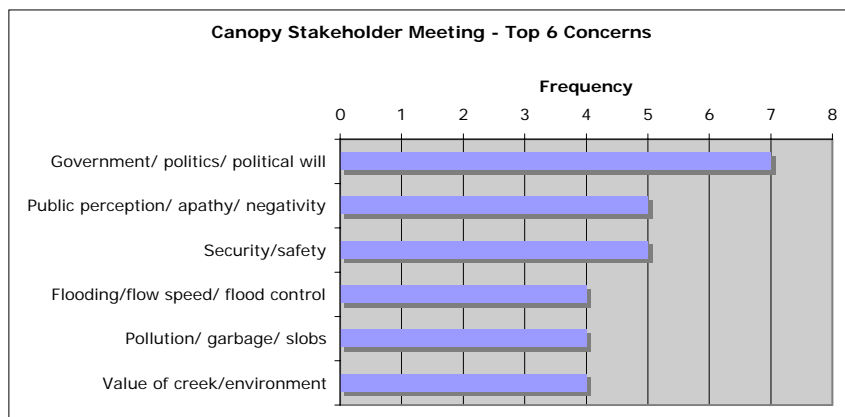
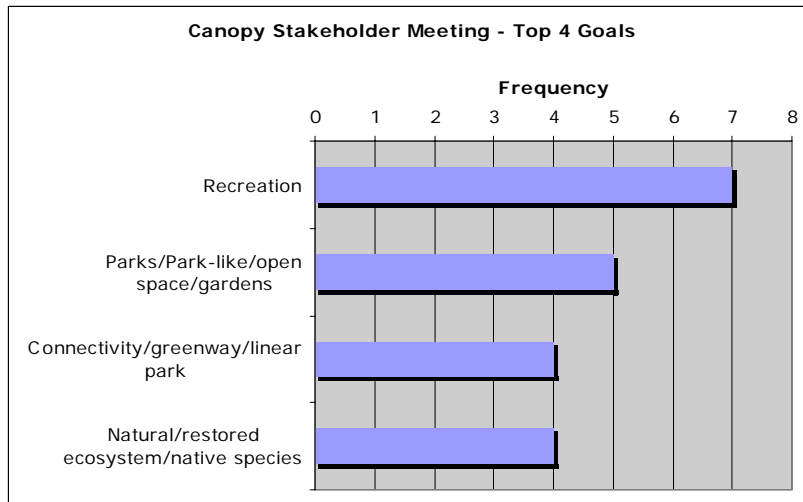


Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting - Top 5 Goals



Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting - Top 7 Concerns





Onondaga Creek Input Report: WRITTEN Goals and Concerns
All Meetings - Community Forums, Stakeholder Meetings and Government Workshop

Each forum participant received a set of three Input Cards. Written responses are listed below, arranged in columns by question. The questions were:
1. What is your goal, vision, or dream for the Onondaga Creek corridor? What do you want for Onondaga Creek and its surroundings in the future?
2. What issues or concerns, problems or obstacles, if any, must be overcome or solved before your vision of Onondaga Creek and its surroundings can be achieved?

<i>Forum</i>	<i>1. Goals/Visions</i>	<i>2. Concerns/Issues</i>	<i>3. Questions</i>
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	Un-channelize the creek downtown - broaden the banks & remove concrete sides - & create a creekwalk. Ensure there's capacity for ample parking, bring in vendors & create a park-like setting. Walkways/skating/biking trails much like @ Onondaga Lake Park, lined w/shops/restaurants/etc.	Funding; public attitudes toward creek; concrete channels; upstream sources of pollution; parking (lack of); overcoming community ennui & generating excitement/the will to actually accomplish goals	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	I think the key to organizing and coalescing bits and pieces of ideas on the creek lies in the term watershed which you used only once in your introduction today.	Need for more "wholistic" consideration of both private and public entrepreneurial efforts in watershed that give heavier weight to assessment of what are effects on watershed _____ as a whole..	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	Catch basins to be used as organic farms grow things that could be used + sold at Food co-op in the inner city. Recreational trails to be developed through out city. develop areas around creeks to be more green friendly. Farms that are in catch basin should be able to withstand flooding. creeks that run through city parks should be highlighted and used to attract residents. we should go with the flow more.	county + city must work as one. Realistic time line to complete project. Make the public aware its our water supply that is at jeopardy. we take it for granted that it will be here forever Make public aware of it value	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	Onondaga Creek as a healthy, green corridor (esp. thru city) on which people can canoe + kayak, fish, walk, bike, buy + sell food and other items, learn about nature and enjoy the natural habitat. A clean Creek. A place for quiet reflection by gently flowing, safe water. An urban bazaar of cacophonous diversity.	Pollution must be abated. Bad image must be overcome. Pride in Creek must be engendered. Political will must be found to make changes. Funding must be found to carry out plans. Way must be found to reduce peak flows to abate image as "killer creek."	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	I envision a continuous park along the entire length of the creek open to walking/hiking, canoeing/kayaking. Fishing and low-impact recreational use. Signage would be used to interpret natural features, flora & fauna. This park would be the centerpiece of a regional park system, set up independent of surrounding government, with taxing and bonding authority to provide necessary funding. The authority would hire its own executives.	Security must be provided. There must be the political will to divorce parks from current government supervision. People must buy into the concept that the creek is an asset. There must be ways to make the creek safe from most accidents. Upstream pollution must be controlled.	

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Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	I would like to see a linear park not all of which is groomed (space for animals to live) along a creek that is not straight but curved and unfenced. There should be a walking + biking path with creek accesses for canoeing and fishing. Along the steeped sections there could be a low wall but no fences. There should be a few spots with picnic tables + play equipment. It should also connect with the Erie Canal park.	That the creek is a safety hazard ("killer creek") must be fenced. and people using the creek corridor will risk criminal attacks. That the creek can't have curves and boulders placed in it to slow down the flow. Resolve jurisdictional disputes.	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	transformation into what a SUNY/ESF study called a potential for becoming THE City's ecological + civic corridor.	A strategy for implementation; otherwise it won't happen.	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	1. Pristine environment - healthy for human and animals alike. 2. Bike and walking paths along the whole corridor - Restaurants - museum's used as a creative learning tool. 3. Canoeing - fishing available 4. Tear down the fences - let the people have access to the creek	1. Eliminate the thoughts of "we can't do that" "It's impossible" Government needs to listen to the people not override them. Educate in the schools - about the value of our enviroment	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	Become the central link of a network of parks/greenspace in its watershed (with connections) beyond. Recreation uses (canoe/kayak, biking, walking, picnicking in), facilities (kiosks - in high use areas, parking for cars + bikes, rentals), nature gardens (native species trees) _____ wildlife friendly - historic environment	- effects on current and future residents + houses near creek - attitudes towards creek - (sewage, flooding, "danger"). undesirable wildlife (eg. rats) dechannelization where possible personal safety city/county friction	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	A sustainable, healthy ecosystem in the Onondaga Creek Watershed. Public attitude shift from liability to asset.	Funding sources need to shift from cleaning up "the sewer" to implementing plans to revitalize the entire corridor.	
Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	The Unity of all resources: community Forms Maintainence of all green spaces: creek, farms re-establishment of greater corporation with all agencies and ethnic groups and revitalization of for...	Need shift from public liability to public assest. Concerns/Issues Impact on current..future housing around creek Safety hazard: both need to slow down flow personal safety from crime, a get city commit to get this done, ____	

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Canopy Stakeholder Meeting	Clean-flowing waterway accessible on both sides the entire length by pedestrians.	increase in long-term planning to increase area attractiveness	
Cecile Center	Continuous parkland from Seneca Tnpk to lake - different venues at different points along creek, goes through parks now that can be developed further.	Sewage treatment plant should not be emptying in the creek. It's totally wrong as County has planned - should be a storage only that goes to lake treatment.	Will some homeowners lose their homes? Will we have wet basements?
Cecile Center	Walking, including walking dogs; bike riding; open areas; rest areas; lighting; police present, there used to be creek cops.	No motorized vehicles.	
Cecile Center	Safe access by all without endangering safety of children, i.e. gates thru and in fences at safe areas, maintain natural flora and life, kept free of garbage by all who use it.	Safety of children crossing creek to school i.e. bridge from Midland Ave to Van Duyn School if fences are removed. Increase use by motorized vehicles who destroy and cut up ground and fences.	
Cecile Center	It could be tremendous tourist attraction affecting city and region economically, socially, and culturally.		
Cecile Center	A clean, user-friendly creek; hiking and bike paths; possibly concession stands to provide employment for Southside residents.	Sewage in the creek. Public apathy. Less fencing - more access. Lack of education about how to improve creek environment.	
Cecile Center	Restore water quality and ecological function of creek and its watershed. Integrate the creek into the city of Syracuse to improve downtown environment (creek side restaurants, cafes, walkways, bikeways, etc.).		
Cecile Center	Clean water, litter free, creek banks broken up by trees, safe paths to walk, beautiful bridges.		
Cecile Center	See the water clean enough whereby we can eat the fish. The Onondagas are the stewards of the land and creek, hence the name of the creek, the name of this county; we have long ago lost our relationship with nature. we have enough theme parks to entertain us!	Everything that sustains us as human being comes from this land. We have an enormous resource which could revitalize this area if we could learn to appreciate it as a living intelligent being. We need to start looking where we live to re-establish the connection which sustains us. We need clean water and edible fish.	
Cecile Center	Vision: restore natural features and functions of OC corridor; this includes restoring native plants, fish, meanders, pools, riffles providing habitat for birds, fish, insects, etc. this also includes aesthetics, making the creek corridor beautiful via trees, shrubs, nature trail educational opportunities abound - nature based education for inner city youth and other parties.	Education. Show people what is possible in terms of restoration, and reasons for meanders, plants; what lives in the creek, etc. CSOs. We need a new paradigm for stormwater, a new image if you will. Treat on site, use plants in their natural hydrological role. Disparate offices with sometimes conflicting goals, ideas, knowledge levels, visions.	

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Cecile Center	Educational monitoring at different points along creek; example: real-time water level gauges so that people can see how water levels change with rainfall, etc.		
Cecile Center	Clean water, edible fish and a natural creek which will link our neighborhoods. a revitalized creek will help save and heal our city and the entire area. I want to canoe a natural creek.	The primary problem is water quality and the county's plan to build two sewage plants on the Creek, which will dump sewage and chlorine into the Creek. The Creek should be naturalized and de-channelized, with natural meanders.	
Cecile Center	Place to walk and bike with easy access to the path, especially in the Valley area. a more beautiful asset through the downtown area; I work near the creek and it is quite an eyesore.	Safety. Discouraging of camps of homeless people - I've been told there is a large camp every summer near downtown. Keeping it clean. I don't mind the fences along the creek, but I'd like there to be many gates to enter & leave by.	
Cecile Center	Recreational area, family oriented, safe, not commercialized, more like a park. Something people could use like riding a bike to downtown safely.	Safety - if a path is placed along the creek, will I feel safe using it alone? I'm concerned about respecting the privacy and needs of the people who live and own property adjacent to it & overlooking the creek.	
Cecile Center	I want the sewage overflows eliminated.	The sewage overflows must be eliminated	Without the fences you have a major safety problem. The sewage overflows have to go if you want clean water.
Cecile Center	Walking in safety all along the creek. Seeing birds and animals that live in or around the water. Creek kept clean.		
Cecile Center	Naturalized stream channel with parallel trails, activity nodes, connections to neighborhoods. Stormwater management that improves water quality, therefore increasing the wildlife value, aesthetic and usability. Case study recommendation: Charlotte, NC Little Sugar Creek masterplan and installation.	Extreme channelization (requires aggressive takings to create meanders) . Poor city infrastructure, esp. roads & sewers City malaise regarding innovation. Public emotion feeding on misinformation slowing/killing the project.	Are there going to be future meetings re: report, plans, and implementation strategies?
Cecile Center	I'd like to see the creek cleaned up so I could enjoy walking and paddling along as much of its length as possible. Cleaning the creek would provide an economic boost to businesses near the creek and increase housing values near the creek.	Safety is a big issue if the fences are removed. Safety is also an issue in certain parts of Syracuse the creek runs through.	
Cecile Center	A path along and near the creek for biking and rollerblading, the path would not have to follow the creek bank.	Keep the creek clean - how to do that efficiently. Can we enjoy the creek and still protect the environment people need to feel safe/secure using the corridor.	

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Cecile Center	I want the creek to return to being used for rain/floodwater only and to stop the overflow of sewage into it. I would like to see clear property lines established re. county, city, private property; honest people regularly trespass on my property (so do dishonest ones).	The creek - and clean water - must be valued differently. Values of promoting a healthy living place must be emphasized with an eye towards the future.	
Cecile Center	A green parkway the entire length of the creek (long-term). Removal of the fence as soon as feasible as it is an eyesore.	My fear is that WE will think too small too timid in approaching the solution.	
Cecile Center	To restore it, as closely as feasible, to its pre-industrial state by restoring habitat for fish and wildlife, separating it completely from the city's sewer system, eliminating industrial and agricultural contamination and investing in the revitalization of the creek and watershed.	WATER QUALITY. All this is moot if we continue to include the creek in our sewage system.	
Cecile Center		It was called killer creek for a reason. The reason being that children died in the creek until it was fenced in. I remember. I still have nightmares of the children being lost in the creek - it was a fear I grew up with on Newell St. as long as it is for flood control and has fast current - it will be a danger for kids - strive for realistic goals!	
Cecile Center	Good green grass, nice trees, nice walkway and hope it's kept clean.		
Cecile Center	To have it open to the public and safe; this means we can't just remove the fences without other significant measures to protect people when the creek is rushing. Would like to see a pedestrian path on the Westside between Midland Ave bridge and South Ave bridge and a bike/pedestrian way between Ballantyne and Dorwin.	Junk in the creek. Channelling that makes access to the creek unsafe. Sewage in the creek.	What plans are there? ESF & others. What sections can be de-channelized? Why no signs saying "Onondaga Creek"?
Cecile Center		Zoning? Safety issues? Costs of changing all the infrastructure?	Will folks be realistic about what can be done or can't be done due to geological, financial, water quality, and infrastructure issues?
Cecile Center	That the creek can be restored to a healthy space; as such it could be the backbone of the environmental health of the city and the region.	Privacy. There is a fence between the creek and the access road, but nothing between the access road and my heavily vegetated property. The access road, when corralled by the creek fence, "push" trespassers on my land, and often there is vandalism. This is a sort of "crime alley", hidden between the fence and my trees.	What is the history of the destruction of the creek? How did it get to this degraded state? Are there resources to read? How does this plan connect with the Onondaga Nation's Land Rights Action?
Cecile Center	A bike, walk, jog, cross-country trail with flowers, etc. What about safety? Such as robbers.	How are the trails fit in with over head bridges.	Cost & is volunteers going to help build it? When is this going to start?

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Cecile Center	Having ability to walk/paddle waterway.	The speed of water (march/April CFS ~400) is both an attraction for boaters and danger for errant walkers.	How will channelization be corrected?
Cecile Center	Establishment of planned, elaborate arboretum along creek side with observatory, annual festival activities/amenities similar to Rochester Lilac Festival/National Arboretum.	Effect of any development on current and future property owners/property values/eminant domain/safety.	Why can't we devote a large portion of the creek corridor to the establishment of a beautiful flowering arboretum as a regional tourist attraction?
Cecile Center	We need to start with basic, realistically achievable first steps - like get the garbage out of the creek so people can and want to use it. Then people will change their mind about how the creek can be a valuable public resource and support its restoration and development. Only with a grassroots base of support is any creek vision attainable and sustainable.	Public perception of the Creek as an open sewer. A more realistic plan for gradually restoring the Creek combined with more public involvement/interest in the Creek is needed. Examples: 1) Clean out garbage - bring in boaters, hikers, & fishers. 2) Develop creekwalk with greater public support from step 1. 3) Develop creek corridor as #1 & #2 progress.	Will the city allow casual recreational use of the creek- i.e.- boating, fishing, and hiking?
Cecile Center	I'll send you an essay I wrote.		What's the schedule, if any, for restoration?
Cecile Center	My vision is to see the fence come down, the creek cleaned up also a launching pad for canoeing and boat rides from the Southside. Also bike roads or roller skates, fishing sections and benches. A community development committee would like a canoe ride for volunteers this June from Ballantyne Rd to downtown.	My concern is flood controlling. Also, more lights along the creek in the southside.	Is it possible to have tours of the creek in canoes or boats, with committees?
Cecile Center	A year-round bike/walking/jogging path that is cleaned and maintained by local government and one that includes sporadic exercise stations and has high quality security. it must be free of dirt bikes, motorcycles, and snowmobiles. I want the wildlife protected also.	Long term plan for maintenance/upkeep as years pass and funding/budgets are reduced. Effective and sustainable plan for security along length of park/walkway - inc. police on foot/bikes, emergency call boxes, appropriate lighting, plan for addressing refuse/graffiti/gangs/homeless.	Will this corridor prohibit (including patrols, fines, arrests) dirt bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles?
Cecile Center	Most of the Corps of Engineers stone walls should be removed, allow the creek to meander, with adequate flood/safety precautions. A trail alongside from the Nation, through the city to the Inner Harbor.	Periodic fumes from Midland plant, UGH! Instead, install pipe to Armory to accept stored CSO water until storm event passes. Make Armory plant an odor free adjunct of MOST.	A WEEKLY local TV show about progress of this effort. I volunteer to edit some.
Cecile Center	That the creek be designed wisely. Meanders cannot be everywhere and existing infrastructure has to be considered to co-exist with the final design of the project must be realistic but functional.	That the creek can be seen as a resource. Those who are concerned must act as stewards and lead by example. The corridor has a lot of potential but must be wisely implemented or the benefits may never come to fruition.	What are the steps involved in the implementation stage? Who makes ultimate decisions that will make plan implementation possible?
Cecile Center	Naturalization of creek and its tributaries with wetlands in appropriate places. Wide access to creek with paths (walkways and separate bikeways). Denver model. Fences where needed, get rid of very steep banks.	Political commitment by politicians and public undo the general notion of killer creek.	How do we go from talk to action? Denver handles the safety issues during flooding. Why can't we?
Cecile Center	That as much as the creek as possible would be re-wilded or re-naturalized. That the creek be seen as the economic development asset that it could be.	The creek must be made accessible! We need a mayor & a county exec. With cooperative interests in moving into the future! Not grubbing for crumbs! Money!	What agency(ies) governments will implement the plan? Where will the money come from? How will ownership issues, access issues be resolved?

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Cecile Center	Safe walking, bicycling, jogging trail from at least Nedrow to Onondaga Lake, by clean, natural creek.	We want the experts to solve the problem of safety consistently with restoring the amenity value of the creek. It can be done.	Who owns the creek? Who is responsible for the creek?
Cecile Center	Greenway along creek where possible; accessible to public for walking, cycling, etc.	The fences could be put nearer the water so people could walk along the creek & still the children could be kept safe - I don't see why both walkers, bikers, etc. AND kids could be accommodated.	Why can't fences be put nearer the water so people can walk, etc. and kids (and others) still be safe?
City Hall Commons	-Walk from Downtown to Onondaga Lake Park. -Skate on the creek.	-Traffic increase due to creek upgrade. -Upstream pollution in creek. -Sewage treatment runoff. -Drowning of people in high rain. -Involvement of SU related funds.	
City Hall Commons		-Stop using the creek as a sewage pipe.	
City Hall Commons	-The creek to be accessible, unlined, and naturalized, allowed to flood the adjacent region, allowed to be a natural creek, provide habitat for wildlife and playing. -To be a natural creek, unlined, flooding, opportunity for play and life, a local resource, parkspace. -What I would mostly dream for is integrated watershed management, innovative stormwater management, everyone knowing where stormwater and its pollutants come from, and everyone doing their part to holistically manage the watershed. -Students, parents, children residents developing a sense of place, a sense of belonging, a real community where plants and animals and healthy ecosystems are equally important as economics	-Obstacles: FEMA 100 year flood regulation, data collection and analysis before any modification can occur. -Peoples attitudes towards flooding (it's a good thing). -Acquisition of adjacent property and infrastructure. -Attitudes towards the creek being a "killer creek." -Removal of channel lining and money to do so. -Education on the importance of the creek and a healthy ecosystem to healthy lives -Changing the attitudes of apathetic residents. -Changing the attitudes on the reliance on traditional stormwater management and infrastructure for proper mitigation. -Overwhelming thing is changing attitudes and this really can only be overcome via education. Lots of residents see the solution as the "typical" way things have always been done, this is not okay.	
City Hall Commons		-My concern is that perhaps this process isn't very meaningful and efficient. How can one identify visions/goals without knowing what the realistic parameters, eg financial, political etc might be.	

