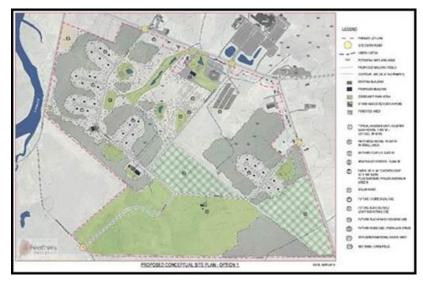
# Horst Wuersching Property Purchase Public Outreach Chronology

**August 11, 2018:** Tribal Council provided notice of intent at the Monthly Tribal Meeting to purchase 240-acre parcel. A copy of the property map and a proposed conceptual site plan was included in the tribal meeting packet.



**September 27, 2018:** The Tribe issued the following press release after the purchase was finalized: *Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Reacquires 240 Acres of 1796 Treaty Land: Tribal Council Seeks Collective Benefit for Akwesasne Community.* The release was published on the Tribe's website, social media accounts, and shared with media outlets that included CKON Radio and Indian Time Newspaper. It was accompanied with a proposed conceptual site plan.



**October 13, 2018:** The Home Improvement Program provided a presentation at the October 2018 Monthly Tribal Meeting on proposed housing development projects that noted the 240-acre parcel. It included the conception site map and examples of housing units.



**October 2018:** The Tribe reiterated its desire to provide suitable housing units for young Mohawk families by erecting a sign announcing the future location of a Community housing development project, which was shared in the November/December 2019 and the January/February 2020 edition of the tribal newsletter Kawen:nios.

Another exciting development is the acquisition of 290 acres of land across from Truck Stop #9. This property was purchased for future community development in housing and education among other uses. An assessment of the property will help determine the best use of the land for the future. There are some areas of old growth forest and possible archeological sites that would need to be protected. There are wetlands and other features that will be protected as well. A comprehensive land use plan will be developed for this property before we develop it.



June 2019: The Environment Division issued a callout for public comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed *Wuersching Property Development Plan* and *Forest Management Plan/Fire Management Plan* projects. The EA can be viewed at the Environment Division office or online at <a href="https://www.srmt-nsn.gov/publications until 7/25/2019">https://www.srmt-nsn.gov/publications until 7/25/2019</a>. It was shared on Tribe's website, facebook, and local media for community events calendar announcements.

NEW: ENVIRONMENT- The Environment Division is seeking public comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Wuersching Property Development Plan and Forest Management Plan/Fire Management Plan projects. The EA can be viewed at the Environment Division office or online at https://www.srmt-nsn.gov/publications until 7/25/2019. All comments can be directed to Taylor Smoke, Environmental Assessment Coordinator at Tsmoke@srmt-nsn.gov . For further information, please call (518) 358-5937. (6/27)

**September 2019:** The vision for 240-acre parcel was shared with membership in the 2018 SRMT Annual Report that was made available on the Tribe's website and advance print copies provided at the Monthly Tribal Meeting.



### Land Reacquisition

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe reocquired 240 acres of 1796 Treaty land. It is located south of Route 37, connecting Routes 37C and 95, in the heart of Akwesasse. The parcel is contiguous to 609 acres that were purchased by the Tribe in 2010, bringing the total size of this property to about 850 acres. The entire area is located within what is commonly referred to as the Hogansburg Triangle.

The proposed vision for the parcel includes a mix of single- and multifamily housing units, a new drug and alcohol rehabilitation center (Partridge House), a birthing center, a non-denominational cemetery, a recreational park and athletic field, and an expansion of the Tribe's Agriculture Program.

Cook Road will be extended across Route 37 to create an entry into the parcel, with a new traffic light at the intersection for increased public safety.



### Legal Matters

The SRMT joined a legal complaint against the Monsanto Corporation that alleges exposures suffered by the Tribe and individual tribal members to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

The Tribe joined 448 tribes on

## Elders Benefit

Tribal Council approved revenue sources to fund the Elders Benefit Pilot Program, including a two-dollar increase to the Room Occupancy Fee, a four percent fee on Akwesasne Mohawk Casino. Resort food and beverage sales, and allocation of funds from

**February 18, 2020:** Bid Removal/Demolition of Blue Building. It was later determined that moving the building was dangerous, due to its condition, and compromise was made to recompense Roger Jock \$25,000. These funds were intended to offset costs the Jock family invested in the building and property, as well as the cost to move the building, which turned out not to be feasible. The building needed to be moved for completion of a road to access the proposed housing project, which will be situated on the far side of the pine grove. The proposed access road will be equipped with a traffic light, the installation of which has been highly requested in the intersection of Cook Road and Route 37. The \$25,000 payment to Mr. Jock was identified to be the most cost-effective solution with the greatest benefit to all parties.

