Dear Friends and Sponsors of Onondaga Earth Corps,

Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC) is almost 20!

Inclusive of this year’s youth and young adult cohort, over 400 youth will have served 115,000+ hours towards personal growth, community engagement, neighborhood beautification and environmental improvements in the City of Syracuse and Central New York. Today, the Eli MacDonald Green Team our six-week pilot project which started in 2003, is in the final stages of receiving accreditation from The Corps Network (TCN) – the national association of conservation corps.

Accreditation from TCN affirms that OEC is following the best practices for conservation corps developed by programs dating back to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s and sets a framework to sustain a high quality program for years to come. It opens the door to funding opportunities in partnership with The Corps Network and other national agencies that would be otherwise unreachable. OEC has put great effort into updating and refining our policies, procedures and practices as a program and organization in pursuit of reaching this long term goal.

Accreditation is awesome and yet there’s more to reaching new heights in 2022! This spring OEC reached another important milestone in promoting some of our program graduates to key staff positions. Crews are out taking care of a portion of the 10,000+ trees planted in recent years as part of Onondaga County’s Save the Rain Program. We have started planting trees in support of the City reaching its goal of increasing canopy by 7% over the next 20 years. And, we are piloting a year round youth program in collaboration with CNY Works! With the support of our dedicated staff, youth in our program have a platform to find their voice, learn new skills, engage with the community and be gainfully employed.

We could not do all of this without the support of our board of directors, volunteers, city residents, community partners, and individuals like yourself. In this packet, we invite you, your organization, and your colleagues to support OEC in fulfilling our mission to empower youth. Please consider adding your name, company or organization to the many donors committed to the mission of empowering youth and building community:

- Sponsor our fall fundraiser, “Earth Corps Encore 2022” (Contact Yvonne Chu at ychu@onondagaearthcorps.org for more details)
- Advertise in our Event Program Guide (see enclosed program from a past event complete with crew testimonials)
- Donate to our fund-a-truck campaign
- Tell us how you would like to contribute!

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Gregory Michel
Executive Director
Accomplishments since 2004

- 15,000+ trees planted
- 90+ green infrastructure sites maintained
- 100,000+ youth hours worked
- 400+ youth & young adults hired
- 9,000+ community members educated

OEC was formed to:

- Help youth understand the relationship between people and the urban ecosystem
- Engage youth in hands-on community and environmental service learning projects
- Train youth for future jobs and careers in environmental fields
- Develop leadership abilities within youth that empower them to solve problems and implement strategies to improve their communities

OEC Staff & Crew

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OEC’s mission to empower youth to be active participants in creating positive change for their communities and the environment, could not be accomplished without the generous contributions of our supporters. Thank you for believing in the young people of OEC and for stewarding their growth in the community.

OEC is committed to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in our workplace and in our community.

Kindest Regards,
The Onondaga Earth Corps, Board of Directors

Be an Encore Sponsor

DIAMOND ($3500)
- Article publication in OEC Newsletter
- Name inclusion in event press releases
- Verbal recognition at event
- OEC newsletter recognition for 1 year
- Logo inclusion in event digital marketing including social media graphics
- Full page color ad in event program
- Reserved table of 8 tickets to the event

PLATINUM ($2500)
- Name inclusion in event press releases
- Verbal recognition at event
- OEC newsletter recognition for 1 year
- Logo inclusion in event digital marketing including social media graphics
- Full page color ad in event program
- Reserved table of 8 tickets to the event

GOLD ($1500)
- Recognition in OEC Newsletter throughout the year
- Logo inclusion in event digital marketing including social media graphics
- Full page color ad in event program
- 4 tickets to the event

SILVER ($600)
- Logo inclusion in event digital marketing including social media graphics
- Half page color ad in event program
- 2 tickets to the event

BRONZE ($300)
- Quarter page color ad in event program
- 1 ticket to the event

ALL SPONSORSHIPS INCLUDE EVENT SIGNAGE AND SPONSOR LOGO ON OEC WEBSITE FOR ONE YEAR

PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

All advertising copy must be received camera-ready by September 30, 2022
- Full Page Color ($700)
- Half Page Color ($350)
- Quarter Page Color ($175)
- Friend of OEC - name listing in program ($50 or more)

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT OEC

- Host a neighborhood OEC Bottle Bonanza
- Be a Bottle Bonanza matching sponsor
- Be an OEC volunteer of time and talents

For more information call our office at (315)565-3797 or e-mail info@onondagaearthcorps.org

"More trees are also an investment in the region’s people. This is exemplified by the work of Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC), the neon vest-clad crews that are a ubiquitous sight in the city’s streets and parks. OEC trains program participants in forestry and other workforce skills; their work makes Central New York as a whole environmentally healthier. The region will be indebted for this work for decades to come."

