

**Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Environment Division  
Environmental Assessment Form**

**Project Title:** [In-House Addiction Treatment Facility](#)

**Project Location/Address:** [85 Blair Road Bombay, NY12914](#)

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## Introduction

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's environmental review process allows developers and the Tribe to examine proposed projects during the planning phase in order to prevent or minimize potentially adverse impacts to the environment or health of the community. This process, when followed objectively and thoroughly, is not intended to hinder development but to ensure that decisions that are made benefit future seven generations as per Mohawk tradition.

The review process incorporates the Ohen:ton Kariwatehkwen, the Thanksgiving Address, to acknowledge and give consideration to the mutual respect and responsibility that exists between the Mohawk people and the natural world.

## The Environmental Review Process:

1. The Environmental Assessment form is completed and submitted to the SRMT Environment Division.
2. The EA Coordinator distributes the completed form and supporting documents to the Environmental Assessment Review Team. An EA Review Meeting is scheduled, allowing the EA Review Team a minimum of one week to evaluate the proposed project prior to the meeting.
3. The EA Coordinator will arrange a site visit with the project developer and/or project coordinator if one is needed to gain additional information prior to the EA Review Meeting.
4. During the EA Review Meeting, the EA coordinator will facilitate a discussion on the proposed project and compile any questions or comments that arise.
5. Following the review of the project, the EA Review Team will issue one of the following decisions:
  - a. **Determine that the project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.** If a project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion, the Categorical Exclusion Review Form and its process will apply.
  - b. **Approve the Environmental Assessment following a 30-day public comment period.** The 30-day public comment period will commence when the public notice and relevant project documents are made publically available. Once all comments have been adequately addressed, the Environment Division will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).
  - c. **Request Additional Information.** The EA Coordinator will contact the project developer and project coordinator to request additional information that is pertinent to the decision of the Review Team. Once sufficient information has been collected, the review team will reevaluate the project and issue a decision.

- d. **Disapprove the Project.** A project will be disapproved if it is found to have significant detriments to the environment and/or the community, and no efforts have been made to address the impacts. Disapproved projects may be reconsidered if significant changes are made to the proposed project.
6. Once a project has been approved, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be written and published. At this point the review is considered complete, and the project may proceed into the site preparation or construction phase so long as the development abides by any provisions included in the FONSI or the environmental review.
7. Any amendments to the scope of the project must be approved by the Environment Division. Major changes may be subject to a thirty-day public comment period.

### **Instructions**

1. For construction within the existing footprint, and no additional development, complete a Categorical Exclusion Review form to the SRMT Environment Division. This form will be reviewed by the EA Coordination and Division Director to determine if a project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion. If it does not meet the criteria for an exemption (as listed on the Categorical Exclusion Review Form), the SRMT Environment Division will request an Environmental Assessment Form.
2. For new construction, complete the Environmental Assessment Form when the project is at 50% design completion. It is recommended that the developer contact the Environment Division to request that the EA Coordinator facilitates the completion of the form and initiates the review process.
3. During the EA Preparation Meeting the Environmental Assessment form will be completed by the EA Coordinator, project developer, project coordinator, and any other parties that have information relevant to the review. (For SRMT projects, the project developer is the point of contact for the tribal department for whom the project is being completed, and the project coordinator will be the representative from SRMT Planning & Infrastructure.)
4. Please allow 8 weeks for the completion of the internal review and a 30-day public comment period. A site visit may be requested as part of the review process.
5. The project is prohibited from proceeding beyond the planning phase of development until the project has been approved, and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been issued.

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## I. Project Information Summary

1. Location and activities of proposed project (construction, road-building, vehicles, etc.): Describe the location of the proposed project including maps, drawings and any engineering or architectural designs. Sketch maps are acceptable if others are not available and as long as they contain key reference points.

New building construction- See attached plans

The project will require, clearing and grubbing of acreage planned for project, installation of parking lot, foundations for structures, construction of structures, water main, fire protection and individual water services, sewer main and electrical poles and services.

2. Describe the size of the current project, in terms of building size, acreage and estimated schedule of construction. Also, describe any planned future additions and/or expansions to the site if any are planned.

New 15,000+/- SF 16 patient room single story wood framed structure with ICF foundation. Provides spaces for cooking, dining, treatment, and ceremonies for 16 to 32 residential clients and staff.

Site will also include 1250+/- SF parking garage structure, basketball court, playground, bridge between retention ponds and site parking.

3. Estimated construction schedule and planned completion date?

Start Date: 5/1/2026

Completion 9/1/2027

4. Why was this project proposed? (What improvements will it bring to the community?)

A dedicated facility for voluntary in-house addiction treatment

## II. Land Resources

1. Will tree removal be required?

No       Yes. Please provide a map indicating where trees will be removed.