# NOTICE

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

DEMOLITION & REMOVAL OF 26' X 42' STRUCTURE AKWESASNE, NEW YORK NO. 20-0046

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is soliciting bids from qualified contractors/businesses/individuals to demolish and remove a 26' x 42' abandoned structure on State Route 37 (Across from Truck Stop #9, formerly known as "Wuersching Property", Akwesasne, New York.

Bids will be received until **Thursday**, *Enniskó:wa*/March 12, 2020, 3:30 p.m. (Local Time). Questions concerning this Invitation for Bids are to be directed in writing five (5) calendar days prior to the closing date and time.

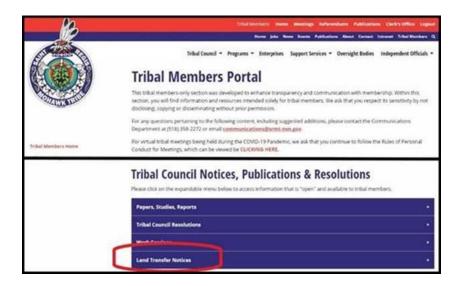
July 2020: Request for Bid to install fencing.

October 2020: Removal/Demolition of the Blue Building.

December 2020: Installation of fencing completed.

**February 11, 2021:** A Land Transfer Notice regarding assignment for 2 acres was made available on the Tribal Members Portal with a deadline of Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to submit comments to <a href="mailto:public.comment@srmt-nsn.gov">public.comment@srmt-nsn.gov</a>.

The Tribe adopted the Land Acquisition and Sales Policy and Program (the "Policy") in TCR 2009-71 to provide a greater level of transparency involving the Tribe and any purchases or sales of land. As some of you may know, the Tribe reclaimed 240 acres on or about August 2018 from the Estate of Horst Wuersching. When this transaction occurred, a Mohawk already occupied a portion of the 240 acres. This person has requested the Tribe to provide him with a deed for the 2 acres that he occupies. Even though the transfer to Roger Jock does not fall squarely in the Land Acquisition and Sales Policy, Tribal Council wanted to provide the Membership with notice of the upcoming transfer. If you wish to provide written comments on this transfer you can submit them to <a href="mailto:publiccomments@srmt-nsn.gov">publiccomments@srmt-nsn.gov</a>. You have until Enniska/February 19, 2021, to submit comments.



**February 18, 2021**: A Facebook post was provided announcing the availability of Land Transfer Notices on the Tribal Members Portal.

LAND TRANSFER NOTICES - In accordance with TCR 2009-71, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe continues efforts to regain all lands located within the boundaries of the 1796 boundary for the collective benefit of the Tribe. Prior to acceptance of any purchase or sale, membership is invited to log onto the Tribe's website and access the Tribal Members Portal to review all pending land transfers. Notices of all pending land assignments, acquisitions, and sales shall be located on the portal under "Tribal Council Notices, Publications & Resolutions." For assistance accessing the Tribal Members Portal, please contact the Tribe's Communications Department at (518)358-2272 or email <a href="mailto:communications@srmt-nsn.gov">communications@srmt-nsn.gov</a>.

**February 22, 2021:** The deadline to provide comments on the 2-acre land assignment was extended until Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Land Transfer Notice was updated and made available on the Tribal Members Portal.

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**February 25, 2021:** The deadline to provide comments was extended once more until Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Facebook post was provided announcing the extension and noting the original deadline of February 19<sup>th</sup> and previous extension of February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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LAND TRANSFER EXTENSION - The comment period for the land assignment involving 2 acres of the 240-acre 1796 Treaty Lands has been extended until Wednesday, March 3rd. The original deadline for comments was February 19th, which was subsequently extended until February 26th. We encourage tribal members to take this additional time to view the pending assignment on the Tribal Members Portal. All Land Transfer Notices are located

under "Tribal Council Notices, Publications & Resolutions." Please submit all comments by March 3rd to <a href="mailto:public.comment@srmt-nsn.gov">public.comment@srmt-nsn.gov</a>.