Lemir Teron, Ph.D. SUNY ESF

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"This is an old favorite trail for many years. I’ve never enjoyed it so much or has it been as easy to walk on with a walker. It’s never been this wide or easy to access. The work that OEC does is really important and more people need to know about it."

Mary Marquis, Syracuse resident remarking on OEC cleared trails in Elmwood Park
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☐ Friend of OEC- name listing in program ($50 or more)

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To submit your sponsorship information and/or payment online through paypal, visit: www.onondagaearthcorps.org/earthcorps encore/

Sponsor/Ad Information

Your contribution will be used to support the important work of Onondaga Earth Corps. For tax purposes, the IRS requests we inform you that, over and above the value of the event, your contribution is tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Don’t forget that congress has extended for 2022 the universal charitable deduction as part of the CARES Act, allowing every adult (even non-itemizers) to claim up to $300 in charitable giving on their tax returns.

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☐ AD FORMAT/SPECIFICATIONS, TRIBUTE AD, FAMILY AD (for photos half or full page only)

If you wish to place a tribute/family ad in the event program. Please send your wording to info@onondagaearthcorps.org subject line "Tribute/Family Ad".

☐ CHARGE MY CONTRIBUTION TO MY CREDIT CARD BY PHONE

Call us at (315) 565-3797 to make a secure credit card contribution.

☐ MY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IS ENCLOSED, payable to "Onondaga Earth Corps"

Send CAMERA READY ADS, TRIBUTE AD or FAMILY AD PHOTOS, questions and correspondence to info@onondagaearthcorps.org with subject line "Encore Sponsor/Ad".
Send any mail to Onondaga Earth Corps, 100 New St. Room 239, Syracuse, NY 13202
At the Rosamond Gifford Zoo
5:30 - 9:30 PM EST

Saturday, October 29th, 2022

Earth Corps Encore

Contribution and Sponsorship Information Form
Earth Corps Encore 2022

Please send your Camera-Ready Ad for your Sponsorship, Tribute or Family ad photo and Sponsorship payment by September 30, 2022 to ensure your sponsorship advertisement is included in our event program.
Yvonne Chu
Office Manager
Onondaga Earth Corps

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We are a proud sponsor of OEC.
Throughout the pandemic, and as society moves towards some sense of normalcy, the world and our communities have faced unprecedented uncertainties. To weather the storm has required resiliency, community, and commitment. OEC is very grateful for our community partners and collaborators, our dedicated staff and board members, and especially for the young people that show up every day – rain, shine or snow – to work on growing themselves, our community, and the environment.

This year, OEC has continued to work on enhancements to the new portion of the Onondaga Creekwalk that passes through the heart of Syracuse, where OEC has its roots. Our youth and staff members attended several community meetings where they listened to and discussed with neighbors about what improvements are desirable along the corridor and presented on important ecological improvements. OEC also participated on the City of Syracuse’s community team that is focused on implementing the new Urban Forest Master Plan, and was invaluable in helping to put that plan together. The City administration and Common Council are supporting the implementation of this plan over multiple years, and OEC youth will continue to play a leading role.

As we head into fall and winter, another very exciting accomplishment is an expansion of our youth programming. In partnership with CNY Works, NYS Senator Pamela Hunter’s office and our project partners at the City of Syracuse, we are implementing the largest after school youth program we have ever run and will have resources to keep some youth crew members over the winter to help staff plan projects with partners for 2022!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff and crew at OEC, we thank you for your enduring support in 2021 and look forward to staying connected with you in 2022.

Gregory Michel
Executive Director
2021 AT A GLANCE
MISSION
The Mission of the OEC is to empower youth to be active participants in creating positive change for themselves, their communities and the environment.

OEC- PAST AND PRESENT
The OEC began as the Eli MacDonald Green Team in 2004. The initiative was created by MacDonald, a veteran and activist, when he identified the need for young people to be active in beautifying their neighborhoods and landscaping properties for elderly and disabled residents. In 2005, the program adopted the youth conservation corps model and changed its name to Onondaga Earth Corps.

The OEC models itself on the highly successful and effective Youth Conservation Corps model that has been in operation throughout the United States since the 1930’s to address critical environmental and human service needs. Corps programs lead to positive impacts on participants’ employment and earnings, teach them valuable job readiness and technical skills for the future, and provide needed services.

