

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 091309-02

Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Water Resources Program Funding
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Department
Maple River Management Project

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

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

WHEREAS the Tribe has established a Natural Resources Department (NRD) 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 Resources 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 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Department has developed a five year Strategic Plan that provides direction and guidance for the Department for 2005 - 2010;

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WHEREAS the Strategic Plan, NRD Wildlife and Inland Fisheries Program Goal 1 is to assess and monitor tribally harvested species to insure species sustainability and continued tribal harvest for the next seven generations, Goal 3 is to identify, assess, and monitor fish and wildlife communities within the inland lakes, streams and wetlands within the LTBB Reservation, and Goal 4 is to identify, monitor and assess culturally significant fish, wildlife and plant species;

WHEREAS the Maple River originates within the heart of the LTBB Reservation and its existence has an impact on the fish and wildlife within the Reservation;

WHEREAS it is important that the Maple River continue to provide a habitat for wildlife and fish to ensure the sustainability of fish and wildlife populations for the next seven generations;

WHEREAS the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs has announced funding availability for water resource management projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians authorizes and supports this grant application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Water Resource Management/Planning/Pre-development grant for FY 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Vice Chairman Dexter McNamara, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., or another designee from the Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute any documents necessary to apply for, receive, and administer funds under the grant.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal 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 September 13, 2009 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Marvin Mulholland	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Belinda Bardwell	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Melvin L. Kiogima	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Gerald V. Chingwa	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Rita Shananaquet	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Aaron Otto	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
John Bott	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Regina Gasco Bentley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Julie Shananaquet	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

Date: 09/13/09

Julie A. Shananaquet, Legislative Leader

Date: 09/13/09

Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 09/14/09 by _____

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 10/05/09

Ken Harrington, Tribal Chairperson

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