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City Hall Commons	That it be utilized as the asset it could be to our community rather than an eye sore. I care less about exactly what is there or it is used for than that it be used. My personal preference is for nature area.	-Government stagnation! -Imidity lack of willingness to overcome the issues, concerns, problems, and obstacles to reach the vision.	
City Hall Commons		-Perception of many people that the creek is dangerous. -Very poor CSO plans which will still allow many millions of gallons of raw sewage to flow in.	
City Hall Commons	-Multi-use areas in downtown area (A bird watching area would also be great). -Some walkways and bike paths, but also some more natural "green" and park areas. -I would also like to see some natural areas that could be used by local schools and students as a quiet, peaceful place to study, do homework, or read. -To have tables available (other than picnic tables) suitable for students to do work on - - like an outdoor open-air library on the banks of the creek. -I also like the idea of a natural place to walk during downtown lunch hour- that isn't a concrete sidewalk.	-I think people need to have hope and be more optimistic about the future of the creek- I would like to see municipal officials and engineers think outside the box about what the creek could become and realize that syracuse is not unique in the challenges it faces with urban streams and CSOs, other cities have faced similar challenges and have made something more for their urban streams. -Safety will always be an important factor.	
City Hall Commons	-The Nation, the creek, and the lake that share the name Onondaga should share a connective corridor linking all the dispirate communities from the Nation to the lake.		
City Hall Commons	-Walking trail from headwaters to the lake (for walkers non motoized) -Shops and cafes/restaurants near the urban parts of the walk. -Clean water, no trash, no noise.	-Funding. -Security in some dicey areas -Community feeling of ownership to care for the creek. -Flood control. -City/county gov't cooperation.	
City Hall Commons	-That the urban sites that so many consider trashed will be re-discovered as the important sources of creek water that they really are.	-The lack of imagination about what it can be.	

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City Hall Commons	<p>-From the headwaters to downtown- restore healthy creek ecosystem with meanders and native plants/green spaces along banks, bikeways and trails and recreational areas.</p> <p>-From Armory Sq to Lake, mixed recreation and business along creek with a stretch of canal restored for skating and canoeing and mixed residential/retail businesses along the way.</p>	<p>-Lack of cooperation between county and city; need suburban communities to recognize value of whole creek.</p> <p>-Destiny project need developers to think more organically about connecting lake to downtown.</p> <p>-Sewage treatment system that relies on high-tech installations, should have rain gardens, rain harvesting (rain barrels), and landscaping to control flooding and runoff and provide decentralized treatments/filtration.</p>	
City Hall Commons	<p>-My vision is the Onondaga Creek corridor as democratic space, open to all the flows as natural park habitat integrates with opportunities from Tully to the city when it continues.</p> <p>-As a park in and around onondaga lake, becoming a central park for CNY</p> <p>-Access to all.</p>	<p>DESTINY</p> <p>-Property ownership</p> <p>-Rights of way</p> <p>-Money</p> <p>-Not against the development of Destiny, it just needs to be masterplanned so that the creek walking corridor connects to a trail around the lake.</p> <p>-Community involvement.</p> <p>-Will people vote? Will they write their legislature? Will candidates speak to this issue?</p>	
City Hall Commons	<p>-Public access</p> <p>-Areas where water burbles over rock and under a canopy of trees; were minnows tickle children's toes; a good place for a picnic on the shore; fishing and boating.</p> <p>-Other areas of mixed residential and small commercial activity accessible by foot, bike, and public transport.</p> <p>-Integral Access.</p>	<p>-Access to natural or naturalized segments.</p> <p>-Resolving anxiety about floods and drownings through good design.</p> <p>-Restoration of natural flows and an ecosystem.</p> <p>-Taking a project to a full completion (e.g. re-establishing plant species after dredging).</p>	
City Hall Commons	<p>-Cleanup pollution.</p> <p>-Safe public access within city.</p>	<p>-Public safety.</p> <p>-Cost of maintenance.</p>	
City Hall Commons	<p>-I would like to see the city schools have our children have projects on the creek.</p>	<p>-We have to be concerned about the RTF. The RTF will put junk in the creek, we must do something about the RTF and we need underground storage.</p>	

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City Hall Commons	-A walk that becomes a magnet into the community-particularly downtown, both for economic and recreational reasons. This is what happened to Providence, RI, and other cities where urban waterways were re-opened.		
City Hall Commons	-To be able to look at the creek with pride and respect. -I see a restored waterway that provides the safety of flood control. -I see a natural creek that provides appropriate riparian habitat.	-Safer access. -Naturalized streambed free of debris. -Apathetic attitudes of local officials.	-Where will the funding come from? -Who are/will be the parties responsible for upkeep of remediation efforts?
City Hall Commons	-Residential improvements in SW Community Quality Water.	-Negotiations for re-developing the south west communities.	
City Hall Commons	-My overall vision is a coordinated grass roots effort that utilizes public and private resources/partners to reclaim Onondaga Creek as a jewel in our community for recreation, housing, and economic development uses.	-Probably the biggest challenge is a lack of overall vision (which hopefully will be addressed with this process), then, the lack of a coordinated effort to address the steps needed for Onondaga Creek to reach its full potential.	
City Hall Commons	-A "Green Way" with paths for walking, biking, etc. -Access to creek for fishing, bird watching, canoeing.	-Access to creek, ie fenced off areas, swiftness of flow.	
City Hall Commons	-A creek that supports plant and fish species native to the water and its surroundings. -A portion of the creek shoreline needs to remain forever free of charge to the public. -Use a revitalized creek as a catalyst for renewing city neighborhoods.	-There is a lack of agreement between local governments. -We as a community haven't established a united vision.	
City Hall Commons	-For the creek to eventually be naturally restored. I believe that there is the possibility for the human and natural environment to coexist without marginalizing the health of the watershed we depend on.	-The public that is affected by the creek must be informed and come to a mutual understanding that all citizens are affected by both past and future decisions on the creek. I'm worried that although interest in the plan seems strong, that it will waver or people will become discouraged with the process.	
City Hall Commons	-To have Onondaga Creek fulfill its potential as THE ecological and civic corridor of the city of Syracuse.	-Lack of an effective strategy for ensuring that plans developed by this process are implemented. -The need to get insurance and safety issues resolved.	

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City Hall Commons	-In the city of syracuse a walkway like the one in oswego with more nature areas before the city.	-Pollution and the garage junk in the creek. -Onondaga nation pollution of the creek.	
City Hall Commons	-I would like to see canoeing on the creek, -School activities -A creek walk -Good fishing	-Onondaga County must budget for a creekwalk with the city and state.	
City Hall Commons	-Restoration of healthy ecological processes throughtout creek and tributaties. -Reestablishment of extirpated fish species. -With ecological restoration will come opportunities for safe uses (recreational, etc.) of the creek by people. -Public access throughtout, and opportunities for recreation.	-Discontinue all direct municipal and industrial waste inputs to creek. -Re-establish a more naturally-functioning flood plan to allow room for natural formation of meanders and habitat diversity. -Establish safe access points. -Engaging the people who would most benefit or be most impacted.	
City Hall Commons	-An educational resource-schools can bring students to experience habitat, errosion, watercycle etc. -To be able to travel, use as recreational space, the whole length to bike, walk, run, canoe, kayak, fish. -Have NATIVE plants reintroduced/replaced where non-native are now. -Unfenced.	-The image of the creek needs to be changed for the majority of people that are affected by the creek corridor. -Having a safe area along the creek for the schools to bring students to utilize as a learning device, and for others to use recreationally.	
City Hall Commons	-Restored, clean and safe. -Water teeming with fish and aquatice wildlife -Restaurants -Recreation. -Commerce	-Discharging waste into the creek must stop. The effects of deep channelization must be reversed by stream widening where appropriate.	
City Hall Commons	-I would like to be able to fish; boating, walking trails for schools to explore about nature. -To enrich the surrounding neighborhood with a clean creek, this will help to ensure the improvement of Onondaga Lake. -Fish that can be eaten.		

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City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A naturalized, restored channel in the city of Syracuse which supports diverse fishery, birds, and beauty. -A recreation trail which affords direct access to the creek, remove all fences. -Clean water, remove contaminated sediments -Eliminate CSO's 		
City Hall Commons		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Re-educate the residents in Midland Ave area and Armory Sq. the differences of CSO and Creek walk. -Educate residents of the importances of having a vision for a creek walk and not be disengaged. 	
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A multiple use corridor with uses changing depending on where on the creek you are, with clean water, fish, wildlife, birds, a trail from one end to the other, and bridges to cross from one side to the other. The corridor should be wide enough to reintroduce meanders beyond downtown; good access from multiple points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Establishing enough width in the corridor to allow meanders to form. -Mudboils. -Continued storm over flows. -Cleaning debris out of stream. 	
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We do not want "periodic flows" of treated effluent from the Midlant Plant. Better to connect the storage tank there with an underground pipe to a "state-of-the-art" facility in the Trolley lot. The treated water there should be poured down a drain. -Lets change the consciousness of county leaders from thinking of the creek as part of the sewer system. Instead embrace it for the diamond in the rough that it is. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A better job needs to be done in communicating to the public why some kind of facility for CSO abatement is necessary at both Midland and Armory Square. 	
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Better public access (multi-use). -Returned to a more natural state (meanders better, water quality, shoreline habitat). -Used as a mechanism to unify communities (economic benefit?). -Used as a means to revitalize portions of downtown Syracuse and residential neighborhoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continued funding and increased public support is essential. 	

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City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Multi-use. -Recreation on trail, biking, hiking. -Use of water, access for kayaking, canoeing. -Some commercial area, snacks, restaurants. -Quiet trails, maybe benches, appreciate nature, safe to use. -Asset to city. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Treatment center will be effective. -Safety when using. 	
City Hall Commons	-A path through the city which is beautiful, bikable, walkable, a beacon for economic development, and tourism.		
City Hall Commons			-Employment; economic development engine for midland ave. area.
City Hall Commons			<p>How long is this process and what is the end result?</p> <p>-Is there an established time line/deadline?</p>
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Good recreational opportunities (bike path, picnic area, canoe launches). -Vibrant business district (SanAntonio restaurants, bars, music, nightlife) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Litter on shore. -Trash in water. -Access to the water. -CSOs/Sewage. -Community perception that the creek is dead. -Get rid of channelization. 	
City Hall Commons			<p>-Has there been an evaluation about what permits modification of the flood control measures?</p> <p>-How much can we get rid of?</p>
City Hall Commons			<p>-What are the next steps after community forums?</p> <p>What is the projected timeline?</p>
City Hall Commons	-That the creek becomes an important aspect of the city.	The negative outlook of the leadership people of the area.	-Do you have info on other cities that I could get (websites)?
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I would like to see it cleaned. -Plant trees that flower. 	-Flooding and our parks around Onondaga, cover creek.	-I live next to the Creek and the Creek Walk and cost to our people and the covered creek walk for safety.

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City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pedestrian and hiking walkway. -Possibly available for canoeing/kayaking. -Restaurants etc. along path. -Possible ferry/tour boat length of waterway similar to san antonio only better. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pathways -Cleanup odor and water such that not health hazard for boating. -Various safe access. -Safe passage out of water (in past many children fell in and lost their lives). -Severe cleanup. -Nothing happens, just talk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When? Timing.
City Hall Commons			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where can I learn more about the process and issues, and what are the critical political issues that need to be approved and solved?
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -My vision for the Onondaga Creek corridor is to achieve ecological restoration while also acting as a catalyst for the revitalization of the most disadvantaged areas in the city of Syracuse. -There are several sections of the creek within the city each exhibiting a different character, I would hope that the future of the creek enhances and takes advantage of the assets and challenges of each of those areas. -The creek should be accessible to all, it should also become a part of a larger greenway system linking various communities, ecological, cultural, and social. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We need to change perceptions of the creek through education, do-able projects, real change. -We need to overcome obstacles to access such as the fence that lines the creek, insurance issues, we need to also remove the channelized portion of the creek. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When will the county realize that they need to rethink their plans for the CSO problem to reform them in light of their constituents' concerns?
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Return the creek to the people as a vital natural resource by: -Generating public interest in achieving this goal. -Establishing a civic and government support system to sustain this. -Most importantly start working to make the creek immediately useable (hiking, boating, biking) to keep public support,. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Planning, visioning, and meeting are helpful for establishing and sustaining the project, but when do we start working? -Much of the supporting interest and labor will be from the general public (i.e. volunteers). They need to see tangible progress as both a reward for their work and the realization of their dreams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When do we start doing actual work? We can expand the current cleanup efforts to improve the Creek's usability for boating and hiking, thereby improving its image and garnering greater interest.

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City Hall Commons			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How can we get the separate parties who are responsible for impacting the creek to 1. stop all projects 2. get together to listen to 3. an environmentally sustainable plan of approach. -How to get the entire onondaga creek properties consolidated to develop a full plan/not bits and pieces. -The creek is not the back yar, the sewer, the cheep land for dumping. -A comprehensive creek plan involving both public and private lands and use.
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -That the entire creek is a "healthy ecosystem," viable at the center of the valley, which is home to the people of the Onondaga Nation and the City of Syracuse. -A plan in harmony with Onondaga Nation values. -A plan that has safe edge conditions for its full length. -A plan that features the importance of clean water, from its source to onondaga lake, and beyond. -Be able to kyak, bike, hike, crosscounty ski for the entire legth of the creek, from its source in the hills to the south, to onondaga to the north. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Planning for a "healthy ecosystem"/creek restoration must be done by coordinating all impowered parties, including county, city, public, and native american interests. -Natural, ecoengineering methods should be used in the restoration of the creek, not short sighted, stop gap engineering solutions that are counter inovative to basic environmental principles. 	
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The creek should be the centerpiece of a rival, urban community in the city, attracting visitors for recreation and to creekside businesses. -The creek must be restored where possible to its natural state, with its meanders and associated wetlands to accomplish this goal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The creek must be restored to its natural state, before channelization. -Open space in the corridor must be created and protected. -All sewage overflows into the creek, including partially treated sewage from the new regional "treatment" facilities proposed in Midland Ave, Harbor Brook and Armory Square. -The mudboils in the Tully Valley must be addressed by innovative remedial solutions to correct the damage caused by Allied and salt mining. -Agricultural sources of nutrient loadings to the lake must be controlled. -Onondaga Lake needs to be cleaned up so that the fish are safe to eat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Is any effort being made to aquire open space along the corridor to support re-establishment of the natural meanders, ie to give the creek room? How can I help?

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City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Restoration of meanders in the creek. -Restoration of wetlands. -Increased areas along the creek for environmental education, especially with syracuse city schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Purchase of some lands around the creek (although Kirk Park could be utilized better) for meander and wetland restoration. -Funds to implement plans for restoration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why have certain agencies repeatedly taken advantage of the low income neighborhoods along the Onondatga Creek corridor? -Why has so little been invested in educating the public that lives closest to the Creek about the Creek's issues?
City Hall Commons			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How will the ideas developed here be implemented and how soon is it possible?
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create urban wetlands along creek where feasible (near Kirk Park). -Would like to see salmon and onondaga whitefish returned to creek. -People fishing and eating the catch (withough having to restrict the frequency of the meal). -Maybe even a local fish market, fresh local seafood. -Look at Onondaga creekwalk master plan created by Emanuel Carter's studio at ESF. -Remove buildings from over creek, but keep historic structures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Make the County act more responsibly and utilize the best technologies for sewage treatment (biofiltration) as opposed to the cheapest (swirl tanks). -Get National Grid involved with project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Will this plan for the creek be viable? -Could it happen, is there money? -Will it sit around like the other (creekwalk) plans?
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I would like to feel safer about our kids playing with the dirt/water. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I am a very new resident of this community and my question to you is: Is it safe for our little kids to play just near the Onondaga Lake (which they adore) withought being at risk (due to the condensed water in the air they breath)?
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I'm from part of the local whitewater kayaking community. We frequently surf at the hold at Dorwin Ave. We would like to see lights installed pointing down on the water so we can play after work. (One or two lights illuminating the hole and eddies under the bridge) -Also if we could deepen the creek bed just downstream of the feature, that would greatly reduce injuries from flipping over. (A deeper streambed directly downstream of the hole) -In a perfect world, we could build a small whitewater park like they have down on the Keuka Outlet. Maybe a quarter mile of the creek with waves, hols, eddys, and other play features. Art Miller is a great resource on this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Installing a few lights at Dorwin Ave. wouldn't be a problem. -Making the streambed deeper would involve some underwater demolition of concrete underneath the bridge (hopefully not structural) and some heavy lifting. -Access isn't too much of a problem, but some stairs would be nice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When can we get the list of goals and a projected timeline?

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City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To have a ped/bike trail the length of the creek, all 21 miles. -To have residents' participation in re-development of the creek and implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Flooding. 	
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Creek walk -Small boating, paddle boats etc. cast on and off areas -Access for disabled with on/off ramps staging, parking rest, fishing access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Banks of the creek. -Flooding. -Walkway elevated so when creek floods mud/logs wont block walkway. -Police and fire , maintenance of walkway (daily?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When will this project begin? -What happened to plans and drawing prior to 9/11.
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Multi-use -Canoe-able -Cleaned up, but the natural beauty should be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be able to use creek for various uses but maintain safety when waterway is flowing to swiftly for kids. -Maintain as much natural beauty as possible. 	
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Encourage the community to be involved through volunteering to help clean and reclaim the creek and then maintain it. Use their effort to encourage responsibility and neighborhood development. -Encourage community pride. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Proper respect must be given to encourage volunteer participation in reclaiming the creek. Planning is necessary, but there must also be hands- on doing the actual cleaning. Golden opportunity to encourage community to be involved. 	
City Hall Commons			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What is this going to do to my community? -Is this going to be good or bad or the same old thing?
City Hall Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I want to see Onondaga Creek "re-wilded" through as much of its length as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I'm concerned that the City of Syracuse and the County of Onondaga seem vested in warning with each other and never seem to get enough out of their own ways to do anything but maintain the status quo. -If we expect government to provide us a clean safe Onondaga Creek that we'll want to use when it's all clean and safe, we're all wasting our time. 	
Clary Middle School		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaner creek and an easier way of getting to it. It would be nice to be able to canoe all the way to the lake. 	
Clary Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like to see the creek developed/enhanced for recreation esp. canoe/kayaking, biking/jogging, walking etc. I think this would promote a more positive image of the creek and lead to further improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of government will/support to spend and follow through with the plan. 	

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Clary Middle School	Transform from community barrier to community "seam"/asset. Create mixed-use developments and recreational programming. Create new wetlands to handle high water volumes. To be able to walk from the city line to the lake! Impliment a Syracuse-specific curriculum (K-12) about local issues (such as the creek) and civic responsibilities.	Issue- county walking away from negotiation table with regards to CSO's and sewage treatment facilities. Concern - where will all the money come from? Concern - include a nationwide media campaign to attract developers.	
Clary Middle School	Recreation		
Clary Middle School	I'd like Onondaga Creek to be developed into something like Rock Creek Park in the Washington area. For this development, I'd like to see young people from the communities around the creek as a large part of the project. To be clean!		
Clary Middle School	Have the creek more accessible to be able to eat the fish and use the plants that have medicinal values.		
Clary Middle School	Good water quality everyone can share and enjoy. Be something to be proud of. Use as a teaching tool for school and general public.	My biggest concern is the landslide on my property, which is ending up in the creek.	Is this organization willing or able to advocate for drainage changes on Otisco Rd, if drainage is found to negatively affect my slide?
Clary Middle School	Restore the creek to what it was 100+ years ago.		How do we make sure the final plan doesn't become a "shelf document," but is actually used and implemented?
Clary Middle School	My concern is for local farmers - who already face almost insurmountable obstacles in pursuing their profession - that creek development not further handicap them and drive even more of them out of business.		How will the needs and concerns of local farmers be advocated for in the working group process?
Clary Middle School	More public fishing opportunities along upper Onondaga Creek, including Honeywell properties. Public access to portions of Onondaga Creek within city limits and in Nedrow area. Improve linkage and access between Onondaga Creek and adjacent communities in the city of Syracuse.	City of Syracuse needs to lift legal restrictions that limit public access to banks of Onondaga Creek. Onondaga Creek needs allocation of funds from NYSDEC for purchase of public fishing rights - similar to existing public fishing access along Nine Mile Creek and other streams such as Butternut and Limestone Creeks. Maintain public access and linkage to proposed lake trail system within the Inner Harbor section of Onondaga Lake and Onondaga Creek. Am concerned over possible loss of public access through the Destiny Project and commercial development. Am also concerned that boat access to the Inner Harbor could be jeopardized by Destiny or similar private commercial interests.	Will the Onondaga Creek project be included in a larger, comprehensive Onondaga Lake watershed management plan?
Clary Middle School			Who at city hall handles creek issues?

