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Attachments: LDF Tribe comments Oneida County Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2020.docx

Please see attached comments for the 2020-2029 Oneida County Land and Water Resource Management Plan. We request these comments be put on record or read at the hearing this evening. Thank You.

Dee Ann Allen, Tribal Council

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Government Official
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Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe comments for the:

Oneida County Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2020-2029

Prepared by: North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

General/Issues:

The document excludes Tribal Consultation, Coordination, or Involvement at every level.

Tribal representation should have been involved upfront and during the plan development as a resource advisory group member. No participation was requested by either Oneida County Board/Conservation & UW Extension Committee.

Not all user groups had the opportunity to participate or listed in the plan. The Tribe is also a property owner and user group.

Assessments/DATA:

The plan identifies resource assessments with professionals. Did Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission participate or provide input? Assumption is not. The LDF Tribe was not contacted to provide information or participate.

The plan does not include GLIFWC data, Tribal Data, Climate Change Data, etc.

Location/Mapping:

Plan does not include information or mapping of: under Location or any other section of the plan

- Lac du Flambeau Reservation (which is adjacent to Oneida County)and/or Reservation land in Oneida County
- Ceded Territory- Treaties of 1836, 1842, 1854

Note:

The Lac du Flambeau Tribe maintains reservation lands within and adjacent to Oneida County, maintains treaty protected resource use within Oneida County.

The plan does not include a ceded territory map, LDF Tribal Reservation border or map. Should include an insert or addendum to identify this.

Water Resources:

The LDF Tribe maintains federally approved Water Quality Standards within Oneida County, and is a property owner within Oneida County. This plan does not address this and should identify this in the plan. The Tribal Water Resource Department was not contacted to participate or asked to provide input.

The Plan fails to recognize the Lac Du Flambeau Reservation, ceded territory lands and treaty protected resource use, and federally recognized outstanding resource water designations. The Lac du Flambeau Tribe as well as cooperating agencies maintain information and data that would be useful and important to this plan resulting in a missed opportunity to correct errors and include readily available information.

Sensitive and Rare Natural Communities:

The plan identifies cultural and archeological sites within the county. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office was not contacted or asked to participate nor were any other Tribe that has historic sites in Oneida County. (A significant site being McCord Village)

No mention of wild rice, medicinal plants and other species of native cultures. The Tribe and GLIFWC work extensively on wild rice management and restoration in the ceded territory and on reservation.

Climate Change:

The LDF Tribe has a Climate Resiliency Plan initiative and were not contacted regarding this.

Current Land Use Issues:

Does not identify all WPDES municipal and Industrial discharges that are listed on Wisconsin's WPDES listing. More discharge sites than what is mentioned. The Lakeland Sanitary District has a permit to discharge but is not listed. At least 9 other point discharges not listed.

Minimizing impacts to our natural resources form mining activities: GOAL 9

All eleven Tribes oppose Metallic Mineral Exploration, Prospecting and Mining. This plan should identify this as well as include stronger language to protect the resources and land from this activity.

Potential metallic mining should be in each section of the plan the potential to pollute land and all water resources is significant.

Commercial and Industrial Development:

Should include to develop in an environmentally sustainable manner.

Thorough Education Needed- suggestion:

The plan was developed with a Resource Advisory Committee appointed by a UW-Extension Committee and prepared by North Central Regional Planning Commission.

It is suggested that LDF UW Extension staff provide a training to the UW extension committee overseeing the development of this plan to include:

- a) Working Effectively with Tribal Governments
- b) Awareness of Place- Reservation Location, Treaty ceded territory
- c) Coordination of information and data
- d) Federal and Tribal Laws

- e) Tribes Climate Adaptation Work (climate change was a large portion of the plan)
- f) Consultation Policy

This Same Training should be offered to North Central Regional Planning Commission

These are a few of comments and concerns which could have been addressed if the Tribe were included upfront and during the development.

Without proper notification of this plan insufficient information and comments can only be provided at this time.

Request to be consulted with before this plan is approved by the Oneida County Board.

Comments submitted by Dee A Allen on behalf of the Tribe and Tribal Natural Resources
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