

# State of the City



*Mayor Stephanie A. Miner*

January 28, 2010

*Welcome*

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**Dr. Cornelius B. Murphy**

*President of the SUNY College of  
Environmental Science and Forestry*

# *Invocation*

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**Father John Schopfer**  
*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

# *“Pledge of Allegiance”*

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Say Yes Program participants  
from Dr. King School

David Russell – *Kindergarten*

Dabrina Russell – *1st Grade*

Shabraya Russell – *3rd Grade*

Tatiana Breland – *5th Grade*

Corstale Breland – *6th Grade*

# *Introduction*

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**The Hon. Kathleen Joy**  
*Syracuse Common Council*  
*Majority Leader*

In accordance with the Charter of the  
City of Syracuse amended in 1960:  
The Mayor shall present an annual message to the Common  
Council of the City of Syracuse on the State of the City.



Van B. Robinson  
*President*



Kathleen Joy  
*Councilor-at-Large*



William M. Ryan  
*Councilor-at-Large*



Lance Denno  
*Councilor-at-Large*



Jean Kessner  
*Councilor-at-Large*



Matthew J. Rayo  
*1st District*



Patrick J. Hogan  
*2nd District*



Ryan McMahon  
*3rd District*



Thomas M. Seals  
*4th District*



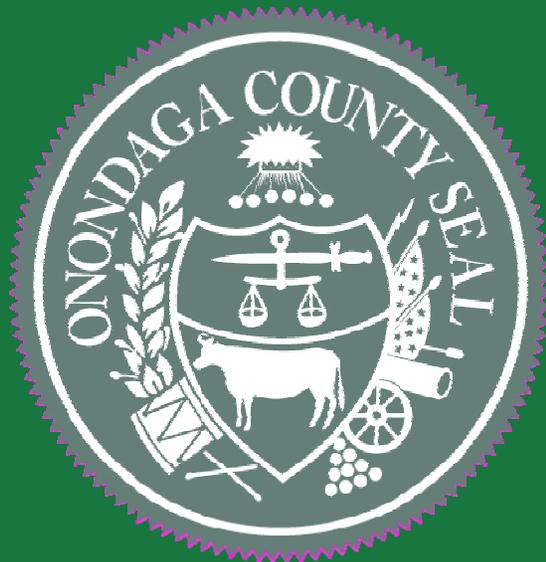
Nader P. Maroun  
*5th District*

Syracuse Common Council

# ESF



State University of New York  
College of Environmental Science and Forestry



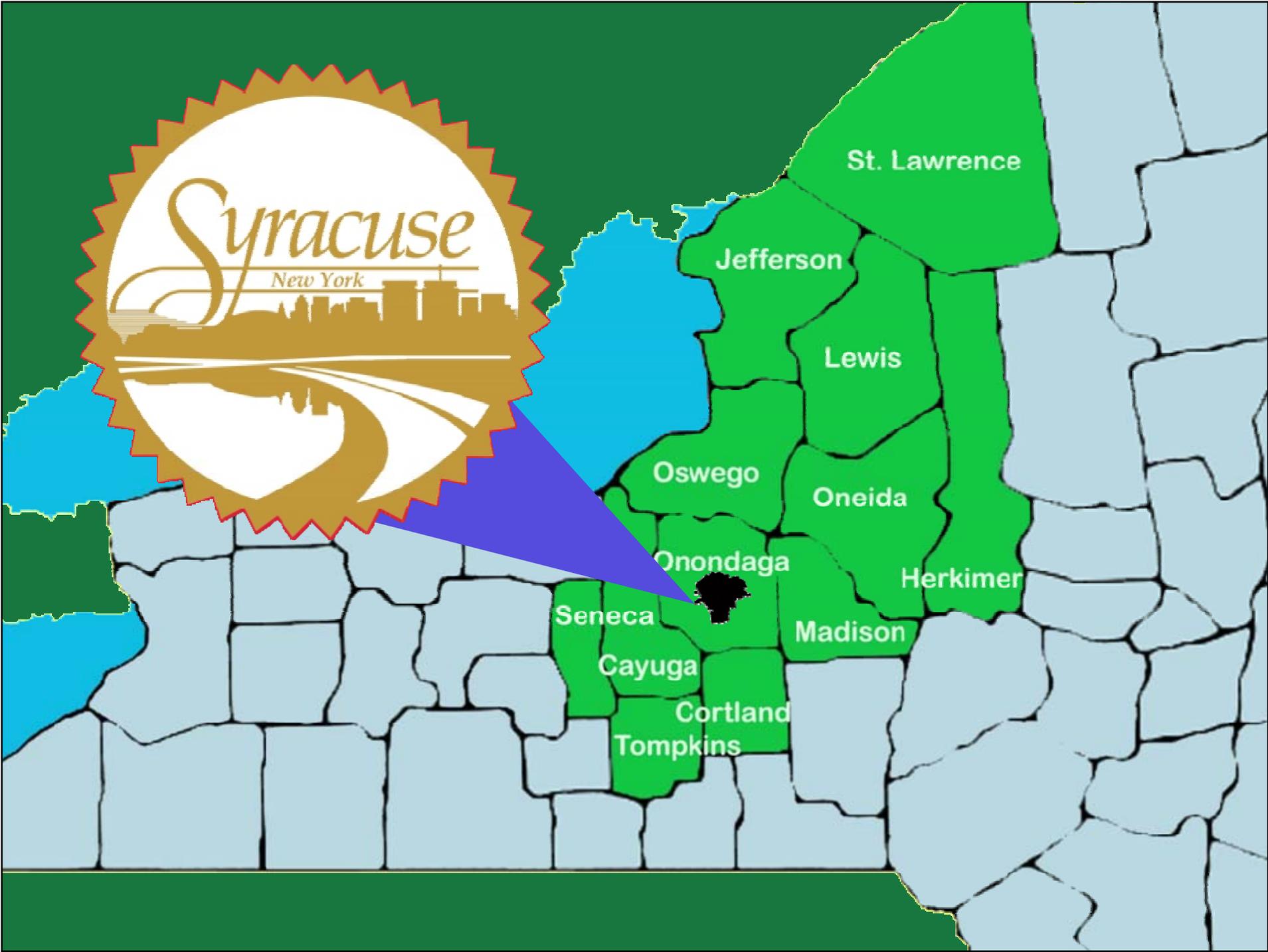
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School District



