



Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) No. 125
CWSRF Project No. C7-6320-21-70
Onondaga, County of
Project Name: Saving the Rain on South and West Sides

DEC Region: 7 County: Onondaga

Type of Financing: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Green Innovation Grant Program

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$285,371.00

Recommended GIGP Award Amount: \$256,834.00

Local Share: \$28,537.00

Other Funding Sources: \$0.00

Project Category: Clean Water SRF. Green Wet Weather Infrastructure.

Project Description:

This project will provide rain barrels to homeowners and businesses to mitigate stormwater impacts in the Harbor Brook Sewershed in the City of Syracuse.

Project Summary:

The project is located near Onondaga Lake which is impacted by wet weather discharges. The County is under federal order to undertake lake improvements in order to harvest stormwater runoff, reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and achieve other goals. The green infrastructure practices will mitigate stormwater impacts to Onondaga Lake.

This project is categorically eligible for GIGP financing per the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) "Guidance for Award of Recovery Act Funding to State Revolving Funds" dated March 2, 2009:

1. Green Wet Weather Infrastructure. Categorically eligible projects "manage and treat stormwater and [...] maintain and restore natural hydrology by infiltrating, evapotranspiring, and capturing and using stormwater" and "the preservation and restoration of natural landscape features, such as forests, floodplains and wetlands, coupled with policies such as infill and redevelopment that reduce overall imperviousness in a watershed. On the local scale green infrastructure consists of site and neighborhood specific practices such as bioretention, trees, green roofs, porous pavements, and cisterns." Examples in the guidance (pp. 44-45) include V.b. "Implementation of water harvesting and reuse programs or projects..."

Funding Summary:

The applicant will provide the 10% match.

SEQR Findings:

The Corporation has determined that the proposed action will finance a project which constitutes the "construction, expansion or placement of minor accessory/appurtenant residential structures...not changing land use or density" and "information collection including basic data collection and research" and the "purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies" and an "action specifically required to be undertaken pursuant to a judgment or order" which are "Type II" actions under SEQR, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (10), (18), (25) and (29).

Construction Schedule:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Construction Start</u>	<u>Construction Completion</u>
Onondaga, County of Saving the Rain on South and West Sides	February 1, 2010	December 30, 2011