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Izaak Walton Stakeholder Meeting	access for all clean - according to the area - some parts of the creek will be murky always run off controlled	land ownership, tax base knowledge of what is expected behavior on the part of land and H2O users	
Izaak Walton Stakeholder Meeting	CSO abatement Easier access thru suburban/urban areas Dumping violation enforcement	-Overcoming the "Not In My Back Yark" mentality of the best way to abate CSOs & pollution to the Creek. -Acquiring land/property for access to the creek in suburban/urban areas.	
Izaak Walton Stakeholder Meeting	-An environmental treasure we can pass on to our youth for years to come. -A stream that can serve the people of the region for fishing, boating, etc.	- Conduct ongoing water quality monitoring to continually assess the creek's status. - Reach a potitical approach to achieve consensus for resolving the creek's problems.	
Izaak Walton Stakeholder Meeting	- Naturalization of channelized stream bed. - Clean water - Build an appreciation of the resource in the communities - Promote recreational opportunities - " business "	- Public's lack of interest in outdoor issues. - Politicians " " " " " " - Business standing in the way. - Zoning issues " " " " - General feeling of helplessness from those who would like to see change - Money!!! - This is one daunting Task!!	
Izaak Walton Stakeholder Meeting	Restoration of water quality and fishery in the Creek to a condition similar to that prior to settlement. Also want to see Onondaga Creek reclamation incorporated in a watershed-wide management plan.	Public access to streambanks needed. Fishing access is needed to Creek sections both within and outside Syracuse City limits.	
Izaak Walton Stakeholder Meeting	Making it accessable for various recreation activities - first it needs to be cleaned, kept clean - rebuild - & developed. Canoeing, fishing - & hiking are primary In rural areas - need for fishing access is required - trout exist - but habitat improvement would be good objective	Safety - bad banks & channel Agreement with solving overflow issues Access for fishing on now private lands	
Izaak Walton Stakeholder Meeting	To Be Viewed as a Natural Resource for the Area. - utilized as open space - available to the Public for Recreational Activities. Clean with sustainable Aquatic environment.	Acceptance of Onondaga Creek as a resource vs. property? Shared use without misuse!	
LaFayette Community Center	A fully restored, revitalized creek, with clean water throughout its entire length. It should be swimmable throughout, with edible fish. It should be taken out of the artificial channels.	Water quality: The water needs to be cleaned. The county's sewer plants are a terrible plan and bad technology. The mudboils, the subsidence and other impact of the salt mining. The tully gravel mine should be closed.	
LaFayette Community Center	I would like to see the overall health of the creek improve. Also, I would like to see the majority of the restoration work to be done by an Americorps type program.	That the steps taken forward will be undermined by continued disrespect for the waterway. i.e. why cleanup the creek while the county puts new overflow sites in?	

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LaFayette Community Center	Prevent all pollution from entering creek. Most of the creek is privately owned, improve public access to the creek- trails, canoe- a public corridor. Restore habitat. Reintroduce species that were in creek but are not any longer.	Long term process: Many technical challenges- primary is water quality, all others depend on success at this. Maintain public attention and momentum long enough to reach goals. Getting the decision-makers and purse-string holders to hear, take seriously, and implement what is clearly the public will, and hold their attention long enough.	
LaFayette Community Center	I'd like the creek to be restored ecologically as much as possible, and restored to a viable cold-water fishery. I'd like it to be available to the public with bike-and-hike trails, fishing, kayaking and canoeing, etc. If done well, this would be good ecologically and would be an important economic asset for the community.	I'm concerned about the lack of political will, cooperation between different government entities (e.g. the city and the county), and visionary leadership on the part of government officials. There is a lot of public support for action, but there is a need for government action as well (in funding and coordinating projects, planning etc.). I'm concerned about resistance to ecological restoration and public access on the part of some government officials. I'm also concerned about the levels of damage: pollution, channelization, sedimentation, etc. But without political will, these won't be remedied.	
LaFayette Community Center	My dream is for the creek to be reverted to a more natural area and to be more accessible to people for their enjoyment and use. Also I would like to see the creek used as an educational tool for surrounding school communities.	Never starting the project! Not being able to restore as much as necessary: private land, unwanted flooding. Everyone wants the creek restored but don't want the biological implications. Too much commercialization along the creek. The problems repeating themselves after the initial restoration only short-term restoration.	
LaFayette Community Center		How do we change the attitude of the public (all of us) so we stop doing all the bad practices that are detrimental to the creek?	
LaFayette Community Center		Secure the necessary funding, from both private and governmental grant sources.	
LaFayette Community Center		The first three phases of the creekwalk Franklin Sq. - funded through a piolet program, next from Franklin Sq to Armory Square, and Bear St. to Onondaga Lake are funded through state and federal dept. of trans. Funds; specifically as an alternative transportation route- i.e. walk/hike/jog in lieu of motorized bus, car, etc. The word recreation orientated must NOT be mentioned- same funding for phase 3-Armory Sq. to Kirkpark. If we want education, restoration to natural habitat as the primary goal we must seek out alternative funding.	
LaFayette Community Center	To establish a naturally reproducing trout population in the headwaters.		

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LaFayette Community Center	Multi-use corridor. Recreation (hiking, biking, etc.). Community garden. Some commercial/residential where appropriate(i.e. near downtown and inner harbor). Public access with safety. Leave some areas natural for habitat etc. Further education of public on creek resources, need for protection-more awareness-good cooperative attitudes toward creek use, planning and revitalization. Asset for city.	Consensus on the goals for the creek and how those goals should be achieved. Funding for implementation of various aspects of plan. Safety along with public access. Maintenance. Tackling and focusing on which "dreams" to implement prioritizing.	
LaFayette Community Center	Clean water, protection for it. Good planning so water is not contaminated if there is development on the banks. No raw sewage into the water mixed with storm water. No farm runoff. People enjoying fish, canoeing, children enjoying creekside.	The people of the different communities meet and work together to ensure that we all follow the same plan and have the same concerns. Monitor farm runoff. Sewer mixed with storm storage, if we clean and care for most of the creek then metro sewer.	
LaFayette Community Center	Wildlife habitat, a forested bankside with extensive wetland development. A return of the stream to its wild farm before human development.	Jurisdictional overlapping. Over-analysis of scientific results. Too many stakeholders considered. Over-involvement of federal agencies. State and local Empowerment.	
LaFayette Community Center	In Tully Valley, what's the feasibility of (nothing else written on card..)		
LaFayette Community Center	For the water and area alongside and under the creek to be unpolluted for the development alongside the creek to be not polluted. Be enjoyed by people without impacting the wildlife or messing up the ecological systems.	I don't really know this difficult, balance economic, personal, interest political issues and still realized the goals.	
LaFayette Community Center	Public Access: Public fishing, public trails for hiking, nature walking and etc. An educational trail (display) about the clay in the headwaters. I'm thinking of headwaters to start but can be entire watershed.		
LaFayette Community Center	At the very least I'd like to see Onondaga Creek become a clean, healthy, natural, waterway.		
LaFayette Community Center		The public must feel a real ownership of the solutions to the problems before they will happen. Take advantage of available open land, purchase before the value jumps up because of real clean water.	
LaFayette Community Center	Would like to see it attractive-clean- used for hiking, possibly kayaking, etc. Where feasible.	Private vs. public ownership. Safety. Financing.	

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LaFayette Community Center	Before a firm goal, vision, or dream for the creek corridor can be cited, the status of its water quality should be thoroughly monitored and assessed. I would like to see more volunteer monitoring by student and adult groups. In this way, they will also be educated about the creek corridor.	Timeline: as experienced with many years of study with Onondaga Lake, let's not repeat the same extended experience with Onondaga Creek.	
LaFayette Community Center	Those areas of the Creek corridors that are in a natural state to be preserved. Those areas that are impaired to be returned to a more natural state to whatever extent possible. Improved fisheries and habitat. Mudboil and sediment issues.		
LaFayette Community Center	Youth education and recreation (family, friends) which should include computer technology in combination with learning about the area, plants, animals, nature, history, geology, and to give the youth skills (IT, science, etc) develop curiosity so they would cleanup the lake, it stinks from invasive plants. Recreation area, perhaps combined with fence, low-use small business area at the lake (tourist oriented, boat rentals, kayak classes etc.).	Lake and creek clean-up, the lake is being suffocated by invasive plants and they've showed up in the lake in the last 3-4 years making the lake stink, water level. The foul smell (esp. the east shore) is present in early fall.	
LaFayette Community Center		Mudboils-mudslides- Bill Kapell monitors and some college of forestry students also monitor it. Concerns about money for a walkway etc when they can't finance one of the main crossings in Tully Valley.	Long range forecast about the mudboils, why close Nickols Rd bridge before replacing Otisco Bridge?
LaFayette Community Center	I would like Onondaga Creek to be both a recreational and ecological asset to the communities it flows through. I would like the un-altered areas of the creek to remain so and the channelized areas more natural.	Need buffer zones to keep pollutants out and prevent overdevelopment. Private owners- encouraged to participate and perhaps donate land or be reimbursed for a right of way- for protection of creek and possible dechannelization.	
LaFayette Community Center	Cleanup area on either side of creek in city. Access for fishing etc.	Debris and sewage problems. Return to natural state not desirable.	
LaFayette Community Center		Realistic expectations and recognition of competing priorities for money.	
LaFayette Community Center		Money.	
LaFayette Community Center	Clean water that supports native fish and fauna. Some portion of the creek shoreline must remain available to the public free of charge. Fishing on the creek in the city at Meachem Park, Onondaga Park and the Inner Harbor.	Various gov'ts, town, city and county working together towards a common goal. Citizens should not forget the danger of the creek. Safety from hazards natural and otherwise.	

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LaFayette Community Center	To restore the creek to its natural state as much as possible, to be able to walk from the headwaters to the outlet at the lake, enjoying safely, the diverse environments (natural and created/urban) along the way. And have a stop to wine and snack along the way. A treasure to be cherished.	Funding; getting started/working with (or around) multiple, convoluted gov'ts (county, city, towns, and nation). Safety (crime and water safety). Sustained public will to clean and maintain the creek.	
LaFayette Community Center	I would like a more natural flow regime to be restored within this watershed and on Onondaga Creek. Create a large riparian buffer zone, recreation included, remove the fences, and facilitate the use of this creek as an edu resource.	One obstacle to overcome in this project might be the short-sighted thinking that could unnecessarily limit the potential of restoring this creek. I am concerned that focus on short-term economics will limit the potential of this project to create meaningful, long-lasting change for the better.	
LaFayette Community Center	A protected continuous greenway maximizing habitat for all local species. Protected watershed to enhance water quality. Protect natural scenic beauty-including Fellows Falls and Blue Hole.	Municipalities along the route need to see the importance of protecting the creek. Property owners in the watershed need incentives to protect the shed and sell/donate key properties to a land trust or government-dedicated preservation.	The longer range impact of the mining in the Valley Heads Moraine could be detrimental. This needs to be watched very closely. Is this being considered?
LaFayette Community Center	Long-term and short term efforts at restoring the watershed. It is a shame that sometime so beautiful can be tainted so badly. Salts from the brine leaching need to be addressed to help re-establish the fisheries.		What are the long term goals in regards to bank stabilization in order to re-establish creek flow after several years of flood damage?
LaFayette Community Center	I would like to see the Creek restored as much as possible, to the condition it was in 100+ years ago: non-channalized, non-controlled, and used for natural and recreational purposes.	Obstacles: Funding-money, need to target sources/write specific grants. Political support- many different municipalities. Community support- local zoning/land use/private property issues. Time- this will take years to achieve.	Where do we think funding will come from to improve the creek and how long will it take to get the necessary funding?
LaFayette Community Center	I would like to see Onondaga Creek restored to a healthy, functioning waterway with viparian zones that are protected and maintained, native floral and fauna restored in and along the stream, and a waterway that will support recreational use by people.	The cooperation of ALL landowners adjacent to the Creek in regards to the revitalization plan may be one of the greatest obstacles to success.	What is the connection between the health of Onondaga Creek and the health/cleanliness of Onondaga Lake? We are working to clean-up the lake. Does it not follow that since the Creek flows into the lake, we better clean it up and maintain it as well?
LaFayette Community Center	My goal is to help all of you reach your goals through my work with the soil and water conservation district.		
LaFayette Community Center	Bike path, walking path, canoeing permitted (kayak), canoe livery so everyone can rent.	Pollution, safety (drowning children), private property (no trespassing).	How do I get involved?
LaFayette Community Center	Free flowing creek, less log jams, deadfalls, and eroding banks.		Is there anything that can be done to stop the erosion of the creek bank? The creek is my property line and I am losing sections each time it floods. There are also large numbers of log jams in the creek.

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MOST No Table	A healthy combination of live, work and play spaces.	Ownership and engineering issues related to flooding and safety. Also, shared responsibility beyond governments or agencies.	
MOST T1	We should be able to boat on the creek, and we should have a "creek walk" that is a pleasant place to be. It should also attract businesses along the walk. Outside businesses and visitors should remember this area as unique after they leave.	1. Local government - afraid of change 2. State government - corrupt. How to change the elected officials?? Keep voting them out, until they understand that they are in office to help us.	
MOST T1	a clean waterway fit for recreational use such a canoeing - bike paths water front residential development	community acceptance of the creek as an asset - cost of sewer facility deconstructing the conc. liner	
MOST T1	be able to kayak or canoe the entire length from Nedrow to the Inner Harbor - rid it of junk + have more places to get out + put in boats.	Pollution of creek! Litter of creek Ability to get out of boats easily at Inner Harbor + elsewhere who owns the creek + Inner Harbor	
MOST T1	The dream includes the following: -clean for inhabitats -accessible for community members -a learning environment for children and others -a venue that is a highlight for the city and the CNY community; not an embarrassment	-Securing and maintaining support and involvement from many within the city and CNY -egos?? Political perspectives that may vary	
MOST T1		Need to promote the use of recycled materials and aggregates that are byproducts of everyday life into the design construction and maintenance of stormwater that eventually gets into the creek. Treatment can be achieved through divyin up the water shed	
MOST T1	Access to creekside for recreation: fishing, walking, jogging, picnic space, walking dogs, maybe cross country skiing? Part left as natural as poss Part developed more like park setting Perhaps urban stretches could be developed more commercially.	-Change in flow/level safety issue? -How change perception of creek? (negative - (arrow symbol) positive) -Funding for proper development and also upkeep.	
MOST T1	Able to access, paddle from Nedrow - Able to enter/exit in Inner Harbor Currently no ramp or dock to put in canoes or kayaks Look at San Antonio Riverwalk!	Using creek as trash dump! Weekly surface sweep of trash/foltsom in Inner Harbor - City/County/State/Fed lack of commitment to move forward	

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MOST T10	To be able to safely canoe the creek. We need sections along the creek to be able to get out if an emergency happens. The creek needs a heavy duty cleaning of the bottom. I have had a canoe damaged by large steel pieces of junk in the creek bed.	Education of the public not to dump their unwanted junk in the creek. Barriers at the bridges to prevent the above in order to safely canoe the creek Guidelines must be in place to inform of water levels and speeds to avoid the possibility of the novice boater from injury or death.	
MOST T10	Change the creek corridor so all can enjoy its potential - especially children.	The channeled creek bed in the city is environmentally wrong and might be changed through the implementation of strategically located weirs, J hooks, etc. to enhance the fishery and the appearance of Onondaga Creek. All political entities must be supportive of this effort to make the creek worthwhile for all of us.	
MOST T10	Return the creek to a more natural state- - Remove fence - Plant trees - Remove the channel like appearance Encourage recreation near the creek - - Canoeing + fishing - Bike, hiking path	1. Inertia by governments + governmental agencies 2. Public perceptions + misconceptions 3. Allocation of funds	
MOST T10	A creek w/ a restored ecosystem, recreational access + opportunities, environmental education opportunities, and spaces that allow for the celebration of areas cultural highlights. I see restored wetlands, canoe trails, nature centers + trails, outdoor art parks, + concert venues	- Awareness of the Creek's plight + potential is low in the Syracuse community, especially in creek side neighborhoods - \$\$ for the redesigning + restoration of natural areas - homes + other structures (channel walls) in areas where restoration could take place, + parks could exist	
MOST T10	To make creek more canoe and kayak friendly by cleaning the creek and providing launch + take out sites along the creek. Future would be complete walking biking, picnicing + boating along as much of the creek as possible.	Community ownership of the creek to limit using it as a dumping ground. Obtaining land to enable continuous walking access along creek. Take	
MOST T2	vibrant, vital, sustaining source of life and people for the community connection between people and nature; past, present and future	shared community vision commitment to change understanding of time required funding access. lighting safety	

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MOST T2	<p>-Preserve Fellows Falls in Tully area - a spectacularly beautiful set & waterfalls!</p> <p>-Preserve a greenway from Vesper/Tully to the Inner Harbor</p> <p>-Protect water quality in watershed, starting in the Vesper area above the falls.</p>	<p>-Farming in Vesper - need to reduce pollution</p> <p>-Falls property owned by several owners. Danger of housing development if not protected.</p> <p>-Funding for purchase needed.</p> <p>-Persuading owners to sell.</p> <p>-Falls need capital investment for access and for safety</p> <p>-Mining in Valleyhead moraine can cause pollution & siltation if not controlled by DEC. (subject to political pressure).</p>	
MOST T2	<p>Kyak/hike/fish the length of the cr. & the tributaries as much as feasible have a "natural" stream course.</p>	<p>Tributaries not well protected under current _____</p> <p>Flood flows need to be safely carried</p> <p>In urban areas - lighting/safety will be issues as access improves</p>	
MOST T2	<p>I'd like to see a creek that is an asset to the communities it flows through - used for recreation of all kinds + also something to be attracted to instead of something to avoid.</p> <p>I would also like to see it used as an educational tool/asset/opportunity for school kids to increase ownership.</p>	<p>City/County inertia</p> <p>Negative attitudes</p> <p>*Access*</p> <p>Water Quality</p>	
MOST T2	<p>Healthy waterway that supports community quality of life, recreation, economic development, tourism, environmental education.</p> <p>A place that people desire a connection to.</p>	<p>Improve water quality.</p> <p>Engaged community and take away "killer-creek" perceptions.</p> <p>Funding.</p> <p>The ball needs to start rolling towards plan implementation.</p>	
MOST T3	<p>A place of pride that you'd want to bring visitors. Because: = it's beautiful, clean, natureful, fun, unique, an urban park setting, walkable, can get there by bicycle + public transportation, can picnic there, can easily deposit litter, diversity, can kayak, canoe or paddleboat, can play ball along the banks & parks</p>	<p>Pollution</p> <p>Public consciousness of littering/slobs</p> <p>Need to possibly increase taxes</p> <p>Complete cleanup cooperation</p>	

