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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2022 **JULIE ABBOTT, CHAIR**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Chase, Ms. Kuhn, Dr. Kelly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. McBride

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Rowley, Mr. Garland; also see attached

Chair Abbott called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. *The minutes of the previous meeting have been distributed. There are no corrections to the minutes, and the minutes are approved.*

1. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: Shannon Harty, Commissioner of Water Environment Protection; Lauren Livermore, Deputy Commissioner of Water Environment Protection

a. A Resolution Calling a Public Hearing in Connection With the Proposed Adoption of an Amended Schedule of Sewer Rents for the Onondaga County Sanitary District

- PH being held on 10/11/22 at 12:55 p.m. in chambers
- Only affects commercial users, not residential
- Moving from 115,000 gallons per year to 110,000 per year
- Commissioner introduced Deputy Commissioner Lauren Livermore who will be overseeing Regulatory Lab and Plumbing

A motion was made by Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Kelly to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED

b. Amending the 2022 County Budget and Appropriating for Increased Costs Associated with Increased Utility and Supply Chain Expenses (\$5,510,000)

- Utility and supply chain to cover \$1.81M on this budget line plus gas and fuel and diesel increases
- Supplies have increased by 20-40%
- Maintenance, Utilities and Rent
 - Need additional \$3.7M
- Increase in fuel, commodities and supply chain due to inflation
- Current fund balance = \$28M
- The request for increase will get through 2022
- After transfer there will be \$22M left
- Staffing
 - Due to the way civil service lists work, just brought on 8 Sewer Maintenance Workers
- Lauren Livermore, new Deputy – overseeing plumbing control

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2. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT: Travis Glazier, Director of the Office of Environment

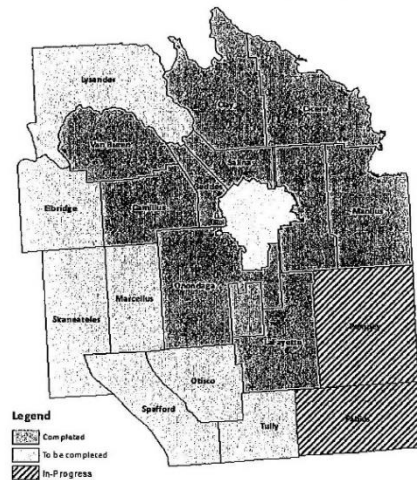
a. INFORMATIONAL: 2022 Budget Update

• Ash Tree Management

Onondaga County Ash Tree Management:

Project Status and Plans for Phase IX (2022-2023)

Status of ash tree removals along County highway right-of-ways:



Onondaga County Ash Tree Management Program

Key Points

Ash trees removed	19,422 trees
Non-ash trees planted	2,578 trees
County ash trees injected	395 trees
Ash tree removal contracts	53
Number of grants secured	7 grants
Grant money secured	\$341,000
Number of MWBE contracts	13
Total spent with MWBE businesses	\$594,617.74
Percent MWBE business in Phase IIIV	~47%
Total spent with Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC)	\$193,907.84
Community outreach tree planting events	7 events
Volunteer participation in planting events	188 volunteers
Value of volunteer participation	\$19,683
Speaking engagements	14
Conservation technical assistance regarding EAB	67

- Impeccable safety record with contractors on our projects. Weekly safety checks by OCSWCD
- Supported 4 other counties regarding ash tree management (Chenango, St. Lawrence, Oswego, and Tompkins)
- Supported the Towns of Cicero, Clay, DeWitt, Marcellus & the Village Skaneateles regarding ash tree management
- Costs of ash tree removals have come in, on average, 50% lower than projected during the planning and budgeting of this project. This is due to our procurement policy and competitive bidding amongst contractors
- OCSWCD continues to support OEC, an inner-city job readiness program, by planting 100-200 trees per year

Proposed Work Agenda EAB Phase IX		
Budget	\$525,000	Notes
Removals	\$350,000	2,334 trees
Planting	\$20,000	120 trees planted in Fall 2022 and 80-90 trees in Spring 2023
Injections	\$20,000	190 trees
OCSWCD	\$135,000	Administration, implementation, materials, supplies, misc.
Total	\$525,000	

Proposed Ash Tree Removal Breakdown EAB Phase IX			
	Location	Estimated Number of Trees	Estimated Cost \$
County Highway Right-of-Ways	Pompey	972	\$97,200
	Fabius	402	\$40,200
Parks	Pratts Falls	200	\$40,000
	Highland	400	\$52,600
	Beaver Lake	150	\$20,000
	OLP (West Shore Trail / Longbranch)	210	\$100,000
Total		2,334	\$350,000

