

RESULTS OF LAND AND RESERVATION SURVEY
FALL 2008

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Analysis and Description of Land and Reservation Committee 2008 Membership Survey

Background. In the fall of 2008 the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Land and Reservation Committee commissioned a short survey of the Tribal membership regarding land acquisition priorities. 2,640 surveys were sent out, with a total of 1,033 being returned. This calculates to a 39.13% rate of return, which is quite good for a mail survey of this type. According to NCS Pearson, a company that provides survey, assessment and testing solutions to education, healthcare, business and government clients, “As a baseline, consider that the majority of mail surveys distributed by NCS achieve a response rate between 15% and 25%.” It seems logical that this increase over and above the typical response rate is largely due to the fact that an incentive (giveaway) was provided as part of the survey process, and the subject matter being salient.

Analysis. We will present here a brief analysis of the four questions presented in the survey, based on the priorities in analysis communicated from the Land and Reservation Committee. The original questions from the survey were:

Questions

1. How important should acquiring land be to the Tribe?
2. How important is land as a benefit to you as a Tribal Citizen?
3. Is it important for the Tribe to acquire land for future generations?
4. For what purposes should the Tribe acquire land?

Answers were given via ratings, with 1 being “Not Important” and 5 being “Very Important”. In addition, survey respondents were asked if they had attended the September 2008 Land and Reservation Training session, and if they would like attend such a session in the future if offered in their local area. This effectively amounted to questions 5 and 6.

Once the surveys were tabulated via a MS Access database, the analysis requested was:

Analysis

1. Provide a comparison by age categories for the responses to each of the four questions.
2. Provide a comparison by zip code for “within the reservation” versus “outside the reservation” for each question.
3. Provide a comparison by zip code for “within the State of Michigan” versus “outside the State of Michigan” for each question.
4. Provide a comparison of those that attended the prior Land and Reservation session in September 2008, versus those that did not, and seek to identify any characteristic trends or qualifiers.
5. Provide a detailed answer, ranked, of the information provided in question 4.
6. Provide a general comparison of the answers to questions 1 through 3.
7. Detail the answers to question 6, i.e. yes or no.

ANALYSIS POINT 1

**COMPARISON BY AGE CATEGORIES FOR THE
RESPONSES TO EACH OF THE FOUR QUESTIONS**

Analysis Point 1

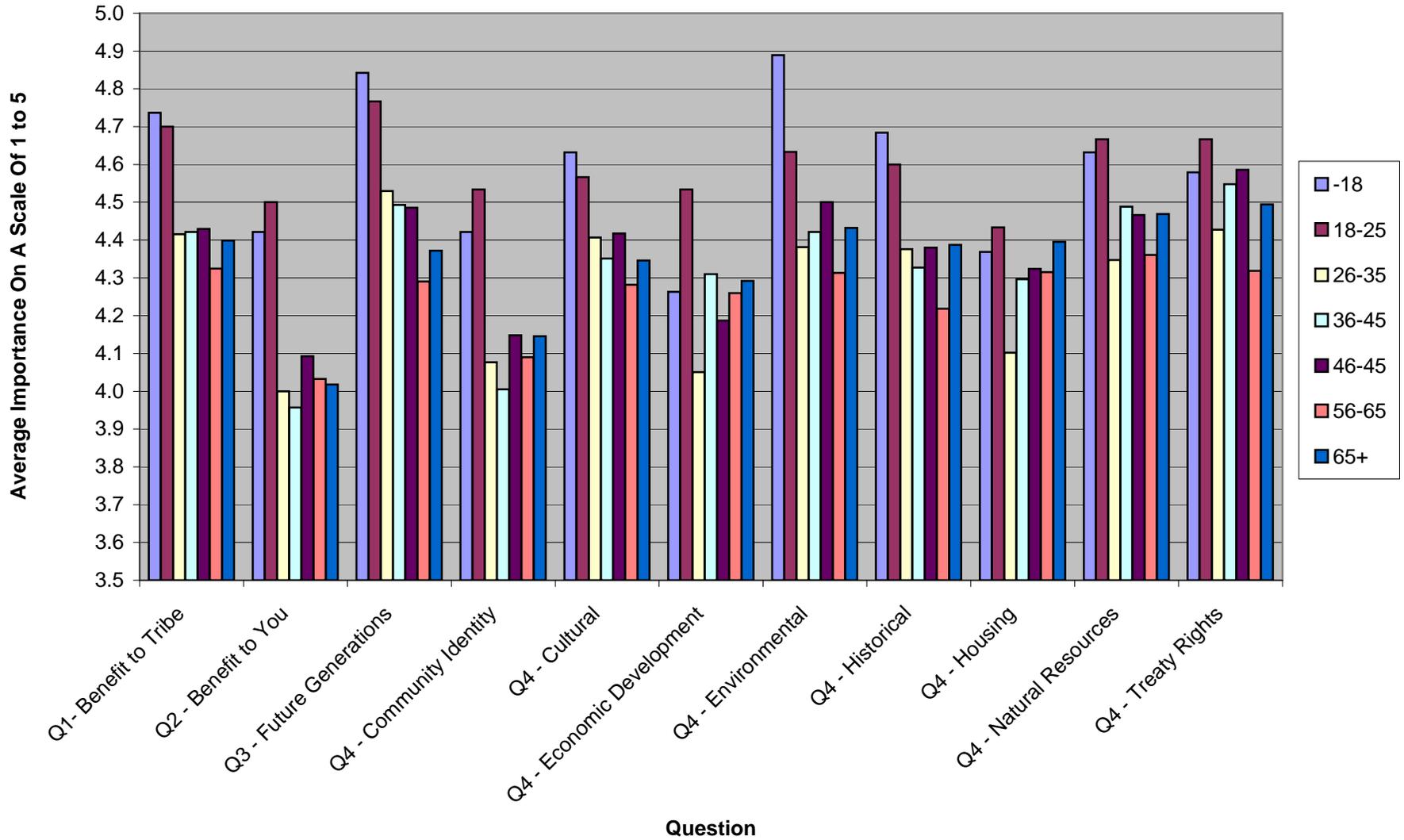
Comparison by age categories for the responses to each of the four questions

Averages of responses to questions

Question	-18	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-45	56-65	65+	Average of Results In Table	Mean Based On All Values
Q1- Benefit to Tribe	4.737	4.700	4.415	4.421	4.429	4.324	4.399	4.489	4.415
Q2 - Benefit to You	4.421	4.500	4.000	3.957	4.093	4.033	4.018	4.146	4.049
Q3 - Future Generations	4.842	4.767	4.530	4.493	4.486	4.290	4.372	4.540	4.452
Q4 - Community Identity	4.421	4.533	4.077	4.005	4.148	4.090	4.146	4.203	4.116
Q4 - Cultural	4.632	4.567	4.407	4.351	4.417	4.282	4.346	4.429	4.375
Q4 - Economic Development	4.263	4.533	4.051	4.310	4.187	4.260	4.292	4.271	4.239
Q4 - Environmental	4.889	4.633	4.381	4.421	4.500	4.313	4.432	4.510	4.435
Q4 - Historical	4.684	4.600	4.376	4.327	4.380	4.219	4.388	4.425	4.352
Q4 - Housing	4.368	4.433	4.102	4.297	4.324	4.315	4.395	4.319	4.306
Q4 - Natural Resources	4.632	4.667	4.347	4.488	4.466	4.361	4.469	4.490	4.447
Q4 - Treaty Rights	4.579	4.667	4.427	4.548	4.586	4.319	4.494	4.517	4.498

The LTBB Land and Reservation Committee sent out a survey in November of 2008 to each Tribal household. Respondents were advised that "This survey pertains to land acquisition within the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 1855 historical reservation boundaries." Respondents were asked to circle a number from 1 to 5: 1 being "Not Important" and 5 being "Very Important". The averages calculated above are therefore based on a scale of 1 to 5. Many of the respondents who circled 1's also completed the "Comments" section of the survey. To get a clear interpretation of the results of this Land and Reservation Survey, the comments should be read and interpreted, as many of the comments included statements referring to Economic Development as a priority to the Tribe as a whole, but that the purchasing of property for any purpose at this time should be postponed until the current economic crisis has passed and the Tribe has paid off its immediate debts. There were also multiple comments that the Tribe should provide more monetary assistance and health care before any land purchases take place.