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MOST T3	A clean watershed (within economic constraints) that serves as a focal point for aesthetics, recreation and business/residential development within the city. Waterfront is always a draw and we need to develop it as a resource, not tolerate it as a drainage ditch. I would hope for walkways, parks, bike paths, and a corridor that would link businesses to recreation downtown and bolster residential areas throughout the valley.	ownership; safety; inertia; stop pollution; funding; volunteers; slobbs.	
MOST T3	The Creek should be a treasure in the urban environment. I would like to see it fully available for public use - creek walk, bike path, fishing, boating. It should be for the benefit of all - which will encourage residential uses in downtown and be utilized by people who conduct business downtown. - Concerts, public gathering at parts of creek would be great	-Cooperation from land owners -Cooperation on what to build/vision -Money to implement any vision -Time consuming -Need City + County cooperation, as well as landowners on edges of creek	
MOST T3	Safe! Clean. I would like to see the stigma removed aesthetics	Stop the leaks before attempting to bail. Money, community commitment citizens + organizations + government People need to believe it can be done	
MOST T3	#1 To be an asset for our community #2 To be an integral part of economic development, tourism and general overall health of our area #3 Once cleaned, to have the community committed to keeping it that way realizing the health of our natural resources are vital to the health (economic + overall) of our area	Funding, commitment, community support (elected officials + community members)	
MOST T3	My goal for the corridor is access. Look at the South Platte River through Denver, total access and no safety problems (even with kayak races!) In the future I want robust commercial and residential communities all along the creek from Tully to Onondaga Lake. This would include access and a developed corridor which would allow commuting and recreation and connectivity.	Safety is the biggest hurdle, not actual safety but perceived safety. I believe the issue of safety has been used as an excuse to restrict access to the creek corridor and thus allowing the authorities in charge of the sewage projects to let the creek remain polluted. My most current concerns is that the sewage plants will be built and the creek torn up and then we will just have grass behind chain link fence like it is now.	
MOST T3	I would like to see the Lake clean for everyone to enjoy		

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MOST T3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - want it open for the community to use - want it restored for plants/wildlife - peaceful place for neighborhood residents - walking, canoeing, fishing - ACCESS - revitalize the neighborhood - Become an asset 	<p>Negative attitudes, land use issues, pollutions Flooding</p> <p>Ownership, Inertia Pollution, funding Perception of safety volunteer Slob factor</p>	
MOST T4	People will be able to walk, play have picnic after the creek is clean up	The community & office has to come together for this to happen this will make our city more fit for vistors & peiole in the city more attactiv	
MOST T4	It would be nice if the creek was beautified, not only the body of water but landscaping, lighting. Also, the creek would be most beneficial if it could be used for walking, running, bicycling, boating.	\$, For landscaping, lighting, security	
MOST T4	The centerpiece and catalyst for a revitalization of downtown Syracuse and other communities along the creek. Like Providence, Denver, Grand Rapids and other cities, I see a mixed commercial and residential area along our creek providing an exciting gathering place for both young adults and families. I also want the creek to be the connector allowing autoless transportation (bike paths, footpaths and possibly canoeing) from urban to suburban to rural landscapes.	Planning will be well done but implementation will get mired due to conflicting interests. That the general good brought about by a revitalized creek might be difficult to implement as groups become concerned with the short term downsides and costs of change.	
MOST T4	The creek becomes wonderful habitat for fish, birds and other animals. The creek becomes accessible to city residents - a place to enjoy - that's safe and relaxing.	<p>First, the water quality needs to be addressed so that the water is clean and safe w/o toxins.</p> <p>Second, the current needs to be slowed.</p>	
MOST T4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean water 2. Extracted renewable energy 3. Enhanced community attractiveness 	<p>Issues are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Closed door" sweetheart gov't deals 2. Severe lack of technical innovation knowledge by county bureaucrats 3. Lack of leverage by electorate 4. Top-down <p>(written upsidedown in concerns section) * We now have "LEED" standards for green construction of buildings *Can an analogous set of standards be developed for creek restoration?</p>	
MOST T4	Education Clean Water which both are very important to the City of Syracuse if there going to cont. to be a great place to live	to clean up the neighborhood	

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MOST T4	<p>-clean watershed + keep area's watershed healthy</p> <p>-build up creek walls to prevent flooding</p> <p>(accessibility)</p>	<p>- prevent sewage from entering creek w/storm drainage</p> <p>- prevent flooding + erosion.</p> <p>- clean up the lake! (not quite the same problem, but an obstacle nonetheless)</p> <p>- water treatment plant</p> <p>- fisheries?</p>	
MOST T5	<p>My goal for the corridor is a community asset that will promote economic development and community use, to bring enjoyment for all of the Syracuse community who use it. I want the creek to be a sustainable body of water that is the catalyst for the use of the corridor.</p>	<p>Continued funding must be identified and realized and community, civic, and governmental agencies work in concert to realize these goals.</p>	
MOST T5	<p>1. - Housing along the corridor/commercial Dev.</p>	<p>1. Under previous #1, special H2O proofing needs to be done on structures - possible lead to skills/job development.</p>	
MOST T5	<p>An 1. environmental, 2. transportation, and 3. recreational corridor throughout the City of Syracuse that is fully accessible to the public.</p> <p>1.) Environmental: Natural (De-channelized), Green (Trees/Plant Life Aquatic Life).</p> <p>2.) Transportation: Part of a non-auto oriented transportation system throughout the city (connected to loop-the-lake, parks, trails, etc...)</p> <p>3.) Recreational: Multiple uses.</p> <p>*Provide Commercial, Residential Opportunities utilizing existing building stock*</p>	<p>How does the city's existing work mesh w/the overall vision?</p>	
MOST T5	<p>I vision the creek as a mixed use area that allows folks the opportunity of easy access to the creek. The creek should be highly visible. The creek should contain native flora and fauna to the greatest pratical extent. The creek should contain recreational area.</p>	<p>- Storm flow management! If the creek was channelized to manage storm flow, but the channelization (down arrow drawn here) opportunities for naturalization then we must deal w/ storm flow.</p> <p>- Planning process must not be divisive.</p>	
MOST T5	<p>I would like the Onondaga Creek corridor to act as a linear greenway, a spine that connects other green spaces, trail corridors, neighborhoods districts, and represent both cultural and natural interpretation of the area.</p>	<p>My main concern is the water quality - water inherently attracts people and wildlife and providing interest, aesthetic, recreational vaule, and wildlife habitat - however, this cannot be accomplished without 'clean water', another concern is access, particularly in urban areas, where direct access to a clean creek would provide the most benefit.</p>	

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MOST T5	<p>A clean, healthy part of the community that residents can enjoy and feel proud of. An example for other waterways that have suffered from pollution and have an opportunity for revitalization.</p> <p>Transportation system that is geared away from automobiles.</p> <p>- Green model that is part of community</p>	<p>Community involvement and commitment. Local community members need to understand their connection with the Creek and realize their power to support and contribute to the project</p> <p>Engaging strong interest from groups outside the area with common goals to strengthen support.</p> <p>Getting the project off the ground successfully. Fixing all the problems and not just some.</p> <p>Ownership issues/disagreements or non-cooperation among interested parties</p>	
MOST T5			
MOST T5	<p>Put in meanders + develop native vegetation so the creek becomes both a useful "cleanser" of the waters + a visual pleasure.</p> <p>Keep shores as public property.</p> <p>(Written in margin of goals section) As a org. interested in water + environment how can you seve bottled water?</p>	<p>The biggest obstacle is the present "channeling" + the Midland plant that will continue to add pollutants. Ownership of all shores will be necessary to create a unified creek is possible.</p>	
MOST T6	<p>I would like to see a viable trout fishery restored downtown.</p>	<p>Sewage overflows, mudboils and overcoming the stigma that the creek has. It needs more access in the downtown area.</p>	
MOST T6	<p>My dream is to refocus the N-S axis of our community from highways (Rt 11 & Rt 81) to a broad parkway following a major greensward</p>	<p>The creek has always been treated as an obstacle - built over covered, neglected, dumped in!</p> <p>Moving from that to a wide swath of publicly owned space will take a very long time - 100 years perhaps but it will be worth it</p>	
MOST T6	<p>Rehabilitation of Creek as a functional hydrological and habitat element in the environment. A reintroduction of meanders, riffles-pools, and other natural habitat forming feautres. A removal of the armoring that occurs north (downstream) of Ballyntyne. With this, hopefully a reintroduction of native plants and animals. The reinstatement of the creek as a community element. No more CSOS! Watershed revitalization Recreation is secondary to me</p>	<p>Flooding! by doing much of this, we will likely increase the flood risk (which I think is OK if you move on a floodplain to begin with. We might need more property for meander reintroduction and appropriate hydrolical and physical designs.</p>	

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MOST T6	A clean creek, with cold water fish - such as trout and salmon. Water quality is critical. We need NOT to build the 2 RTF at Midland and Clinton, but to do more separations and storage. We need to de-channelize the creek and restore more of its natural state. We also need to stop the gravel mining in Tully at the creek's headwaters, and to hold Honeywell responsible for the mudboils, as their sediment (altho reduced) _____ the creek.	The main obstacle is the county's sewage plans. We can not allow the RTFs to be finished. They will doom the creek to be a sewage conveyance. We need a coordinated urban planning group, which would utilize all the minds + talents of SU + ESF to help prepare a plan for a truly revitalized, de-channelized creek. We need to free the creek from its walled off - fenced in state.	
MOST T6	FORMER OEI EMPLOYEE Onondaga Creek is sacred to the Onondaga Nation; their guidance and vision is essential for the future. Onondaga Creek revitalization could be the first of many ways of bringing our two communities together to benefit our mutual environment. Empty lots in the city along the creek should become greenspace/wetland recreation areas to restore natural function Easements to allow legal access to the creek No motorized vehicles please! And the creek needs to be cleaned up properly- the County needs to use better technology in its RTFs! (In margin) Cold Water Fishery!	Exclusion of the Onondaga Nation due to political ignorance/fear; coordination of gov't entities/jurisdictions, the concrete on the bottom/sides of the creek community apathy/ignorance Lack of planning in CNY	
MOST T6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation - Trail - Green - Tie So Side to City Cntr - Energize visitors - Ecologically stable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sewer overflows - Need shared vision which is realistic - \$ - Collaborative/cooperative approach by political leaders - Rejuvenated So & West side 	
MOST T6	Bringing people back into the fold through outreach and investment by the public and private sector.	Restoring brown fields requires a certain resolve and financial support : Political will is imperative. Investment based on true needs.	
MOST T6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - environmentally sound/secure (from flooding, pollution) - community resource for recreation - visually appealing for area - to draw in business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - environmental issues - not sure what they are - buy in by all parties - local/state gov't; landowners, business owners - plan - implementation 	
MOST T7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect City to Ononaga Lake via both land and water trails - Accessible attraction with quality of live and economic impact value - Clean, fishable water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns with safety/limited access - Community perspectives/cynicism - Consensus amongst leadership regarding prorties which should lead to appropriate funding 	

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MOST T7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'd like to see a return to a more natural setting, mixed in w/ recreational opportunities w/in the city (planned) ie. walkway/park and w/ access through the watershed for the public. Outside the city, leave the creek in it's natural environment...concentrate recreational development within the city - Socially, would like for communities to utilize the creek as a natural corridor to improving interaction/integration among neighborhoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Money -Political will (arrow) Lack of a concentrated + coordinated effort (arrow) There seem to be many initiatives + well-intentioned groups working to do something positive, but are they working as one voice to generate the political will + resources -City/County/State must adopt standards for design/reclamation of the creek so it complements this communities goals/objectives 	
MOST T7	People, families, safe commerce + recreation. Bike and jogging paths, gardens, festivals, cafes, canoes + kayaks. Education + stewardship activities	Public transportation	
MOST T7	<p>The best way to promote the value of the creek is to provide access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inner Harbor to Armory Square bike and hike path. - Free parking along the path at critical access points. - Connect Onondaga Creek path to Onondaga Lake path. - Design and build informational/educational kiosks along the path. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine flood and long term erosional points along the creek. - Pedestrian safety - small children falling in to a storm surge. - Safe paths at evening and early morning hours. Crime free. - Access to public rest rooms (Inner Harbor locked) 	
MOST T7	- The Onondga Creek resource should be an attractive corridor and a magnet for local residents and regional residents for recreational uses. The corridor should also attract business and industry to the area by presenting itself as a resource that enhances Syracuse as a community where one would want to live and raise a family. Although our downtown area has some attractive feautres, the creek isn't one of them. Redesign to bring the creek out of its ditch, provide it a floodplain and make it into a boating and recreational corridor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clean up corridor thru residential & business areas - educate people who currently reside along the corridor and thru downtown - police the corridor for those who abuse the resource - Develop a floodplane and get it out of its ditch - Revitalize surrounding buildings or remove them 	
MOST T7	I see a healthy creek (non-polluted, "fishable + swimmable") where there is public access all along its banks. Where the creek flows through downtown + other populated areas, some creek-side businesses would line it, along w/ a paved public path for walking, jogging, biking, etc. As the creek flows to outer neighborhoods, it becomes more natural, with a dirt path that can also be used for walking, hiking, biking, etc. There are historical + natural history signs along it (interpretive signs) that provide people w/ information about the ecology + history of the area. Creek can be used for kayaking, canoeing, fishing, etc.	<p>If there is provate property along the creek, it must be purchased. Where will funding for the project come from?</p> <p>Will community visions be conflicting; will there be opposition that will bog down the project? Bureaucratic turf battles?</p>	

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MOST T7	<p>The creek should be a focal point for the area. It should be safe + clean enough to allow for interaction which will provide wonderful educational + recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Revitalization in terms of ecology + aesthetic are both imperative for this project to succeed. A healthy fisheries would be a good indication that we have done something right. The creek walk needs to extend + connect to other greenways. Boating activities would add a new layer of rec for urban kids who have less opportunity to get out of the city.</p>	<p>The velocity of the creek since channelization remains a great concern. Restoration to a more naturally meandering creek will be costly, difficult in terms of engineering and will create the same problems (possibly) the channelization was designed to address. I would like to see the ecological restoration include constructed wetlands which are also expensive and appear to be difficult to get policy makers to agree to. I see cost + consensus building as the largest stumbling blocks. Changing local, regional + even national perception will also be a great challenge.</p>	
MOST T7	<p>1) I want it be a connective "spine" that connects and engages a number of neighborhoods in Syracuse</p> <p>2) It should be accessible</p> <p>3) It should be beautiful</p>	<p>1) Political will to achieve a grand vision</p> <p>2) Public support</p> <p>3) A coherent plan that is not compromised by "funding" concerns.</p>	
MOST T8	<p>cleanliness - absence of pollutants and litter</p> <p>public access - enjoyment</p> <p>physical stability - control flooding/damage</p> <p>development conducive to maintain integrity of creek</p> <p>"buy in"</p> <p>want everyone to feel it is important to them</p>		
MOST T8	<p>- public access to the Creek for hiking, fishing, winter activities (snowshoeing, cross-country skiing.</p> <p>- cleaner water, better fishing</p>	<p>- parking areas needed at access points</p> <p>- if businesses or residential</p>	
MOST T8	<p>As a resident, I hope for the creek to become a positive community asset, something that people want to live near and visit for recreational opportunities.</p> <p>As a transportation planner, I hope that the creek revitalization can incorporate a Greenway for biking, running, walking, etc. - maybe even commuting by bike!</p>	<p>Money's probably the biggest issue (?)</p> <p>Also - pollution, flooding, ownership of nearby land</p>	
MOST T8	<p>Public 'buy in', view as asset</p> <p>economic development @ appropriate areas (ie downtown)</p> <p>multiuse, recreation</p> <p>habitat improvement</p>	<p>public perception</p> <p>funding</p> <p>public consensus</p> <p>public/private "will" ... make goals a reality</p> <p>outreach/awareness</p> <p>patience & understanding that results take time</p>	
MOST T8	<p>Ability to utilize creek for rec purposes - kayak canoe etc.</p> <p>Pathway along creek - biking/walking etc</p> <p>Revitalize immediate adjact neighborhoods to creek</p> <p>Stop the sewage dumping into creek/lake</p>	<p>Sanitary/storm sewer seperation</p> <p>Single vision from various municepal leaders along creek</p> <p>Allowing creek to self clean</p>	

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MOST T9	Resource for residents Clean water as indicated by biota/water chemistry Recreation (arrows) walking, biking, parks Green corridor for non-aquatic animals/plants Used as an educational resource to teach/promote stewardship Keep out invasive species and educate about them Economic benefits for residents Use to provide economic/recreation benefits for residents of cities South side -	Channelization, flood control, riparian restoration Citizen concerns Mudboils - turbidity habitat restoration Overlying social problems balance between flood control & riparian restoration which to me means doing something about the walls	
MOST T9	OEI EMPLOYEE -Water as clean as springs at headwaters throughout watershed, to mouth of creek at lake -maximize safe public access to creek + trib -preserve existing greenspace, including land currently privately held -riparian habitat -vegetative buffer zone	- the (false) promise that development/privatization of land will benefit all - long-term problem - edible fish from creek depends in part on lake cleanup	
MOST T9	Clean water - no litter - seeding - plant trees - invite wild life - fish - birds etc - walk paths - picnic areas, economic, environment recreation - access - ecosystems restoration - Education - The Green Corridor - market values of homes.	- Not getting enough funding - Lack of Public Neighborhood Support - Policial Debating - environment concerns - Safety of Public - Education - all population - Gov't agencies to co-operate - Treat Lake + water system as 1 system - Public awareness - lack of Personal responsibility	
MOST T9	1. Access 2. walkway, bicycle path, and boating 3. economic development 4. environmental concerns reconnection maximize green space	safety cost govts cooperation education personal responsibility	
MOST T9	Improve Water Qulity to the highet, clean up all trash. stop the litter, have a creek walk tha would start in the inner harbor up thrugh Nedrow, make the creek easily accsible to everyone	City, Onondga County govrnment N.Y.S. co_____ r_____	

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MOST T9	restoration of ecosystem - fishery appreciation by community of value of environment/waterways - education multi-use management kayaking/canoeing bird watching bike path/walkways would love to kayak at lunch from work!	education of community respect	
MOST T9	FACILITATOR - I'd like it to be a revitalized creek ecologically, with a viable cold-water fishery - I'd like it to be accessible to the public, hike + bike trails - should be a focal point of the city, and a motor for economic growth in Syracuse - good place for fishing, hiking, biking	- Ffnancial problems - lack of political vision, political will on part of local leaders - infighting between city and county - limitations presented by past and current development	
MOST T9	I wish a great healing for the Creek & the people in the area. The people need to respect the creek for its condition now, - for it isn't the creek's intention to be polluted, during the healing - a peaceful, healing transition (arrow) pick up the people's spirits, and finally at our common goal, clean creek water and the education of all people - to become thankful for restoration & initial gift - as all water is. (in the margin) Maintain the integrity of the creek.	Education of our common responsibilities to the remediation and maintenance of Our Creek. (arrow) this will in turn lead to everyone's enjoyment & Thankfulness. That would be the greatest gifts of knowledge preventive actions, and education of all people in the area so our creek stays healthy.	
NAACP Stakeholder Meeting	shops, bike trails, fishing clean water, festivals, apartments	where is the money coming from what does the community want will individuals loose their homes? and have to relocate	
NAACP Stakeholder Meeting	complete clean-up fishing, swimming bathroom/full use with running water picnic areas + outside activities - walk-run track possible playing fields (kickball, basket ball etc Band stand platform and flowers	community input and partnership with local gov't to be involved + dedicated to the goal	
NAACP Stakeholder Meeting	Clean Water Ways - Water Falls - Boating Fishing - Section for Family Swim - Picnic Area w/ BBQ Pits - Scenic Trails - Nature Trails	Pollution Can it Really be cleaned enough To be used for Recreation???	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	- To protect the environment and natural resources of CNY. - To transform the creek into an asset/amenity for the community that enhances the quality of life here.	- How to reconcile recreational/economic development priorities with the desire for a "natural" creek?	

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Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - good water quality - good fishing - public access throughout - safe + protective (flood) - open space w/ public access - recreational opportunities (arrow to last two entries) trail throughout city + beyond South to Tull? North around Lake	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address CSOs + other discharges 2. Manage Flood potential while allowing access, enjoyment 3. Changing creek to "natural" while navigating existing City structures, layout. 4. Managing Nonpoint Source impacts. 5. Improve fish habitat 	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	Clean/Accessible Creek Natural channel and reestablishment of fishery. In other cities the presence or reestablishment of inner city waterways has been an economic stimulant. Also provides excellent educational opportunities.	Reestablishing a natural channel through the city is hampered by the encroachment of development on a channelized street	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	In the non-urban portions I envision natural stream channels with significant vegetative buffers throughout. Urban areas would have restored natural channels wherever feasible and shade trees would be planted to maintain cool temperatures to the lake. A vibrant trout fishery would exist from headwaters to lake with both wild + stocked fish contributing to the fishery.	Zoning/Land Use practices must change to protect stream corridor from encroachment. Channelized sections will need to be restored to natural channels. Flood control approaches/thinking must change to accommodate natural channel approach.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop		Public perception of the creek must be changed Public safety will be the greatest obstacle as well as privately owned adjacent land	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	Onondaga Creek walk + public access for youth groups	Erosion control, contamination control, public access	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	The active corridor would provide the users with ample opportunity to properly dispose of trash/litter/recyclables. The corridor would educate the urban community & tourists on the value of every contribution to improve the environment. Small recycling section by ordinary folks make a huge difference when taken in aggregate.	Outreach and public education on proper care for the environment cannot be overemphasized. Engaging the entire community on the value of environmental care is a serious concern. So much work on the creek and the lake needs to be published on the web not just journals.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	Overall clean water so it can have recreational use. If we can clean the creek then it can help draw the public together. It would also instill civic pride.	Gain funding in order to start the project. Also, public input is vital in order to ensure it will be a community effort.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	Personal Goal (not County's): Realize the creek as a positive community asset. Community Amenity.	Cost. Public Safety. Use conflicts (eg. Flood control vs. public access).	

