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# 2025 Onondaga County Budget

**APPROVED**

**A \$1.5 billion dollar spending plan which specifically calls for strategic investments in the county's greatest areas of need – our children, poverty and infrastructure.**

## Highlights:

- 9% property tax rate reduction
- Continued investment in housing initiatives
- Continued investment in mental health programs in county schools
- \$450,000 for the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office (vehicles & training)
- 15 new positions in the Department of Children and Family Services
- 4 new positions for the Board of Elections
- Substantial investments in foster care and daycare programs
- Increased funding for lead initiatives (*on top of the County's \$14 million dollar 'war chest' for lead remediation*)





# Update on Public Safety

Legislator Mark Olson, Chair of the Public Safety Committee

- ❑ Accepted federal grant funding and used county dollars to replace the County's Mobile Emergency Command Vehicle
- ❑ Accepted grant funding from New York State
  - For a mental health initiative at the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
  - For the acquisition of law enforcement technology & equipment (cameras, drones, computers)
- ❑ Authorized the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office to be part of a joint cooperative law enforcement effort - the Central New York Contraband Interdiction Team
- ❑ Authorized the acquisition of property in Elbridge for a communications tower
- ❑ Currently discussing a new county program related to drivers who do not stop for school buses with their red flashing lights on





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**\$200,000**  
**for a comprehensive EMS study**

**This study will look at everything from 911 dispatch  
through hospital care**

**It will examine what is currently done with input from local EMS  
providers, hospitals and emergency management/911 officials**

**The study is expected to be complete in about one year and will result  
in recommendations on how to improve our EMS service while looking at  
how to best sustain it for the long term and continue providing vital  
services to residents**

***In the 10<sup>th</sup> District we are fortunate to have Fayetteville, Minoa and  
Manlius as transporting EMS agencies.***



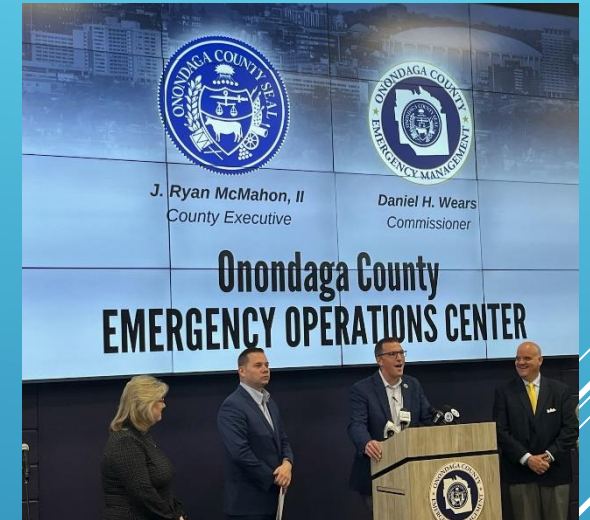


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## □ Opened the county's new Emergency Operations Center in Liverpool

- Officials from various agencies – including hospitals, fire/ems, National Grid, transportation agencies, etc. - can all gather together to handle any type of emergency that happens in Onondaga County.
- The facility is on Electronics Parkway near 7<sup>th</sup> North Street and was a former Army Reserve Center.
- In 2021, then Congressman John Katko secured \$1,000,000 in federal funding for the project and the following March, the Legislature approved \$1,100,000 in county funding.





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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

*An annual event to help build community-police trust and partnerships. The Town of Manlius Police Department took part as did the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, the Onondaga County Volunteer Firefighter's Association and the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management.*



*The Public Safety Committee held a meeting at the Onondaga County 911 Center. Legislators received an update on the Person In Crisis Navigation Pilot Program which provides a mental health professional response in some situations instead of a police or EMS response.*



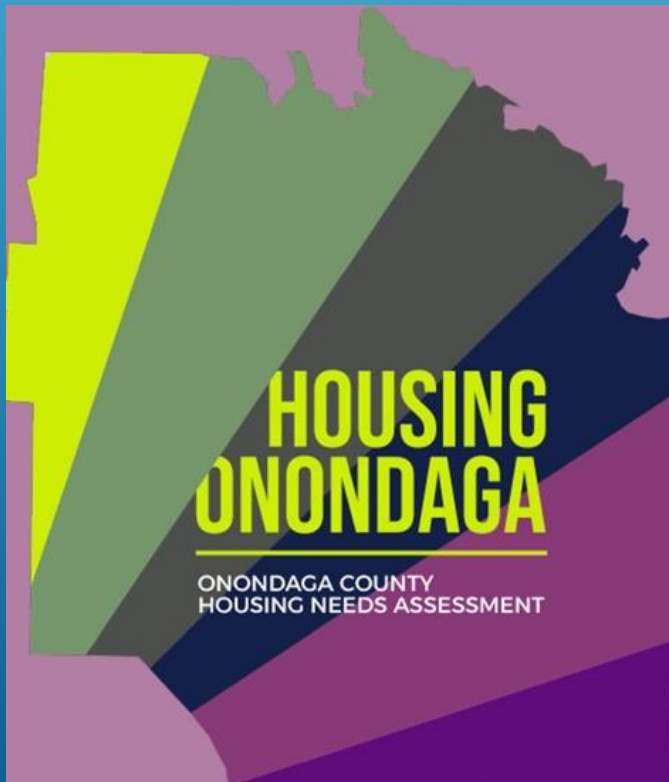
*Congratulations to Officer Damien Golden of the Town of Manlius Police Department. He was honored with the Community Service Award at the District Attorney's Advisory Council Awards & Scholarship Luncheon.*

