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## **OCRRA Announces Officers and Strategic Direction for 2017**

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Feb. 17, 2017 – The Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency’s board of directors adopted a Strategic Direction Plan to guide the agency through 2017 and beyond.

Under the leadership of Board Chair, John Copanas; Vice Chair Jeanne Powers; and Treasurer Khristopher Dodson, supported by the full OCRRA board and staff, OCRRA will advance its mission to sustain a world class waste management system that benefits our community and environment by concentrating on four areas:

- 1) People,
- 2) Operations and Assets,
- 3) Community Programs, and
- 4) Innovation and Leadership.

“Having served many years on the board of directors, I was both honored and humbled to be selected to serve as board chair in 2017. I am proud of the dedication demonstrated by each board member who give so freely of their time and talents to guide OCRRA to world class status,” said John Copanas, OCRRA board chair. “Vice Chair Jeanne Powers and Treasurer Khristopher Dodson bring a depth of knowledge and experience to their officer roles which will help OCRRA continue our tradition of offering innovative programs and services to the residents of Onondaga County.”

OCRRA updated its core values to include integrity and honesty; safety; environmental stewardship; fiscal responsibility; public engagement and excellence in public service.

“Remaining grounded to OCRRA’s core values allows the agency to service the Onondaga County community well,” said Jeanne Powers, OCRRA vice chair. “It also helps OCRRA achieve its vision of using effective and fiscally-sound strategies, including waste reduction, recycling, composting, energy recovery, disposal and public education to help make our community a more sustainable and healthy place to live.”

Four objectives will guide OCRRA’s investment of its talented staff and resources:

- 1) Maximize reliable solid waste disposal through recycling, composting, energy recovery while minimizing landfill disposal.

- 2) Optimize revenue sources, control expenses through efficient operations and build reserves for future sustainable investments.
- 3) Strive for excellence in recycling, compost, and transfer operations and help advance smart sustainable solid waste in North America.
- 4) Be a good neighbor, leverage partnerships to reduce litter, and consider OCRRA's greenhouse gas emissions in operational decisions.

“OCRRA commitment to excellence in sustainable solid waste management and fiscal responsibility, being a good neighbor and working with others in our community and industry benefits our Onondaga County neighborhoods and natural resources,” said Khristopher Dodson, OCRRA treasurer.

OCRRA's first community event of 2017 is the Earth Day Litter Cleanup happening on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. Gather a group of friends, coworkers or family members and volunteer to beautify our community. Register at [www.OCRRA.org](http://www.OCRRA.org).

***About OCRRA:*** *OCRRA is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation created by the New York State Legislature in 1990 to deliver a comprehensive solid waste management and resource recovery system to Onondaga County residents.*

*OCRRA's system includes: a strong recycling and composting program, a foundation for local waste disposal at the Waste-to-Energy Facility, two convenient trash and recycling drop off sites, a robust education component and programs for hard to manage materials, such as household hazardous waste, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and other mercury-containing devices.*

*OCRRA's award-winning programs are funded by trash drop-off fees and the sale of electricity generated at the Waste-to-Energy Facility in Jamesville, NY. Learn more and get involved at [www.OCRRA.org](http://www.OCRRA.org), or follow us on [Facebook](#).*

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