



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA**

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**1:30 p.m.**  
**April 16, 2024**

**401 Montgomery St., Room 407 Court House**  
**Syracuse, New York 13202**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:

**1. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT:**

- a. Amending the 2024 Onondaga County Budget to Accept Grant Funds from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (\$156,000)

**2. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:**

- a. Authorizing the County Executive to Renew or Enter into Intermunicipal Agreements to Provide Services to Municipalities within Onondaga County to Assist those Municipalities in Complying With Department of Environmental Conservation Stormwater Permit Requirements

- C. Adjournment

May 7, 2024

Motion Made By Ms. Abbott

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDING THE 2024 ONONDAGA COUNTY BUDGET TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program has awarded the County of Onondaga funding in the amount of \$156,000 for the Winding Way Streambank Stabilization Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to include such funds in the Onondaga County Office of the Environment’s 2024 budget and authorize the execution of agreements; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute agreements and such other documents as may be reasonably necessary to implement the intent of this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 County budget be amended as follows:

REVENUES:

In Admin Unit 3600000000	
Office of the Environment	
Speed Type #191015	
Project 721008	
Winding Way	
In Acct. 590028	
St Aid – Home & Comm Svc	\$156,000

APPROPRIATIONS:

In Admin Unit 3600000000	
Office of the Environment	
Speed Type #191015	
Project 721008	
Winding Way	
In Acct. 694080	
Professional Services	\$156,000



## DEPARTMENT PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

**PURPOSE:**

This is a budget transfer resolution to accept grant funding through the NYSDEC WQIP Program.

**OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:**

Onondaga County will partner with Skaneateles Lake Association (SLA) to install a check dams, vegetated swales and soil stabilizing mats in two intermittent streams in the Town of Skaneateles within the Winding Way residential neighborhood. The project will reduce the velocity of stormwater flow and reduce sediment loading to nearby Skaneateles Lake. The County will act as a pass-through for funding in contracting with SLA and Winding Way Association.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Funding is through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) for non-agricultural nonpoint source projects or programs that improve a documented water quality impairment, promote flood risk reduction, enhanced flood and climate resiliency, and restoration or that protect a drinking water source.

**BUDGET:**

\$156,000

May 7, 2024

Motion Made By Ms. Abbott

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO RENEW OR ENTER INTO INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN ONONDAGA COUNTY TO ASSIST THOSE MUNICIPALITIES IN COMPLYING WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION STORMWATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act was amended in 1987 to establish permit requirements to help control pollution from stormwater run-off; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, pursuant to Federal regulations, the DEC expanded the scope of its stormwater program to require certain municipalities to apply for a DEC stormwater permit, which permit requirements were modified effective January 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in Onondaga County that operate Municipal Stormwater Sewer Systems (MS4s), including the County, the City of Syracuse and numerous towns and villages, are required to comply with such DEC stormwater permits; and

WHEREAS, each of these municipalities are required to implement stormwater management programs and satisfy six minimum control requirements mandated by the stormwater permit, including reporting and investigation of illicit discharges and inspection of stormwater outfalls; and

WHEREAS, since these general permit requirements are applicable to all such municipalities, it has been recognized that there are opportunities for cost effective compliance through cooperation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, years ago a number of these municipalities had requested that the County provide certain services to assist them in complying with their obligations to develop and implement a Stormwater Management Program; and

WHEREAS, in response to this request, in 2008 the County developed a proposal to furnish services through the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection to interested municipalities, which services include the following:

- 1) Establish a centralized “Hotline” for citizens to report suspected illicit discharges, at no cost to other municipalities;
- 2) Perform routine inspections of stormwater “outfalls” at no cost to other municipalities;
- 3) Assist in tracking down sources of potential illicit discharges to stormwater systems, at a fee of \$60.00 per hour;
- 4) Share laboratory services at prevailing laboratory rates/costs; and

WHEREAS, in December 2008 the County Legislature passed Resolution No. 323 authorizing the County Executive to enter into agreements with interested municipalities for a term not to exceed 5 years to perform stormwater permit related services for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in November 2013 the County Legislature passed Resolution No. 160 authorizing the County Executive to renew such Intermunicipal Agreements with interested municipalities for an additional term not to exceed 5 years; and

WHEREAS, in February 2019 the County Legislature passed Resolution No. 11 authorizing the County Executive to renew or enter into such Intermunicipal Agreements with interested municipalities for a term not to exceed 5 years; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to authorize the County Executive to again renew or enter into these Intermunicipal Agreements with MS4 municipalities in Onondaga County in order to provide for such stormwater permit related services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive hereby is authorized to renew or enter into stormwater assistance agreements with interested municipalities for a term not to exceed 5 years to perform stormwater permit related services for municipalities, and to execute agreements to implement the intent of this resolution.