

Onondaga Lake Natural Resource Damage Projects Outreach Community Working Group Roles and Responsibilities

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, collectively known as the Trustees, are soliciting additional community input on Onondaga Lake Watershed Restoration Projects being implemented under the Natural Resource Damage (NRD) process. Extensive public input was undertaken to date that provided the Trustees with recommendations for identification and selection of projects. The selected projects are fully described in the [March 2018 Consent Decree and attachments](#). Additional community input is being solicited for consideration in selected design aspects prior to construction and implementation.

The Trustees have formed an **Onondaga Lake Restoration Community Working Group** comprised of a broad range of representative Onondaga Lake stakeholders. Invited stakeholders include volunteer community organizations that have a local constituency and that previously indicated an interest in Onondaga Lake NRD restoration projects.

The participants in the Onondaga Lake Restoration Community Working Group will each be invited to provide input on requested topics, attend meetings to learn about project status, and seek additional input from the membership each is representing within set timeframes. The individuals and entities participating at each meeting of the Working Group will also have an opportunity to propose and help solicit from the public additional NRD project ideas and share back their reactions regarding additional projects being considered for the future restoration projects funding.

Working Group meetings will be led by Trustees and supported by the Project Implementation Team consisting of Honeywell, Onondaga County, and their consultants. The Implementation Team will help identify areas where stakeholder input can be incorporated into design plans. Input received from the participants in the Working Group will be assessed by the Project Implementation Team for consideration into the design and evaluated based on project scope, requirements, and ability to implement.

Trustees will provide project updates to the broader public through U.S. Fish and Wildlife's [Onondaga Lake NRD website](#), DEC's [Onondaga Lake News](#) email list, and meetings of the Onondaga Lake Watershed Partnership, Community Participation Working Group, and presentations to additional interested community groups as requested.

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