

Onondaga County's Green Improvement Fund

Supporting Green Infrastructure projects so we can ALL
Save the Rain.

Green Improvement Fund (GIF)

Program developed to provide financial incentives to private and 501 (c) 3 property owners for the implementation of green infrastructure.

- 2-year 3 million dollar pilot demonstration program
- Based on the Chicago green roof program
- Storm water management on private property is vital to success of green infrastructure program
- Reimbursement funding for targeted sewer sheds in the City of Syracuse (Harbor Brook and Clinton)
- Applications are reviewed by Program Committee for final recommendation on funding level
- Over \$1 Million dollars currently allocated under program

Project Highlights

- Program launched in March 2010
- More than 30 applications submitted to date
- 7 completed projects in 2010:
 - King & King Architects
 - Dunbar Association
 - Near Westside Initiative (2)
 - St. Lucy's Church
 - Jefferson Clinton Commons
 - Hotel Skyler
- More than 20 Projects slated for construction in 2011

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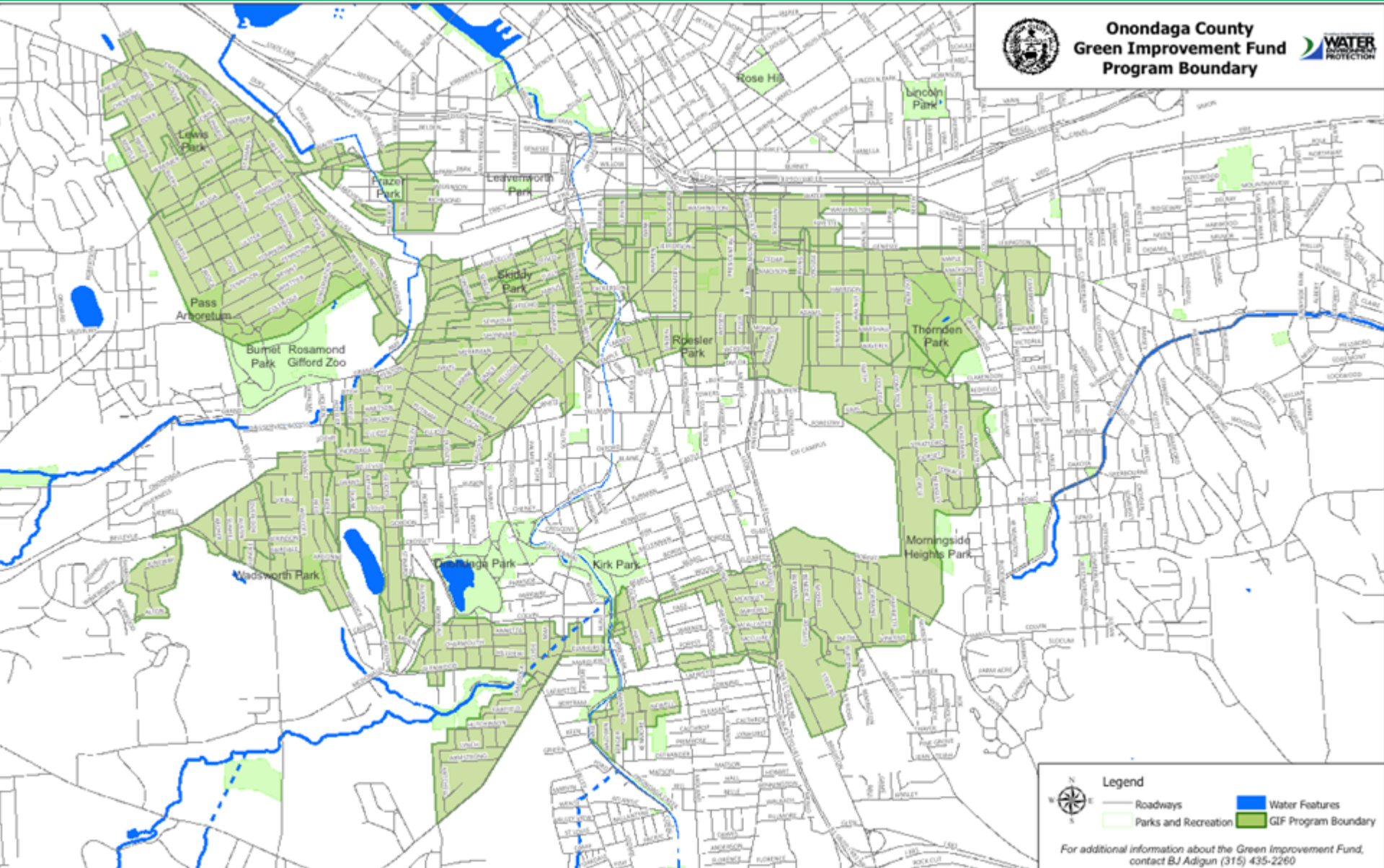
Eligible property owners in the Clinton, Harbor Brook and Midland sewersheds can apply to receive grant funding in the amount of:

- Up to 100% of Eligible Costs, with a maximum assistance of \$100,000 per applicant for a single project and no more than \$250,000 per applicant for multiple projects.

Grant funding will **ONLY** cover costs for Green Infrastructure solutions (including: design and engineering costs, maintenance plan and construction costs) above and beyond traditional construction practices.



**Onondaga County
Green Improvement Fund
Program Boundary**



Legend

- Roadways
- Parks and Recreation
- GIF Program Boundary
- Water Features

For additional information about the Green Improvement Fund, contact BJ Adigun (315) 435-2260

Award Process

The award process will include the following steps:

1. Grant applicants complete and submit application form
2. Application will be reviewed by internal Onondaga County committee for consideration
3. Onondaga County will notify the Applicant, within 60 days, whether or not the project will be recommended for funding, and if so, the amount of GIF assistance it recommends
4. Applicant and County will sign contract that details terms of agreement
5. Applicant will begin and complete construction of approved Green Infrastructure measures
6. Upon completion of construction the County will review Green Infrastructure installation to ensure that it has been installed in accordance with all approved requirements and issue Certificate of Completion to applicant
7. Applicant shall submit to County completed Claim Form for reimbursement

Applicant will be reimbursed within 60-days of submittal of Claim Form

Step #1: Application Process

The Applicant must provide the following:

- Completed application form
- Green infrastructure enhancement plan and specifications
- A letter of interest from proposed lender
- Contractor estimate to support construction budget and Green Infrastructure enhancement
- Legal description of property involved, including description of leased premises (floor plan and legal description), if applicable

NOTE:

- Owner applicant must supply copies of deed, title policy, or purchase option or contract
- Tenant Applicant must supply copies of lease or lease proposal and Owner's Consent Letter with minimum 5-year lease-term agreement

Step #2: Approval Process

The Applicant must provide the following prior to the signing of Agreement:

- Proof of equity and lender financing
- Detailed project budget (final estimate, including M/WBE project budget if applicable)
- Copies of building permits
- Copy of maintenance agreement/plan for project
- Any other legal documents as required by WEP including Proof of County Acceptance of design

Step #3: Construction

Prior to commencing construction:

There shall be a pre-construction meeting involving Grantee, County and project contractor detailing proposed schedule and contracts in place.

During Construction:

• Grantee will maintain construction records & photograph progress. The County has the right to inspect construction progress and photograph the project.

After Construction:

Once construction is completed and proof of completion has been provided, WEP will conduct a final inspection of the project and issue a Certificate of Completion.

Monitoring data should be submitted if applicable.

Maintenance records kept and submitted if applicable.

Step #4: Reimbursement

The Grantee must provide:

- A completed Claim Form to WEP (provided by WEP) within 60 (sixty) days of the issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

By the Numbers

- Average project projected 'green' cost: \$80,000
- Rain gardens/bioswales: 5
- Porous pavement: 17
- Green roofs: 9
- Tree boxes: 5
- Dry well/cisterns: 6
- Total estimated captured stormwater: 3,924,000 gallons**

***Based on only 15 projects**

**Estimated Capture Volume based on 1 inch of 30yr Rainfall (gal)

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Green Roof at King & King Architects

GIF grant award for the construction of an 11,200 sq ft. green roof on the new King & King Architects facility located in the Near West Side of the City.

Estimated capture: 197,000 gallons



Porous Pavement at Dunbar Association

GIF grant award for the re-development of a parking lot at the Dunbar Center. The construction features a porous concrete section that collect storm water from the 12,800 sq. ft surface lot.

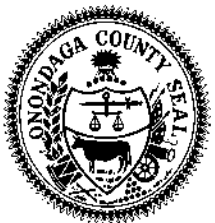
Estimated capture: 225,000 gallons

Thank You!

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