2. Are trees to be planted on the site?

No       Yes.

a. If yes, have the tree species and replanting sites been selected?

No  Yes. Please include a list of species, and a map of replanting locations.

b. If no, are recommendations needed for tree selection and planting locations?

No  Yes

3. Please list any proposed landscaping, including ornamentals, windbreak, exotics, etc., that will occur at the proposed site. Indicate the types of plants that will be used and their purpose.

<b>Proposed plants:</b>	<b>Purpose:</b>
See Plans	

**Please note that the territory of Akwesasne is within the range of the endangered Northern Long-Eared Bat. Due to the possible impacts to this species, tree removal is prohibited June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> each year to prevent impacts during a critical life stage of this species. This requirement pertains to all Federally funded projects.**

**Consideration will also be given to migratory birds and their nesting sites. Impacts to birds will be determined on a case by case basis.**

### III. Water Resources

1. Will there be any fill and dredge activities at the proposed site?

Yes  No

Please note: If off site fill is to be used, it needs to be certified as clean fill.

2. Will there be permanent or temporary discharges to surface water?

Yes (Permanent)       Yes (Temporary)       No

If yes, identify the type of discharge anticipated:

Raw Water     Treated Process Water     Diverted Stormwater     Other:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe the final use and condition of any water that may be used on the proposed site.

Agricultural Watering or Consumption

Human Consumption (Commercial)

Human Consumption (Domestic)

Industrial Uses

None

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Will there be drilling and use of wells for the proposed project?

Yes       No

5. Will the community water system/ waterline be utilized for the proposed project?

Yes       No

6. Will the community wastewater system or septic tank be used?

Community Wastewater System     Septic Tank     Neither     Other:

\_\_\_\_\_

Community wastewater system will be extended west from SA 15+62 on 95 to an onsite pump station. See C301 and offsite utility plan.

7. Describe select any measures that will be used to monitor and to control any erosion that may occur as a result of activities at the proposed site:

- None
- Silt Fencing
- Erosion Control Blanket
- Staked in Hay/Straw Bails
- Turbidity Curtain Assemblage, (In Water Work)
- Regularly Scheduled Site Inspections for Erosion Prevention Monitoring
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional requirements:**

**Any project that includes paving a previously un-paved surface will require a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).**

**Impacts to wetlands will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If more than ¼ acre of wetlands are disturbed, a wetland permit will be required.**

**Please contact the Environment Division Water Resources Program Manager if you have any questions related to these requirements.**

**IV. Air Quality**

1. Please complete the following chart so that we can estimate emissions and the air quality impacts of the proposed project.

Minor emissions associated with construction activities (equipment exhaust, dust, etc.) are anticipated for the duration of construction. Following construction and throughout the life of the building, carbon monoxide and other typical emissions related to building mechanical systems and personal vehicles (building patrons) are anticipated.

Type	Number or # of Deliveries	Hours Per Day (Use)	Fuel Type
Non-Road Diesel			
Non-Road Equip			
Dump Trucks			
Fork Lifts			
Tractor Trailers			
Generators			

2. Describe any odors and the nature of the odor, its source, and any possible effects on human receptors that may be associated with activities at the proposed site. (e.g. acid washing, paving, welding, etc.)

Minor odors associated with construction activities (paint fumes, asphalt paving emissions, etc.) are anticipated in the immediate vicinity of the project. Odor transmission outside of the project boundary is not anticipated.

3. For the purpose of noise pollution prevention, will there be any construction activities outside of normal business hours (Monday- Friday, 7am- 5pm)? If so, what are the anticipated hours of operation, and how long is this expected to last?

Construction personnel are protected from exposure to harmful emissions by various occupational safety and health regulations. Precautions shall be taken to ensure a safe working environment. Refer to the Project Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan for information on dust control, spill control and response during construction.

**V. Logistics**

1. Are any sources of light (non-construction) being planned in areas where there were not previously lights? This includes street lights, overhead lights, light-up billboards, etc.

No       Yes. What times of day are planned sources of light expected to be used for the proposed site?

Dusk- dawn (Yes)

24- hours

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe any anticipated changes to traffic (this includes detours, increased traffic during construction, or any other changes to the traffic pattern). Please address temporary changes during construction as well as any long-term changes as a result of the development.

During construction traffic along Blair Rd and Route 95 will increase but will not require emergency or public detouring. General Contractors and subcontractors temporary offices, storage, general staging and laydown areas will be contained within the construction site footprint during construction.

