



**Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board**

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CNY RPDB Meeting  
June 19, 2013  
12:00 noon–1:30 p.m.

126 North Salina Street  
Syracuse, New York  
(Lower Level Conference Room)

*Chairwoman, Kathleen Rapp, Presiding*

**AGENDA**

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| 1. | Call to Order   | Kathleen Rapp     |
| 2. | Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the April 17, 2013 Meeting  | Kathleen Rapp     |
| 3. | CNY Regional Sustainability Plan<br>-Completion and Resolution of Approval  | David Bottar      |
| 4. | Onondaga County's Green Infrastructure & Save the Rain Initiative<br>-Matthew J, Millea, Deputy County Executive for Physical Services, Onondaga County | Matthew J. Millea |
| 5. | Executive Director's Report   | David Bottar      |
| 6. | Old/New Business  | Kathleen Rapp     |
| 7. | Adjournment   | Kathleen Rapp     |



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## MINUTES

### **Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board Board of Directors Meeting June 19, 2013**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members:** Cynthia Aikman, Daniel Dineen, Shawn Doyle, Marilyn Higgins, Don Jordan, Louella LeClair, Mary Ann Messinger, Vijay Mital, James Murphy, James Rafte, Kathleen Rapp, Danny Ross, Morris Sorbello, William Southern, Michael Treadwell, Paul Vickery, Keith Welch, and Steve Zabriskie

**Guests:** Deanna Boudov, Assemblyman Stirpe's office; Diane Carlton, NYSDEC Region 7; Colleen Deacon, Senator Gillibrand's office; John Ferguson, Assemblyman Magnarelli's office; Brad Fisher, guest; Isabelle Harris, Senator DeFrancisco's office; Jamie Hart, Madison County Planning Department; Jarred Jones, Senator Gillibrand's office; Matt Millea (speaker), Deputy County Executive for Physical Services; Tom Rhoads, WEP Commissioner; and Mark Scimone, Madison County Board of Supervisors

**Staff:** David Bottar, Kathleen Bertuch, Chris Carrick, Samuel Gordon, Bruce Keplinger, David Kubek, Karen Novak, Brian Pincelli, Cindy Reilly, Michael Rosanio, Kay Wakeman

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

##### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Kathleen Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm at the offices of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board and asked members and guests to observe a moment of silence in honor of David Elleman, who passed away on May 2, 2013. Following this observance, a motion was introduced and seconded to formally adopt a memorial resolution in honor of Mr. Elleman, former Onondaga County Comptroller, for his years of service to the community, his tenure as a member of the board from 1966-2012, and in recognition of his receipt of the agency's Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship award in 2007; the motion was approved unanimously.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES**

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

## **3. PRESENTATION**

David Bottar initiated the formal program by noting that work on the final draft of the CNY Regional Sustainability Plan was complete and that staff was presenting the plan today for formal board review and approval. In presenting this report, Mr. Bottar noted that work on the plan began in June 2012 and the current draft represents the culmination of significant board member involvement, citizen participation from across the five-county region, and efforts by a technical advisory committee and consultant team. In reviewing the plan, Mr. Bottar indicated that the final draft retains its basic organizational structure around seven major public policy areas and includes a comprehensive profile of the region for each policy area along with a series of goals, targets, strategies and project recommendations. Mr. Bottar noted that NYSERDA staff has reviewed and recommended approval of the document

At the conclusion of the formal staff remarks, board members engaged in a general discussion regarding the plan and offered positive comments regarding the final draft. Following this discussion, a motion was introduced and seconded to accept the document as presented and to move approval of the VisionCNY- Central New York Regional Sustainability Plan, June 2013; the motion was approved unanimously.

Following this discussion, Matthew Millea, Onondaga County Deputy Executive of Physical Services, was introduced and was asked to present information regarding Onondaga County's green infrastructure and Save-the-Rain initiative. Mr. Millea began his remarks by referencing a power point presentation with historical information regarding issues concerning the community's combined sewer system and steps that are being taken to clean-up Onondaga Lake.

