

FY-2024 4th Quarter Report

ENVIRONMENTAL, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

Outcome/Goal # 1

Update current programming and create new programming to provide services to more of the community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

ONF has provided 7,700 pounds of beef and bison products YTD for the Tribal Elder Food Box program. They have two more distribution dates for the 2024 season, in which they will provide an addition 3,900 pounds of protein to the program. Beef and buffalo herd doing well with 47 new buffalo calves and 188 new beef calves being added to the herd. After many of the trees failed to produce this season, Orchard staff are working extremely hard with a regenerative consulting company. They continue to implement an organic spray and mineral supplement regimen to the trees to support healthy, robust trees than are more resilient and more capable of withstanding extreme weather changes and disease for a long-term healthy orchard. There was no pick your own apples this season. The Orchard Retail Store is open with a variety of other wellness items this season, including various salves and creams, tea kits, jams, pickles, and salsas from the Oneida Cannery, Orchard pasture raised eggs, beef from several different Oneida community producers, bison, honey produced from the Orchard bees, as well as a variety of other wellness items like bath bombs and bath salts. All items available in the Orchard Retail Store are sourced locally from community members. The Retail Store is open Mon-Fri, noon-530pm each day. The Cannery staff just wrapped up their intense 2024 Tribal Elder Food Box season, where they have sold almost \$125,000 in product to the program over the last 5 months. Since May, the cannery has produced 6,920 strawberry drinks, 2,300 tea kits, over 4,600 jams, and over 2,300 apple butter units for the program. All of these products went directly into the Tribal Elder Food Box distributions over the summer and directly into our tribal elder homes across the state. Tsyunhehkwa hosted a Buffalo Harvest Event Sept. 9-11, that was very well attended and appreciated by the community. The Farmer's Market is over for the season. The new temporary location at the Hwy 54 roundabout has proven to be a great success as far as increased community engagement and customer participation. A Wild Rice Gathering Demo was provided to the community on the new rice beds. WPP completed it's last Elder Food Box Cooking Demo on September 20, providing a total of 6 cooking demos in Oneida throughout the summer that coordinated with the Tribal Elder Food Box program distributions. At the request of SEOTS, WPP also provided an elder food box cooking demo to elders at the SEOTS location. Positive feedback from the event has led to SEOTS requesting additional programming. The cooking demos have attracted the attention of 'Mitchell Museum of the American Indian'. In an effort to highlight regional tribal food sovereignty programs, they would like to feature these types of efforts. The 2nd Judicare Wills Caravan in 2024 took place August 21 and 22, 2024 at the Conservation/Land Management office. 24 Tribal members were able to complete estate documents for free.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The WPP Program has conducted a comprehensive survey of over 275 community members and based on those results they are creating programming that meets the needs of the community. The success of our departments (ONF, Cannery, Orchard, and Tsyunhehkwa) providing food items for the Elder Food Boxes with traditional and culturally appropriate food for our elders, is something we plan to continue and enhanced in the future.

Outcome/Goal # 2

Use best practices to improve the health of the reservation's environment and the community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Our Resource Conservationist worked with ONF to get their Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract certified. Buffalo pasture expansion EQIP contract was obligated to be paid for by NRCS. Two Regional Conservation Partnership Programs (RCP), a ONF cattle crossing and a wetland restoration project, were obligated and signed by NRCS.

The Nonpoint Program Manager completed project management on the Van Wychen Grassed Waterway & Crossing. Nonpoint Program Techs mowed and maintained buffers on 145 total acres, tilled and planted 26 acres of cover crops, exceeding our goal of 100 acres a year of maintenance. Environmental collaborated with NEW Water and Outagamie County on multiple projects in agricultural areas that will have a positive effect on water quality.

BMP's used in Trout Creek Headwaters planting have been successfully in allowing proper maintenance. Mowing was completed for all the reforestation projects in September. 15 total woodcutting permits issued for FY2024. Tree tubes for future tree planting received thru LMBO grant in August.

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Professional Development: Nonpoint Program coordinated Tractor Safety Training held by Fox Valley Technical College for 11 Division employees over two days in July. Environmental and Land staff attended the BIA Partners in Action Conference held at the Oneida Hotel Aug 6-8.

Communication & Outreach: Oneida Forester hosted the Packers, DNR, and Green Bay Packaging to celebrate the First Down for Trees Program on September 20th at Amelia Cornelius Culture Park. EHSLA Division website was updated for easier customer navigation. Environmental area staff worked to distribute over 80 rain barrels to the community on Aug 2. Reorganization completed for a Communications Specialist position to assist the Division in documenting, reporting and getting the word out to the community on all the programs, projects and restorations Environmental Land and Ag Division works on. Overall Division Re-Org and Name Change is in progress for a better alignment with what the Division is focused on.

Outcome/Goal # 3

Acquire and manage land for the benefit of the community and to strengthen the Oneida Nations Sovereignty.

MEASUREMENT: FY2024 Properties Acquired

Closed	Address	Acres	Use	Municipality
10/30/2023	800 Blk Brookwood Cir	5.097	Forested	Hobart
12/19/2023	Section Line Road	160.79	Ag land	Oneida/Kaukauna
12/21/2023	243 Trout Creek Rd	62.58	Ag land & Res	Oneida
1/31/2024	N5600-N5800 Blk Cty H	49.44	Commercial	Oneida
2/29/2024	Paulson Rd	0.699	Commercial	Ashwaubenon
3/15/2024	N6821 Cty E	6	Residential	Oneida
3/29/2024	200 Blk Cty VV	18.51	Ag land	Oneida
5/6/2024	Cty U	78.71	Vacant	Oneida
5/31/2024	3560 Packerland Drive	10.2	Vacant	Ashwaubenon
5/31/2024	W600 Blk Pearl St	14.55	Vacant	Oneida
7/29/2024	W300 Blk Cty EE	86.05	Vacant/Ag	Oneida
8/9/2024	2490 Shortcut Rd	0.59	Residential	Hobart
8/23/2024	W500 Blk Adam Drive	30.411	Vacant	Hobart

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

29,406.79 total acres owned, 45% of the reservation. Manure pit at N8047 County U is 85% complete. This will be completely abandoned by November 2024. Receiving a \$78,000 reimbursement from Outagamie County Land Conservation for the abandonment of this pit. 1,000 pheasants released. Over 5000 walleye were released into Oneida Lakes. 154 hazardous tree work orders completed for the year. Estimated savings to the Oneida Elder Community of \$112,710.00. Revised Home Building Opportunity Site Preparation and Demolition SOPs have been approved and are being routed for signature. Drafts created, approved, and sent to Public Meeting for 3 Rules. These are the Land Assessments for the Nation's Decisionmakers to Build an Autonomous Community (LANDBAC), Land Use Licenses, and Easements.

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3 accepted offers totaling 2.28 acres. 9 properties in negotiation totaling 293.73 acres. Certification of 3 Real Property Law Rules, Land Assessments for the Nation's Decisionmakers to Build an Autonomous Community (LANDBAC), Land Use Licenses, and Easements.

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Photos (optional):



Pheasant Release September 2024 (Mike Arce)



Walleye Fingerlings release Osnuhsa September 2024



Wild Rice Harvest @ Where the Water Birds Nest



Grassed Waterway



Brook Trout release, total of 4,800.