

News Release

ONEIDA TRIBE of INDIANS of WISCONSIN

ONEIDA SHORELAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE

For Immediate Release

The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin will hold the second of two public hearings concerning the Oneida Shoreland Ordinance on March 3, 1981, at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Sacred Heart Center, 3000 Seminary Road, Town of Oneida, Outagamie County. All reservation residents and other parties of interest are welcome to attend and submit comments. Comments may also be submitted in writing. Address all comments to Michael Schaepe, P.O. Box 158, Oneida, WI 54155. Comments will be accepted through March 18, 1981.

At the first public hearing on December 22, 1980, requests were made for a second public hearing to allow more community input and for an Ordinance map to be provided to indicate the extent of reservation waterways under the jurisdiction of the Ordinance. The Land Committee deferred action on the Shoreland Ordinance at the General Tribal Council meeting to meet these requests.

Included in this release is the Shoreland Ordinance map. Copies of the Ordinance were distributed with an earlier release and are therefore not included here. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained by submitting \$2.25 to Michael Schaepe-Oneida Tribe at the address listed below. Also, maps may be obtained for .75¢ each and a packet containing comments, responses and newspaper articles concerning the Shoreland Ordinance may be obtained for \$2.50. These prices reflect the cost of printing and handling. The Shoreland Ordinance and Ordinance map are available at the Green Bay Central Library, the U.W.G.B. Library, the Oneida Community Library, and the Oneida Tribal Land Office for public review.

The Shoreland Ordinance involves the regulation of land use within reservation shoreland areas. The purpose of these regulations is to maintain and improve the quality of Tribal waterways and adjacent lands. The Oneida Shoreland Ordinance very closely resembles Brown and Outagamie County Ordinances. The Oneida Ordinance, like existing county ordinances, establishes a 300 foot shoreland zone and regulates regional floodplains. The Oneida Ordinance requires setbacks which are in many cases identical to county ordinances for shoreland development. For example, the following regulations are consistent for both county and tribal ordinances: Lot size of 10,000 square feet for sewerred lots, aggregate side yards of 25 feet for lots not served by sanitary sewer, single side yard of 10 feet for non-sewerred lots, aggregate side yards of 20 feet for sewerred lots, 75 foot setbacks for structures abutting navigable waters, soil absorption fields shall be 50 feet from high water mark.

The Oneida Ordinance goes beyond existing regulations to address non-point source pollution and to maintain shoreland cover. Non-point source pollution is the major water pollution problem on the reservation. The Shoreland Ordinance establishes the reasonable regulation of agricultural

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uses and development areas on the reservation to reduce the amount of non-point source pollution. For example, the Oneida Shoreland Ordinance establishes 20 foot setbacks from waterways for cropping and pasturing. It establishes 100 foot setbacks for feed lots and barnyards. Existing feed lot or barn yard areas can be as close as 20 feet from waterways. The Ordinance does not require the removal of existing farm structures.

To protect shorecover, the Ordinance establishes regulations which disallow clearcutting within 50 feet of waterways and requires the maintenance of natural vegetation within this 50 foot strip whenever practical.

Technical comments that have been received from various regional agencies have stated that the Oneida Ordinance would be a good management tool to control adverse environmental conditions.

-East Central Regional Planning Commission-"...proposed ordinance should effectively protect environmentally sensitive areas..."

-U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-"This Ordinance provides an excellent and additional tool along with existing county, state and federal regulations to minimize adverse impacts to significant fish and wildlife resources within the shoreland area".

-U.S. Soil Conservation Service-"Grassed waterways are a good measure to protect streams..."

-Fox Valley Water Quality Planning Agency-"The Agency supports the environmental protection goals of the Ordinance and generally supports the requirements established to attain these goals". The uniform and systematic application of the ordinance would most likely result in greater protection and improvement of water resources".

After the second public hearing and comment period are concluded, the Ordinance will be revised and presented to the Oneida Tribe of Indians for adoption. Following the adoption of the ordinance the mechanisms to enforce the Ordinance will be established. A phased implementation of the Ordinance will then begin.

The Oneida Tribe of Indians hopes that by providing this additional period for review the reservation community and agencies which have overlapping jurisdiction with the Tribe will closely and objectively review the Ordinance, addressing the real problems, and discuss the phased implementation of the Tribal Ordinance. If there is any clarification required of this release or the Ordinance contact Michael Schaepe.