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Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<p>I'd like it to be a place that gathers people - for recreation, for transportation. Our children should be able to have a clean, natural resource to utilize in the future.</p> <p>It'd be fabulous to have water + trail connection through the city + beyond. Think of the additional transportation options city residents (and those outside the city) would have.</p>	<p>I think the public's perception (or realization) of personal safety issues/concerns would need to be addressed (adding lighting, police presence/patroling). Some members of the public would want to know how themselves/their children could be safe using the creek (+ creekwalk).</p>	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<p>I see the potential for the Onondaga Creek Corridor to play a role as a catalyst for the economic, social & ecological restoration and revitalization of some of the most disadvantaged communities in CNY; through its development as a vital corridor for human & natural systems.</p>	<p>Access to the corridor within the city (arrow) lack of connectivity between the east & west sides of the creek in the city (arrow) there are very distinct segments along the creek corridor that will require different treatments and accoutrements, from the most natural to the heavily urbanized.</p>	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Improved water quality -Improved fish & wildlife habitat -Improved public use and enjoyment (quality of life) -Contribution to the recovery of Onondaga Lake -A teaching/information resource for the public, NGO's, churches, schools, scout groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Public buy-in - " safety -Land rights (public access) -Adequate funding that is sustainable -Must have adequate, effective public communication to ensure continued support *Increased funding for ____ NPS pollution control! 	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<p>Healthy & enjoyable (experience and environment)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Communication -Collaboration to make it all happen! 	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean and open to the public - Serve as an economic engine for the corridor communities - A community that looks to the creek as a source of pride. - Allow creek to function as naturally as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negative attitudes - funding 	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multiple access points for public use - Open spaces for picnics - Seating along creek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety - Clean water for sport fishing - Trash recepticals which are maintained 	

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Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<p>(See pages 3 & 4 of the F.O.C.U.S. Citizen's Strategic Plan for "Water and Waterways"</p> <p>Sampling includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publicize potential uses of Creek for recreation, tourist, and economic development 2. Collaboration of the many plans and recommendations made over the years. 3. Connect the Creek walk from Onondaga lake to Onondaga Reservation. 4. Seek integration of neighbors, government, Onondaga nation, business, and entrepreneurs to seek their collaborative involvement. 5. Sufficient funding resources. 6. Improve and maintain the water quality. 	There needs to be agreements reached by all parties, funding resources need to be obtained, and some early action on implementation of vision to help encourage citizens.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	We hope to support a neighborhood revitalization based on the enhancement of the park land adjacent to Onondaga Creek.	Safety concerns must be addressed.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	1) have the Creek's water quality fully support the Clean Water Act goals and designated uses; 2) restore habitat so that healthy populations of fish and biota are present.	<p>1) complete implementation of ACJ projects.</p> <p>2) address non-point sources of pathogens, nutrients and other pollutants.</p> <p>3) Ensure long-term funding for control of the mudboils.</p>	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	The US Army Corps of Engineers as the chair for the Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) facilitates and coordinates the development and implementation of projects for the environmental restoration, conservation, and management of Onondaga Lake. All goals, vision and dream of the Onondaga Creek corridor are consistent with the OLP goals and vision.	Many of the problems and issues of the Onondaga Creek Watershed have been identified in previous documents. The on-going problem is obtain authorization and a consistent funding stream to the responsible agencies to plan, design and construct the appropriate projects.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	Creekwalk that connects community & creates/fosters economic dev. & recreational trail network	<p>Too many people involved</p> <p>Not a clear vision</p> <p>Inability of...</p>	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	We would like to see a creekwalk that allows for multi-recreational use (walking, bicycling, fishing, hiking, etc) and maintains a safe and functional management of stormwater, while maintaining a cost-effective plan & which can spur economic development along the Onondaga Creek Corridor.	The safety of the public in certain high crime areas along the proposed creekwalk is a major obstacle to the creekwalk's success. Increased police presence, including foot patrolman, education and enforcement could go a long way to improve the chances of success. Also, neighborhood groups need to be directly involved in the development process and ongoing maintenance of the walk. (ie: litter, etc). Funds need to be set aside to maintain the infrastructure.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	<p>- Environmentally safe + habitable for flora + fauna.</p> <p>-after that, natural beauty for human recreation</p>	<p>- local malaise. - disparate interests of stakeholders.</p> <p>- financial + physical costs (overwhelming?), especially the financial costs.</p>	

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Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	Open access Natural "style" stream	Money Conflicts between private/public interests.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	to be able to use Onondaga Creek as a park for recreation. As another great place that Syracuse has to offer.	The concern I have is with the surroundings of Onondaga Creek and its safety	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	The potential for recreational fishing is my main objective for the corridor. The Creek currently has a tremendous fishery for Brown Trout and other gamefish.	The pollution problem is the most significant. After that, access to the Creek will most likely have to be addressed.	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	- Mixed use development/ eco/LEED-structures - Connection from one end to another	- Funding needs to be found - Increase gov't partnerships (City, County, DOT, Army Corps, etc)	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	A clean, safe, natural waterway, teeming with the public participating in _____, recreation and commerce along the creek.	Lack of community, unity, will and courage to achieve (4).	
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	Water quality open space canoeing		
Onondaga Creek Government Workshop	- Keep open space/agriculture viable in the rural sections of the Onon. Crk watershed. - Onon Crk corridor thru City - make this section more accessible to public use (parks, trails, ability to kayak/canoe significant sections). while enhancing/rehabilitating natural sections of the creek.	- Funding! - Buy in from County/City governments on one plan for creek corridor.	
Onondaga Nation School		Money! Does Congel know of this creek?	
Onondaga Nation School	I want the creek clean enough so that people will be able to go in it (safely); recreation, beautification - maybe artwork along trails. It would be nice if it had sitting areas and a place for people to relax and enjoy nature. Make it a community project, get kids and schools involved in making it pretty. Natural habitat where humans and animals can thrive.		
Onondaga Nation School	I would like the banks of the Creek in the City to be fixed up so inner city people ie kids and older people can fish and walk creekside. I would like to see the Lakefront Partnership or whomever to do what needs to be done.	Bureacracy red tape. The young man talking about Cooperative Exling clean up told me about a spot on the Creek in Dickinson where the guys can fish, access for fishing was my dream!	
Onondaga Nation School	My vision for Onondaga Creek is: to be able to eat the fish in it, swim in it, and boat in it.	To stop the major pollutors that are currently polluting Onondaga Creek and surrounding watersheds.	

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Onondaga Nation School	Beautiful life = fresh water, diverse fish habitats, many plants along the shoreline, places where people can get close to the creek to fish or just enjoy it and appreciate it. No synthetic chemicals or other contaminants such as road salts or sewage in its groundwater, rain runoff sources of water. Human policies that protect it. Even rain uncontaminated (whole watershed uncontaminated).	Several forms of contamination must cease to enter the watershed. Time must pass to flush current contaminants from the system. Many governments and industries must change laws or policies to stop contamination from occurring. The species of fish and other organisms must survive until it is suitable for them.	
Onondaga Nation School	Swim with no glass in the water.	I would like to pick up all the glass and reduce all the glass so no one will get cut like my cousin.	
Onondaga Nation School	Safe, swimmable, picnic and camping areas on the creek. Edible fish. Join communities along the creek in positive interaction. Stock with fish, fishing derbies. Keep it accessible to all, not just "privileged" certain groups. Clean, unpolluted.	Government, racism, politics, finances, pollution, ignorance, sewage.	
Onondaga Nation School	Clean water to swim or wade in, fish and boating as well as having trails along the banks for the creek for a place to get away. Just sitting next to the water and listening to it can be a stress-relieving thing to do. And to be able to EAT the fish again.	Better laws that protect the water and to have them enforced.	
Onondaga Nation School	I want to have the Onondaga Lake be clean.	You should put a sign at the lakes that say don't put dirty stuff in the lakes.	
Onondaga Nation School	Transportation	Republicans. Creek could become giant runoff, mark green should be here.	
Onondaga Nation School	Clean water so fishing and recreation opportunities are available. Children.	Continual maintenance, cooperation, cost.	
Onondaga Nation School	To be a vibrant, healthy waterway. It should be the center of the city, a resource for people of recreation and fish. The Nation should have their refund to them. Clean, green corridor.	Land rights action- the Onon. Nation could be an incredible leader in this issue and other environmental issues and they need to be at the table. SSO's, public awareness, government, neglecting poorer communities and communities of color that the creek runs through.	
Onondaga Nation School	First, that it be clean. And as natural as possible, a place where kids can go and learn from the creek and people all along it can feel the peace offered by creeks. Finally, that it be safe for the people around it.	A personal issue is a landslide on my property, which is dumping enormous amounts of residue into Fall Creek, which flows into Onondaga Creek. This affects not only me, but the Creek as a whole, and all the people affected by it.	
Onondaga Nation School	Like everyone else, we wish for a clean and healthy waterway. We'd like to again see families fishing, gathering at favorite swimming areas. My wish is that this would be just the beginning of clean streams everywhere. Broad education to people everywhere on protection of water sources.		

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Onondaga Nation School	To restore from and ecological environmental standpoint. To establish opportunity in terms of economic development and education. To nurture the recreational potential, fishing, hiking, parks.	De-channelization. Restore habitat, stream reclamation, develop a creek use plan. Improve perception, public. Economic resources for the future.	
Onondaga Nation School	Clean water delivered to Onondaga Lake. Organic Ag and Lawncare in the watershed. Fishing, boating, natural stream south of city. Creekwalk to Nedrow, Armory Square type business district downtown. Park walkway from Dorwin to Lake. A good place for children to spend idle time - and adults- in and near the water.	CSOs, sedimentation, over engineered flood control. Narrow swift channel through south side. Respect for the neighborhoods the creek flows through, charge if necessary when private lines are imparted. I do not believe we will get there without honoring the urban/commercial character near the mouth of the creek. Do not let Public officials create divisiveness using fear to obstruct revitalizations - turning communities against each other.	
Onondaga Nation School	Clean water flowing and meandering, carrying healthy populations of fish, wetlands loud with frogs and birds, walkways, children playing, respect, care, people all along the way celebrating their relations with the creek and each other.	New York State failure to effectively respond to Onondaga Land Rights Action and deciding to invest seriously in Onondaga Creek restoration.	
Onondaga Nation School	Water as clean when it enters the lake as it is where it comes out of the ground at the headwaters, all other goals will follow this. Better and safer access to the creek throughout the watershed so people can reconnect to the creek. Get back to historical state, eat fish.	Even if water is clean as at the headwaters connect to lake, fish can move upstream. Lake needs also to be clean if want to eat some fish safely from the creek. Maintaining public momentum. Getting back to the way the creek was with some migratory fish.	
Onondaga Nation School	To celebrate rich culture and natural history of creek through interpretive program.	Who's going to pay for it!	
Onondaga Nation School	Over time, a dechannelized, clean creek that has been restored to as close to a natural state as possible with educational and recreational opportunities. Would like those parts that remain in a natural state to remain that way.	Achieving consensus among the diverse communities. Funding, safety, those who own land along the creek being compensated if necessary. Any "development" be environmentally sound (i.e. good for the creek and watershed over the "pocketbook" issues). Getting those responsible for degradation to clean-up what was done.	
Onondaga Nation School	A clean creek, no CSOs, a safe creek, dechannelized. A fun creek- large open spaces, natural habitat, footpaths, outdoor education/nature centers so people can appreciate, respect and learn from the ecosystem, edible fish.	CSOs and the abatement plan. Habitat loss, the rift that has formed between people and the creek, fish degradation, trash, disrespect, runoff, denial.	How will restoration be funded? Is the money available? Who will oversee restoration?
Onondaga Nation School	Restore natural fish that swam in our waters when it was healthy.	Lack of education on how to respect our waters. Clean it up!	

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Onondaga Nation School	A completely cleaned and restored creek. One that can be utilized by the Onondaga people as their elders did: for edible fishing, for swimming, for gathering medicinal plants and as the center of their community.		
Onondaga Nation School	Increased public concern, public awareness and enjoyment. Keep it in public domain. I would like boat/canoe/kayak alunch/take out. Creek walk interpretive kiosks/trail. NYS Blueway designation exploration of small, run of river. Eco-friendly low impact hydro power. Fence/barrier removal. No raw or diluted sewage (No THM's). Fishable. Restore natural flow (ie decrease channelization). Improve wildlife habitat/wetland restoration. Integrate in academic (elementary, middle, high school) lessons.	Steep banks/channelized creek/CSOs/nonpoint runoff, persistent pollution i.e. Hg/flood control/barriers to public access/taking of private property. Political and public will.	
Onondaga Nation School	Vision- clean healthy creek with each community having input. Protection from pollutants. A place where people can go and relax or learn from water.	To get the necessary agencies to listen and support the cleanup properly and protect the water. The Midland Sewer project- prevent it from sewer and chlorine by pro into water. Include protection of complete watershed.	What is the plan for cleaning up the creek? What are the stumbling blocks to this project? (organizations, politicians, people?)
Onondaga Nation School	Onondaga Creek should be restored to a quality and course that is as close as possible to that which existed before Europeans arrived in North America. Onondaga Creek should be part of an intact, functional ecosystem that is natural, and supports a cold water fishery.	The state of NY needs to enforce its environmental laws. Land use planning needs to take the creek into account. The flood control dam needs to be reduced in size. The creek needs to be restored to its natural course. Wetlands need to be protected and restored. The fences need to come down wherever they aren't essential to protect public safety. All sewage discharges to the creek must be eliminated.	Are the effects of the solution m_____ in the Tully Valley going to predate fall restoration of water quality in the creek?
Onondaga Nation School	Have children design rain gardens for homes to capture water. Open up creek into wide wetland areas (see Beaver lake, has wooded boardwalk about wetlands). Canoe trips down creek. Some deer. Walks early in the morning about 5 or 5:30AM. Have some ponds adjacent to creek with frogs and grow waterlilies so children can look at wildlife. Threatened and endangered species, plants in creek. Natural walkways with woodchips-for easy walking. Guided tours in the summer. Solar lamps near creek (Australia has solar street lamps). Sculptures and art along paths.	1. No chlorine in creek- have clean, natural creek. 2. To prevent over-run of water at homes give people empty barrels to put under their roof drain pipes to catch water (see zoo- they have a big barrel there to catch water). 3. Fish reintroduced.	Do you have a map of creek before channelized walls were added and after to see the difference? How will global warming effect creek?
Onondaga Nation School	I want my children and future grandchildren to be able to fish in a clean creek and be able to eat the fish they catch.	Sewage in the waters/garbage/chemicals/lack of respect. Testing of fish in the water, who's going to eat it first?	How will we know when the fish are edible? Who's going to eat them first? I worry about the effects on our bodies from so much pollution.
Onondaga Nation School	My dream is to heal Onondaga Creek. Her waters were clean and her wildlife abundant. Families used to go to the creek for recreation and peace of mind. Huge trout, rainbow and brown, were caught year round. Allied must fix the mudboils for the dreams to come true.	The mudboils need to be fixed. Flow management needs to be implemented to oxygenate the water and let the silt settle. Fish would thrive with man-made eddies. Creekwalks and creek parks would be great. Remove the fences and let common sense tell you to stay back when she roars.	I believe there is a geological underground saddie that is just north of the mudboils. This is stopping the natural underground flow north resulting in mudboils. The saddie extends across the valley.

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South Presbyterian	No man-made pollution in the creek, a fun place to be.	A sewage plant in the middle of the city. Clean water not chlorine water and sewage into the creek flowing into Onon. Lake.	
South Presbyterian	The ideal RTF planned for Armory Square should be "state-of-the-art." Such a "perfect, no-smell," facility will cost much more than is budgeted. This dilemma could be solved by creating an extension of MOST, where the public can observe and learn about treatment mechanisms. A member of the American Water Works Association should be sought to underwrite it.		
South Presbyterian	Clean, safe water that everyone can enjoy and feel good about. No sewage into the water. All neighborhoods work together to clean and protect the water so natural inhabitants can return and survive.	Concerned that the creek be returned to original meander, slopes too steep, Public education concerning keeping water and banks clean, and Midland sewer-very concerned.	
South Presbyterian	A creek that people want to be near. Fishing in the city, in the valley, southside and at the Inner Harbor. Access to the shoreline free of charge forever. M.O.S.T. used as a venue to display the history and workings of the creek past, present, and future.		
South Presbyterian	No smell.	I am concerned about the smell. Will it actually be no smell once the creek is cleaned. Those sewage treatment plants aren't going to totally take care of the smell, cleans only 85%, and the main plant near Solar St. smells-all the way to the Carousel Mall and the Inner Harbor!	
South Presbyterian	That it would be a good habitat for frogs, snakes, and rabbits and other wildlife trails.	That the factory smoke cover the sky and things get dumped in the water you need to put barriers unless needed.	
South Presbyterian		Funding, and subsequently, the bureaucracy that could slow/hinder actions. Increased value could drive up property taxes too fast on creekfront properties and drive out established households. Gentrification.	
South Presbyterian	Travel along entire creek from lake to headwaters- have a path, nice lighting, banners, benches, programed spaces. Wetland area near Kirk Park, remove channelization of stream. Redesign the West Side Arterial to allow for greater westside creek access in downtown. Bring recreation to creek (fishing, kayaking, swimming??)	How will creekwalk stay at creek where NiMo and parking lot cover the stream? (See ESF's creekwalk plan for some ideas). Concerned that county doesn't care about creek (Midland and Armory Square projects done with minimal community input). Concerned that DOT is not a part of this process-recreational trails are their responsibility. Gentrification!-keep a mix of people's incomes and ethnicities.	
South Presbyterian	A clean creek with protectors against flooding. A vibrant green space that allows for events and possibilities. Safety.		

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South Presbyterian	Place for families to play and live because the city is loosing families with kids.		
South Presbyterian		Public vision won't be implemented because of political/bureaucratic foot dragging. Improve creek will become accessible/available only to rich folks.	
South Presbyterian	Mix of renaturalized creek and public park-land/green space w/ interpretive centers, etc. Natural flood control (i.e. restored wetlands).		
South Presbyterian	Onondaga Creek provides an opportunity to bring nature in all seasons to the city scape. Clean water w/out sewage MUST be the goal. Onondaga Creek was not meant to be a sewer. Recreation would then come naturally- walking, biking, canoeing, fishing, a nature trail, boats and bike rentals.		Why use Onondaga Creek for tertiary sewer treatment (ie why not a green project)? When would tertiary treatment stop? And sewage be taken care of totally. Stop dumping. Effect of chlorine.
South Presbyterian	Diversity in the creek course as well as in the human communities; some areas undeveloped, others with park facilities, housing, and small businesses. This should be mirrored by a mix of economic classes, races, and interests in the creek enjoyers.	Get rid of the sewage and trash. Until the sewers are separated, the water won't be clean and the people will be dumped on. Another concern is eventual gentrification. The current residents could get a tax abatement (permanent) if their assessments are raised because of development. And, of course, obstinate county officials who don't want to spend any money on city residents.	
South Presbyterian	To be accessible by people, to be a safe place to be and walk. Used as an educational resource for children and adults. To be restored to a natural place (no channelization, concrete). To be a place for wildlife to live. To clean up (indirectly) Onondaga Lake.	Timeframe-take a long time people lose interest. To increase meandering of stream-potential flooding-people argued. If Midland continues as planned-huge steps backward. Continuous dumping of trash. Sediments on bottom of creek dredged out, inc. water degradation. Commercialization overriding natural restoration.	
South Presbyterian		Garbage in creek, current is too fast.	
South Presbyterian		Chemicals, funds for creek, upkeep, chlorination process of the county's RTF.	
South Presbyterian		Sewage, smell, local politicians aren't on same page.	
South Presbyterian	Clean water.		
South Presbyterian	Walking trail- places for animals, birds, and fish to live. Safe. Clean water. Shade for the fish. Canoe launches/access to the creek.		
South Presbyterian	Walking trail, fishing spot, clean water, safe summer jobs for youth in neighborhood, biking trail, ice cream shop, flowers.		

