- Onondaga Lake was deemed unsafe in 1940 and fishing was banned in 1970, since then efforts have been made to reduce pollution.
- The pollution was caused by many factors including municipal sewage from surrounding metropolitan areas, chemicals from a chemical manufacturing facility (now owned by Honeywell International Inc.), urban development and the Syracuse Hancock Airport.
- Onondaga Lake has several tributaries including Harbor Brook, Geddes Brook, Nine
 Mile Creek and Ley Creek. All of which need to be monitored to ensure pollutants do not contaminate the whole system.
- The state has agreed to spend \$200 million on road infrastructure improvements around the site which will improve the amount of pollution reaching the lake.
- The manufacturing complex could consume up to 10 million gallons of water per day, enough to supply a whole town.
- Micron also plans to use Lake Ontario as a water source lessening the burden on Onondaga Lake.
- Micron's values include a focus on environmental sustainability.
- The state is requiring that Micron build's "green" plants that limit greenhouse gas emissions.
- The size and availability of reliable water, power and sewage treatment capacity make
 Syracuse the best fit for Micron.

Q&A:

Q – Are there plans to continue to decontaminate the lake, or is your goal just to stop further pollution?

A - Yes, we plan to continue decontaminating the lake while at the same time not contributing further pollution. We have created a new team that focuses only on pollution control, and they have already begun work on the area we are most concerned about involving runoff. Right now we only have estimates of the water we are going to need, so it is important to us to keep an eye on emissions and water usage.

Q – Having a factory of this size will impact the amount of garbage in the area, where do you plan to have all of it go?

A - We have various areas around the country that we use to collect and properly dispose of any trash accumulated. One area is right outside of New York City, and we plan to use that site for all Syracuse trash removal.

Q – Are there any plans to continue building in the area in the future?

A - As of right now no one has approached me about conducting any further site selection research. We want to focus on the area we have already scoped out and utilize it to our best ability while still upholding the integrity of the land.