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County Executive Ryan McMahon Announces Opening of Save the Rain Green Improvement Fund Application

Commercial, Business, and Nonprofit Property Owners Invited to Apply for Funding to Install Green Infrastructure to Manage Stormwater Runoff in Eligible Locations

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Onondaga County Executive J. Ryan McMahon, II announced that the Save the Rain Green Improvement Fund (GIF) is accepting new applications for green infrastructure projects on eligible private property. The GIF program supports the development of green infrastructure to manage stormwater on private property and is a vital component of the Save the Rain Program, Onondaga County’s comprehensive stormwater management program to reduce pollution to Onondaga Lake and its tributaries.

GIF grant funding offers assistance to applicants installing green infrastructure technologies as an aspect of the development or redevelopment in specific geographical locations within the Clinton, Harbor Brook and Midland Combined Sewersheds (CSS). The sewershed boundaries are outlined in the Green Improvement Fund Program Boundary Map. Eligible commercial, business, and nonprofit property owners are invited to apply for grant funding to support the installation of green infrastructure technologies, including, but not limited to, rain gardens, green roofs, porous pavement, cisterns, underground infiltration systems, added green space, and tree plantings.

Since its inception, Onondaga County has provided over \$11.6 million in GIF funding to local green infrastructure projects on private property. The 98 projects completed to date capture more than 48.5 million gallons of stormwater runoff annually throughout the City of Syracuse. Applications for this round of funding will be accepted through December 13, 2019.

The 2019 GIF program description, application, funding calculator, and eligibility map are available on the Save the Rain website, www.SaveTheRain.us.

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