

# Onondaga County Legislature

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA**

9:00 a.m. September 11, 2017 401 Montgomery St., Room 407 Court House Syracuse, New York 13202

- A. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE (UNLESS WAIVED)
- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE
- C. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND LOCAL LAWS:

#### 1. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:

- a. A Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing in Connection with Proposals to Support Green and Innovative Infrastructure Projects to Benefit the Onondaga County Sanitary District
- D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Made By Mr. Plochocki

RESOLUTION	NO.	

# A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT GREEN AND INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BENEFIT THE ONONDAGA COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Water Environment Protection of Onondaga County, pursuant to the Onondaga County Administrative Code, has prepared and submitted to said County Legislature, a report dated August 8, 2017 (the "Report"), duly approved by the County Executive, recommending projects for the benefit of the Onondaga County Sanitary District, but located outside of the Amended Consent Judgment area in accordance with Local Law No. 1-2011, as more fully set forth in the Report, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the consolidated sewer district own and operate aging wastewater conveyances that are often impacted by the inflow and infiltration of storm water into dedicated sanitary sewers during rain events; and

WHEREAS, Onondaga County's Save the Rain program has been advanced to promote the use of green and innovative technologies to mitigate the impacts of wet weather events in areas served by combined sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, by adopting Local Law No. 1-2011, Onondaga County established a program to promote capacity management of public sewers throughout the Onondaga County Sanitary District, intended to help reduce sanitary sewer overflows into our County's waterways, as well as to reduce the costs associated with managing wet weather sewer capacity; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 189-2016, funding was made available to support additional green and innovative infrastructure improvements for the benefit of the Onondaga County Sanitary District, targeting municipally-sponsored projects located outside the Amended Consent Judgment area for the purpose of mitigating inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, proposals were solicited from the several towns, villages, and city located within the Onondaga County Sanitary District, but outside of the Amended Consent Judgment area for green and innovative infrastructure projects, and such proposals were reviewed and evaluated by the Commissioner of the Department of Water Environment Protection, with recommendations on awards for successful proposals contained in the Report; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Onondaga County Administrative Code; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York, shall be held in the Legislative Chambers in the County Court House, in Syracuse, New York, on the 6th day of November, 2017, at 12:58 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a hearing upon the aforesaid matter. The Clerk of said County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of such public hearing to be published in the manner provided by law.

Section 2. The Commissioner of Water Environment Protection has proposed a program of improvements within his Report, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,200,000, where such is on file with the Clerk of this Legislature.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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#### MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

**Title**: Calling a Public Hearing in Connection with Proposals to Support Green and Innovative Infrastructure Projects to Benefit the Onondaga County Sanitary District.

**Purpose**: Local Law 1-2011 was adopted in an effort to help reduce the problem of inflow and infiltration (I&I) from aging sewer infrastructure located within the Consolidated Sanitary District, but outside of the combined sewer service area. The County Legislature appropriated \$1.2 million by Resolution 189-16 to fund a program that included solicitation of competitive proposals for projects which incorporated the use of green and innovative infrastructure to reduce the impacts of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.

A Commissioner's Public Hearing was held on August 8, 2017, in accordance with the Administrative Code. The Legislative Public Hearing, if approved, would be held on November 7. Once the hearing has been held a companion resolution will be presented authorizing awards to fund the recommended projects.

**Summary**: This resolution is the first step needed to authorize and award projects outside of the ACJ area. After the public hearings are held, the recommended projects can be awarded.

**Fiscal Impact**: The Legislature appropriated \$1.2 million in 2016 for the purpose of funding this program. There is no further impact to the 2017 budget or any future budgets.