3. Is there a demolition component to this project?

No       Yes. Please explain:

Landscaping/site work

4. Will you require a roll-off container on site?

No       Yes. How many: ONE \_\_\_\_\_ Dates needed: 5/1/2026

5. Will the completed development require dumpsters and service from the SRMT Transfer Station?

No       Yes. How many: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have a hauler under contract?

No       Yes [A copy of the hauler's permit is required]

If yes, please provide the following information:

Hauler's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hauler's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that you can self-haul directly to the SRMT Transfer Station, though larger projects that use a contracted hauler will require a hauler permit from the SRMT Compliance Office as per the SRMT Solid Waste Code.**

**The developer/ contractor will also need to be or become an established customer with the SRMT Transfer Station in order to dispose of solid waste at this facility.**

**Contact the Transfer Station at 518-358-4632 if you require roll off bins or other services.**

## **VI. Environmental Health**

1. How will the site be heated? None/ Unheated

Fuel oil. Tank size: \_\_\_\_\_

Propane. Tank size: (2) 2000 Gallon Tanks

Electric. 3 Phase service, 350kW 208/120V Diesel Generator

Natural gas. Tank size: \_\_\_\_\_

Kerosene. Tank size: \_\_\_\_\_

Wood/ wood pellets

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is there any potential for exposure, by anyone, to toxic chemicals? (Includes the use or sale of pesticides, herbicides, industrial cleaning products, etc.)

No       Yes. Please include SDS for materials that will be on site.

3. Are there any hazards (chemical, biological, physical, electrical, etc.) that may result from proposed construction activities at the site?

No       Yes. Please explain:

Physical hazards include risks associated with an active construction site, and potential spills associated with construction equipment. Contractors are required to have a spill prevention measures on site (spill kit, spill plan, etc.).

If YES: To minimize the impacts of accidental releases of petroleum, chemical and biological products during construction activities, how will these releases be managed? A plan to describe how releases will be managed is referred to as a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plan. A SPCC plan contains the following information:

- a. List potential sources of an accidental release (spill from refueling construction equipment, vehicles, etc.)
  - b. Describe how you plan to prevent accidental releases.
  - c. Describe how you plan to contain an accidental release.
4. Are there any hazards (chemical, biological, physical, electrical, etc.) that may result from the changed use of this area?

No     Yes. Please explain:  
Electrical 3 phase service and 350kW 208/120V Diesel Generator

5. Is there a risk for fire and/or explosion as a result of the changed use of this area?

No     Yes. Please explain:  
Electric service, generator and propane tanks on site

6. Is there a potential for the generation of fumes as a result of activities at the proposed site?

No     Yes. Please explain:  
Propane Tanks

## VII. Historical preservation

1. Are there any known or suspected previous uses of the proposed site? (This may include houses, out-buildings/ farms, outhouses, wells, dumps/disposal sites- cars, tractors, etc., burials (pets, people, other), foundations, etc.)

No     Yes. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is there a presence of, known or suspected, buildings that may be considered historical feature that would indicate previous use (any man-made structure)?

No     Yes. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the proposed site known for traditional and/or ceremonial uses, or other community activities, historic or current?

No     Yes. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**A letter is needed from the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) stating a finding of “No Effect” for the proposed site. Once received, attach the letter to this Environmental Assessment form. Please contact the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribes THPO:**

**Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Darren Bonaparte  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
71 Margaret Terrance Memorial Way**

**Akwesasne, NY 13655 darren.bonaparte@srmt-  
nsn.gov  
518.358.2272**

**A letter is needed from SRMT Traditional Medicines, stating a finding of “No Effect” for the proposed site. Once received, attach the letter to this Environmental Assessment form. Please contact SRMT Traditional Medicines:**

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518.358.3141**

### **Status of Environmental Form**

Date Filed: 02/20/2026

Project Number: 2026-01

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Environment Division met on \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss the contents of the filed environmental assessment and has determined that:

The responses to the environmental assessment have indicated the proposed project qualifies for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION. Please follow up with the EA Coordinator to complete an Environmental Review form. A public-comment period will not be necessary.

The responses to environmental assessment have addressed the concerns of the Environment Division, and the project has been APPROVED. All comments raised during the thirty-day public comment period have been adequately addressed. A Finding of No Significant Impact will be issued for this project.

The responses to the environmental assessment have not adequately addressed the concerns of the Environment Division, and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is being requested before a determination can be made on this project.

The responses to the environmental assessment indicate a significant negative impact(s) to the environment and/or the health of the community. The Environment Division has

DISAPPROVED the proposed project. This decision can be reevaluated if significant changes are made to the proposed project.