

# 2020 report template

For Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE BOARD

### **Purpose:**

The Environmental Resource Board shall be responsible for the oversight, compliance, and development of conservation and environmental law and policy for the Oneida Nation, including hunting and fishing; conservation, reforestation, parks/wildlife, and recreation; environmental protection and improvement; community education; and enforcement.

### **BCC Members**

Marlene Garvey  
Chair  
9/30/20

Gerald Jordan  
Board Member  
9/30/22

Al Manders  
Vice-Chair  
5/10/20

Isaiah Skenandore  
Board Member  
6/28/20

Nicole Steeber  
Secretary  
9/30/21

Todd Hill  
Board Member  
9/30/21

Weldon Hawk  
Board Member  
9/30/22

Angela Parks  
Board Member  
9/30/22

### **Substantiated Complaints (if applicable)**

Per § 105.12-4.(a) of the [Boards, Committees and Commissions law](#), annual and semi-annual reports shall contain information on the number of substantiated complaints against all members of the entity.

Per § 105.3-1.(q) a “Substantiated complaint” means a complaint or allegation in a complaint that was found to be valid by clear and convincing evidence.

NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS: 0

### Meetings

Held every 1st Thursday of the month.

Emergency Meetings: 0

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### Status report of Three-Year Outcomes/Goals

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#### Outcome/Goal # 1

Click here to enter a Three-Year outcome/goal from your Triennial Strategic Plan (TSP).

Review, update, and amend laws and regulations related hunting, wildlife, domestic animals, land access and other responsibilities, along with the associated meeting and public hearing responsibilities by September, 2021.

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

#### GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Rule of Law - Ensuring the rules are known and applied equally to all with clear appeal (if needed) and are enforced by an impartial regulatory body, for the full protection of Oneida Nation stakeholders

#### HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

This goal advances On^yote?a.ka through self-governance and exercising sovereignty by creating laws that ensure the safety of the environment, people and natural resources of the Oneida Nation. The Environmental Resource Board invites comments from all interested community members in regards to any environmental law or policy under consideration. The Environmental Resource Board assesses the current applicability of existing laws and rules/regulations and references historical data collected and reviewed with the EHS&LD, OPD, Law Office, and/or Legislative Reference Office as needed. Currently ERB is working collaboratively with the Conservation Office to edit and amend the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law in 2020. The ERB is also in contact with the Legislative Reference Office about bringing language from up to 5 other laws the ERB is listed in up-to-date by September, 2021.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Review sessions for the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law have already begun in coordination with the Conservation Office to begin documenting proposed amendments for detailed review with the Legislative Operating Committee. Maintaining accurate laws that reflects up-to-date management based on hunting totals and trends helps insure appropriate resource protection, provides outreach opportunities for the Oneida hunting community to provide feedback, and provides appropriate access to Oneida's tribal lands for Oneida Tribal members, families, and other community members. An example of a success story from this process is the implementation of the "4 points or better" threshold for deer harvests, which in a few short years has resulted in increases in mature bucks on the Oneida Reservation.

#### EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The LOC has assigned priority to address and amend several laws related to the purview of the ERB. Depending on the assigned ranking and urgency for some amendments to other laws the timeline stated above may not be met. Needed amendments have been made to Domestic Animals and Public Use of Tribal Land laws. Additionally, there are needed improvements to language and references in several laws including; On-Site Waste Disposal; All-Terrain Vehicle; Sanitation Ordinance; Tribal Environmental Response; and Water Resources. The ERB is ready and willing to assist in these discussions but understands the LOC may have other pressing priorities at this time.

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## Outcome/Goal # 2

Monitor environment, sustainable community development, and energy efficiency program development projects by participation on intergovernmental teams and holding community meetings to ensure compliance with our community goals.

