



Executive Summary

With current ownership over 23,030 acres and growing, the Oneida Nation's expanded sovereignty is tied more than ever to the protection and management of natural resources. The Live Sustain Grow plan provides the blueprint for managing existing natural resources and will assist in coordinating a responsive system of land management decisions as new acres are acquired. With eleven different governments on the Reservation, lands under various legal definitions, and a mix of Tribal and non-tribal members living and working in both rural and urban settings, strategic management planning based on community guidance is essential. Towards this end, the Live Sustain Grow team has collected 527 surveys from Tribal members showing support for a strong yet balanced approach to natural resource preservation to guide Oneida's decision making. The protection of Oneida's rural character, the harmony between the streams and forests, the crops and the pastures, and the buildings and the homes is the overarching goal. Within that balanced framework, and guided by cultural activities and traditional hunting and fishing practices, the Live Sustain Grow plan documents natural resource status and natural resource goals for the future.

Framework for Live, Sustain, Grow Plan: Protect Rural Character

Residential (Homes, Families, Neighborhoods, Parks)

Agriculture (Crops, Fields, Produce, Pastures)

Natural Resources (Streams, Forests, Wetlands, Wildlife)