Importance By Age Groups



Analysis Point 1 Chart: Land Acquisition Importance By Age Groups
Land and Reservation Survey 2008

ANALYSIS POINT 2

**COMPARISON BY ZIP CODE FOR “WITHIN THE
RESERVATION” VERSUS “OUTSIDE THE
RESERVATION” FOR EACH QUESTION**

Analysis Point 2

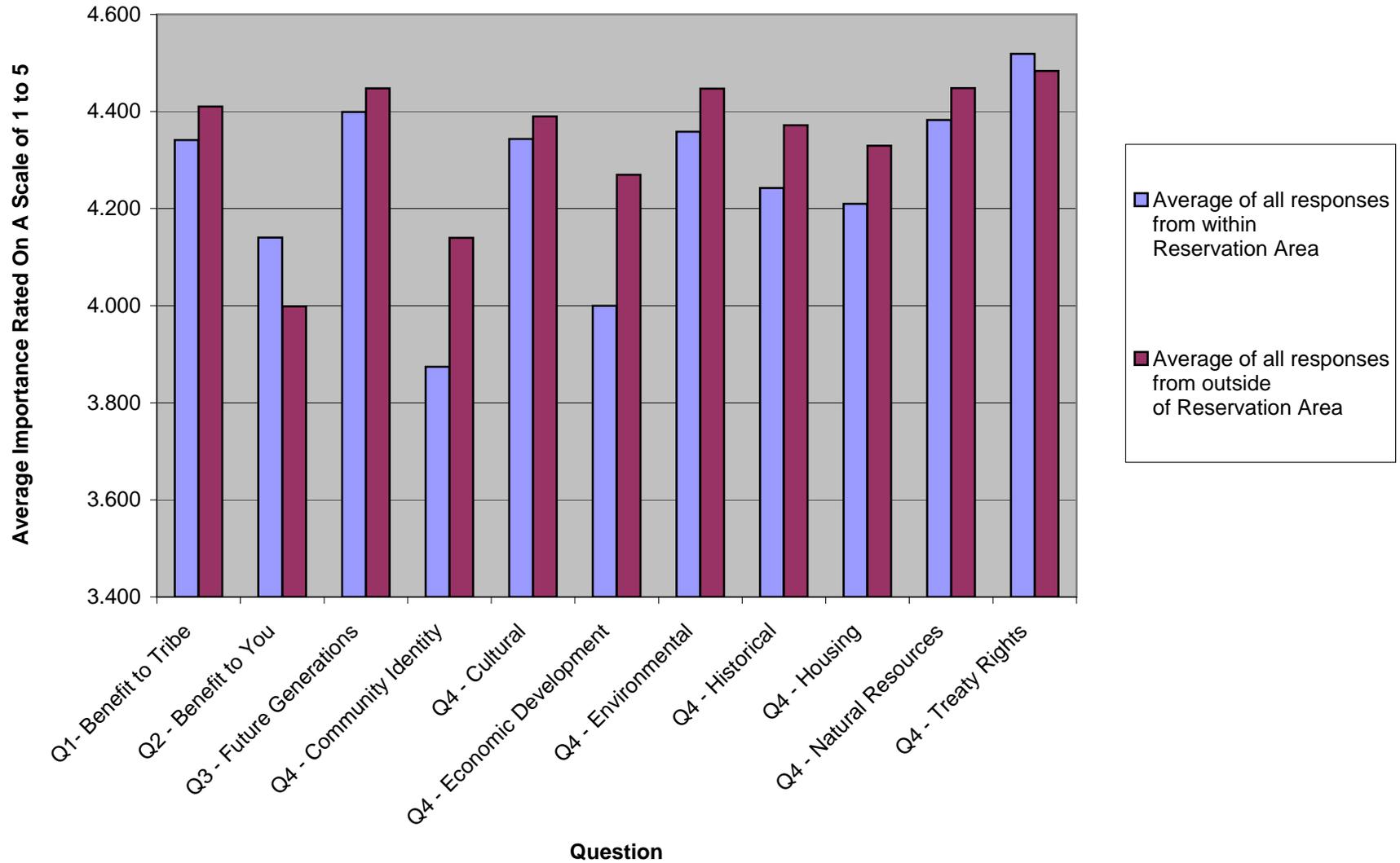
Comparison by zip code for "within the reservation" versus "outside the reservation" for each question

**Within 1855 Treaty
Reservation Area**
(Zip Codes 49706, 49712, 49720,
49740, 49755, 49769, 49770)

**Outside of 1855 Treaty
Reservation Area**
(All other Zip Codes)

Question	Average of all responses from within Reservation Area	Average of all responses from outside of Reservation Area
Q1- Benefit to Tribe	4.341	4.410
Q2 - Benefit to You	4.140	3.999
Q3 - Future Generations	4.399	4.448
Q4 - Community Identity	3.874	4.140
Q4 - Cultural	4.344	4.390
Q4 - Economic Development	4.000	4.270
Q4 - Environmental	4.358	4.447
Q4 - Historical	4.242	4.372
Q4 - Housing	4.210	4.329
Q4 - Natural Resources	4.383	4.448
Q4 - Treaty Rights	4.519	4.483

Analysis Point 2: Comparing Responses From In Reservation vs. Outside of Reservation



Analysis Point 2 Chart: In Reservation vs. Outside of Reservation
Land and Reservation Survey 2008

ANALYSIS POINT 3

COMPARISON BY ZIP CODE FOR “WITHIN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN” VERSUS “OUTSIDE THE STATE OF MICHIGAN” FOR EACH QUESTION

Analysis Point 3

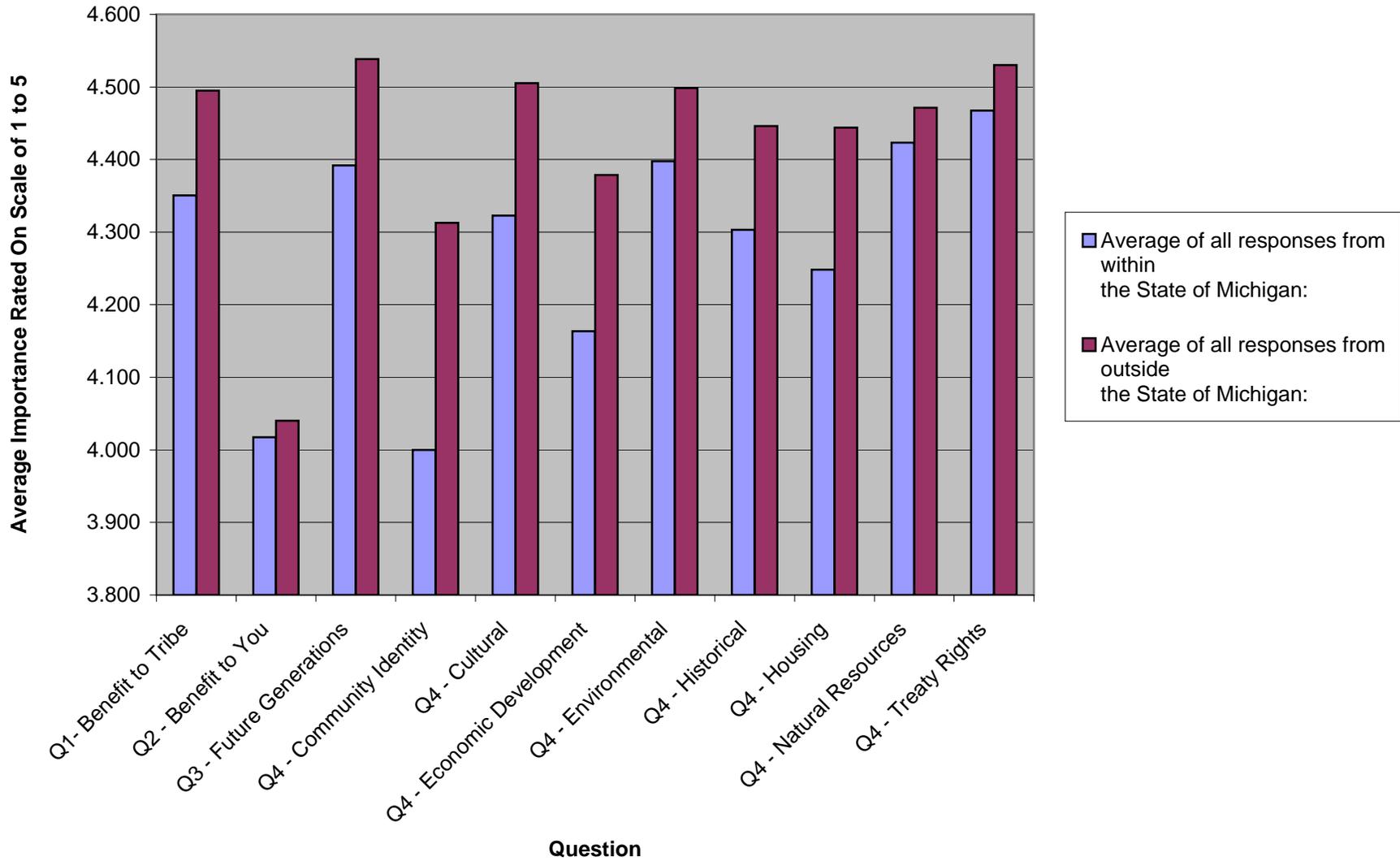
Comparison by zip code for "within the State of Michigan" versus "outside the State of Michigan" for each question

