



Onondaga Lake Beach Feasibility Study and Design

Third Public Meeting
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Meeting Plan

1. Welcome, Overview and Logistics
2. Tabling and Discussion
 - Site Design & Amenities
 - Parks & Operations
 - Public Health & Swimming Safety
 - Water Quality
3. Reporting Back

Overview of the Beach Feasibility Study and Design Project



Public Interest in Reconnecting with a Restored Onondaga Lake

- Interest in a swimming beach expressed in multiple surveys and reports since the 1940's
(reported by FOCUS on Onondaga Lake, 2012)
- Decisions require information: siting, regulatory requirements, potential users, cost to build & maintain, etc.
- Community input is a key part of feasibility study

Objectives of Feasibility Study and Design Project

- Transparency – local voices in resource management is a hallmark of the *Local Waterfront Revitalization Program*
- Documentation- retain details of public engagement, selection criteria, and all the underlying assumptions to inform future decisions
- Specificity- Evaluate location, regulatory requirements, amenities, design, impacts on park operations, and costs to enable future consideration of pursuing beach construction

Sponsor and Team

FUNDING

This project is funded through a Title 11 Environmental Protection Fund matching grant from the NYS Department of State's *Local Waterfront Revitalization Program* to Onondaga County

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Involved Agencies

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

- Water classifications and use attainment – does water quality support contact recreation?
- Lead agency regarding change in use, with other federal, state and local partners (due to lake's history)

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Background on lake cleanup program
- Regulatory authority on future uses of the lake

NYS and County Departments of Health (DOH)

- Regulations and standards to establish a new beach
- Monitor existing beaches for compliance with standards

Opportunities for Community Input

January 2019: Survey and Public Meeting #1

March-May 2019: Site alternatives analysis

June 2019: Public Meeting #2 – Site selection and design concepts, results of public opinion survey

July-December 2019: Site design development

February 2020: Public Meeting #3 – Final design

Today's Meeting: Logistics

- Designed to promote respectful dialog on questions and concerns
- Subject matter experts at tables along with scribes and facilitator
- Attendees circulate among tables (chimes for reminders every 10 minutes)
- Comments, questions, concerns recorded
- Re-gather for reports back from each table

Ground Rules for Tabling

1. Allow everyone space to speak
2. Be concise with questions to ensure everyone gets a turn
3. Be respectful of everyone's individual opinions
4. Please be respectful of the volunteers who are helping with the meeting
5. Step Forward, Step Back

Table Topics

Site Design & Amenities

Parks & Operations

Public Health & Swimming Safety

Water Quality

What's Next?

- Receive public comments until April 1
- Incorporate public comments and make changes as necessary
- Publish the entire study in final form for the public, lawmakers, and all to see

Review and Comment on Draft Feasibility and Design Report

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