



COMMUNITY REPORT JUNE 2008

We're having a birthday party- actually, we're having ten birthday parties, and we want you to come!

To commemorate and celebrate 10 years of accomplishments on citizens' goals, F.O.C.U.S. will conduct 10 events to review 10 years of achievements while also exploring ideas for the future. We will do this by conducting a community-wide re-visioning to generate ideas for our future and future generations.

You are needed

The original 1998 F.O.C.U.S. goals proved to be an important community resource and formed the foundation for many planning and grant seeking organizations in Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse. To do a realistic re-visioning, we need YOU. Add your voice to that of other citizens. Tell us what you want to see happen to make our place livable and sustainable. Tell us what you think has been achieved and what still needs to be done. To do your own analysis check out the current goals on the F.O.C.U.S. web site: www.focussyracuse.org.

Topics of events

Each event will be unique to a topic that relates to the goals. Event topics include: Arts and Culture, Water and Waterways, Health and Social Services, Education, Economic Development, Urban Design, Preservation and Downtown, Government, Citizens Academy, and Sustainability. The luncheon and last event will be about climate change.

Gathering ideas

New technology will be used for re-visioning – touch screens, computers, web-sites, newspapers, and focus groups.

Save the dates

You can attend one or all of the events – but please fill in the survey only once!
The tentative dates and times are the following: (places to be determined)

- Thursday, September 25, 2008, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 10, 2008, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. (w/Core Group)
- Thursday, October 23, 2008, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, November 6, 2008, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 20, 2008, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 12, 2008, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. (w/Core Group)
- Thursday, January 8, 2009, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, January 22, 2009, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 13, 2009, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. (w/Core Group)
- **Thursday, February 26, 2008, "I Love CNY...Climate Change/Weather or Not" 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. @ Hotel Syracuse Grand Ballroom**

We look forward to sharing ideas, visions, and goals along with birthday cake.

REMINDER: JULY 11, F.O.C.U.S. CORE GROUP: 7:30 – 8:45 a.m.

City Hall Commons Atrium

"SAY YES TO EDUCATION" Presenter: Superintendent Dan Lowengard, SCSD