

Preliminary Information to Support Proposed Project Ideas for Addressing Water Quality and Habitat Protection and Restoration in the Cayuga Lake Watershed

PROPOSED PROJECT #7: South Hill Trail, Town of Ithaca

Proposed Project Category: can address more than one issue

1. Stormwater management and erosion control

Does project relate to/advance any existing local, regional, watershed, or statewide plans?

Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan

Proposed Project Location: South Hill Recreation Trail – 3 areas north west of Burns Rd. 2 sites on City of Ithaca property (1529 Slaterville Rd; 1 site on [private property – 693 Coddington Rd, Louise Murdrak owner)

Landowner: Multiple land owners: City of Ithaca – 2 sites: 1529 Slaterville Rd; 1 site private property - 693 Coddington Rd. Louise Murdrak

Issue to be addressed: Three noted areas where the South Hill Trail crosses the creek resulting in severe erosion on steep wood banks and the loss of “massive” trees. Significant sedimentation visible in south end of the Ithaca Reservoir, a drinking water source for the City of Ithaca.

Proposed Project or Action: Bank assessment and design needed; potential restabilization/regrading and vegetation of steep slopes; remove woody debris from stream.

Is the proposed project or action based on standard practices typically employed for the issue at hand
Unknown.

Current Project Readiness Two of three proposed sites on public property; with funding work could begin; land owner agreement needed for third proposed site. Projects conceptual at this time.

Approximate Project Timeframe Unknown.

Approximate Cost Unknown.

Potential Local Match Source City in-kind for implementation; possible cost share with City.

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