*Officer Golden is a School Resource Officer at Fayetteville-Manlius High School.*

# HOUSING IN ONONDAGA COUNTY

Onondaga County recently shared the results of a housing study and now has a plan to move forward

Data is really the key to knowing where we are and what we have to do to meet the needs of our community



## Housing Market Challenges of the Mid-2020s

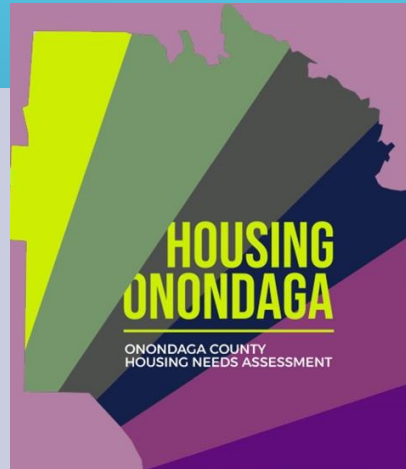
- 1 Onondaga County remains a soft regional market.
- 2 Syracuse is not competitive within the broader county market.
- 3 More rental units are needed outside Syracuse.
- 4 Suburban renters face affordability challenges.
- 5 Suburban sprawl undermines the county's housing market.
- 6 Onondaga County needs more diverse for-sale products.



## Future Housing Needs

- 1 Onondaga County could grow by 24,000 households by 2040.
- 2 Countywide, net new households would be fewer than two people on average.
- 3 Syracuse could have over 7,000 new households by 2040.
- 4 The rest of the county could have nearly 17,000 new households by 2040.
- 5 It is uncertain how many of the new households will be owners or renters.
- 6 The number of senior renters is projected to grow by 8,000 countywide by 2040, with 75% outside Syracuse.

# HOUSING IN ONONDAGA COUNTY



## Strategy Assumptions

**Any future strategy to address housing needs and opportunities must recognize the following basic assumptions:**

**Achieving desired housing market outcomes will not be easy.**

**Municipalities must play the lead role in planning for and regulating housing development.**

**Onondaga County must play the lead role in developing and deploying financial assistance to the private sector where necessary.**

**Most municipalities have limited professional expertise, but Onondaga County has professional staff that can assist.**

# HOUSING IN ONONDAGA COUNTY

## Where are we?

- Over 15,000 housing units in development or in process
- Includes multifamily and single family homes
- Projects occurring all over Onondaga County

**Twin Ponds project**  
**300+ new apartments**  
**on N. Burdick Street**



# COUNTY FUNDING FOR THE TOWN OF MANLIUS

Secured in 2024 by Legislator Mark Olson

## \$10,000 for flooding analysis & assessment in the area of Fayetteville-Manlius Road & Perry Springs Park

- Properties here experience frequent recurrences of flooding during rainfall events
- Funding will allow for professional analysis and assessment of the drainage watershed through this corridor
- A hydrologic watershed model will be utilized to assess conditions during 2-year, 10-year, 50-year and 100-year storm events
- The analysis will provide preliminary recommendations for improvements to reduce the recurrence of flooding

## \$10,000 for vibration monitoring in the area of Kinsella Quarries

- This monitoring will provide recommendations to the Town Board in regards to mitigating any negative impacts to the health, safety and welfare of Town residents stemming from current and proposed uses of the Quarry
- Solar powered, remote-accessible monitoring stations will measure ground vibration and air overpressure and compare it to the applicable criteria for ground vibration and air overpressure



Funding to continue deer culling across Onondaga County

# MAIN STREET MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

## Investing in and improving our 10<sup>th</sup> District

### FAYETTEVILLE:

- \$467,617 in Onondaga County grant funding to assist 10 properties with façade improvements
- Business owners are responsible for a portion of costs, and contributed an additional \$245,838

Doyles Books	225 Brooklea
Rose Cottage	214 S Manlius
Paul Karaz Shoes	414 E Genesee
Dentist	100 N Burdick
Creative Environment School	531 E Genesee
Unique Center	410 E Genesee
Revitalize	522 E Genesee
Freedom of Espresso	128 W Genesee
Bull n Bear	411 E Genesee
Bullis	419-21 E Genesee

### MINOA:

- \$443,762 in Onondaga County grant funding to assist 10 properties with façade improvements
- Business owners are responsible for a portion of costs, and contributed an additional \$147,921

New Tavern - \$102,984  
Parkway Pizza - \$96,500  
Scotty's Automotive - \$87,410  
Coneheads Ice Cream - \$83,360  
Trappers II Pizza & Pub - \$68,334  
Cutting Edge - \$63,050  
Mixed-use property - \$56,078  
Perry Real Estate Holdings - \$27,359  
Charlie's Tavern - \$6,609

**TOGETHER, AN INVESTMENT TOTALING OVER \$1.3 MILLION DOLLARS!**

# FAYETTEVILLE'S NEW MURAL

Made possible with funding from Onondaga County

Located at Brooklea Drive and Elm Street

The Onondaga County Legislature approved grant funding for CNY Arts to disperse to creative and artistic causes in the county

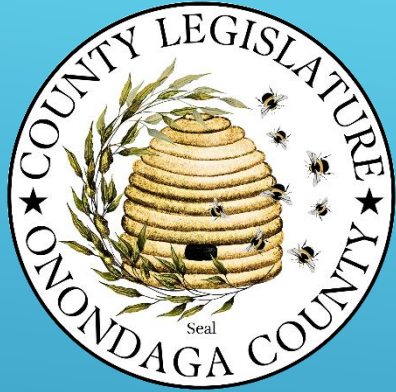
Following an application and review process, this mural project was chosen and received some of those funds



Artist Mark Noble says:

- ❖ The mural features Gustav Stickley, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Wellwood Middle School and Beard Park
- ❖ The stone arch matches the stone foundations featuring landmarks throughout the village





# BROADBAND PROJECT

Work in underserved areas of  
Onondaga County is almost complete!

With \$11.1 million in funding provided as part of the American Rescue plan and a nearly \$7 million dollar investment from Verizon, almost \$18 million is being spent on bringing all-fiber, high-speed broadband services **to over 1,500 locations in the County.**

“Verizon is focused on delivering broadband service, and the major economic benefits associated with it, to Central New York. We are pleased to work with Onondaga County to achieve our common goal of increasing broadband access for unserved and underserved areas in the State. This project will significantly help to close the digital divide in that region.”

*Kevin Service, Senior Vice President of Wireline  
Network Operations for Verizon*



# Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council

Legislator Mark Olson, Member of SMTC Planning Committee

## The Villages of Minoa, Fayetteville, and Manlius Bicycle & Pedestrian Connections Study

Recently completed study looking at improving pedestrian and bicycle safety on roadways in the Town of Manlius and how to use those improvements to better connect the Villages of Minoa, Fayetteville and Manlius and the parks and trails within them.



### Among the recommendations:

- Creating designated bike lanes by widening the shoulders of roads through the narrowing of travel lanes and/or expanding the pavement
- Adding new sidewalks or expanding upon the existing sidewalk network and ensuring they are a minimum of 5 feet wide
- Creating 10 to 15 foot wide multi-use paths separated from driving lanes
- Increasing signage and pavement markings on heavily-traveled roads
- Creating neighborhood-scale trails which allow for pedestrian connections to other trails, sidewalks, or destinations

# PHOTO GALLERY



Earth Day cleanup in Fayetteville



Honoring 105-year-old Stan Stanley with a Gold Seal



Attending President Biden's speech at the MOST



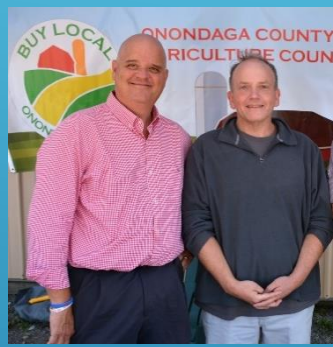
At WEP Fest with Legislator Cody Kelly



Painting the teal strip in Minoa ahead of the Teal Ribbon Run



Legislator Richard McCarron and I meeting with Onondaga County Fire Advisory Board Chairman James Perrin Jr.



At ON Farm Fest with the county's new Planning Director, Troy Waffner



Marking Veterans Day in Fayetteville

With Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon to announce county support for a new partnership designed to help our school students learn more about the Holocaust.



Volunteering as a dog walker at Canine Jamboree



At a Syracuse Mets Game

Getting an update on state issues and initiatives from Minority Leader Assemblyman Will Barclay





# Committee Appointments

- CHAIR, Public Safety
- MEMBER, Planning & Economic Development

# Other Appointments

- Criminal Justice Advisory Board
- Soil & Water Conservation District Board
- Stop DWI Advisory Board
- Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) Planning Committee



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