Within the State of Michigan
(Zip Codes between 48021 and 49947 inclusive)

Outside the State of Michigan
(All other Zip Codes not between 48021 and 49947)

Question	Average of all responses from within the State of Michigan:	Average of all responses from outside the State of Michigan:
Q1- Benefit to Tribe	4.351	4.495
Q2 - Benefit to You	4.017	4.040
Q3 - Future Generations	4.392	4.538
Q4 - Community Identity	4.000	4.313
Q4 - Cultural	4.323	4.505
Q4 - Economic Development	4.163	4.379
Q4 - Environmental	4.398	4.498
Q4 - Historical	4.303	4.446
Q4 - Housing	4.248	4.444
Q4 - Natural Resources	4.423	4.471
Q4 - Treaty Rights	4.468	4.530

Analysis Point 3: Comparing Responses From Within Michigan vs. Outside of Michigan



Analysis Point 3 Chart: In MI vs. Outside of MI
Land and Reservation Survey 2008

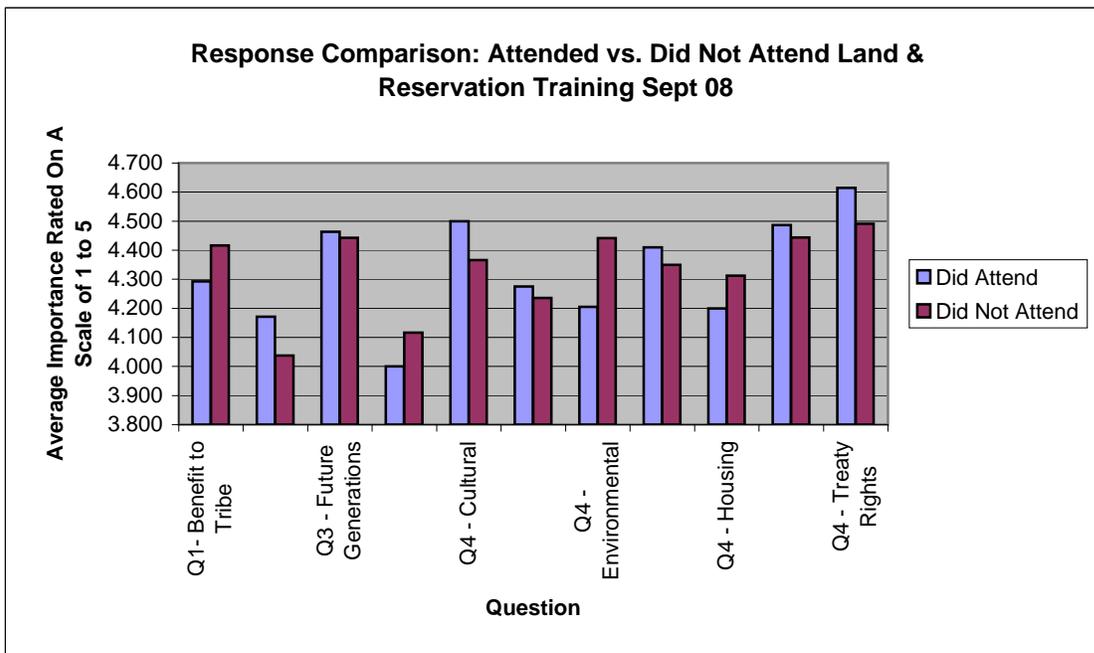
ANALYSIS POINT 4

**COMPARISON OF THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE
PRIOR LAND AND RESERVATION SESSION IN
SEPTEMBER 2008, VERSUS THOSE THAT DID NOT, AND
SEEK TO IDENTIFY ANY CHARACTERISTIC TRENDS
OR QUALIFIERS**

Analysis Point 4

Comparison of those that attended the prior land and reservation session in September 2008, versus those that did not, and seek to identify any characteristic trends or qualifiers

Question	Averages of Responses	
	Did Attend	Did Not Attend
Q1- Benefit to Tribe	4.293	4.416
Q2 - Benefit to You	4.171	4.038
Q3 - Future Generations	4.463	4.443
Q4 - Community Identity	4.000	4.116
Q4 - Cultural	4.500	4.366
Q4 - Economic Development	4.275	4.236
Q4 - Environmental	4.205	4.442
Q4 - Historical	4.410	4.350
Q4 - Housing	4.200	4.312
Q4 - Natural Resources	4.487	4.444
Q4 - Treaty Rights	4.615	4.491



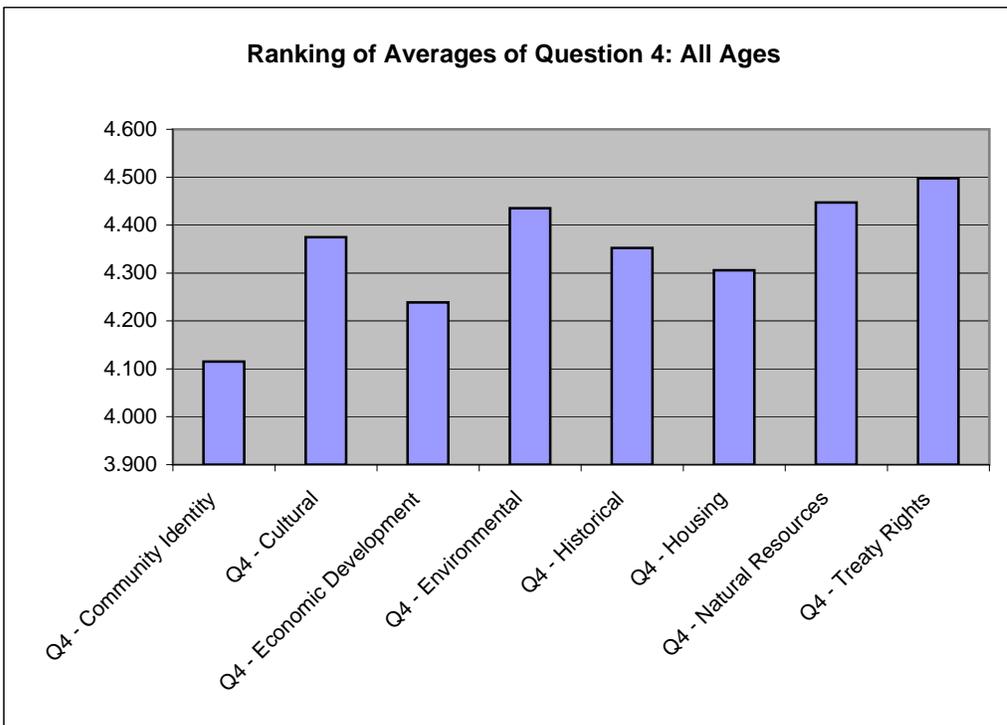
ANALYSIS POINT 5

**DETAILED ANSWER, RANKED, OF THE INFORMATION
PROVIDED IN QUESTION 4**

Analysis Point 5

Question 4 Ranking

Question	Mean	Ranking
Q4 - Community Identity	4.116	8
Q4 - Cultural	4.375	4
Q4 - Economic Development	4.239	7
Q4 - Environmental	4.435	3
Q4 - Historical	4.352	5
Q4 - Housing	4.306	6
Q4 - Natural Resources	4.447	2
Q4 - Treaty Rights	4.498	1

