

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

**RESOLUTION # 040305-02**

Conservation Resource Alliance application for:  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Conservation Innovation Grant:  
Northern Michigan Wildlink Project

**WHEREAS:** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;

**WHEREAS:** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Tribe;

**WHEREAS:** the Tribe has established a Natural Resources Department and a Natural Resources Commission whose purpose is to provide oversight and regulation of utilization of natural resources within the LTBB’s jurisdiction and to provide community input in development and fulfillment of project objectives at regularly scheduled meetings of the Natural Resource Commission;

**WHEREAS:** the Natural Resource Department mission statement is to *“wisely utilize our natural resources in order to promote, honor and respect our traditional, spiritual and physical relationship with the land and waters. We will implement management strategies that protect our resources on, above, below and within the land and waters for the future benefit of our Tribe;”*

**WHEREAS:** the Conservation Resource Alliance (“CRA”) is a private, not-for-profit corporation “dedicated to maintaining the natural beauty and ecosystems of our land while simultaneously nurturing the economic vitality of northern Michigan”;

**WHEREAS:** the CRA is making application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) for a Conservation Innovation Grant and has included as its grant program goals to restore and protect ecological corridors in northwest Michigan watersheds and to establish a model for integrating tribal interests and participation into both their “Wild-Link” and USDA grant programs;

**WHEREAS:** the LTBB Natural Resource Department recognizes an opportunity to further their efforts to restore and protect critical ecological areas within the Tribe’s reservation area through participation in the CRA grant program as a sub-grantee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians authorizes and supports this request for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture for a Conservation Innovation Grant as submitted by the Resource Conservation Alliance in partnership with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council agrees to provide a \$30,000 portion of the required match through in-kind services over the three-year Project period and authorizes the Resource Conservation Alliance to negotiate and implement the financial award on behalf of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and also authorizes Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, or Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., or another designee from the Tribal Chairman to execute any documents needed for LTBB's participation in the program.

**CERTIFICATION**

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, we certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held April 3, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Frank Ettawageshik	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Beatrice Law	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Alice Yellowbank	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Dexter McNamara	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Fred Harrington, Jr.	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Rita Shananaquet	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Regina Bentley	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          x          </u>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

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Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary