## **ONEIDA-HERKIMER SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

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## **Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority to Host Regional Recycling Roundtable**

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority has initiated a Regional Recycling Roundtable. Participants of the Roundtable include a group of diverse individuals from Oneida and Herkimer Counties who will discuss issues regarding recycling and sustainability in the two-County region. The goal of the Recycling Roundtable is to receive support for grant applications to fund recycling and sustainability efforts in our region through strategic thinking and sharing opinions.

"The Authority is committed to maintaining and enhancing the region's integrated solid waste management system and by gathering input through discussion with key players in the region, we hope to improve and expand what we are doing for our region," stated Authority Recycling Coordinator, Jamie Tuttle. Members of the roundtable will develop ideas and target areas for public education campaigns and outline grant opportunities to benefit local residents, municipalities, businesses and schools.

**Recycling Roundtable Participants:** 

Jamie Tuttle – Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority David Lupinski – Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority Diane Shoemaker – Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful Ray Durso - The Genesis Group Gene Quadraro – The Genesis Group David Short - City of Utica Frank Tallarino – City of Rome Chris Mercurio - City of Rome Jamie Bechy – Village of Waterville Judy Bray – Village of Mohawk Tim Hughes – Village of New Hartford Jack Sterling – Village of Ilion Dennis Geer - Holland Patent Central School District Erin Huggins – Whitesboro Central School District Tanya Davis – Rome Clean & Green Mike Spohn – Spohn Disposal Service Mike Collins – Tect Utica Louis Labella – Oneida County Habitat for Humanity

"It is our hope that through the Recycling Roundtable, we will further develop partnerships in the region to create future grant opportunities. This will benefit our region as a whole," Tuttle concluded. The first Roundtable meeting will be held July 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Authority's Main Office located at 1600 Genesee Street in Utica.