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL?      Long-term

### GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Participation - Fostering a system in which the public feels that they are part of decision-making processes, including freedom of expression and assiduous concern for the best interests of the Tribe and community in general

### HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Our goal promotes community relations by including Tribal members in decision making and giving them a voice in matters of concern to ensure the safety of the environment, people and natural resources of the Nation. The Environmental Resource Board prides itself on collaboration with interdepartmental teams and creating strong relationships throughout the many Divisions of the Oneida Nation. In implementing any long-term project, data is collected and reviewed, and then scope and needs for projects completed in consultation with EHS&LD, Planning, Environmental, and other essential offices. The goal of participation reflects the emphasis on consensus building and utilizing our strengths to work together on projects and having a Good Mind reflecting the values of the Oneida Nation.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

High standards for management and shared commitments regarding stewardship of Onyota'a:ka Lake has been a priority of the ERB. The desire to make it a high quality recreation site for the community and also to be a team player in lake site expansion for the future. ERB staff will continue with Onyota'a:ka Lake planning and coordination for 2020 management, outreach activities and general maintenance. Implementation of the Onyota'a:ka Lake Phase II Development/Expansion is currently underway. ERB is engaged with the Onyota'a:ka Lake Phase II Development/Expansion efforts with emphasis on fisheries, camping area amenities, and expanding the system of trails. The ERB is excited that this expanded lake footprint will enhance the opportunities for the harvest of fish, which is a culturally important activity and tradition.

### EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Environmental Resource Board remains committed to being involved in viable and strategic projects to improve the status of our natural resources, energy management, and overall sustainable development of the Oneida Nation. This includes prioritizing ease of access and information guides for membership to better familiarize themselves with properties and recreational opportunities. Also in supporting the continued expansion of Oneida trailways for walking and biking paths for all ages to improve transportation options and availability of activities to promote health and quality of life. In addition to participation on the Silver Creek Trail project, the ERB assisted in FY20 on the application to the DOT multi-modal projects grant, led by Oneida Planning, and in coordination with NWTC and Brown County.

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### Outcome/Goal # 3

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Provide the Oneida community with environmental education through community events each year that include educational outreach with emphasis on access to Oneida public lands, natural resource management and restoration, and surface water protection.

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL?      Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Transparency - Open communication about actions taken and decisions made ensuring access to information is clear

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

The Environmental Resource Board promotes community relations by including Tribal members in decision making and giving them a voice in matters of concern to ensure the safety of the environment, people and natural resources of the Nation. Our project teams plan and track event costs and identify any yearly changes or updates for the community outreach events we are involved in hosting. We believe in promoting a system in which the public feels that they are part of a decision-making process and in which we provide clear and open communication about our activities. Promoting access to lands has been one of the biggest endeavors of the ERB over the past several years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The ERB is responsible for duties regarding the designation of land under the Public Use of Tribal Lands law. Proper use of tribal lands and ensuring they are accessed and utilized in a sustainable manner is a priority for the Oneida Nation. In order to formalize a better legal

framework, the ERB has been active in the process of transitioning from “Natural Areas” designations for lands to an official Conservancy District designation for these properties under the Oneida Zoning Law. The Conservancy District Team has gathered and compiled data and documentation for the designation of new Conservancy Districts in conjunction with planned amendments to the Land Access Map and public hearings on access designations. New zoning of two properties occurred at the Land Commission in Q1 and there are 10 additional properties that are in the works to be rezoned based on updated mapping and survey information during the rest of FY20.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The ERB will continue to be active and transparent in all efforts regarding natural resource protection, Oneida Lake planning, trails planning, agricultural and industrial hemp strategies, conservancy land access, strategic energy projects, web steering team, a Central Oneida food hub, forest gardening and community placemaking; Live, Sustain, Grow Plan updates and any additional legislative reviews. Yaw^ko!

**Stipends**

*Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution # 05-08-19-B sets the stipend amounts.*

**Budget Information**

FY-2020 BUDGET: 308,652

FY-2020 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: 55,786

Enter budget utilization information, if needed.

**Requests**

Enter request(s), if needed.

**Other**

Enter other information, if needed.