# Economic Development



St. Lawrence

Jefferson

Lewis

Oswego

Oneida

Onondaga

Herkimer

Seneca

Madison

Cayuga

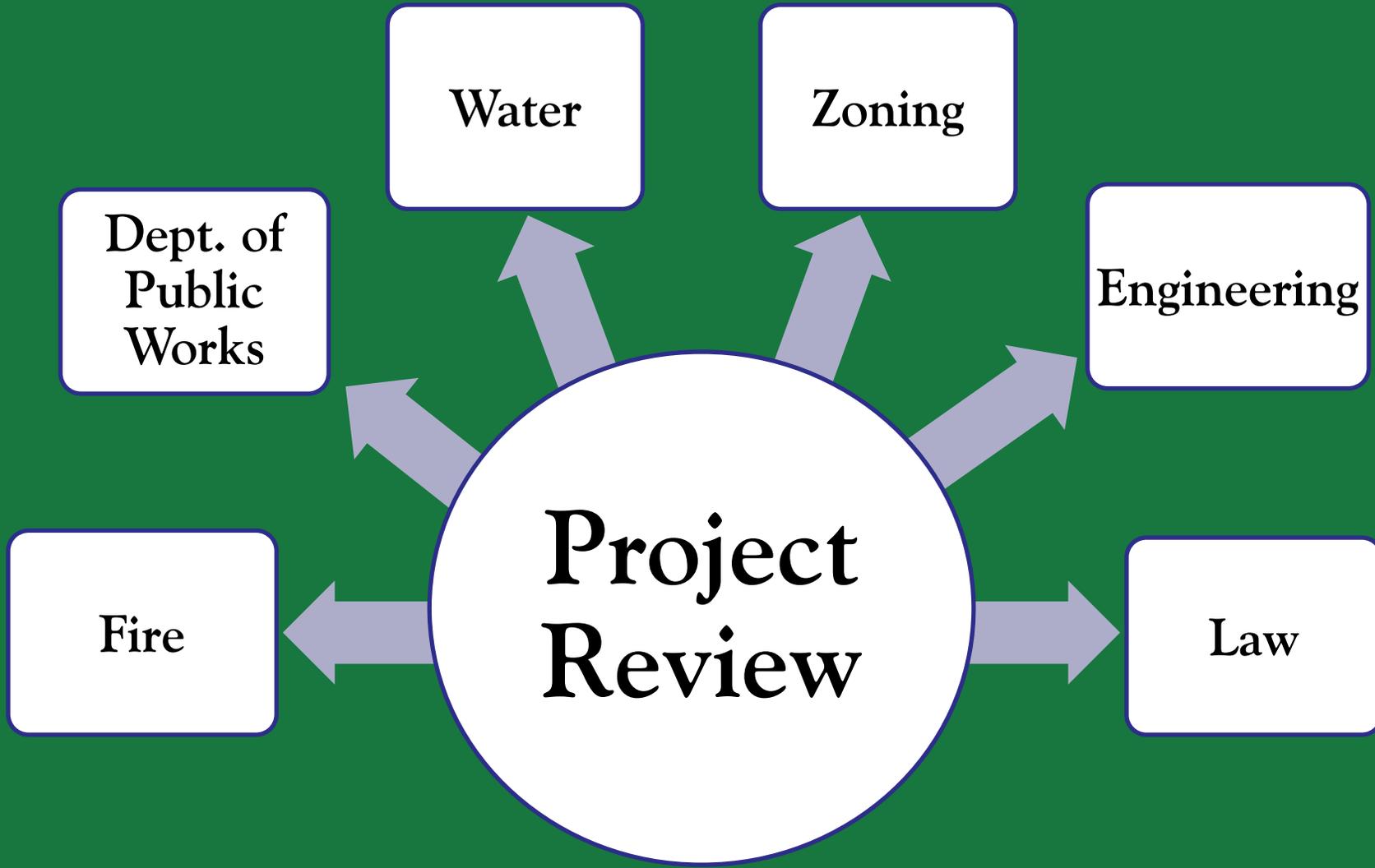
Cortland

Tompkins

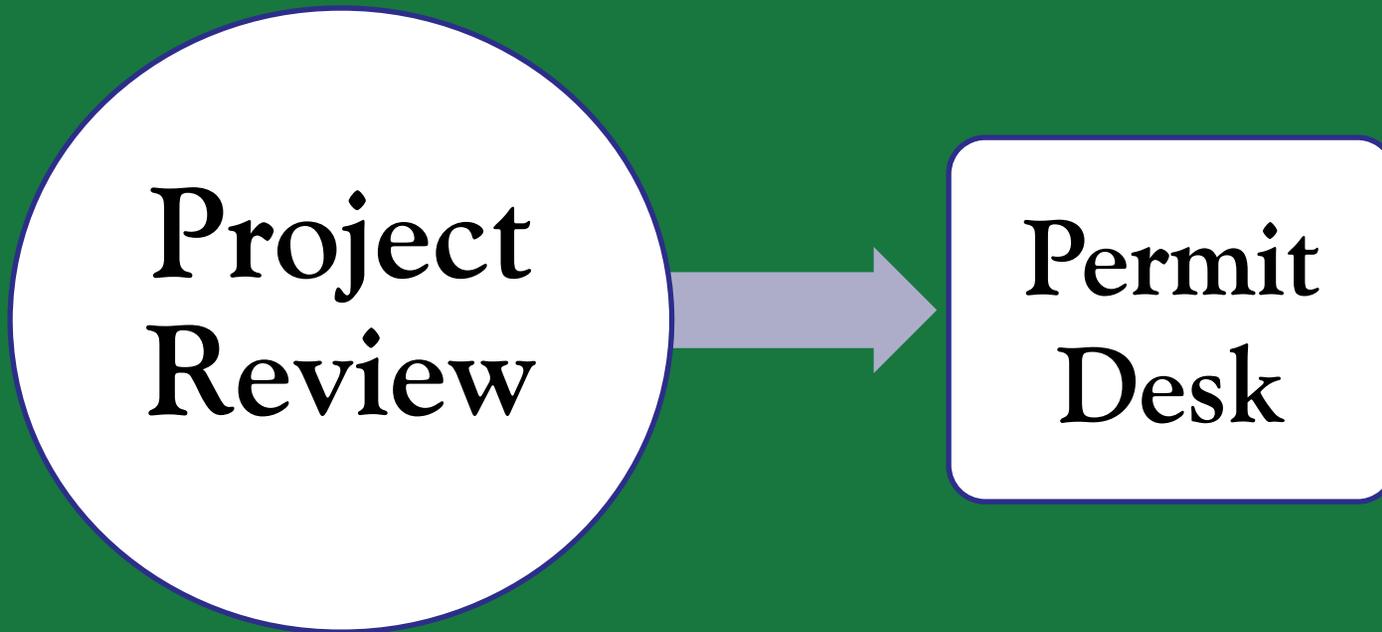
Department of  
