

ONONDAGA LAKE:

A Fresh Gateway to the *New* New York



Onondaga Lake is our neighbor here at the Fair and something remarkable is happening: it's getting cleaner.

New York State, Onondaga County, and Honeywell are cleaning up a body of water that has been affected by 200 years of population growth, industrial activity, and urban development.

The "Onondaga Lake: A Fresh Gateway to the *New* New York" exhibit in the Center of Progress Building is one of the major highlights of the 2013 New York State Fair.

It takes you through the lake's glorious past, beginning with its place as a sacred ground for the area's original occupants, the Onondaga Nation. You'll learn how the more than \$1 billion cleanup of the lake is being achieved with sustainable practices. You will come into contact with the wildlife that's returning to the lake, including various species of fish and the amazing Bald Eagle. And you'll also get a glimpse of the future of the lake and surrounding areas, with a focus on how the lake's restoration fits into the overall effort to provide growth to the Upstate New York economy and urban agriculture for generations to come.

This exhibit, a first of its kind at the Fair, is a cooperative effort of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Onondaga Historical Association, Onondaga County and its Save The Rain program, Honeywell, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Audubon New York, COR Development, Destiny USA, Morrisville State College, Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology, O'Brien & Gere, and the Great New York State Fair.