

State fair to feature exhibit on Onondaga Lake cleanup

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The New York State Fair will feature a 3,000-square-foot exhibit on Onondaga Lake, fair officials said today.

“Onondaga Lake: A Fresh Gateway to a New New York” will occupy an entire wing of the Center of Progress Building, officials said.

It will trace the history of the lake from its role as a sacred waterway to the Haudenosaunee to the \$450 million cleanup effort that is still underway.

The exhibit will be assembled just before the fair opens Aug. 22.

“This new exhibit will tell a tremendous story of the lake’s earliest days, its darkest hours and most impor-

tantly, its resurrection,” state Agriculture Commissioner Darrel J. Aubertine said in a statement.

A variety of state agencies are putting together the exhibit, along with SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Morrisville State College, Onondaga County and its Save The Rain initiative, Honeywell Inc., O’Brien & Gere Engineering, Destiny USA, COR Development, CenterState CEO, Audubon New York, the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science and Technology and the Onondaga Historical Association.

The fair runs Aug. 22 to Sept. 2. The theme this year is “Sharing the Bounty and Pride of New York.”