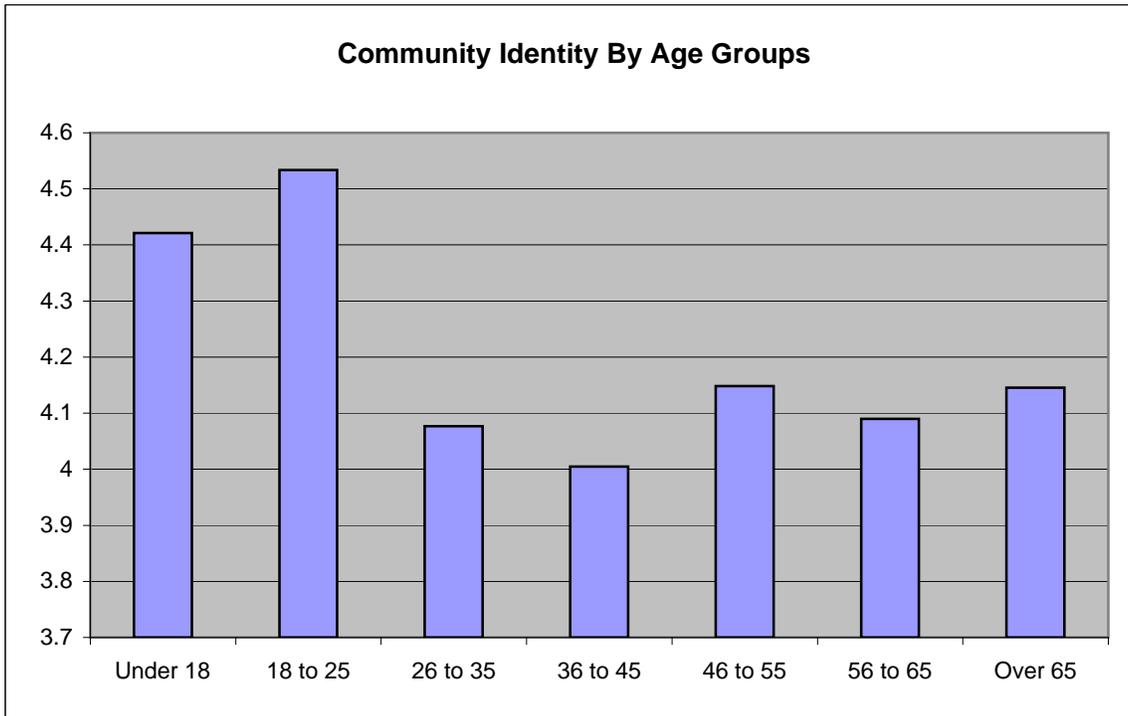


Average of All Responses Importance of Community Identity

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.421
18 to 25	4.533
26 to 35	4.077
36 to 45	4.005
46 to 55	4.148
56 to 65	4.090
Over 65	4.146

Combined Averages Comm.ID

4.116

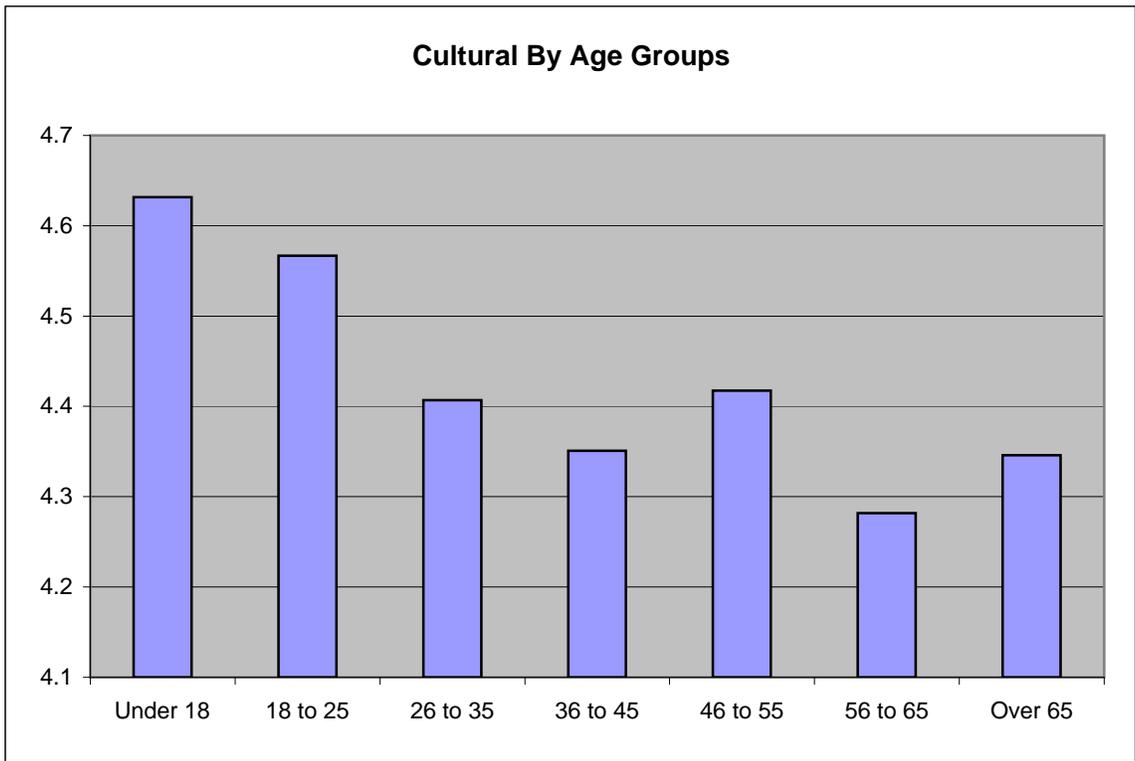


Average of All Responses Importance of Cultural Spiritual Protection

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.632
18 to 25	4.567
26 to 35	4.407
36 to 45	4.351
46 to 55	4.417
56 to 65	4.282
Over 65	4.346

Combined Averages Cultural

4.375

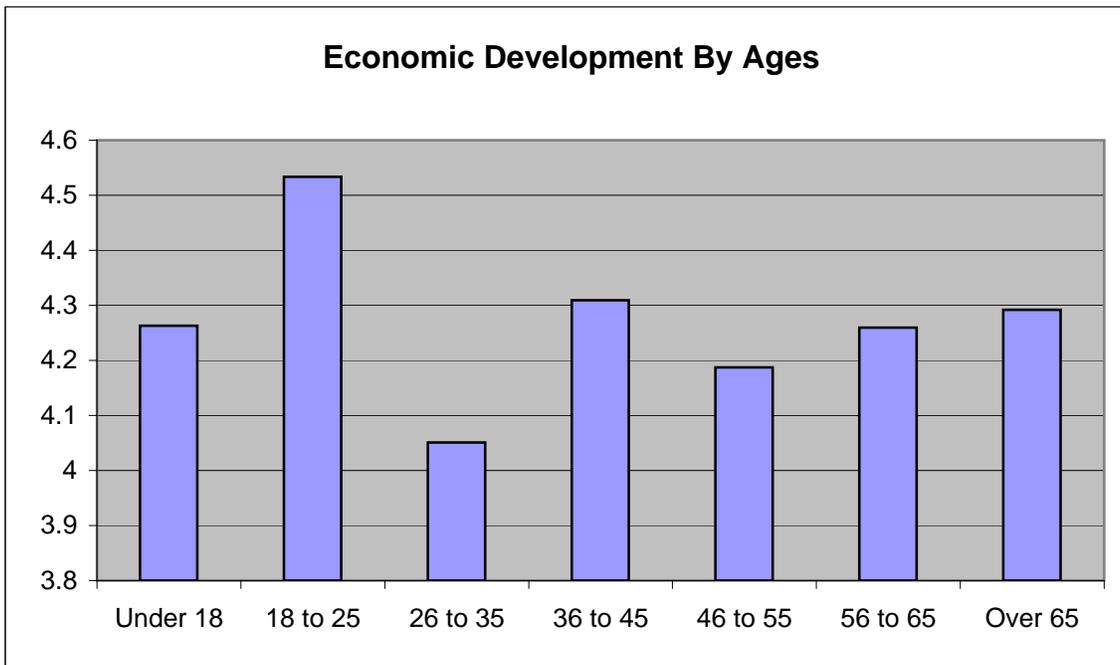


Average of All Responses Importance of Economic Development

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.263
18 to 25	4.533
26 to 35	4.051
36 to 45	4.310
46 to 55	4.187
56 to 65	4.260
Over 65	4.292

Combined Averages Econ.Dev.

4.239

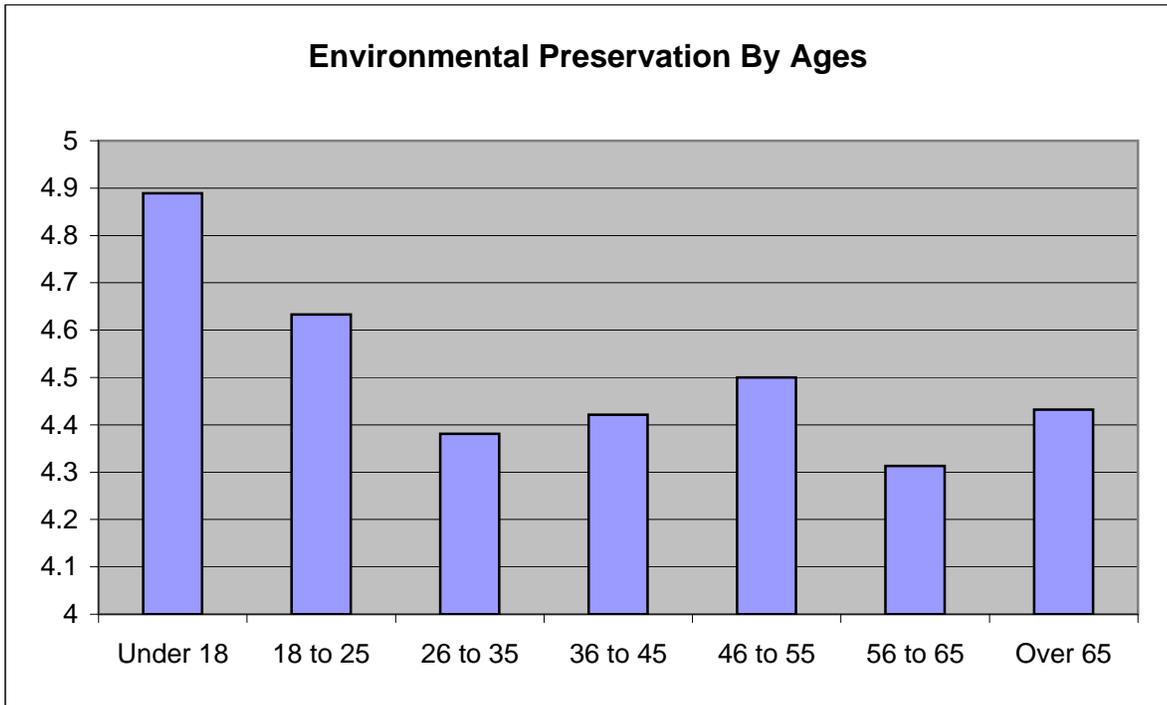


Average of All Responses Importance of Environmental Preservation/Conservation

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.889
18 to 25	4.633
26 to 35	4.381
36 to 45	4.421
46 to 55	4.500
56 to 65	4.313
Over 65	4.432

Combined Averages Environment

4.435

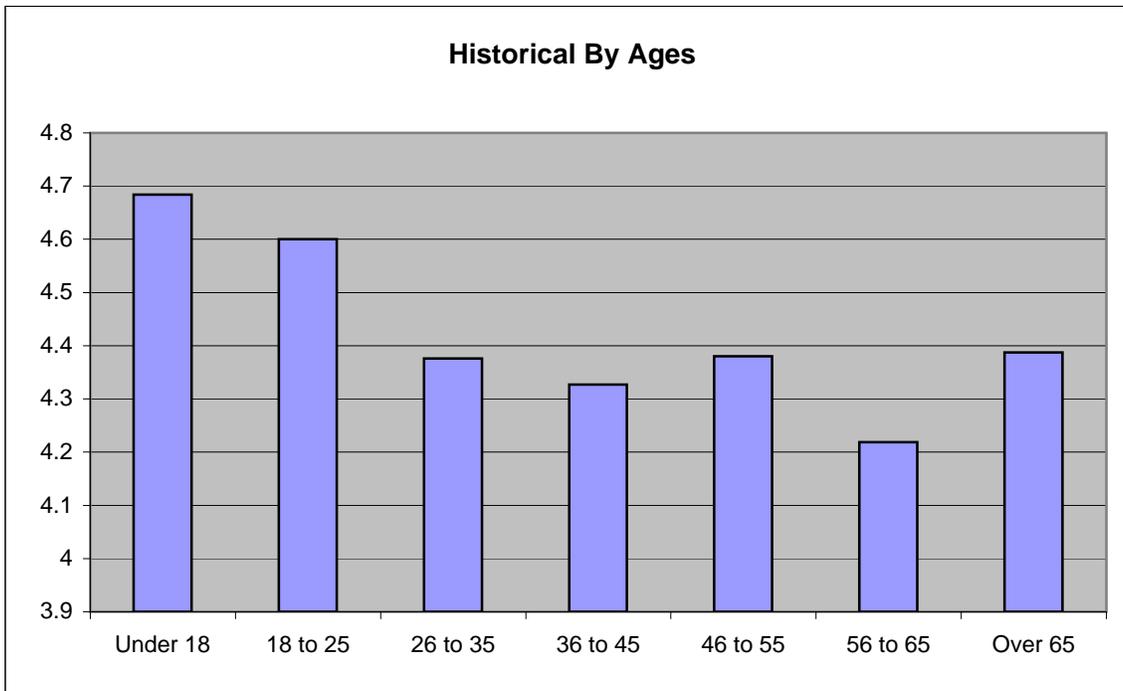


Average of All Responses Importance of Historical Preservation

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.684
18 to 25	4.600
26 to 35	4.376
36 to 45	4.327
46 to 55	4.380
56 to 65	4.219
Over 65	4.388

Combined Averages Historical

4.352

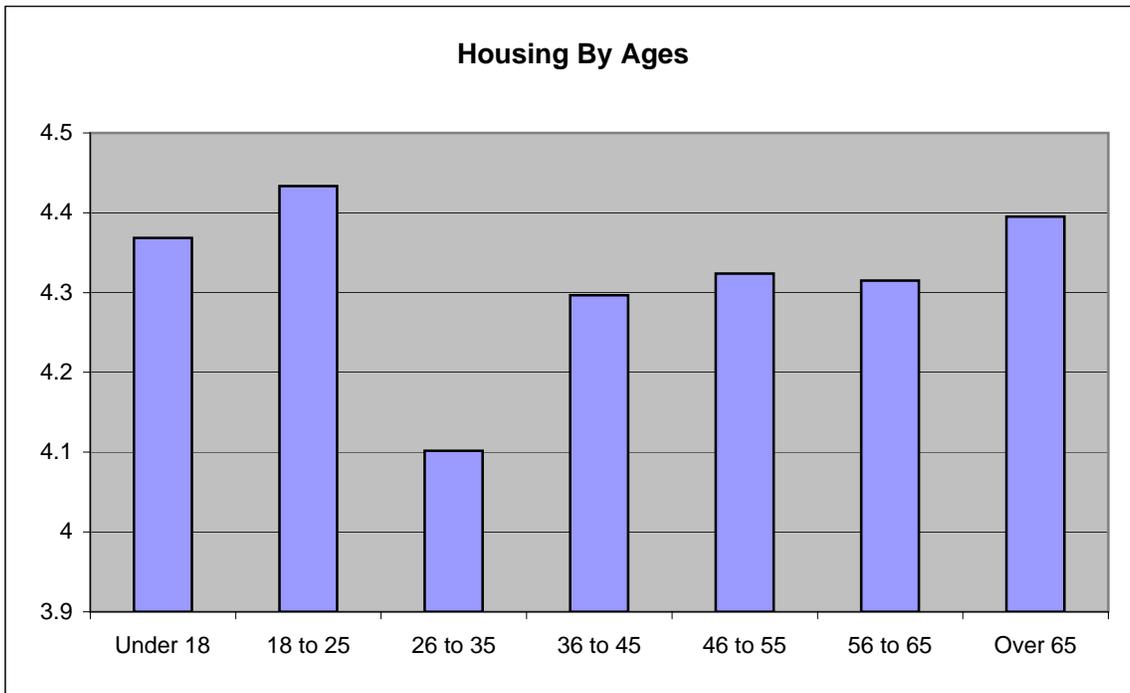


Average of All Responses Importance of Housing

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.368
18 to 25	4.433
26 to 35	4.102
36 to 45	4.297
46 to 55	4.324
56 to 65	4.315
Over 65	4.395