Neighborhood and Business  
Development

# Permitting, Codes, Zoning

# Permit Process



# New Permit Process



# Urban Planning

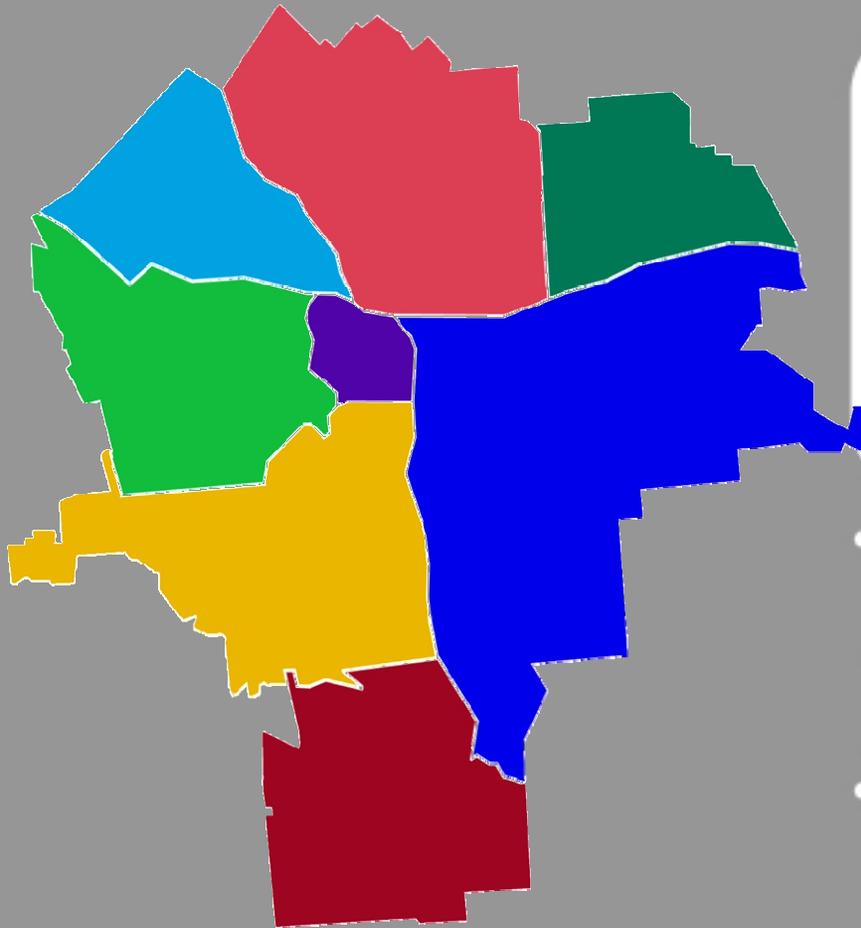
# Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

# Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

\$1,000,000 cut from  
administrative costs

Increase money for housing  
programs to \$2,450,000

Expand the  
1%  
Home Improvement  
Loan Program  
Citywide



Tomorrow's  
Neighborhoods  
Today

# Citizens Cabinet

16 members,  
two from each  
TNT Planning Area



Say Yes to Education

Syracuse is Proud to be  
a Say Yes City

[www.sayyessyracuse.org](http://www.sayyessyracuse.org)





Say Yes to Education



For Sale



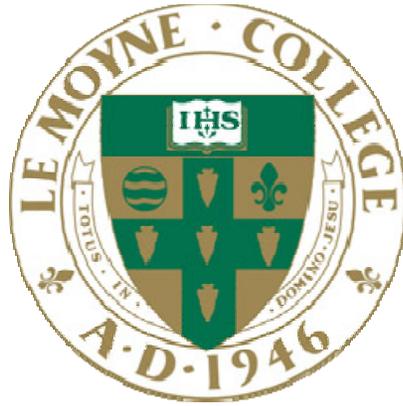
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RE/MAX Masters 315 449-9944 x263



Say Yes is for Everyone





UNIVERSITY of  
ROCHESTER

HOBART  
AND  
WILLIAM SMITH  
COLLEGES



State University of New York



R·I·T





Say Yes Choice Grant

Dr. King Magnet



SAY YES

— TO EDUCATION —

SYRACUSE

[sayyessyracuse.org](http://sayyessyracuse.org)

is proud to be a SAY YES school

# JSCB

Joint Schools Construction Board

# Charles P. Merrihew

- Vice President for Advancement and External Affairs, Syracuse University
- Directed the University's Warehouse renovation project, construction of the University's Tennity Ice Pavilion, and numerous campus renovations
- More than 20 years of financial, management and planning experience
- Oversight of the University's facilities in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles as well as budgets exceeding \$20 million annually



# Exploring Consolidation

City and School District  
spend \$56 million a year  
on

- ✓IT ✓Finance ✓Purchasing
- ✓Facilities Management

# Financial Outlook

# Budget Pressures

- multi-million dollar cuts in projected State aid to the City and the School District
- shrinking sales tax revenues
- increasing pension bills
- rising utility costs
- expiration of temporary Federal stimulus funding

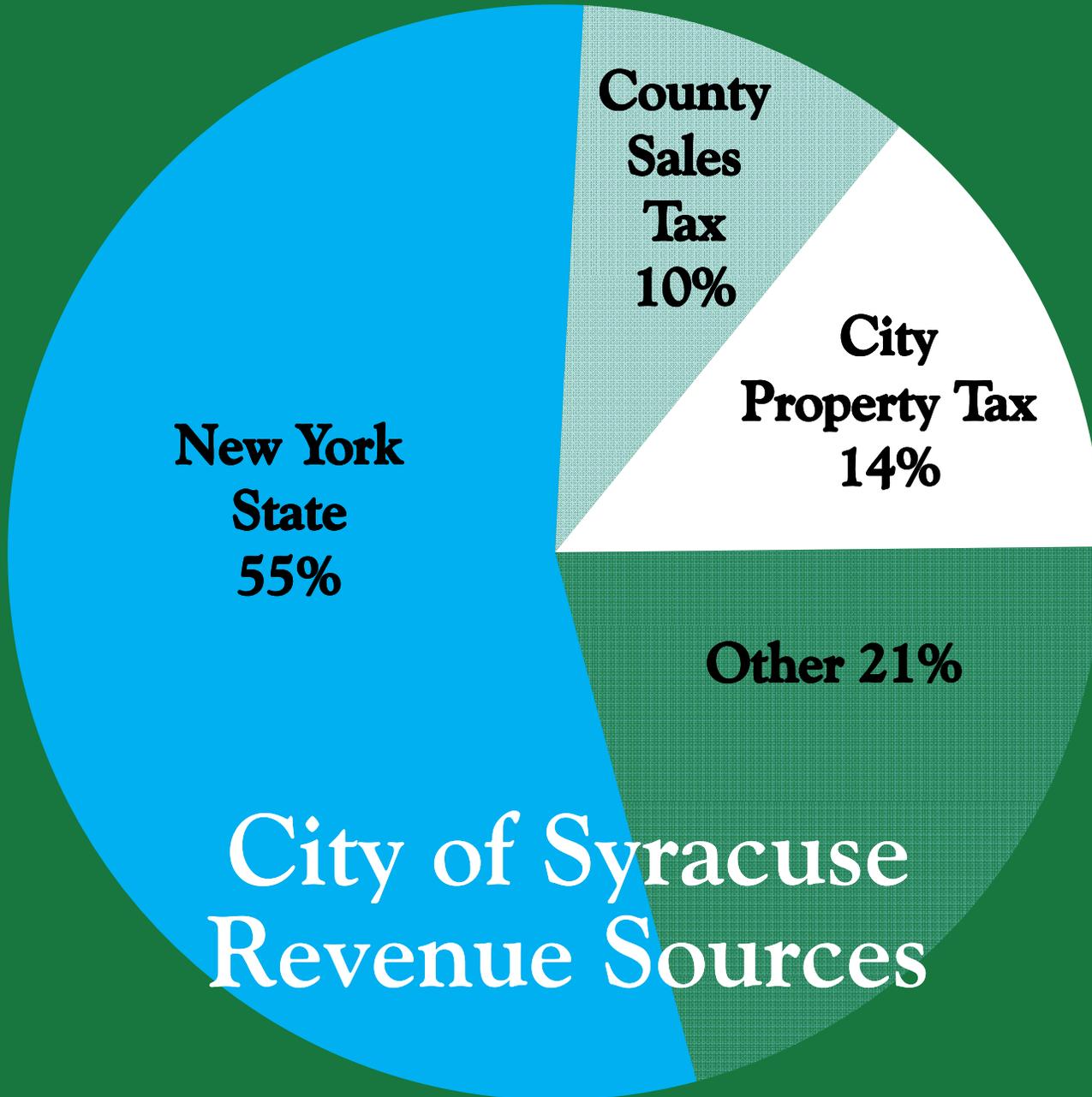
**New York  
State  
55%**

**County  
Sales  
Tax  
10%**

**City  
Property Tax  
14%**

**Other 21%**

**City of Syracuse  
Revenue Sources**



# Fiscal Review Task Force

Independent confirmation of  
City revenue and budget gap projections  
for the next two years.

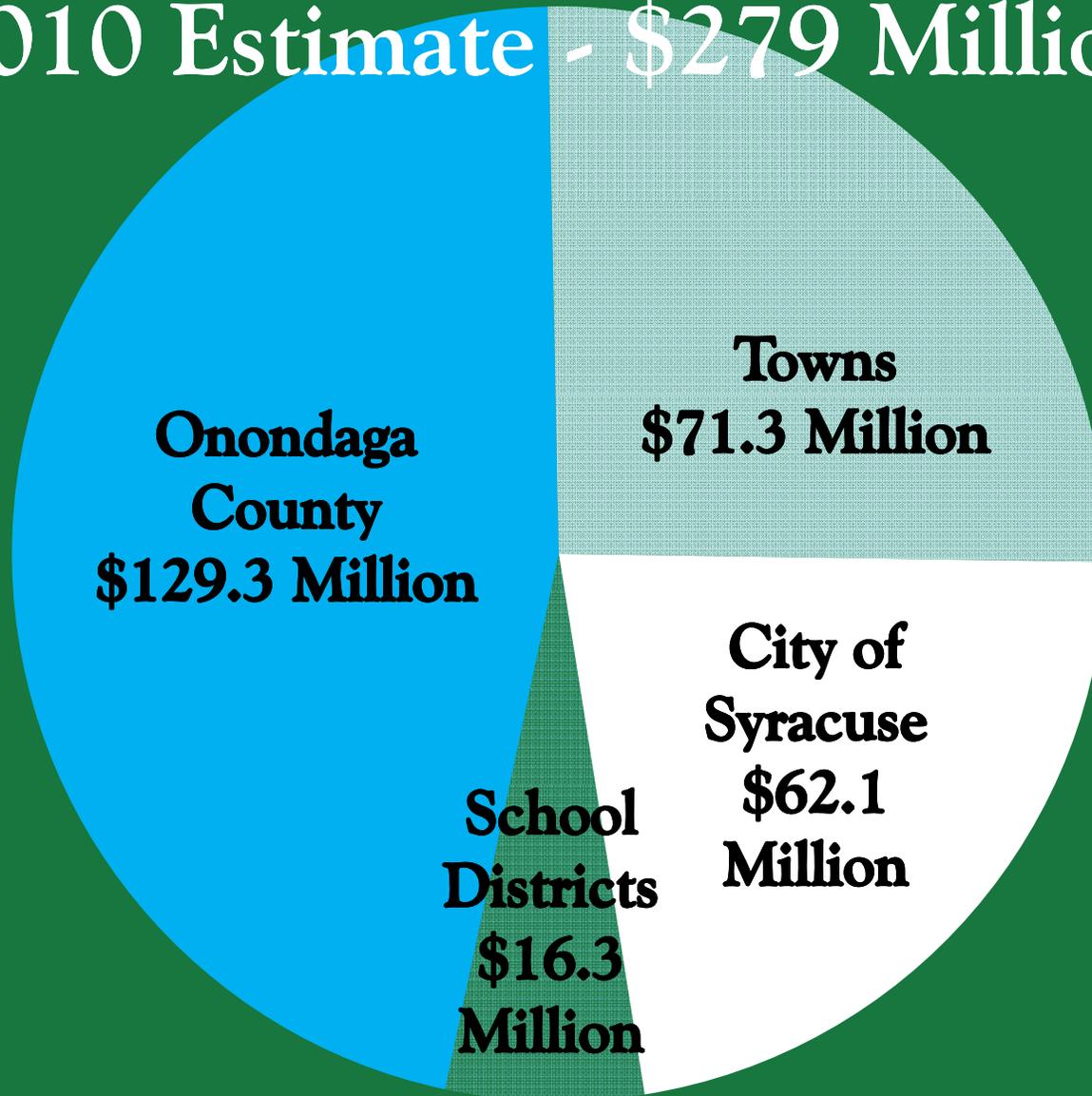
Independent confirmation of  
School District revenue and budget gap projections  
for the next two years.

Recommend options for addressing  
the pending deficits.

# Fiscal Review Task Force

- **Joe Mareane**, *County Administrator of Tompkins County and former City Budget Director*
- **William McIntyre**, *retired school administrator and former City Commissioner of Finance*
- **Ray Hart**, *from Capital Market Advisors and the City's financial advisor since 1986*
- **Deraux L. Branch**, *commercial lender for Empower Federal Credit Union*
- **Pat Civil**, *former managing partner of PriceWaterhouseCoopers' Syracuse office*

# County Sales Tax Distribution 2010 Estimate - \$279 Million





Renew the Promise

# *Benediction*

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**The Rev. Colette Matthews**  
*New Covenant Baptist Church*