



OPERATION Ripple Effect™

SIMPLE STEPS: BIG BENEFITS FOR THE MOHAWK RIVER

PROJECT BULLETIN

Normally, our sanitary sewer system has enough capacity to operate properly. But, when we get heavy rains or sudden snow melts, stormwater overwhelms the system and causes overflows into the Mohawk River. That stormwater runoff enters the sanitary sewer system from multiple sources, including deteriorated and damaged public sanitary sewers and private property connections, such as roof leaders and sump pumps.

Operation Ripple Effect is a program of the Oneida County Sewer District that asks residents, businesses, and municipalities to do their part to reduce overflows. Together, we can help keep the Mohawk River clean.

MAKING PROGRESS: ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATORS TOUR PROGRESS AT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT



Members of the Oneida County Board of Legislators toured construction progress at the Oneida County Sewer District (OCSD) Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) following their June Public Works Committee meeting.

WPCP upgrades will be completed by 2021 and are designed to help eliminate overflows into the Mohawk River, satisfy New York State DEC Consent Order requirements, and assist the City of Utica with treatment elements of its Long-Term Control Plan.

Last year, we began work that will double capacity at the plant, which includes contract C-2 Solids Handling Upgrades for \$45 million, currently

underway. In addition, both contracts C-3A Electrical Substation Procurement (\$675,000) and C-6 Headworks Upgrades (\$68.3 million) have been awarded. Oneida County has obtained grants from NYSERDA and New York State Empire State Development, as well as low-interest financing and principal forgiveness through New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to fund the project, which is currently estimated at \$265 million.

At the completion of this five-year schedule of major upgrades, the plant will be transformed into a more environmentally sustainable and technologically advanced facility.



SIMPLE STEPS: Operation Ripple Effect™ Featured at Oneida County Public Market



Representatives from Operation Ripple Effect staffed the Oneida County booth at the Public Market on July 15. Educational materials on simple steps that can make a big impact on the Mohawk River are available at the booth weekly. The Public Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday at Union Station, 321 Main Street in Utica.

Have an event? Want more information? Contact Shannon Rounds at srounds@paigegroup.com or call (315) 733-2313.

Information about this project may be found at villageofyorkvilleny.org.



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