Combined Averages Housing

4.306

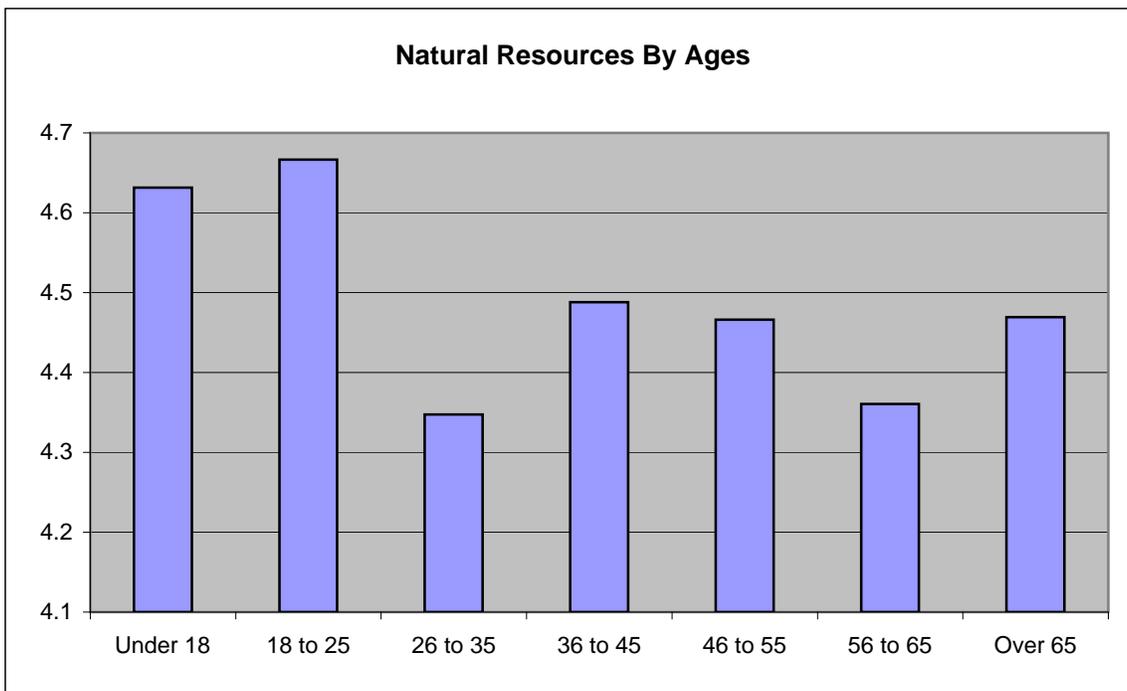


Average of All Responses Importance of Natural Resources

Age Group	Average Of Imporance
Under 18	4.632
18 to 25	4.667
26 to 35	4.347
36 to 45	4.488
46 to 55	4.466
56 to 65	4.361
Over 65	4.469

Combined Averages Nat.Res.

4.447

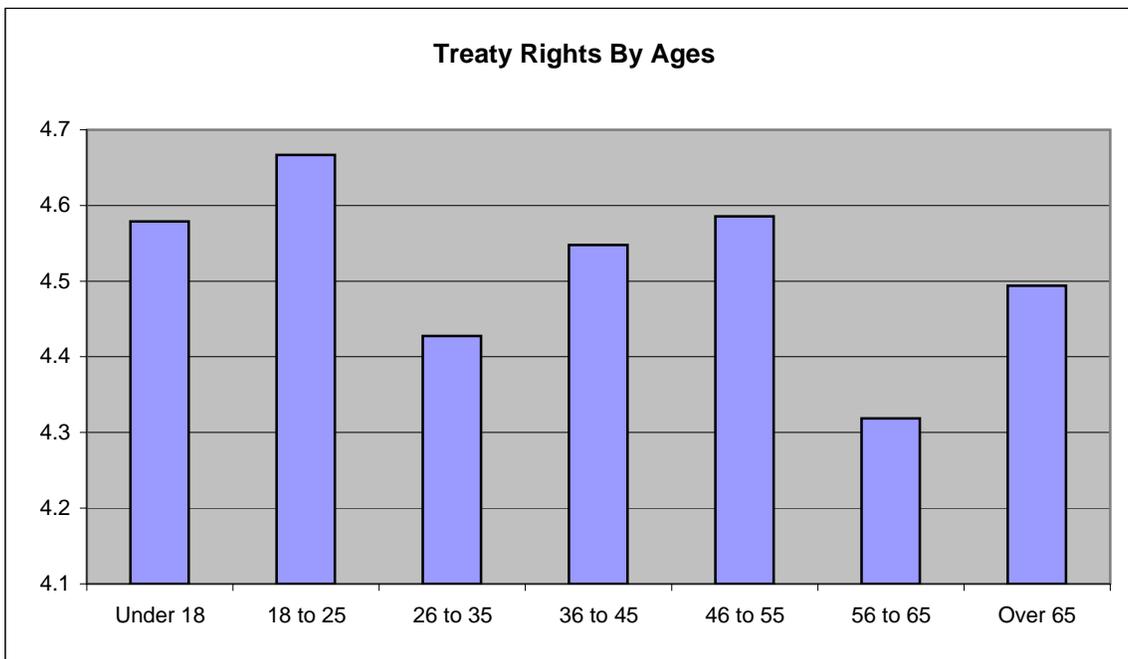


Average of All Responses Importance of Treaty Rights-Hunting,Gathering,Fishing

Age Group	Average Of Importance
18 to 25	4.667
26 to 35	4.427
36 to 45	4.548
46 to 55	4.586
56 to 65	4.319
Over 65	4.494
Under 18	4.579

Combined Averages Treaty

4.498



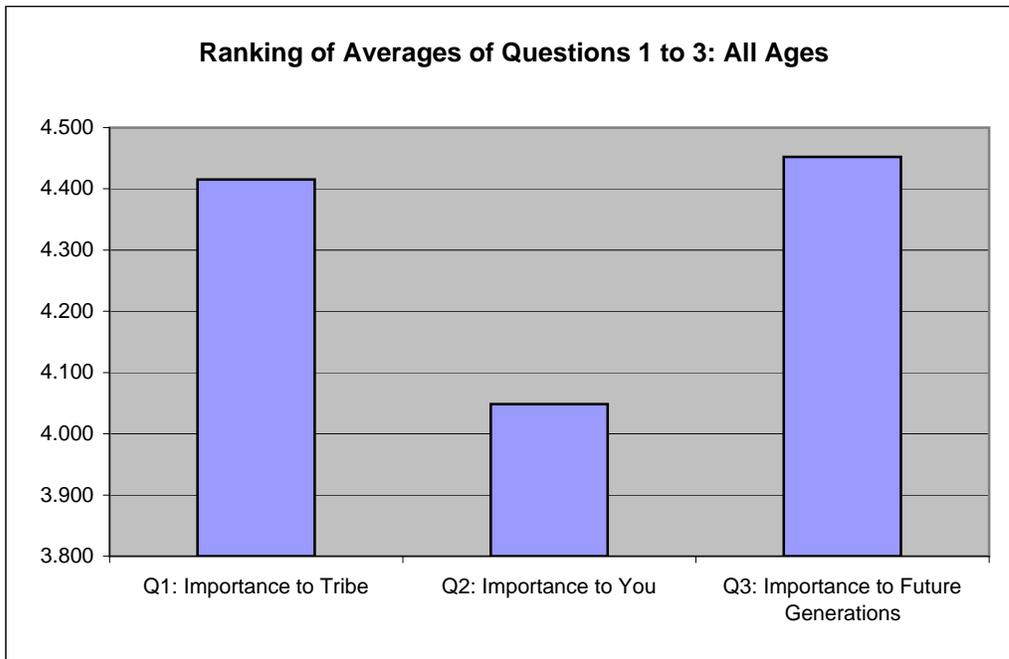
ANALYSIS POINT 6

GENERAL COMPARISON OF THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 3

Analysis Point 6

Questions 1 through 3

Question	Mean	Ranking
Q1: Importance to Tribe	4.415	2
Q2: Importance to You	4.049	3
Q3: Importance to Future Generations	4.452	1

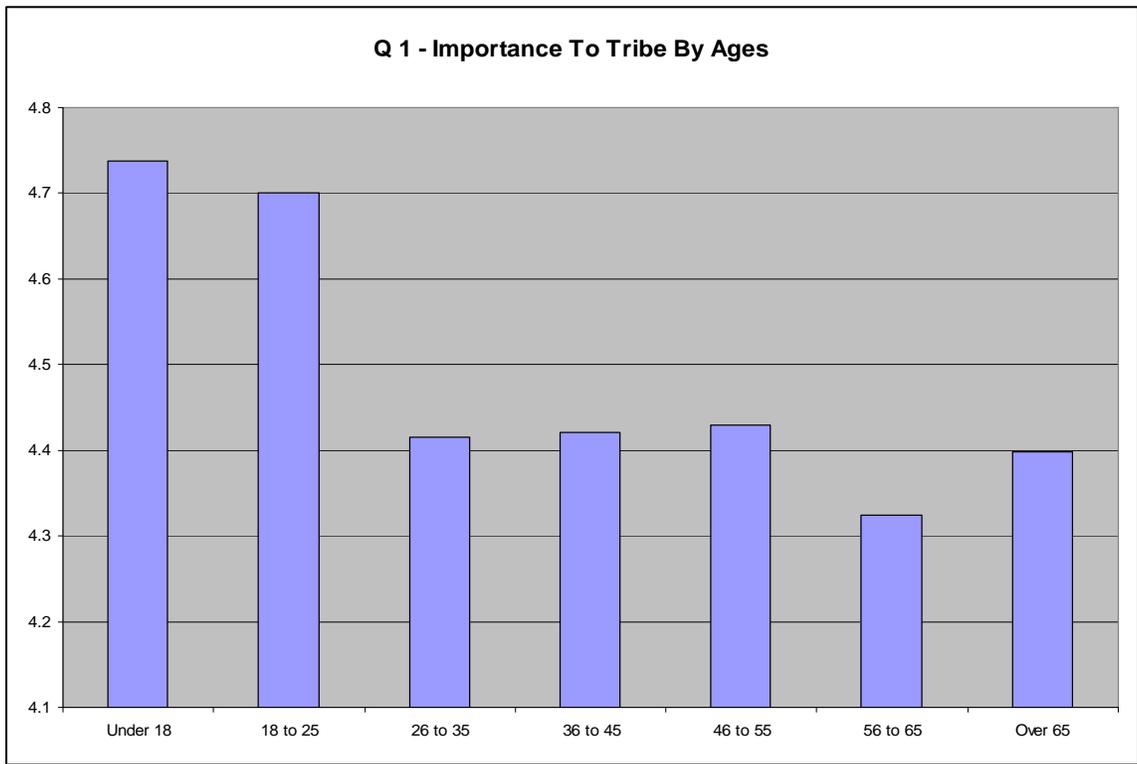


Average of All Responses to Question #1 How Important Should Acquiring Land Be To The Tribe?

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.737
18 to 25	4.700
26 to 35	4.415
36 to 45	4.421
46 to 55	4.429
56 to 65	4.324
Over 65	4.399

Combined Averages Q1

4.415

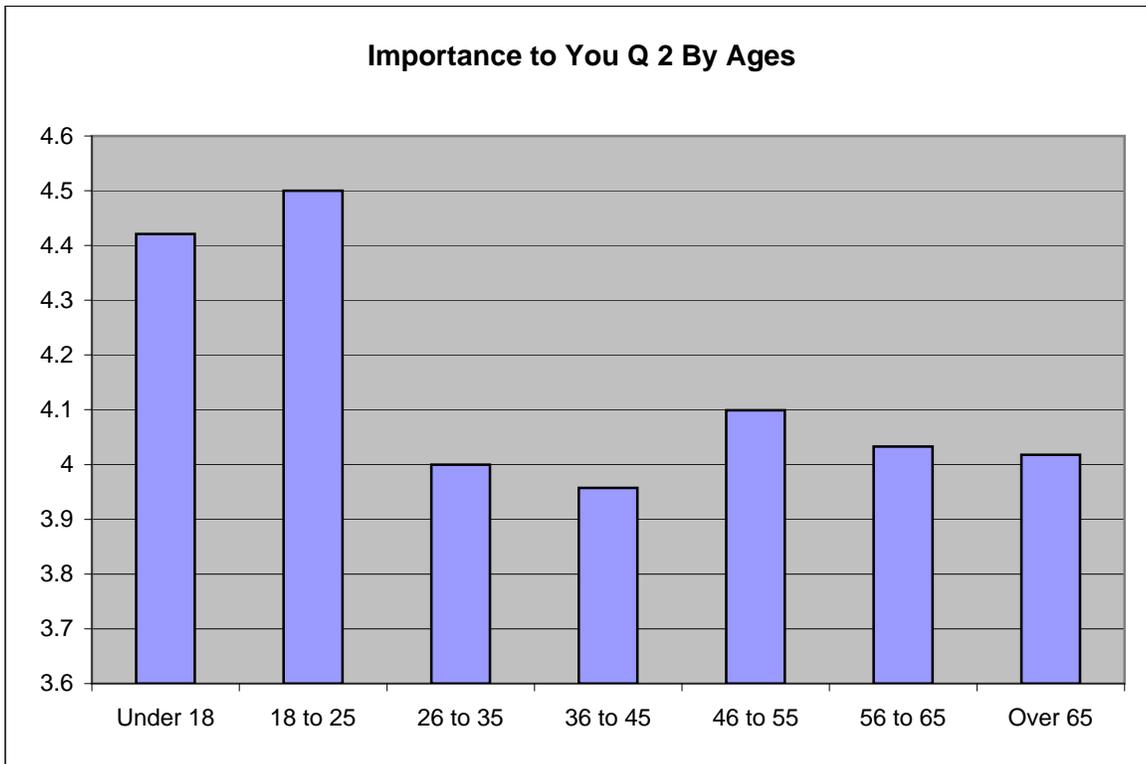


Average of All Responses to Question #2 How Important Is Land As A Benefit To You?

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.421
18 to 25	4.500
26 to 35	4.000
36 to 45	3.957
46 to 55	4.093
56 to 65	4.033
Over 65	4.018

Combined Averages Q2

4.049

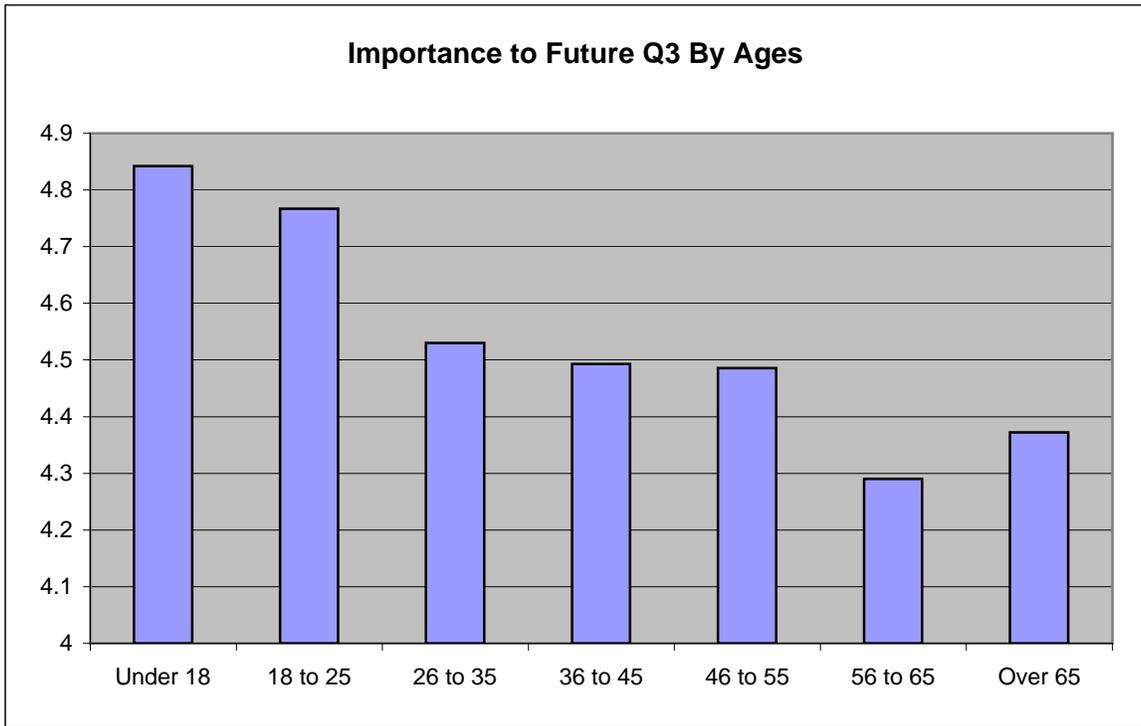


Average of All Responses to Question #3
Is It Important For The Tribe To Acquire Land For
Future Generations?

Age Group	Average Of Importance
Under 18	4.842
18 to 25	4.767
26 to 35	4.530
36 to 45	4.493
46 to 55	4.486
56 to 65	4.290
Over 65	4.372

Combined Averages Q3

4.452



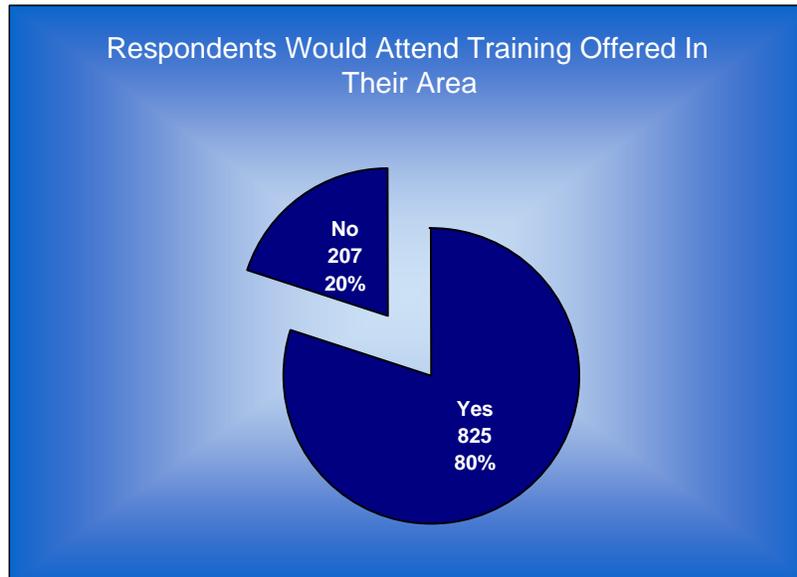
ANALYSIS POINT 7

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 6: WOULD ATTEND A LAND
AND RESERVATION TRAINING IF OFFERED IN AREA**

