

SAVE THE RAIN CLEAN THE LAKE

SUBURBAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 30, 2012

WHAT:

Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney's Save the Rain concept is expanding to the next level of implementation and success. Suburban green infrastructure program funding, in the amount of \$3,000,000, will be available from Onondaga County for the abatement of sewer system overflows. Applications will be accepted through March 30, 2012.

WHY:

The County is interested in working with the suburban communities in its sanitary sewer district to use green infrastructure to reduce inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. Green technologies such as bio-retention swales, porous pavements, tree plantings, rain barrels, and green roofs are all effective in the mitigation of problems associated with managing wet weather sewer capacity and also are typically much more beneficial to neighborhoods and communities than gray infrastructure improvements.

WHERE:

Green infrastructure projects in the following towns and villages will help to offset the costs associated with Onondaga County's required compliance with the Onondaga Lake Cleanup Amended Consent Judgment. Projects utilizing green infrastructure will be considered from the following towns and villages:

Towns: Camillus, Cicero, Clay, Dewitt, Geddes, Lysander, Manlius, Onondaga, Pompey, and Salina.

Villages: Baldwinsville, Camillus, East Syracuse, Fayetteville, Liverpool, Manlius, North Syracuse, and Solvay.

WHEN:

Applications will still be accepted starting by March 6, 2012, with an extension of the application deadline through March 30, 2012, to allow municipalities to assemble a grant submission. Onondaga County's Save the Rain program is nationally recognized for its use of green infrastructure approaches to mitigate the harmful impacts of sanitary sewer overflows. It is anticipated that this suburban green infrastructure program will be both highly successful and most competitive. Municipal partners are encouraged to begin development of their applications early to generate projects of the highest quality for this exciting inter-municipal effort.

APPLICATION DETAILS:

Applications must include a short narrative description of the proposed project, cost estimates including the total project cost, and the proposed portion of the project to be paid by the County's Save the Rain Suburban Grant Program. The narrative

description should also describe the proposed location of the improvements (e.g. streets, neighborhoods, and sewer service areas), the estimated potential infiltration and inflow (I & I) capture by the project, and additional engineering or supporting materials available to better describe the benefits of the proposed project. Applicants must also confirm their willingness to take full responsibility for the maintenance of the projects upon completion.

PROJECT AWARD INFORMATION, PROCESS, AND BASIS:

The projects will be reviewed and considered based upon a number of criteria including, but not limited to, total cost of the project; proposed share of County funding; gallons of capture per year; wet weather I & I constraints and conditions in the immediate sewer shed proposed to be improved by the projects; and mitigation of previously identified wet weather conditions which impair the community's health, environment, or economy due to sanitary sewer overflows.

All projects must be approved by the County Legislature after conceptual approval by the County Executive and the County Department of Water Environment Protection.

SUBMITTAL DETAILS:

A complete program description is available on the Save the Rain website (www.savetherain.us/green-projects) or from Paul Legnetto, Program Coordinator (plegnetto@ongov.net), or Tom Rhoads, WEP Commissioner (trhoads@ongov.net).