

Community Development Planning Committee

Quarterly Report for FY2020 1st Quarter

October, November, December 2019



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Purpose

To ensure that the Land Use Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Vision Oneida Plan, Housing Plan, all economic development efforts and land use recommendations are working in coordination with each other to improve the Oneida Tribal community and operations.

Meetings

The CDPC meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Business Committee Conference Room at the Norbert Hill Center.

Activities Summary

For the 1st quarter of FY2020, two regular CDPC meetings were held in October, and November.

Highlights

Bicentennial

They have identified the Sub Committee's for planning the event. Individual members and initial tasks were given out. The Bicentennial team continues to work on making sure the event is a success. The Bicentennial group has come up with several ideas and are working diligently to make the events a success.

The Bicentennial team has been working diligently on creating a charter and creating a logo.

CDPC felt that they should change the name to Bicentennial.

Both the Cultural Heritage Site improvements and the Bicentennial fall in line with the broad goals of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan for *Promoting Positive Community Relations* and *Encouraging Tsi> NiyukwalihoT^* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Industrial Hemp

The team was able to plant Industrial Hemp Fields in 2019. The team planted 10 acres of industrial hemp specifically for fiber extraction and 20 acres of industrial hemp specifically for grain extraction. 1 acre, a hoop-house, and Oneida Aquaponics grew Industrial Hemp specifically for CBD extraction. The CBD field of plants tested above the legal THC percentage threshold. Most crops were destroyed due to record rain falls. Though this initial hemp pilot incurred some setbacks, the team learned valuable lessons from the 2019 season.

The Hemp Team's recommendations are: 1) Discontinue hemp CBD test plots until there is flexibility regarding THC concentration. 2) Continue with hemp grain plots. Hemp grain supports the Oneida Nation's food sovereignty initiative and provides the cannery with food diversification. 3) Continue to expand hemp fiber. The Nation was most successful at growing hemp for fiber extraction. 4) Continue to grow hemp for its diverse opportunities.

The Hemp Team is looking for new fields to grow industrial hemp for next year. The team is looking for the best kind of soil and the right type of dampness in these potential hemp production areas. The Hemp Team is looking for volunteers to harvest the hemp. The team is also conducting a feasibility study for the Nation. One concern is whether the state legalizes marijuana.

An industrial hemp pilot project would fall in line with the broad goal of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan for *Promoting Positive Community Relations* and *Encouraging Tsi> NiyukwalihoT^* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Upper Oneida Project

Upper Oneida is a project that will transform the upper oneida area into a park/multi-functional area. The team is currently looking for grant funding to help pay for the project. Construction phase I has started. Phase I includes fence removal, site clean-up and removal of debris, gravel replacement and grass planting. Phase I will be completed in the Spring of 2020.

The Upper Oneida Project falls in line with the broad goal of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan for *Promoting Positive Community Relations* and the overall project is in line with the broad goals of *Encouraging Tsi> NiyukwalihoT^* (We have everything here to sustain us) and *Inspiring Yukwatsistay^a* (Our fire, our spirit within each of us).

Food Innovation Center

The Oneida Food Innovation Center will provide a visible anchor to our integrated Agricultural Strategy by an expanded facility to teach people how to process and prepare healthy native foods. It will serve not only Oneida tribal members but also fresh food producers, entrepreneurs, and those looking for jobs in the food service industry.

The Food Innovation Center is continuing to move forward. Some problems we are solving are workable designs for entrepreneurs, size of equipment needed for cannery/cost, and attaining funding

for the project. The Food Innovation Center is seeking federal funds along with tribal funds to sustain the project. The team has worked with Fox Valley Technical College to create a business plan to move forward in the CIP process.

A centralized food center would be in line with *Encouraging Tsi> NiyukwalihoT^* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Energy Team

The Energy Team was moved to quarterly updates.

Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds

The C&EDD has been providing an update to the CDPC every other month on the balance, expended funds, and obligated funds in the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds account.

Reporting Schedule

- **Monthly:** Small Housing, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Upper Oneida, Food Innovation Center, and 200 Year Celebration
- **Bi-Monthly:** (January, March, May, July, September, November) Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds
- **Quarterly:** (February, May, August, November) Cultural Heritage Site Plan and Capital Improvement Projects Status, Energy Team