

Oneida County Sewer District SSO Abatement Project
Steering Committee Meeting Report
March 3, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.
Whitestown Town Hall

Note: Municipality representation is comprised of one (1) community representative and one (1) designee. It is expected and recommended that both community delegates attend committee meetings.

Municipality	Member	Attended
Village of Clayville		
Chief Elected Official		
OR Designee	Terry Dote	
Community Representative	Mike Steiger	
Town of Deerfield		
Chief Elected Official	Scott Mahardy	
Supervisor's Designee	Peggy Boshart	
Community Representative		
Town of Frankfort		
Chief Elected Official	Joseph Kinney	
OR Designee		
Community Representative		
Village of Holland Patent		
Chief Elected Official	Michael Bennison	X
Mayor's Designee	David Wilcox	
Community Representative	Peter Gaige	X
Town of Marcy		
Chief Elected Official	Brian Scala	
Supervisor's Designee	Brendon Candella	
Community Representative	Carson Sorrell	X
Town of New Hartford		
Chief Elected Official	Patrick Tyksinski	
Elected Official	Richard Sherman	X
Community Representative	Scot Owens	
Alternate	Christine Krupa	
Village of New Hartford		
Chief Elected Official	Donald J. Ryan	X
Mayor's Designee	John Grygiel	
Community Representative	Don Bathke	X

Municipality	Member	Attended
Village of New York Mills		
Chief Elected Official	John Bialek	X
Mayor's Designee	Joseph Urban	X
Community Representative	George Majka	X
Village of Oriskany		
Chief Elected Official	Don Rothdiener	X
Mayor's Designee	Mick O'Connor	
Community Representative	Chris Burtch	X
Town of Paris		
Chief Elected Official	Felix Cardillo	
OR Designee		
Community Representative	Jim Hogel	X
Town of Schuyler		
Chief Elected Official	Kenneth Dodge	X
Supervisor's Designee	Anthony Lucenti	
Community Representative		
City of Utica		
Chief Elected Official	David Roefaro	
Mayor's Designee	Deb Day	
Mayor's Designee	Goran Smiljic	
Village of Whitesboro		
Chief Elected Official	Brenda Gilberti	
Mayor's Designee	Charles Tritten	X
Community Representative	Patrick O'Connor	X
Town of Whitestown		
Chief Elected Official	Charles R. Gibbs II	X
Supervisor's Designee	Sal Granato	
Community Representative	Bill Schmitt	
Village of Yorkville		
Chief Elected Official	Anthony C. Leone, Jr.	X
Community Representative	Kenneth Schaaf	X
Oneida County		
Community Representative	Bruce Brodsky	X
Community Representative	Harvey Yando	X
County Attorney	Peter Rayhill	X

Oneida County - Water Quality and Water Pollution Control		
Commissioner	Steve Devan	X
Project Consulting Team		
Shumaker Engineering	Karl Schrantz	X
Shumaker Engineering	Jim Luz	X
The Paige Group	Nancy Pattarini	X
The Paige Group	Diane Stirling	X
The Paige Group	Catherine Manion	X

Municipalities Represented:

Village of Holland Patent	Town of Paris
Town of Marcy	Town of Schuyler
Town of New Hartford	Village of Whitesboro
Village of New Hartford	Town of Whitestown
Village of New York Mills	Village of Yorkville
Village of Oriskany	

Municipalities Not Represented:

Village of Clayville	Town of Deerfield
Town of Frankfort	City of Utica

I. Organizational Structure

Donald Ryan, Steering Committee chair, began the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion centered on collecting committee member recommendations for how the County could formulate an enhanced organizational structure to oversee and administer the OCSD SSO Abatement Project in ongoing years.

Committee members discussed the need for the County to continue to manage the project for the sake of efficiency, continuity and experience with the wide range of project components. It was also noted by the group that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) have indicated their preference that the County maintains its role of oversight and coordination.

Steering Committee members discussed that there may be a niche role for a community-based shared services crew to assist filling in smaller project components by completing limited and less extensive public works-type services. This would provide an additional way to help the communities progress towards overall mitigation goals.

Discussion ensued regarding a possible scenario in which various municipalities could contribute work staff or equipment to this shared services work team concept, if they are able. To help accomplish minor projects during the warmer-weather months, crews might assist by clearing debris from storm sewers,

sanitary sewer cleaning and other maintenance-type work that would need to be accomplished throughout the municipalities. The idea is that this might be an efficient and cost-effective way to begin tackling basic maintenance-type projects.

Members suggested looking to other entities, such as the Oneida County Drug Enforcement Task Force, and the current County Highway Services equipment-sharing agreement, as potential models for such an intermunicipal operation. It was believed that these examples might also answer questions regarding project crew insurance, operating within OSHA standards and receiving appropriate training for minor sewer work tasks that might be undertaken. The Committee asked Attorney Peter Rayhill to research the feasibility of using the existing County agreement to assess if the concept of a shared maintenance crew team would coordinate with the overarching mitigation work plan.

Steering Committee members then agreed to report back to their municipalities regarding the work crew concept and provide their leadership's feedback, questions and interest level via a survey to the engineering consulting team.

The discussion also included the suggestion that the Steering Committee host a meeting of the chief elected officials of the municipalities. During this meeting, officials would be provided with a direct project status update and have the opportunity to give feedback regarding their communities' readiness for upcoming phases of work plan implementation.

II. Coordination with NYSDEC

Engineering consultant Karl Schrantz reported that the team recently presented a project update to the Public Works Committee of the Oneida County Legislature. The Committee was briefed on the project's progress and provided a status report regarding ongoing discussions with the NYSDEC.

Mr. Schrantz also reported that he and OCSD Commissioner Steve Devan had recently met with representatives from the NYSDEC. He noted that relations with the NYSDEC are positive and progress is being made towards a collaborative approach to the County's response to fulfilling the consent order.

III. Intermunicipal Agreements

Mr. Rayhill reported that seven (7) of the nine (9) municipalities have signed and returned the intermunicipal agreements (IMA) providing access to their community's infrastructure. Mr. Rayhill relayed that the project funding request is moving forward to the NYSEFC.

Note: as of March 25, 2011, all nine (9) municipalities have signed IMAs.

IV. Next Meeting: Date to be determined.