Ash Tree Removal Progress		
Cut Location	Inventory Estimate (# trees)	Actually Cut (# trees)
Camillus	421	843
Cicero	867	786
Clay	706	281
DeWitt	301	406
Elbridge	1,778	-
Fabius*	1,361	959
Geddes	17	2
LaFayette	1,757	2,295
Lysander	2,274	-
Manlius	1,266	860
Marcellus	1,671	-
Onondaga	1,157	609
Otisco	853	-
Pompey*	4,303	3,331
Salina	308	139
Skaneateles	765	-
Spafford	1,483	-
Tully	714	-
Van Buren	1,512	867
Beaver Lake	1,309	-
Carpenter's Brook	37	57
Highland Forest*	11,287	358
Hillbrook Detention Center	23	44
Hopkins Road	306	559
Jamesville Beach	530	287
Jordan Level Trail	1,175	-
OCC	224	393
OLP*	4,984	1,288
Oneida Shores	1,167	3,770
Pratt's Falls*	803	244
Pump Stations	681	-
Waste Water	453	-
911 Towers	68	40
Miscellaneous**	248	1,004
TOTALS	46,809	19,422



Produced by Teresa Link 8/11/2022
Conservation District Technician

Onondaga County Conservation District

*Ash tree removals ongoing

**Miscellaneous includes John Glenn Blvd & Risk 3 trees

- Deer and Tick Management
 - 5 year look back on Deer and Tick program

The Deer and Tick Management program aims to address the dense white-tailed deer and tick population in Onondaga County. White-tailed deer Dewitt, Camillus, the Village of Fayetteville/Town of Manlius, Village of Solvay, and the City of Syracuse has contributed to deer-vehicle accidents, the degradation of the local ecosystem, damage to residential landscapes, and most importantly has posed a public health risk. The presence of white-tailed deer and the black legged deer tick increases the probability of residents contracting tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease. The purpose of the program is to reduce the spread of ticks through the management of a critical host animal, the common white-tailed deer which is necessary for the lifecycle of the blacklegged tick (Onondaga County Office of Environment, 2018).

The Deer and Tick Management program aims to combat tick-borne disease through;

1. Increasing public awareness to the threat of tick-borne diseases (specifically: Lyme disease).
2. Provide municipalities and neighborhoods with financial resources to support the individual goals of local governments respective DEC approved management plan.
3. Gather and publish information to aid municipalities and neighborhoods in analyzing the pervasiveness of tick-borne disease and the density of localized tick populations

2021-2022 Program Year

Starting in December of 2021 Deer culling sessions were carried out by USDA-APHIS Wildlife Service through the months of January, February, and March. Participating county municipalities were surveyed for use by deer and evaluated for safety of firearms use. Once suitable properties were identified, bait (kernel corn and apples) was placed in safe shooting zones. Deer were removed in the evening and night using suppressed, center-fire rifles with frangible ammunition and the aid of Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) devices and spotlights. The Village of Fayetteville/Town of Manlius removed 97 white-tailed deer, the Town of DeWitt removed 58, in Camillus, 43 deer were removed, 46 in Solvay, and 92 in the City of Syracuse. In total 326 deer were removed in Onondaga County during the winter of 2021-22.

Since starting in 2016, the County has removed a total of 1,452 white-tailed deer and averaged 206 deer per year. On average white-tailed deer removal increases by 31% each year. Due to the large number of white-tailed deer removed over a four-month period, the USDA wildlife Service has recommended adding more private properties to the program to expand its overall reach. Assessing current tick density is dependent on deer density numbers.

- Water Chestnuts
 - ½ way through the funds from 2022 budget
 - Working with 1 or two harvesters
 - Over 500 thousand pounds have been pulled
 - Received Grant from DEC
 - Spraying vs. Harvesting – drones are used to spray but still have to harvest after sprayed
 - Treated harvested plants then need to go landfill because they have pesticides on them
 - If no pesticide is used, the plants can go to a farm and used for crop cover
- New invasive species in NY that DEC is monitoring
 - Spotted Lanternfly
 - Asian Long-horned Beetle



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Update to Office of Environment for Environmental Protection Committee Meeting

August 12, 2022

M. Burger, Executive Director

-Until today, only one of the two harvesters contracted to remove chestnuts have been in operation. Pushing underperforming contractor hard for a strong finish before end of month

~ 502,460 pounds of chestnuts removed to date

We have been spending funding appropriated by County:

- Two payments made for harvesting to date totaling \$23,260
- Hand-pulling labor ~ \$34,000
- Spraying of herbicide on Chestnuts (Onondaga County Side) between 3-Rivers (T. Clay) and Phoenix through a joint relationship w/ Oswego SWCD and their contractor
- We will be making remaining payments to contractors by end of August / early September

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TAMMY BARBER, Deputy Clerk
 Onondaga County Legislature

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE**
 DATE: **AUGUST 16, 2022**

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
SHANNON HARTY	CDWEP
Lauren Livermore	CDWEP
Travis Glazier	Ooe
Briana Kilkenny	//
Mina Swartz	Ooe
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Darcie Lesniak	leg
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