

<Onondaga Lake Beach
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Giulia Milana
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Onondaga Lake Park is a popular destination full of different recreational activities like walking trails, playgrounds, and sports fields -- but one specific activity has been banned for almost 80-years. N-C-C's Giulia Milana is at Onondaga Lake Park to talk about the plans to bring swimming back to the lake.

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{***GIULIA***}

People like to joke around and say that if you go into Onondaga Lake, your body will start to glow or you'll grow a third arm. There have been countless debates on whether or not the lake is safe for swimming, but more than 750-million dollars was put into an extensive clean-up project. Now, the county wants to create a public bathing area so people can finally get to enjoy the multi-million-dollar investment.

{*** Take PKG ***}
(DURATION: 1'40")
(OUTCUE: ...a right to do that.)

<Track 1>

Right under the New York State thruway lies Willow Bay, a popular part of Onondaga Lake Park, often filled with people picnicking and children on the playground. But Willow Bay is one of the areas of the park that could soon be transformed into a public swimming beach.

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[TAKE SOT
NAME:Travis Glazier
INCUE:The waters are
OUTCUE:path of e-grass.
DURATION:0'08"]

<The waters for Onondaga Lake are swimmable, but we actually haven't provided swimmable waters because there is no public path of e-grass.>

<Track 2>

It is currently against park rules to enter the water from land. All swimming in Onondaga Lake was banned in 19-40 after sewage waste and industrial pollution made its way into the lake, contaminating the water and leaving behind serious health threats.

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[TAKE SOT

NAME:Travis Glazier

INCUE:Since 1988

OUTCUE:have been resolved.

DURATION:0'11"]

<Since 1988, the county has invested 750-million-dollars resolving those exact issues. Swimming probably was not recommended in 1940. Now, we treat all that effluent so those issues have been resolved..>

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[TAKE :STANDUP

NAME:Giulia Milana

INCUE:Onondaga lake

OUTCUE:over 100 years.

DURATION:0'11"]

<Onondaga Lake is often referred to as America's most polluted lake, but after a cleaup which lasted decades, officals say that the water quality here is the best it's been in over 100 years.>

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[TAKE SOT

NAME:Travis Glazier

INCUE:Water quality

OUTCUE:completely feasible.

DURATION:0'08"]

<Water quality is not an issue. We know what the answers are as far as feasibility based on water quality. It's feasible. It's completely feasible.>

<Track 3 >

For ten straight years, the water has been above the legal standards for an open beach. This spring, a feasibilty study will begin to determine what the market for a beach is like. It will test everything from the amount of beaches that could be in the area, to the infrastructure necessary, to the type of sand needed.

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[TAKE SOT

NAME:Travis Glazier

INCUE:They're going to

OUTCUE:this a possibility.

DURATION:0'10"]

<They're going to then provide a design which is construction ready so that the county can then take a look and say is this within our appetite to pay for to make this a possibility.>

<Track 4 >

Glazier says he's determined to get this type of swimming space open to the public.

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[TAKE SOT

NAME:Travis Glazier

INCUE:Open water

OUTCUE:right to do that.

DURATION:0'10"]

<Open water swimming is not only a great way for people to connect with the environment, but it's something we have under the Clean Water Act we have a right to do that."

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{***GIULIA***}

Glazier said that he is very excited that this has reached the point where legitimate discussions about the beach can take place. He also added that it's important that people continue to have conversations regarding the lake, especially with the county directors. Reporting from Onondaga Lake Park, Giulia Milana, N-C-C News.

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The feasibility study is scheduled to begin this spring and is expected to be completed by the end of fall.