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South Presbyterian	Resoration of cold water fishery (Atlantic salmon). Clean water. Access-safe. Give creek room to spread out. Slow water down, more natural water cycle, stream, aquatic, streamside habitat, native plants, flow willows, salmon. Place of beauty, clean water. Habitat for birds. Place where kids can play. Opportunities for fishery, nature education. Spiritual renewal. "Nature in the city."	1. Midland Sewage plant-antiquated technology and inadequate treatment of stormwater when many alternative methods are available, innovative, better for neighborhoods. How this decision was made- did not listen to public voice. 2. Education. 3. Space for creek-to meander, must home space. 4. Flooding 5. Creek over-development (paved trails, etc.) will drive out wildlife and diminish habitat (e.g. nesting birds, wildlife, amphibians).	
South Presbyterian	I would like the creek to be a beautiful, clean creek that has a natural flow regime where recreation and education are featured within a large riparian corridor.	I am concerned that the creek will not be restored enough because we are entrenched and face legal, social, and economic barriers that will prevent restoration. I am concerned that people pick and choose what "natural" features are suitable to them, and this prevents the complete ecological restoration which is ultimately the most beneficial to syracuse residents in the long run.	
South Presbyterian	The restoration of wildlife habitat. The establishment of riparian public ownership via zoning laws. The creation of an Onondaga Creek wildlife preserve.		
South Presbyterian		Wall/fence, flooding (worry about).	
South Presbyterian	My dreams for Onondaga Creek are, clean it up, and develop it. Remove the fence slop it's banks.		
South Presbyterian	I would like Onondaga Creek (and its watershed) to be a pilot site for really innovative stormwater management, the creek returned to a thriving ecosystem, creek to be a source of revitalization and exploration to the young and old, a local resource for education. Local education will get students interested in their local ecosystems and care more and be more interested in their community and the environment. Recreational activities (kayak, bike, hike, swim).	The biggest concern is education. The acceptance of status quo, and the lack emphasis on environmental sustainability. If education as it is continues, how will things really get better on a long term scale? Kids need to grow up with a respect and knowledge of their local ecosystem in order to care about it.	
South Presbyterian			How deep is Onondaga Creek?
South Presbyterian		\$\$funding. Fears of Gentrification and public space privatization, the corridor becomes a place for expensive condos.	How might Onondaga Creek Corridor contribute to break city's dependence on state financial aids?
South Presbyterian	It would be beautiful to have a creek walk to develop the creek so it don't have a sweeping action to drown people. Make it a safe creek, so citizens can be close to the creek.	The need is for contractor to develop the creek so it won't be so dangerous. My concern is will anyone take the time to redevelop the creek so that it won't be so dangerous.	Can we all have a look at the plan to help develop the plan? Or who will develop the plan?

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South Presbyterian	1. I would like to see walk paths all along the creek. 2. Revitalize home/side walks, street and curbs in the area.	That you will cleanup creek and leave the surrounding area undone.	Will this revitalization raise home owners tax?
Southwest Community Center	A clean creek, a waterway for recreation, and fish/animal habitat.	City/County working together. City sewage system along/around/in Onondaga Creek. Communication between community and elected officials must improve.	
Southwest Community Center			Where does the river water from the water falls come from because I want to know if you can drink it.
Southwest Community Center	I like to see the creek safe to fish, walk down side, benches for sitting and resting when you get tired. Flower garden, vegetable garden, parks, green space, bike riding, skating rink.	We need to get some flyers out to the public so more people will come out to put their input and don't say it's a done deal, keep some of the tax money in our neighborhood because we owe a part of the county as well.	
Southwest Community Center	Clean water, businesses, homes (private not absentee landlords), trails, parks.	Health effect of Midland and other swirler plants. Do swirler plants really clean the water?	
Southwest Community Center	I would like to see a scenic walkway developed, perhaps a hiking trail would be even better. The first person that gave an opinion had some good ideas too. Safety is an important issue to which the fourth resident brought up. The seventh speaker had some good pointers toward a more scenic look and the areas have to be clean and as the ninth speaker state, residents should not be driven out because of social economic status. I also remember that recently I visited Utica I saw children swimming in the creek.	I think more people, even proactive and influential people need to get involved. More people need to get out and choose their elected officials. Environmental and social-economic discrimination is a disgrace to any human society.	
Southwest Community Center	For it to be clean. I think it would have a great impact on this community in so much way that crime would drop because of clean creek for kids to play and have nature camps for kids/adults, educate them about nature which would lead to peace of mind they'd discover.	Stop thinking and just do it. Think outside of box to long term effects and benefits. Concerned that people will do neither and just sit there and waste years and years.	
Southwest Community Center	I don't live directly on Onondaga Creek, so I would like to see recreating, open-space and light commerce - a destination, kind of like Onondaga Lake Park. Revitalize the neighborhood by revitalizing the creek. Also outdoor learning center for schoolchildren.	Sewage and Combined Sewer overflows - nasty, dirty, unhealthy. It's cordoned off - open it up!	Will there be money dedicated to revitalization?
Southwest Community Center	Give a style to a park. Design with spots of colors, red, pink, yellow, purple, white, black flowers, all of these colors, a waterslide.		I don't want to have trash in Onondaga Lake and also do not want the ducks to leave and the animals to leave the creek.

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Southwest Community Center	No more sewage in the creek. Stop ignoring community input. Clean, healthy water in a more natural, animal and human friendly environment.		
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Southwest Community Center	I would like firstly to see the creek corridor cleaned; the water the creek bed and area surrounding both sides of the creek. After that I would like to see walkways and gardens added. I would like to then see beautified neighborhoods to match the newly beautified creek area.		
Southwest Community Center	I would like to see the creek clean and back to it natural state. Take the fence down and make the creek so the current would not be so strong.		
Southwest Community Center	My goal is to learn more about the Onondaga Creek. My dream was that many Onondaga people at the Onondaga Creek and if you go walking there they have beautiful, thank you for listening to me and about the onondaga creek, thank you goodnight and also have fun.		
Southwest Community Center	More green space, roadways and parks, development, urban farms, design- prof. Emanuel Carter, ESF.		
Southwest Community Center	Nature habitat, walking trails, picnic spots, fishing spots, canoe launches, wading spots.	Sewage plants with their chlorination, swiftness of the water, gentification.	
Southwest Community Center	I want people to stop putting trash on the floor because the animals who live there and eat the grass, they might get sick from eating grass with the trash on it because it's dangerous.		That the animals need to be safe because they did not hurt you so don't hurt them.
Southwest Community Center	Good water quality, natural/gardens as appropriate, walking/hiking, nature education, bike trails, canoe/kayak, a more natural creek course, unwall it, put meanders back in as much as possible.	Raw sewage is not consistent with recreation. Tertiary sewage treatment is temporary, needs to quickly give way to a better way to handle it. How long until there will be no sewage dumped in the lake?	My concern is that even with "only" 12-18 overflows, what will the creek's water quality be before overflows?
Southwest Community Center	Get kids involved. Network. Allow the creek to establish it's own character, guide it, but inforce it. Accessibility, clean the water, let a walk and bikeway along it. Let people plant gardens near it. Something besides constant motors and engines. Very educational!		How can obstacles to opening up a creek trail be considered, allowing people to travel away from cars? (bike/walking)
Southwest Community Center			

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Southwest Community Center	I would like to see a clean, pleasant looking creek. Reach the public in some kind of way, to let the public know people is still fighting for out community.	Our community needs to know what's going on also to me it's taking too long.	Why is this project taking so long. Will it really be safe, also when will they open the main street on the southside Midland?
Southwest Community Center	One goal of what I think would make Onondaga Creek brighten up is fishing. Another would be to make a place where people could walk and come back to nature.	One issue of Onondaga Creek is the smell which it gives off. Another great problem is the lack of life and lack of how clean it is.	<<Send paper copies of reports>>
Southwest Community Center	I want people to stop putting trash in the creek because people want the animals to live and want them to be in the creek. People should put signs by the creek that say no garbage in the creek at all.	Big picket fence so no one can throw garbage in there and a playground when they go to the creek while parents go fishing. Bridges over creek so people can fish. Boats there. Give food to fish.	Why do people throw trash in the lake? I do not want anybody to throw stuff in the creek so animals can live.
Southwest Community Center		Make a video of entire creek traveling in a boat. At certain points announce "the cross street is" and the depth is at each part- (play video at Erie Canal Museum etc.). Have wetlands education place where people can visit. Make more bends in creek. Natural flowers and hiking along creek, woodchips on trail. Don't use chlorine in creek. Look at Myrtle beach chlorine sewer plant they changed to solar.	Put a screen at Furnace Brook to keep little baby ducks from floating over the two falls and ending up eventually in Onondaga Lake.
Southwest Community Center	The majority views are taken into consideration to come up with x number of ideas for the area between Ballatyne and W. Onondaga St. on the creek.	Resident getting minutes and updates from meetings: internet/mailling. Ballantyne to W. Onondaga St. residents need to be organized to fight for a final multi-use, multi year plan. This group should work to build alliances with local gpo, churches, and unions. We should celebrate victories all together. We should work for funding city, county, state, federal, and private.	
Southwest Community Center	Absolutely clean water, no man-made polutants on land adjacent to and waters leading into creek.		Why not? Why do we have what we do. No compromise at on only first class be environmental
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	Expand creekwalk, add lighting and security, beautify area around walk. Improve walkways and maintain walks for year round use. Add necessary habitats for birds and animals.	Cost to improve creekwalk and competing community spending priorities. Vandalism and public disinterest to maintain beauty of area. Security and safety	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	walking paths - shade trees- Benches to use for reading small dogie park *Bathrooms - at convenient places remembering so need not have to walk long distances small snak stands so that we could enjoy longer periods of time. This would also provide income for up keep	clean water -	

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Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	To have a clean and save waterway for the community as well as the vegetation and fish etc.	Not knowing the issues first hand I think cost would be an issue and also gaining political support.	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	Open up access downtown, make at least 1 central area into a park-like setting with picnic tables, etc	seems to blocked off / gated downtown & disappears from sight shortly after passing Rescue Mission. more concerned with safety than accessibility.	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhanced Recreational Opportunities For Fishing, Hiking, Canoeing - Return Developed/Overdeveloped Sections To A More Natural State - Possible Partnering of Organizations Like The Nature Conservancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money - How To Finance? - Gaining Agreement/Buy In From All The Various Government Entities Involved - Negative Perception By The Public Over the Entire Onon. Watershed, Including Onon. Lake 	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Awareness + Appreciation - Education 	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	Flowing, clean water Lush greenery, nicely maintained Walking Trail		
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	A recreational spot through the city - walkway, kayak/canoe spot, duck race location, etc.	Largest problem/obstacle will be safety/security Urban/suburban/rural areas are equally likely to have vandalism, drug trade	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	The idea of a walking corridor appeals to me. A path perhaps 10' wide, w/occasional benches. Something to support the co-existence of walkers and bicyclists.	<p>Budgetary: Can it be built? at what cost? at what cost to maintain what has been built? What about the budgetary constraints of other worthy "parks" projects? (are we robbing Peter to pay Paul?)</p> <p>Is this a priority project? If so, how? (How dirty is the water How much flooding and danger to public? What wildlife endangered? What recreational opportunity available from this project unique to area?</p>	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	To have a clean creek with walkways along it providing a continuation of the harbor area -	Obviously the effluent problem- hopefully the sewage treatment plants will overcome the current problem and opponents will find the plants are not a problem - It's got to be better than now when storms overwhelm the creek	

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Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural flow of water as free of artificial channelization as possible - Natural, walkable greenspace along the banks with grass & trees & possibly flowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flow of tainted water from sewage as well as salt from highways & streets - Current land utilization from stakeholders who resist change - Funding sources for clean-up & restoration as well as on-going maintenance 	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	Clean natural environment with walkways to enjoy the surroundings	General public education to be aware of the necessity to clean up the creek	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	1) Clean, Health waters 2) Beautiful surrounding land with public access. Parklike setting with walking/biking paths. Trees, Trees, Trees!	largest obstacle is lack of Funds for Development. Education of community as to the "need" for revitalization.	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	Would love to see a recreational walking area - trails etc - a downtown stroll - for lunch breaks - staff mtgs in an environment conducive to creativity etc. - Could be highlight for revitalizing downtown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleanliness of the water of surrounding areas - Safety of the areas is of primary concern. - Parking area (safe) if a walk is developed, convenience - Trash dumping is a problem - Bathrooms 	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	To have clean water for recreation of the community and for the health + benefit of community. A natural park like setting that looks like what you find in nature - no concrete/ no safety fences etc. A natural beauty with the natural hazards	Financial + political obstacles I would think would think would be biggest obstacles.	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural environment for recreation walking/canoeing/fishing - Safe environment for children. 	Not sure but money and governmental/community ownership.	
Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Stakeholder Meeting	Fishing Nature walk		
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	A clean creek that all can enjoy without sewage and garbage floating by.	Clean up of all garbage in the city. More Access	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	For it to fish as it was 30-40 yrs ago...used to fish the West Branch through Cedarvale down through Tanner Valley as a 14 yr old... would like my daughter to have the same opportunity		

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Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	Concern = The trash being dumped in the creek as it goes through the city. And I feel that it's something of an obstacle In obtaining a (my vision) healthy stream environment.	Concern = The trash being dumped in the creek as it goes through the city. And I feel that it's something of an obstacle In obtaining a (my vision) healthy stream environment.	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	a clean, esthetically pleasing waterway with a sustainable cold and (where applicable) warm water fishery.	The community needs to take the creek restoration seriously. For years this body of water has been so trashed and ignored that the notion of a pristine creek is almost unimaginable to most locals. Shock therapy may be required to awaken the fans.	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	Open access for fishing for city & community allow canoe/kayak access, improve fish habitat.	improve city sanitary & drainage system clean brush/trash; create water that will support fishery (pocket water, rapids, areas for wading for fishing) small access parks w/parking and launch for canoes	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	A clean stream with cover, and pocket water. No pollution problems from the city.	Making fishing access points	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	catch & release w/ stocking program.	silting & flood control	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	A clean cold/warm water fishery once it is made to be such a fishery - expansion along its shores will produce environmental + economical success	- Primarily - water quality must be addressed - (open sewer in areas) - what is the new treatment plant going to have to address your plan? - how will the concrete 'channelized' sections, downstream of Nedrow be addressed? (water velocity etc.) - the surrounding neighborhoods must be made aware of improvements + need to be educated - ("stream tenders")	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	Clean water, good habitat for wildlife and a park for everyone to enjoy.	Prevent trash from being dumped. Pollution In General - a good clean up.	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting		Mud Boils? - Onondaga Nations practices?	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	fishing access areas in various spots along the creek, with several dedicated just to handicapped people and children.	Company(ies) owning land that the Creek flows through south of Rt. 20 must be approached in a way they'll see that it can be fished safely and ultimately enjoyed by many.	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	Better Trout Fishing	Remove the trash and Dabrie	

<i>Forum</i>	<i>1. Goals/Visions</i>	<i>2. Concerns/Issues</i>	<i>3. Questions</i>
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	A viable public fishing stream.	More information/articles on Onon Creek in the Post Standard by say Mike Kelly and what are the fishing oppt. Also, if + what parts are being stocked for fishing.	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	- Urban recreation including shoreline trails, water access (kayak, canoe) including structural enhancement for whitewater (similar to small section of Platte River in downtown Denver). -Suburban cold water fishery - sustainable, utimatley stocked "put & take", initially	- Removal of urbanized features, control structures - Isolation of recreational features from undesirable urban areas (safety). - Water Quality Improvement	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	Improved trout habitat Promotion of Trout fishing - educational Fly shop on Creek Sport shop Map of fishing access sites	Debris in creek lack of respect for the habitat lack of knowlege towards the resource	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	1) To make it a catch + release stram throughout its length 2) Better water clarity - address the mud boils in Tully Valley	Solve the mud boils problem - water clarity Better access for fishing Create a creek walk in the headwaters section	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	Useable water - safe - no problems	Open to ____ - tyres - it can't be just a trout stream - it still passes through urban areas - and won't get much support or respect -	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	A nice place for everyone to enjoy. Fishing ect.	Trash in the creek. Water Flow.	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	To have a piece of Water that is more than a dumping Ground and doesn't have to be protected from people or access by fences.	Clean out the Trash obviously Figure out some way to protect it from Vandalism	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	access for fishing clean water and good fishing beautiful landscape	clean up and stable water table penealization of companies on pollutioni of lake effect of Destiny	
Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting	1) Clean water. 2) Beautiful stream-side areas. 3) a healthy, diverse fishery 4) multi-recreation use (fishing, canoe/kayak, picnicing, walking, biking)	Developing a sense of partnership/unity between "upstream and downstream" communities. Protecting landowners rights w/expanding access to the stream.	

CONCEPTUAL REVITALIZATION PLAN **The Onondaga Creek “Dot Boards”**

Definition: The following data are collected from interactive posters created for the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan (OCRCP) project. The posters are called “dot boards”. The dot boards are designed to gather public opinion about Onondaga Creek in an informal, entertaining way. The dot boards serve to accustom participants with offering opinions about the creek, either prior to the more intensive input given during community forums, or at appropriate area events. Dot boards are not designed to be a comprehensive method to gather public opinion.

Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI) collected dot board data at OCRCP Community Forums and at pertinent area events from July, 2005 to the present (Table 1). The dot boards will be used again at stakeholder organization meetings, Fall 2006.

Procedure: Two boards were set up at the entrance to each Onondaga Creek Community Forum. At arrival, the two boards are briefly explained and people are invited to “vote” for various qualities, activities and land use preferences for Onondaga Creek. Each participant is given a specific number of dots per board. Participants are invited to vote by placing the dots, in any combination, on the choices that are important to them. All of the dots can be allocated to one category, lesser numbers of dots can be spread among multiple categories, or many preferences can be selected with a single dot.

Results: For the “important qualities” board below (Figure 1), participants received 5 red dots. To date, the three qualities with the highest number of votes are “Having good water quality”, “Providing wildlife habitat”, and “Being free of litter”.

