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# **MAYOR MINER ANNOUNCES CLEAN UP ‘CUSE PROJECTS**

*Standing with Community Partners, Miner Names 10 Selected Project Sites, Congratulates Team Leaders, Thanks Supporters*

*Miner: Clean Up ‘Cuse is a Great Opportunity to Bring New Energy into Our Neighborhoods*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced the ten selected projects for the 2013 Clean Up ‘Cuse project. Clean Up ‘Cuse, an annual community beautification initiative, will be on Saturday, April 13. Sites will be in neighborhoods throughout the city and volunteers will complete a variety of clean up, gardening, and enhancement efforts. Residents were asked to submit proposals for projects they would like to organize and carry out in their neighborhoods

Standing with community partners and volunteer team leaders at city hall today, Mayor Miner said “Clean Up ‘Cuse is a great opportunity to bring new energy into our neighborhoods and get people excited about doing some spring cleaning around our city. I appreciate the support of all our community and institutional partners whose assistance was instrumental in making this program possible.”

The City of Syracuse was awarded a \$2,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation to assist in this effort. The grant will be used to by the City of Syracuse to purchase a variety of supplies including bags, garden tools, gloves, hand seeders, and other tools. Each team will be presented with a kit specific to their project.

“We are always happy to serve, beautify and better the communities,” said Kelly Caffarelli, President of The Home Depot Foundation. “It is a pleasure for Team Depot, our associate

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volunteer corps, to partner with the city of Syracuse in their Clean Up 'Cuse Projects and we look forward to the impact we will make together.”

Another community partner, TOPS Friendly Markets, will be donating nutritious snacks for volunteers participating in the cleanup. Reusable water bottles for volunteers will be donated by the Lerner Center at Syracuse University.

The ten Clean Up 'Cuse projects will rely on volunteers from the community. The goal is to mobilize 1,000 volunteers for this effort. To volunteer, individuals can sign up by using a new resource provided by the United Way, [www.VolunteerCNY.org](http://www.VolunteerCNY.org). Through this website, volunteers can register to volunteer at specific Clean Up 'Cuse sites and offer specialized assistance.

“Volunteering is an essential thread in the American social fabric. United Way of Central New York is thrilled to help promote service and empower Central New Yorkers to take pride in their community through this project,” said Justin Lynch, regional volunteer coordinator for the United Way of Central New York.

Another partner in the effort is the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency. Supporting Clean Up 'Cuse through allowing waste collected to be disposed of at no charge at their facility, OCRRA is an integral partner in ongoing efforts for environmental sustainability.

"OCRRA is thrilled to be a part of this effort that coincides with our annual Earth Day Litter Cleanup and will be providing free disposal for any trash collected by the Clean Up 'Cuse projects," notes Mark Donnelly, OCRRA Executive Director. "Initiatives like these that spruce up our neighborhoods bring pride to the community and help keep our environment healthy, which is something we can all stand behind."

The selected projects are as follows:



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<b>Organizers</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Project</b>
Downtown Committee, EDR Companies, FOCUS Greater Syracuse	Downtown	Trash collection
Court-Woodlawn Task Force	Northside	Gardening
Danforth-Pond-Butternut Task Force	Northside	Litter cleanup
Bhutanese community	Northside	Litter cleanup
Somali-Bantu-Wazigua Community Organization of Central New York	Northside	Litter cleanup
Northside Urban Partnership, Yeshua Restoration Ministries	Northside	Litter, brush clean up
Hawley-Green community	Hawley-Green	Litter cleanup
Eastwood TNT	Eastwood	Litter cleanup
Southeast University Neighborhood Association, Westscott Neighborhood Association, Syracuse University	Eastside	Litter cleanup
Alchemical Nursery, 100 Black Men, Mary Nelson Youth Center	Southside	Litter cleanup, gardening
Meachem Area Parks Association, Valley TNT, Van Duyn Neighborhood Watch	Valley	Litter, brush clean up
Near West Side Initiative, La Liga, Westside Residents Coalition	Westside	Gardening, litter clean up
Tipperary Hill Neighborhood Association	Tipperary Hill	Litter clean up, weeding
Sierra Club	Creekwalk	Gardening

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