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900 COLLEGE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN “SATURDAY OF SERVICE” PARK CLEAN UP

*Working with Parks and Recreation, Associations, Students from Area
Colleges Will Clean 11 City Parks Saturday*

Miner: Our Parks are Our Pride

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today approximately 900 students from Le Moyne College and the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry will participate in a “Saturday of Service” cleanup of 11 city parks this Saturday. Volunteers will be removing overgrowth, moving wood chips, and picking up trash

“Our parks are our pride,” said Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “Maintaining their quality is always a priority and that challenge is always made easier by civic-minded volunteers such as these students. We are grateful to their schools for bringing them off the campus and into our community for this experience.”

Students will be working alongside staff from the Department of Parks and Recreation as well as local park associations in the following parks: Homer Wheaton, Sunnycrest, Lincoln, Lower Burnet, Onondaga, Kirk, Elmwood, Rand Tract, Thornden, and Edgehill Steps. Equipment will be provided from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the park associations.

“This is a terrific opportunity to bring students into the community so they can experience our resources first hand,” said Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Baye Muhammad. “We look forward to introducing many of these students to our parks for the first time and encouraging them to come back again.”

“We are extremely excited about this event, because it directly benefits area residents as well as setting an example right away of the importance of public service and helping our students make an early connection with the community,” said Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr., President of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF).



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“In the Jesuit tradition of service to others, Le Moyne students have a long history of active involvement in efforts that serve to better society and the communities in which we live,” said Deb Cady Melzer, vice president for student development at Le Moyne. “Our annual Dolphins in Volunteer Efforts initiative, held opening weekend each academic year, introduce our first-year students to our commitment to service soon after they arrive on campus. This year, we are proud to have nearly 600 Le Moyne students focus their efforts on cleanup and maintenance of a number of Syracuse city parks.”

The City of Syracuse has 176 parks containing over 1000 acres of park land.

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