OEC crew members participate in urban forestry projects, stormwater management projects, private property management and community environmental education and outreach.
2021 AT A GLANCE
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The most important decision you can make is choosing the people who can help you make them.
THANK YOU
OEC is grateful for the partnerships and collaboration that support the work of OEC.
URBAN FORESTRY
YOUTH PLANTING TREES IN SYRACUSE

Urban forestry projects included tree inventories, neighborhood outreach, community tree planting, tree planting, and tree care.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT
OEC AND SAVE THE RAIN PARTNER TO MAINTAIN SYRACUSE’S GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Stormwater management projects included rain garden maintenance, rain barrel construction, demonstrations of green roofs, and neighborhood outreach.
This team works on removing invasive species in natural areas at parks and along our waterways, and re-establishes native shrubs, grasses and trees to improve aesthetics and ecological function.
These crews have been crucial first responders to the city’s need to maintain parks, pick-up litter, and engage neighborhood residents in stewardship of their valuable natural resources. The Clean Streets crew teaches about litter challenges and solutions across the city.
Through her photography and interviews, JoAnn Cucci has captured the magnificence of three Earth Corps crew members. For these young people, being hired at Onondaga Earth Corps was about getting a job, but to their surprise it turned out to be an experience that has changed their lives.

With a sense of joy and gratitude they each shared how they came to think of the crew and staff as family and how they had a new vision for what is possible in their lives.

Whatever path they choose in the future, each expressed a deep commitment to their communities, and to caring for the environment. At this pivotal point in their lives, the Onondaga Earth Corps has made a huge difference to them and to their future, as business owners, employees, citizens, and advocates for the environment.
When I am planting a tree I’m reminded of my grandmother. My grandmother inspired me to never give up on following my dreams for the future.

When I am planting a tree I think of when I become a grandmother. I will show my grandchildren the trees I planted and tell them to never give up on following their dreams too. Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC) gives back to the community by providing jobs for youth. It is not just about planting trees. As crew members, we have weekly gatherings where we can share our hopes and inspire our future. We are like a little family at OEC. There is no other program like it!

I believe in giving back to the community. With my friends I help give out sandwiches and water to the homeless. It feels good to help others.

My hope for the future is to finish a degree in business at Onondaga Community College. I will use that degree to start a business that gives back to the community.

“When I am planting a tree, I feel I’m making a mark on the earth. When I grow old the tree will be here for me to show my grandchildren. I can say I planted this tree, it is here because of me.”
GROWERS OF MISSOURI GRAVEL BED TREES

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DAVID AND JEANNE RYAN
“After I plant trees I am exhausted. Yet, I like trees more than ever! Some admire trees for their flowers. Some admire trees for their fruit. I admire how the community looks better with trees.”

Onondaga Earth Corps teaches many things besides planting trees. I take all the skills that I learn, along with the knowledge of caring for and planting trees, with me to use in my daily life.

Everyone at OEC cares about you and listens to your personal situation. They encourage you to master your gifts. Because of OEC’s personal development program, I am getting the help I need to stay on the path to my future. It helps all of us keep focused and moving forward.

I graduated from Fowler High School with the dream of being an actor. My dreams have changed. I want a degree in business, technology, or law. I plan to attend Syracuse University.

As for my future. I hope to graduate from SU and follow in my Dad’s footsteps of lifelong learning for me and for my children.
Thank you, **Onondaga Earth Corps**, for your commitment to our local youth and creating a healthy, sustainable community for all.
I live on the south-side of Syracuse with my mom. She came to the United States from Guyana, South America. She has always worked hard to overcome the struggles of coming to a new country. I am inspired by her and appreciate all she has done. I want to be hardworking like her too!

I didn’t know much about the environment until a friend told me about the program at Onondaga Earth Corps. Working there sounded like a nice thing to do so I applied for the job and was hired. It was a change from working in a warehouse.

Everyone at OEC truly cares about your well-being. They understand and comfort you when you might have a problem and they find resources that will help.

The staff and crew of OEC have brought me out of my shell. I didn’t like talking to people. I had to work on my approach and tone when speaking. Now, because of their help, it is much easier to talk to others. I hope people see me as someone who is easy to talk to and more relatable. From a work stance I hope they see me as hard working and honest.

“OEC helped educate me on how much there is to do to protect our environment. When thinking about Syracuse I know we are helping to beautify it.”
BE A CHAMPION
YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE ONONDAGA EARTH CORPS WILL CHANGE LIVES!

By contributing to the OEC you are investing in young people who are productive, responsible citizens and stewards of the earth.

MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY

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We also encourage supporters to support our work through participation in our community events, volunteering, mentoring our youth and young adults, or helping them find items on our wish list. Every contribution, small and large, helps support our crewmembers’ success.

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