Save the Rain

To whom it may concern:

The Syracuse Center of Excellence at Syracuse University is the public education and outreach service provider for Onondaga County's award-winning Save the Rain program. We are excited to contribute to the net-zero house project idea put forth by students at Syracuse University, SUNY ESF and Onondaga Community College for the Department of Energy Student Design Challenge.

The Save the Rain program (savetherain.us) uses green infrastructure for better stormwater management. As part of the student design project, the Syracuse Center of Excellence, through its contract with Onondaga County to provide services for Save the Rain, would like to contribute to the project by providing design, staff support and materials to develop a rain garden at the site of the net-zero house that would mitigate stormwater overflows by capturing rain water form the house's roof, driveway and sidewalks, as well as potentially capturing additional water nearby road surfaces. We would value this contribution at $50,000.

We are excited about this project idea and would be very excited to see it come to fruition, with green infrastructure as part of the design.

Sincerely,

Khris Dodson
Save the Rain education and outreach coordinator