In reviewing this information, Mr. Millea noted that as part of the efforts to address Onondaga Lake, the County has embarked on a range of improvements to the metropolitan treatment plant along with the construction of storm water retention and treatment facilities. Along with these "grey" infrastructure improvements, Mr. Millea indicated that the County has also embarked on an innovative program to construct "natural" facilities in key location in the community as a means for stormwater retention and management. It was noted that these facilities are called green infrastructure and typically include areas for porous pavement, natural gardens, and green roofs. Mr. Millea noted that the County has been engaged for several years in a comprehensive public engagement campaign to promote this green infrastructure initiative under a banner and marketing concept called "Save-the-Rain".

Regarding the traditional grey infrastructure improvements, Mr. Millea referenced upgrades at the metropolitan treatment plant, the Harborbrook interceptor sewer, Clinton Trolley Lot storage facility, and the Honeywell stormwater retention facilities along State Fair Boulevard. It was noted that the County is seeing dramatic improvements in the quality of the water in Onondaga Lake as a result of these major infrastructure projects.

In addition to these projects, Mr. Millea noted that the County has established a goal of removing 250 million gallons of storm water from its metropolitan treatment system through green infrastructure improvements. While explaining this goal, Mr. Millea noted that the County has developed a sophisticated hydrologic subcatchment area computer model that is being used to determine the type and location of green infrastructure projects to maximize the benefit from the community investment.

Green infrastructure projects referenced by Mr. Millea included improvements at the County's Civic Center consisting of a 66,000 square foot green roof that was installed on the convention center in 2009 along with a roof runoff containment system which captures rainwater from the roof of the War Memorial, treats the stormwater, and then uses the water for making ice for the Syracuse Crunch hockey rink. It was noted that these improvements have reduced the amount of stormwater going into the combined sewer system by 10 million gallons per year.

In discussing this program initiative, Mr. Millea noted the County has completed over 120 green infrastructure projects over the past two years that involve a range of large and small projects that are located throughout the Syracuse urban area. Projects noted include basketball court resurfacing with porous pavement within the city parks in conjunction with the Jim and Julie Boeheim Foundation, parking lot rehabilitation at Sunnycrest Park for capturing runoff, and at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo where porous parking lots were installed as well as a wetland system to capture and supply water for the flamingo and water fowl pond. Mr. Millea noted that additional projects are scheduled to be undertaken in 2013 and this work may include a limited number of projects in certain suburban locations. One of the future projects that was highlighted are plans to capture roof runoff from the Carrier Dome and use this water to meet domestic water needs in the facility.

Mr. Millea concluded his remarks by providing a brief update on the progress that is being made to clean up Onondaga Lake. Mr. Millea noted that water quality in the lake has improved significantly over the past 10 years primarily as a result of improvements that have been completed at the metropolitan treatment plant that have significantly reduced the amount of phosphorus and ammonia being discharged into the lake. Mr. Millea indicated that county's ongoing grey and green infrastructure improvements along with Honeywell Corporation's stormwater capture and lake dredging projects will contribute to further improvements in water quality at Onondaga Lake in the next 5-10 years.

#### **4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Mr. Bottar announced that the next Executive Committee Meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup> and the next full Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bottar also took a moment to express his gratitude to Matt Millea and Don Jordon from Onondaga County for their role in helping to facilitate NYSERDA funding that was used to support development of the CNY Regional Sustainability Plan. Mr. Bottar noted that NYSERDA recently announced that Cleaner Greener Phase II funding is available in the amount of \$90 million over the next three years and that applications for the first round of funding are due on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Chris Carrick provided a brief summary about this funding opportunity.

**5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no information presented or discussed under old or new business.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was introduced and seconded to adjourn the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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James Rafte, Secretary