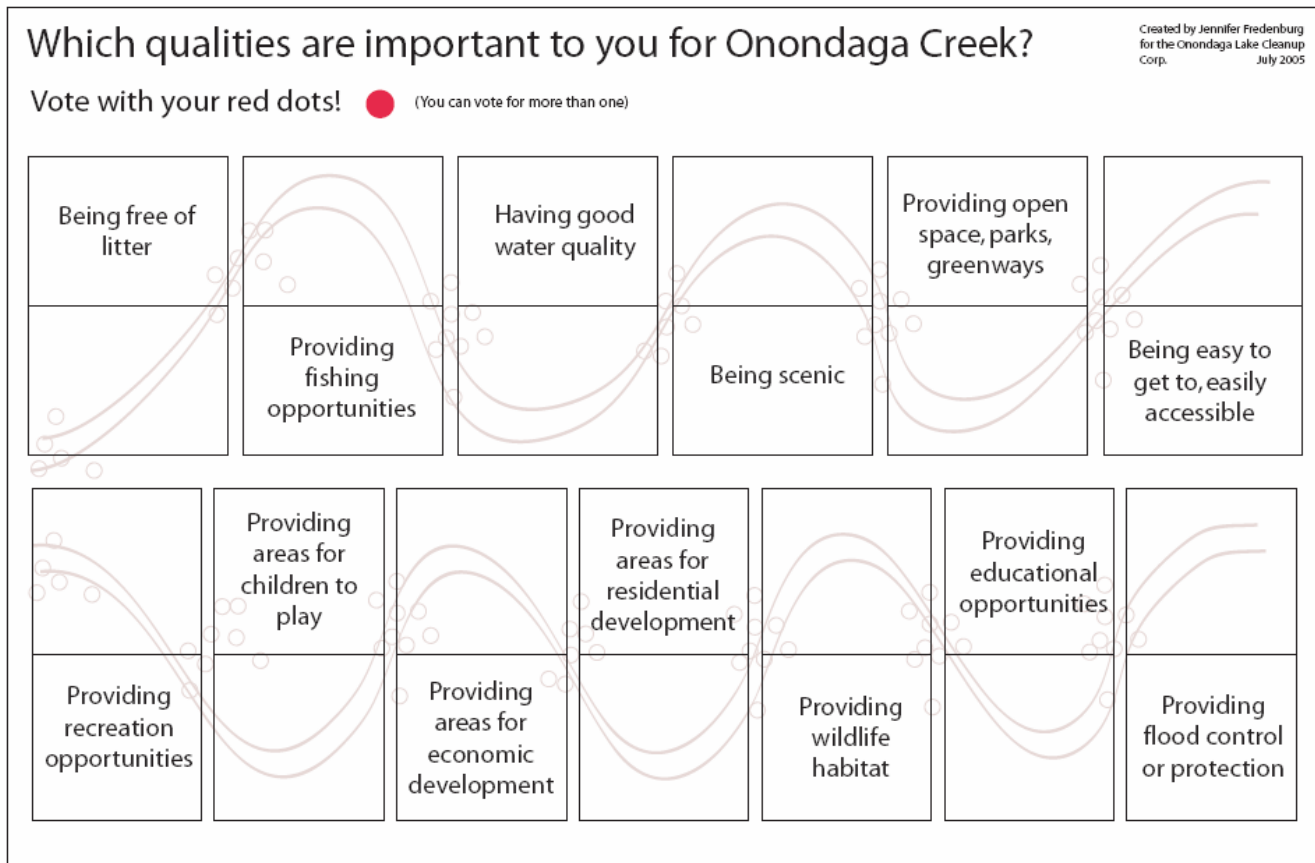


Figure 1. Qualities Dot Board

For the preferred land use and recreational activity dot board (Figure 2), Individuals received two blue dots and five gold dots, respectively, to vote for how they might like the Onondaga Creek corridor to appear and be used. For preferred surrounding land use, “Natural” and “Open Space/Parks” have gathered the most votes to date. The top three choices for possible Creek-side activities are “Walking/jogging”, “Finding a peaceful place/solitude” and “Bicycling”. Voting totals for all forums and events are illustrated in Figures 3, 4 and 5.

What would you like to see and do near Onondaga Creek?

Created by Jennifer Fredenburg for the Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corporation July 2005

Vote with your blue stars! ★ Which do you prefer?
(You can vote for more than one)

Vote below with your gold stars! ★ Which activities do you prefer?
(You can vote for more than one)

Business/Commercial District

Mixed Use (Residential/Commercial/Park)

Residential

Open Space/Parks

Natural

Bicycling

Walking/Jogging

Snowshoeing/ Skiing

Hiking

Playing

Gardening/Beautification Projects

Exercising a dog

Nature or History Education

Fishing

Canoeing or kayaking

Skating

Picnicking

Finding A Peaceful Place/Solitude

Wildlife/Bird Watching

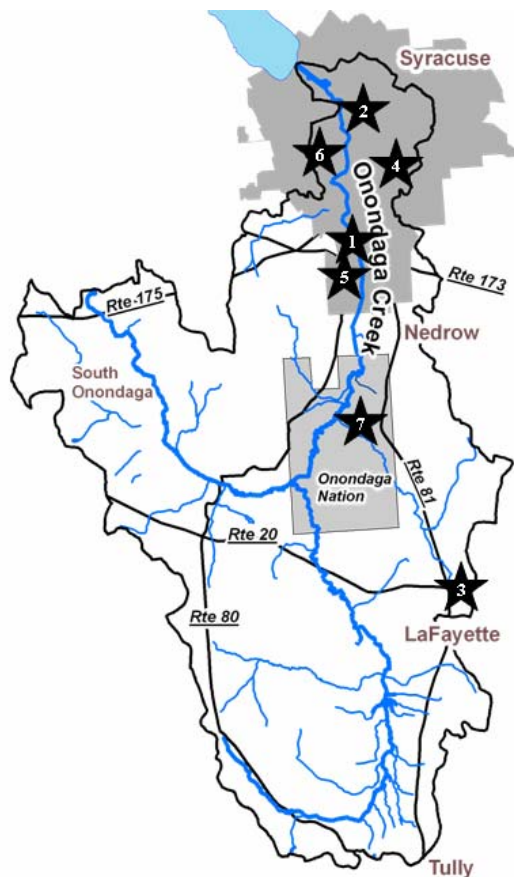
Figure 2. Preferred Land Use and Recreational Activities Dot Board

Figures 6, 7 and 8 illustrate preferences for each quality, land use, or activity, by Community Forum. The total votes have been converted to percentages for each forum. Subtle differences exist among preference between forums. Yet, the overall selection pattern is somewhat consistent across forums. For instance, “Having good water quality” was among the most preferred “important quality” and “Natural” was among the most preferred “surrounding land use” at all forums. Responses for “recreational activities” are slightly more divergent than the other categories. Some distinctions can be immediately observed, such as participant preference for fishing and hiking at the LaFayette and Onondaga Nation School Community Forums, and the preference for “finding a peaceful place/solitude” by participants at the city forums (see Figure 8).

In summary, the dot boards provide an informal snapshot of the public’s preferences for Onondaga Creek. It is one of several methods used at the Onondaga Creek Community Forums to gather goals and dreams from the community. Information from the dot boards, used in context with other data, will inform the Working Group and help guide the Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan.

Date	Onondaga Creek Community Forum	Other Event: Name and Location
23 July 2005		Canopy Onondaga Creek Fest Kirk Park, Syracuse
17 Sep 2005		CCE Onondaga Creek Cleanup Kirk Park, Syracuse
11 April 2006		Geo 316 River Environments Class Syracuse University
19 April 2006	1. Bob Cecile Community Center Syracuse	
26 April 2006		F.O.C.U.S. CNY Link Expo OnCenter, Syracuse
03 May 2006	2. City Hall Commons Syracuse	
18 May 2006	3. LaFayette Community Center LaFayette	
20 May 2006		Onondaga Creek Kids Event Petit Branch Library, Syracuse
25 May 2006	4. South Presbyterian Church Syracuse	
31 May 2006		PENNY Environmental Forum University United Methodist Church, Syracuse
03 June 2006		Onondaga Lake Partnership, Onondaga Lake Day, Onondaga Lake Park
11 June 2006		Syracuse Community Choir, <i>Water, Precious Water</i> Concert, Inner Harbor, Syracuse
19 July 2006	5. Clary Middle School Syracuse	
20 July 2006	6. Southwest Community Center Syracuse	
27 July 2006	7. Onondaga Nation School Onondaga Nation	

Table 1. Dot Board Data Collection Summary – Map numbers correspond to Community Forum locations



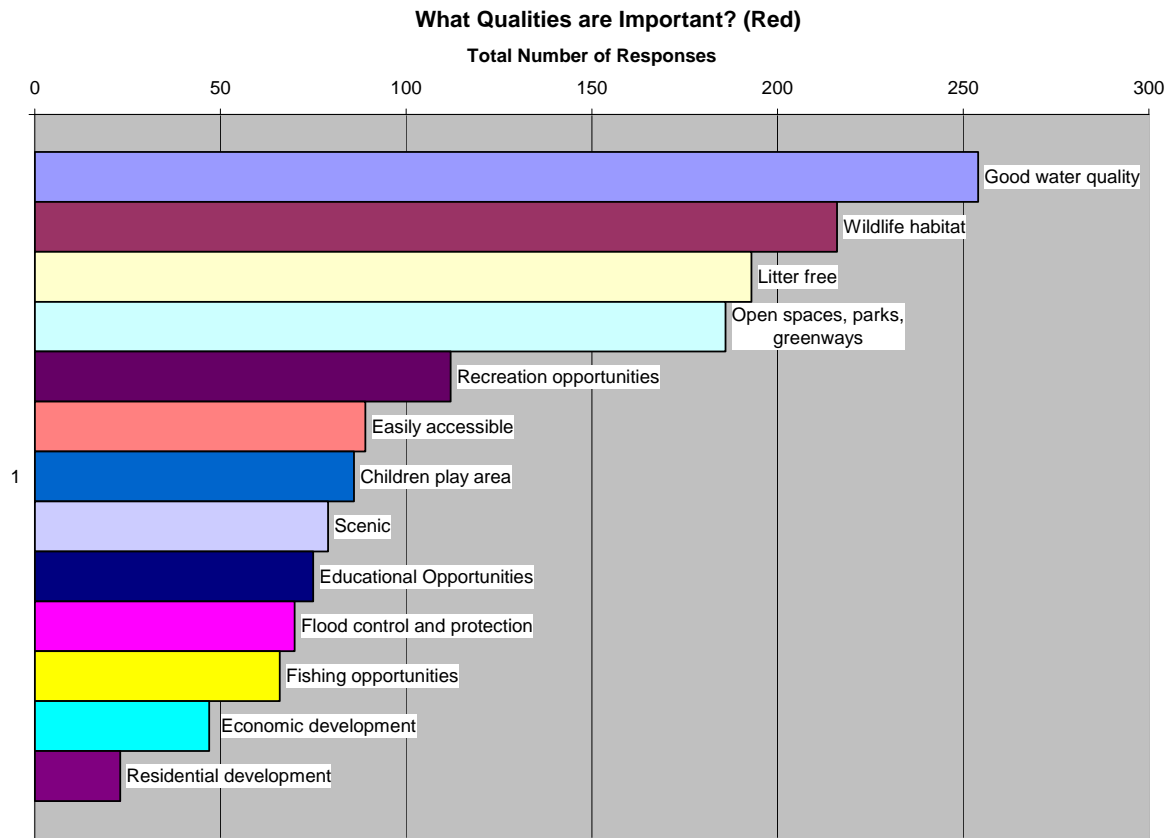


Figure 3. What qualities are important to you for Onondaga Creek?

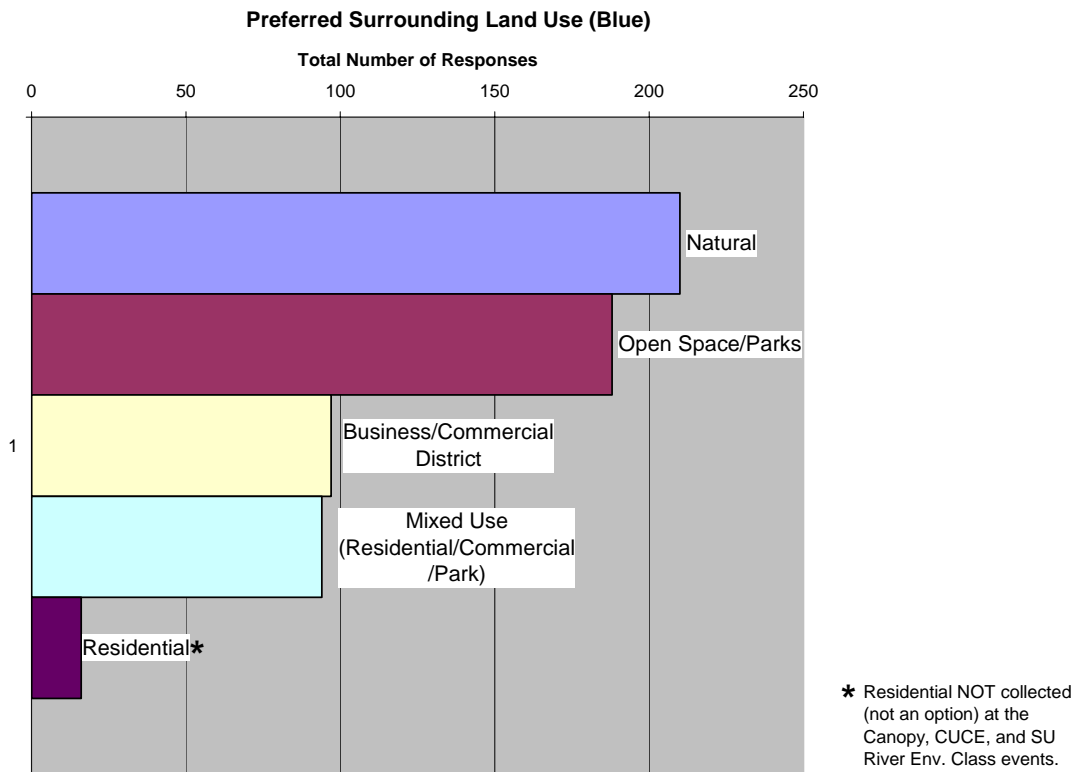


Figure 4. What would you like to see and do near Onondaga Creek? – Preferred Surrounding Land Use

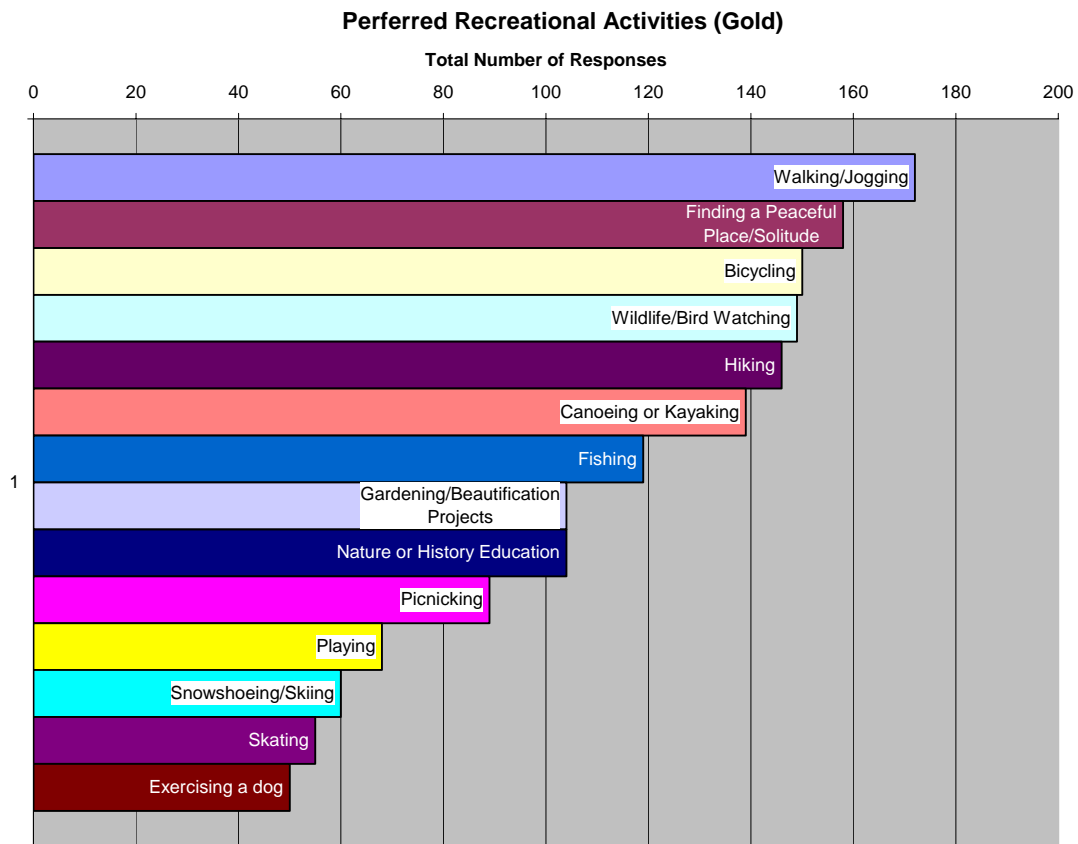


Figure 5. What would you like to see and do near Onondaga Creek – Preferred Recreational Activities

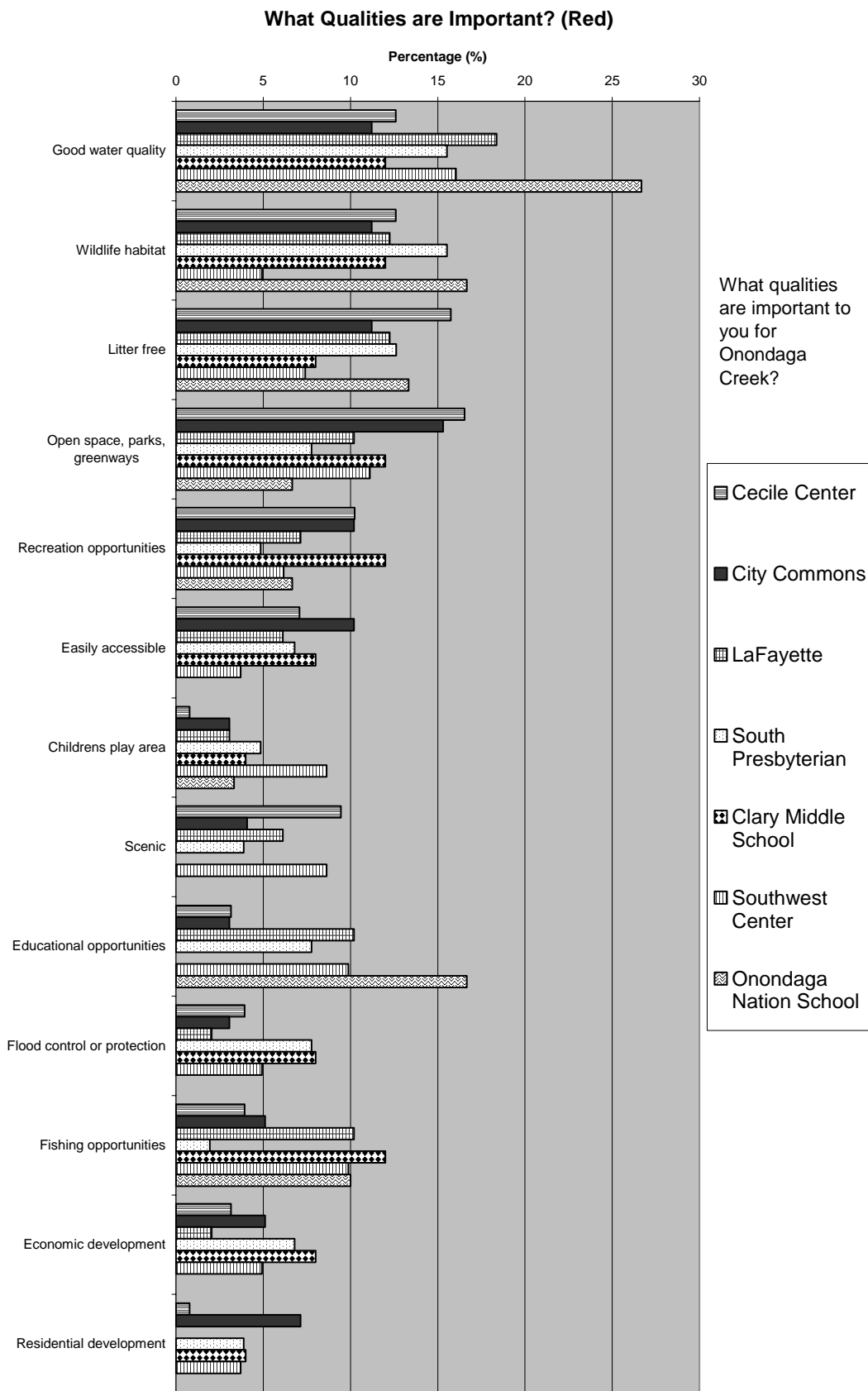


Figure 6. By Forum: What qualities are important to you for Onondaga Creek?

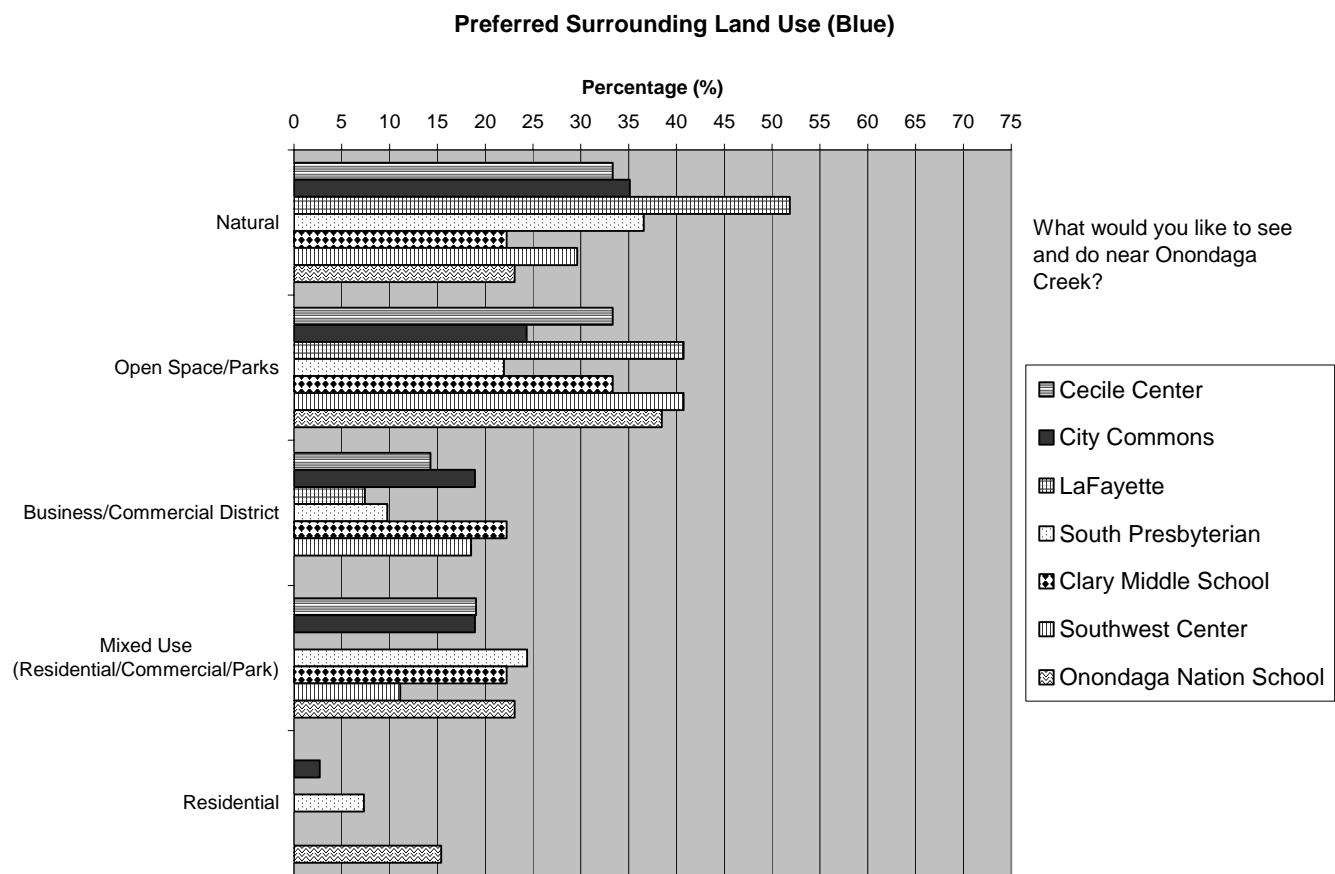


Figure 7. By Forum: What would you like to see and do near Onondaga Creek? – Preferred Surrounding Land Use

Preferred Recreational Activities (Gold)

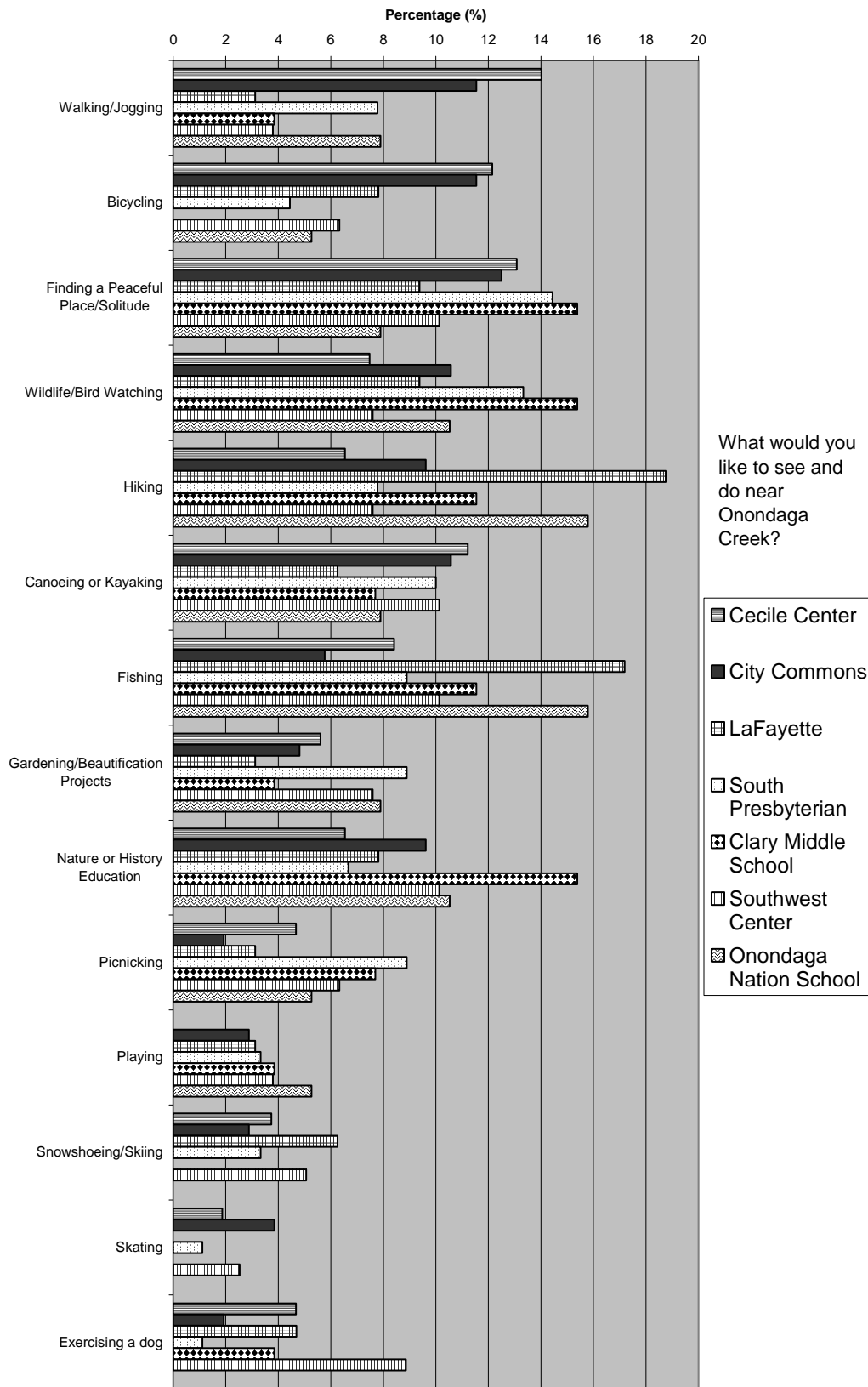


Figure 8. By Forum: What would you like to see and do near Onondaga Creek? – Preferred Recreational Activities

Onondaga Creek Stakeholder Meetings

Top Goals and Concerns - DRAFT

This fact sheet addresses top goals and concerns from the Onondaga Creek Stakeholder Meetings. Seven meetings were held during the winter and spring of 2007. They were:

Date	Organization	Sets of Written Input
December 16, 2006	Canopy	13
January 25, 2007	NAACP	3
February 7, 2007	Trout Unlimited	21
February 12, 2007	Izaak Walton League	7
March 20, 2007	Stakeholder Meeting, MOST	70
June 14, 2007	Government Workshop	29
June 29, 2007	Syracuse Sunrise Rotary	17
Total Stakeholder Written Input		160

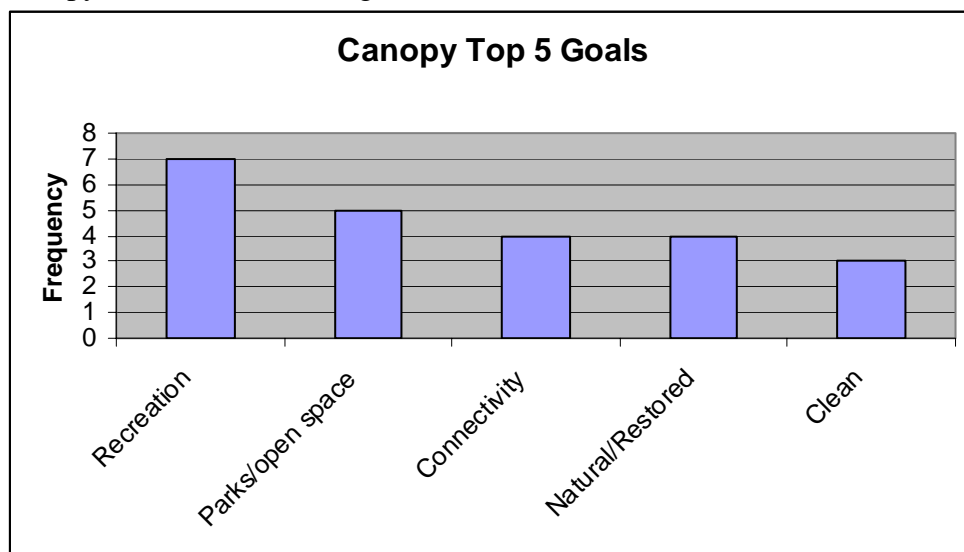
Written responses were the primary type of input collected from participants at the stakeholder meetings. Verbal comments (scribed to flip charts) were collected if time was available at each meeting. Input collected from the question cards and flip charts was entered verbatim by OEI staff into a Microsoft Access database. This fact sheet summarizes written responses to the two questions listed in table 1. The following graphs show topics most frequently mentioned at each stakeholder meeting, obtained from questionnaires completed by participants at each meeting. Later fact sheets will address responses to additional questions asked at the government workshop and some stakeholder meetings.

Table 1. Goals and Concerns Questions for Onondaga Creek, identical to Community Forums

Card	Question
<i>Goals card on blue card-stock</i>	<i>What is your goal, vision or dream for the Onondaga Creek corridor? What do you want for Onondaga Creek and its surroundings in the future?</i>
<i>Concerns card on green card-stock</i>	<i>What issues or concerns, problems or obstacles, if any, must be overcome or solved before your vision of Onondaga Creek can be achieved?</i>

The methodology for creating the graphs is briefly summarized as follows. All written input, catalogued according to goals or concerns, was analyzed and assigned a one or two word code, identified as a key word that captured the contextual meaning. Key words were generated based on review of the data, rather than created beforehand. The input was grouped by key word for each meeting and sorted by frequency. Input was then graphed by most frequently occurring key word. Sample quotes for various top goals and concerns are provided as examples of participant input.

Canopy Stakeholder Meeting, December 16, 2006

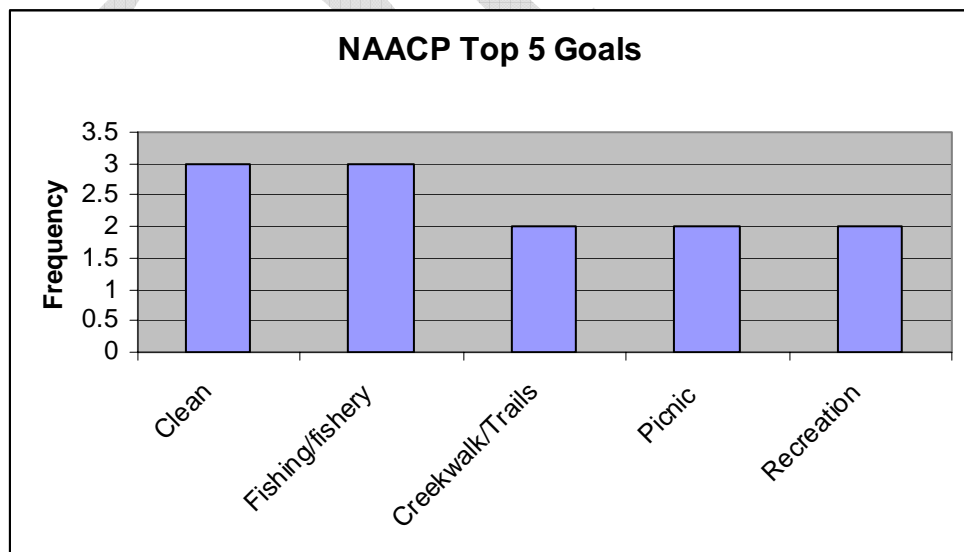


Sample quotes:

Recreation: “Un-channelize the creek downtown - broaden the banks & remove concrete sides - & create a creekwalk. Ensure there's capacity for ample parking, bring in vendors & create a park-like setting. Walkways/skating/biking trails much like @ Onondaga Lake Park, lined with shops, restaurants, etc.”

Parks/Open Space: “I envision a continuous park along the entire length of the creek open to walking/hiking, canoeing/kayaking. Fishing and low-impact recreational use. Signage would be used to interpret natural features, flora & fauna. This park would be the centerpiece of a regional park system, set up independent of surrounding government, with taxing and bonding authority to provide necessary funding.”

NAACP Stakeholder Meeting, January 25, 2007



Sample quotes:

Clean: “Clean Water Ways - Water Falls - Boating

Fishing - Section for Family Swim - Picnic Area w/ BBQ Pits - Scenic Trails - Nature Trails”

Fishing/Fishery: “complete clean-up

fishing, swimming

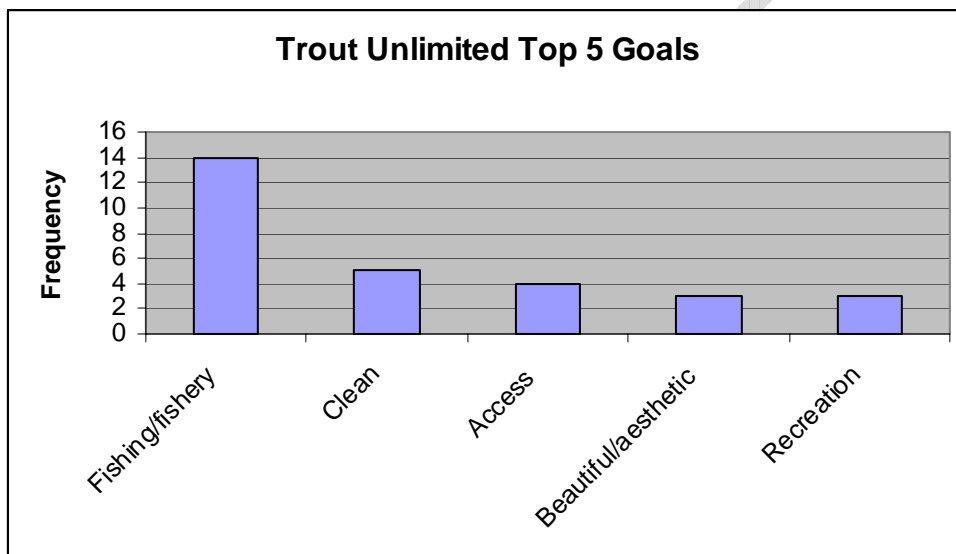
bathroom/full use with running water

picnic areas + outside activities - walk-run track,

possible playing fields (kickball, basket ball etc

Band stand platform and flowers”

Trout Unlimited Stakeholder Meeting, February 7, 2007



Sample quotes:

Fishing/Fishery: “a clean, esthetically pleasing waterway with a sustainable cold and (where applicable) warm water fishery.”

Beautiful/Aesthetic: “1) Clean water. 2) Beautiful stream-side areas. 3) a healthy, diverse fishery 4) multi-recreation use (fishing, canoe/kayak, picnicing, walking, biking)”

Izaak Walton League. February 12, 2007

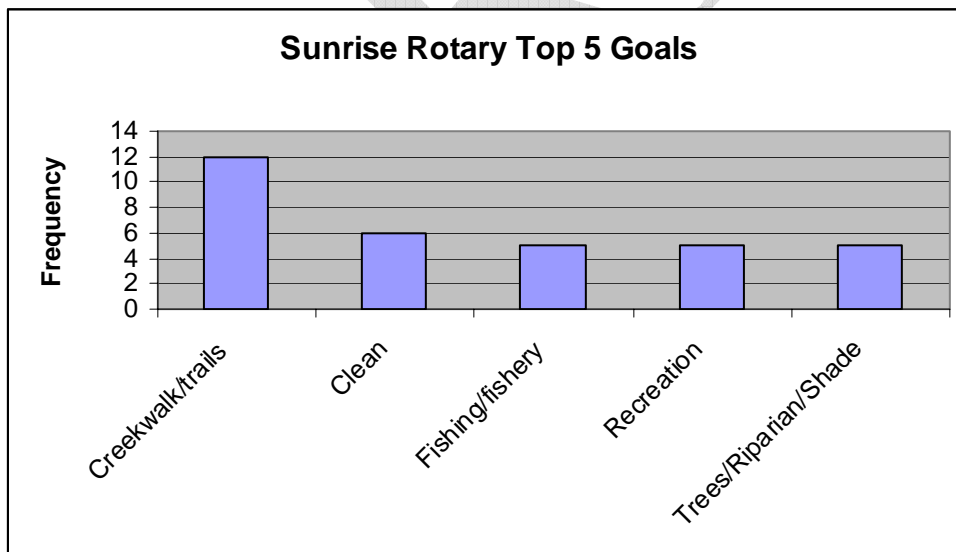


Sample quotes:

Access: “access for all
clean - according to the area - some parts of the creek will be murky always
run off controlled”

Treasure/Value: “-An environmental treasure we can pass on to our youth for years to come.
-A stream that can serve the people of the region for fishing, boating, etc.”

Syracuse Sunrise Rotary, June 29, 2007

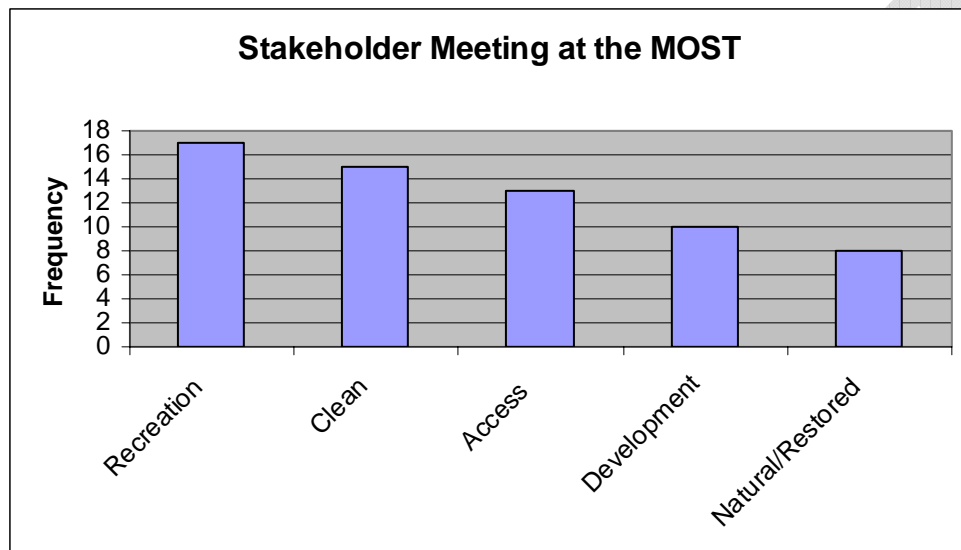


Sample quotes:

Creekwalk/Trails: “Expand creekwalk, add lighting and security, beautify area around walk. Improve walkways and maintain walks for year round use. Add necessary habitats for birds and animals.”

Trees/Riparian/Shade: “1) Clean, Health waters 2) Beautiful surrounding land with public access. Parklike setting with walking/biking paths.
Trees, Trees, Trees!”

Stakeholder Meeting at the MOST in Armory Square, March 20, 2007



Sample quotes:

Recreation: “A creek with a restored ecosystem, recreational access & opportunities, environmental education opportunities, and spaces that allow for the celebration of area’s cultural highlights. I see restored wetlands, canoe trails, nature centers & trails, outdoor art parks, and concert venues.”

Development: “My goal for the corridor is a community asset that will promote economic development and community use”

Onondaga Creek Government Workshop, June 14, 2007

Sample quotes: