

Duross Conservancy

Thank you for being a Trail Ambassador for Duross Conservancy. This sheet is filled with key information about Duross. If you have questions about the park or trails, please don't hesitate to ask.

Duross Conservancy is a City park and consists of 16 acres. There are multiple loop trails (1/2, 3/4, and 1 mile) for hiking, mountain biking and fishing from spring to fall and cross country skiing, fat biking, and snowshoeing in the winter. The serpentine Oneida Creek parallels the property.

The land was generously donated to the City by the Charles E. Duross family in 1998. It became a City park in 2001.

Duross History

About Charles Duross: He was born in Oneida on December 1, 1868. He went to Georgetown University School of Arts and Sciences – Rhetoric Studies (A.B.) and later married to Anna T. Mulry. They had 9 children. He became President of the Duross Co. (real estate) and President of the Prudential Real Estate Corporation. He sold a lot of real estate in New York City and was a large philanthropist and won an award from the Catholic Church Celebrating this. Charles Duross passed away September 2, 1950. The Duross family lived across the creek from this site in Oneida Castle. His family donated this site in his honor and “hereby conveyed shall be forever held and maintained by the City of Oneida as a public park to be named Duross Conservancy.”

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DePaul Council Breaks Precedent



Charles Duross

Convening for the first time in its history outside New York City, the Metropolitan Central Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society met yesterday at the K. of C. Clubhouse in Delaware Avenue. Shown (front row, left to right) are Joseph A. Wechter, president of the society's Buffalo Particular Council, and Charles E. Duross, president of the metropolitan council; (rear) Joseph E. Murray, secretary of the New York group; the Rev. John J. McMahon, Buffalo diocesan director, and Joseph A. Fitzpatrick, executive secretary of the New York Particular Council.

Duross Amenities and Sites

-The trails in Duross are maintained by the City and by volunteers. If folks are interested in volunteering for trail work days get their email and pass it along to Patti in your report; they will be added to our trail list-serv.

-A port-a-potty is available; approximately April - October.

-Oneida Creek, which has its headwaters in Peterboro Swamp in the Town of Smithfield in Madison County drains into Oneida Lake and serves as the northern border between Madison and Oneida Counties. Ultimately Oneida lake drains into Lake Ontario and out to the Atlantic Ocean via the St. Lawrence River!

-Oneida Creek is also a great spot to fish such as for brown trout and smallmouth bass.

-Camping is available in Duross. Reservations must be made and are easy to do by calling the Oneida Parks Department at (315) 363-3590.

-The Oneida Rail Trail is also proposed to link to Duross along its western edge.

-Duross is adjacent to Maxwell Field, another City park. Maxwell is home to Oneida Little League Baseball. This park features Minor and Major League baseball fields, 2 softball fields, a concession stand and restrooms.

Trail Etiquette

The rules for the trail are posted within the park

- Respect Private Property
- Be responsible with pets
- Carry in, carry out
- Pass with care (bikes)
- No motorized vehicles

If people want to report unsafe trail conditions, they should call Oneida Parks Dept at (315) 363-3590.

To learn more about Oneida's parks and trails, including events and trail work days, encourage folks to visit:

www.CityofOneida.com

Encourage winter use! The Oneida Parks Department lends out cross-country skis and snowshoes for FREE!

City of Oneida Parks and Recreation
**Maxwell Field &
 Duross Conservancy**
 E.Sands Street, Oneida, NY

Legend

Park Features



Parking



Restroom



Softball Field



Baseball Field

Duross Trails

Red Loop - 1 mile

Yellow Loop - 3/4 mile

Orange Loop - 1/2 mile

Other

Proposed Oneida Rail Trail

