



COUNTY OF ONONDAGA  
**COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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**Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2022**  
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**Ex-Officio Members/Guests/Staff**

Aaron McKeon  
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Caroline Delisle  
Emily Baldwin  
Ilana Cantrell  
Julie Melancon  
Lauren Darcy  
Lisa Yesensky  
Margie Creamer  
Travis Glazier

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Meeting start: 9:00AM | WEP POC Conference Room & Virtual

**1. Approval of the August, 2022 Meeting Notes**

a. Minutes have been approved.

**2. Travis Glazier: Update and Overview from the County Office of Environment**

(Travis told us that he is leaving the Onondaga County Office of Environment to take a similar job with a large local employer. Hugh Kimball expressed our thanks to Travis for his help over the past several months in getting the Council restarting following COVID.)

a. Onondaga Lake

- i. Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Settlement
- ii. Dredging and capping complete
- iii. Retirement of the Amendment Consent Judgement (ACJ)
- iv. County Received “Lakeshore” site from Honeywell
- v. Trail extension over former waste bed Harbor Brook site
- vi. Construction of the Lakeview Amphitheater
- vii. Beach Feasibility Study
- viii. Trail extension over Murphy’s Island

b. Invasive Species

- i. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) – 7 years into ash tree management strategy program to manage County’s liability with EAB
- ii. Water Chestnuts – expanded management on the Seneca River, Oneida River, and Cross Lake

- iii. Phragmites – Management of this invasive being handled throughout the NRDAR with cooperation by the County.
  - c. Increased Fishing Access
    - i. Deep Water Fishing Pier (Onondaga Lake) – 2023
    - ii. East and West Jetty Projects (Onondaga Lake) – 2023
    - iii. Angler fisher access on west shore (Onondaga Lake)
    - iv. International Carp Tournaments
  - d. Ongoing Work
    - i. Tully mudboils
    - ii. East shore extension & completing “Loop The Lake” trail
    - iii. Syracuse Aquarium
    - iv. Emerging Contaminants monitoring
    - v. Expanding invasive species management
    - vi. Increased electric vehicle (EV) station access
    - vii. Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals
- 3. Other Items/Topics from Members and Attendees**
- a. County Planning – Farmland Protection
  - b. DEC 5 year reviews of Onondaga Lake
  - c. HABs
  - d. Ley Creek Cleanup
  - e. 303-D Listed Impaired Waters
- 4. Adjournment/ Next Meeting**
- a. Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting for the Council on Environmental Health is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM.