

**Oneida County Sewer District SSO Abatement Project  
Steering Committee Meeting Report  
May 27, 2010  
5:30 p.m.  
New York Mills Community Center**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>The Village of Clayville</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Nancy Sheppard	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Mike Steiger	
<b>The Town of Deerfield</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Scott Mahardy Peggy Boshart	
<i>Community Delegate</i>		
<b>Town of Frankfort</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Joseph Kinney	
<i>Community Delegate</i>		
<b>Village of Holland Patent</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Michael Bennison David Wilcox	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Peter Gaige	
<b>The Town of Marcy</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Brian Scala Keith Schuderer	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Carson Sorrell	<b>x</b>
<b>The Town of New Hartford</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Patrick Tyksinski Roger Cleveland	<b>x</b>
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Scot Owens	
Alternate	Christine Krupa	
<b>The Village of New Hartford</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Donald J. Ryan Don Bathke	<b>x</b>
	John Grygiel	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Richard Sherman	<b>x</b>
<b>The Village of New York Mills</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Robert Maciol Joseph Urban	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	George Majka	
<b>The Village of Oriskany</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Don Rothdiener Mick O'Connor	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Chris Burtch	

<b>The Town of Paris</b>		
Chief Elected Official	Felix Cardillo	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Jim Hogel	
<b>Town of Schuyler</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Kenneth Dodge	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Anthony Lucenti	
<b>The City of Utica</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee OR Designee	David Roefero Deb Day Mike Mahoney	
<b>The Village of Whitesboro</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee, <i>DPW Superintendent</i>	Brenda Gilberti Charles Tritten	<b>x</b>
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Joe Lazenby	
<b>The Town of Whitestown</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Charles R. Gibbs II Sal Granato	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Bill Schmitt	
<b>The Village of Yorkville</b>		
Chief Elected Official OR Designee	Bruno Petruccione Anthony Leone, Jr.	
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Ken Schaaf	<b>x</b>
<b>Oneida County</b>		
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Bruce Brodsky	<b>x</b>
<i>Community Delegate</i>	Harvey Yando	<b>x</b>
<i>County Executive Chief of Staff</i>	Al Candido	
<b>Oneida County Sewer District</b>		
Commissioner	Steve Devan	<b>x</b>
Counsel	Peter Rayhill	<b>x</b>
<b>Project Consulting Team</b>		
Shumaker Engineering	Karl Schrantz	<b>x</b>
	Jim Luz	<b>x</b>
	John LaGorga	
Paige Group	Nancy Pattarini	<b>x</b>
Paige Group	Liz Warfel	<b>x</b>
Environmental Capital	Rick McCarthy	<b>x</b>
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>		
New York State DEC, Region 6	Judy Drabicki Skip Shoemaker Steve Botsford	
New York State EFC	Terry Deuel	
League of Women Voters	Mary Anthony/Joan	<b>x</b>

## **Meeting Highlights**

Roger Cleveland, Steering Committee Chair, began the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Steering Committee members were reminded to return the financial capabilities analysis forms to financial consulting group, Environmental Capital, as soon as possible.

## **Steering Committee Action Items**

Mr. Cleveland asked for the return of village and town maps with indications of suspect areas for sump pumps and/or roof leaders tied into the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Cleveland also asked that the towns and villages fill out the CMOM forms and noted that these are available online at <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cmomselfreview.pdf>.

It was also requested that district towns and villages submit available storm sewer mapping to aid the engineers in their system assessments. Because all communities subject to the MS4 regulations are required to have storm water outfalls mapped, many of these maps are likely to already be on file. Joanne Faulkner from the Oneida County Soil and Water Conservation District Office is suggested as the contact for further information.

The committee members were reminded to submit their board meeting minutes to Mr. Cleveland. The purpose is to have a record of OCSD steering committee reports to their communities and related discussion at the local board level. Mr. Cleveland's email address is [rrcleve6@yahoo.com](mailto:rrcleve6@yahoo.com).

## **Overview: Financial and Institutional Structure**

Financial consultant Rick McCarthy from Environmental Capital, LLC reviewed the options for a proposed organizational and resulting financial structure for the Oneida County Sewer District.

Mr. McCarthy began the discussion with a review of the term “preferential financing,” which is money borrowed at below-market rates. This money is available through two federal offices. Through the first, The United States Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Development, the communities might qualify in part for grants. These grants will consist of small amounts of monies available with long maturity rates (30 to 40 years) available to the villages and some towns. To qualify, the project must cost less than \$14 million.

The second preferential funding source could be through NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). The Clean Water State Revolving Fund offers funding with a 50% interest rate subsidiary. The Hardship Program is similar to Rural Development's program in that the projects have a \$14 million cap, and must be applied for by each individual community.

Because preferential financing is available through the towns and villages, the county can help coordinate the application process, but the towns and villages must be the borrowers. Once the towns and villages have exhausted preferential financing options, the county, or some other entity such as an authority, must borrow the remaining funding.

### **Update: NYS EFC Funding**

The committee was informed that both NYS EFC and USDA Rural Development want to see a coordinated effort for administering the funding and tracking of the work that gets done. One way this will be accomplished is to provide the offices with a report of how money is going to be spent, and the progress of projects being undertaken. Also, before the initial \$26.8 million will be disbursed to the county, the county must obtain an intermunicipal agreement (IMA) from the nine communities tributary to the Sauquoit Creek Pump Station. County Council, Peter Rayhill, is in the process of finalizing the IMA with NYS EFC, and then will be sending it to the communities for approval. Mr. Rayhill offered to meet with the town and village attorneys should there be any questions or concerns regarding the IMA.

### **Update: Proposed SSO Abatement Plan**

Consulting Engineer, Karl Schrantz, gave an update on the SSO Abatement Plan. The consulting team met with the regional office of NYS DEC to explain the approach. It was reported that there is a general consensus on the approach, but that more research and detail needs to be added to the proposed schedule. Some components of the schedule will be easy to expand on, such as public infrastructure projects, but others are more complicated such as private inflow/infiltration (I/I), which requires home inspections. Discussion followed regarding a home inspection program, and possible solutions for providing a fix when a private I/I issue was uncovered. One suggestion was to establish an OCSD Revolving Fund from which homeowners could borrow to fix connection issues, and then pay back over a timely period. Making storm sewers more available was also discussed.

### **Closing Notes**

The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for June 18, at 8 am, Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for June 24, 5:30 pm, New York Mills Community Center.