Analysis Point 7

Would Respondent Attend a Land and Reservation Training If Offered In Area

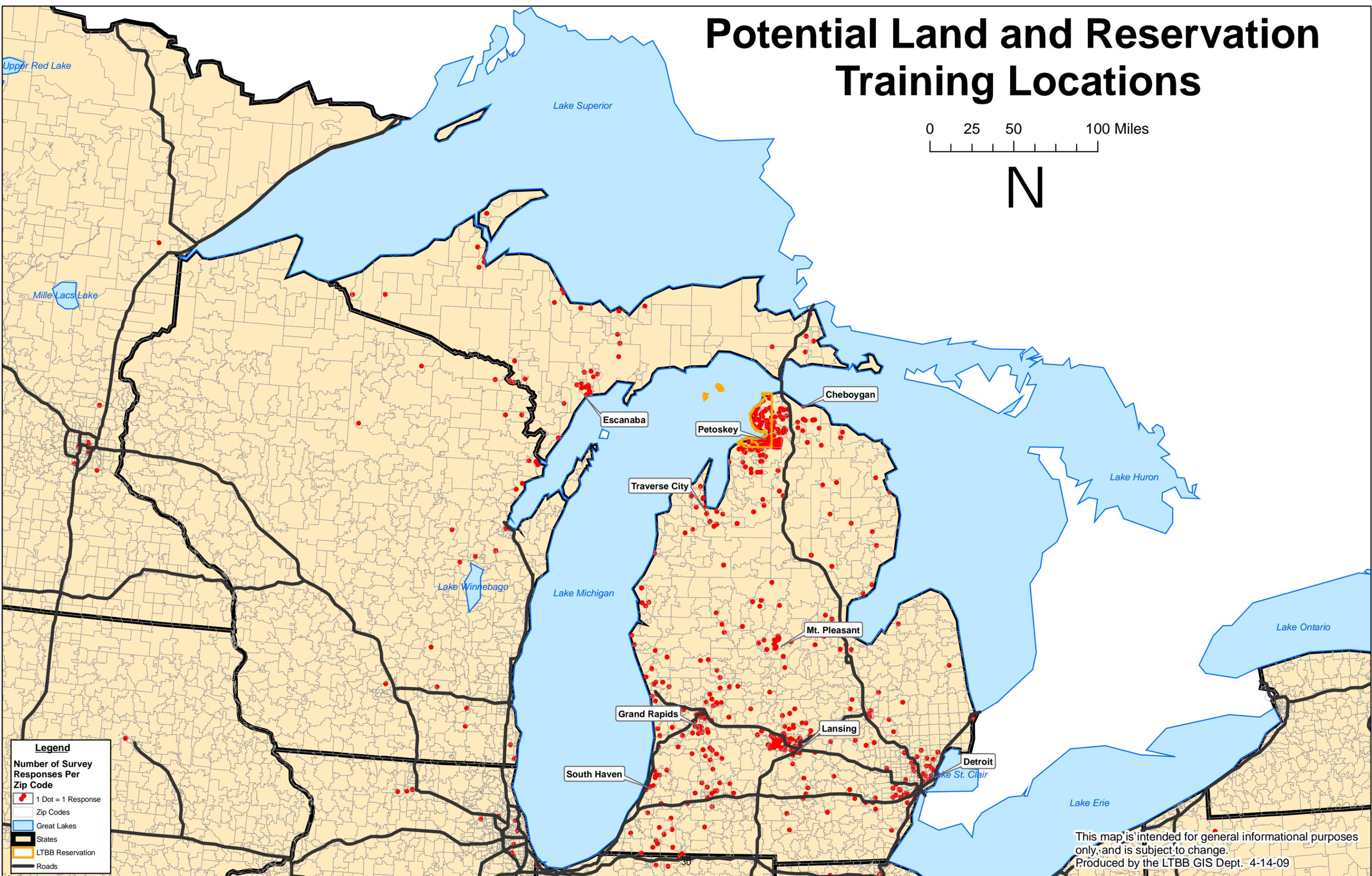
Would Attend	Number of Respondents
Yes	825
No	207



Potential Land and Reservation Training Locations

0 25 50 100 Miles

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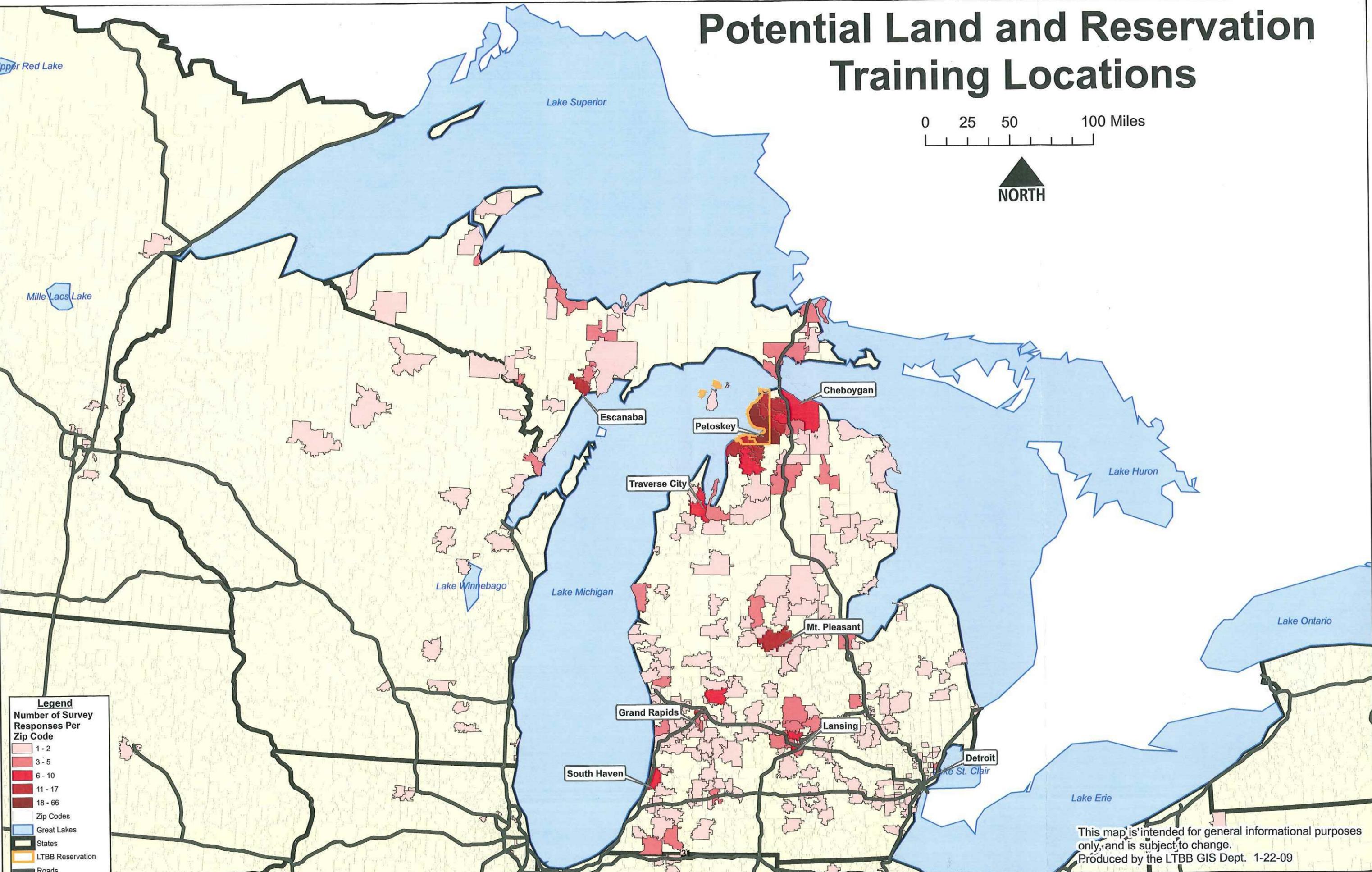
Legend

- Number of Survey Responses Per Zip Code
- 1 Dot = 1 Response
- Zip Codes
- Great Lakes
- States
- LTBB Reservation
- Roads

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Potential Land and Reservation Training Locations

0 25 50 100 Miles



Legend

Number of Survey Responses Per Zip Code

- 1 - 2
- 3 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 17
- 18 - 66

Zip Codes

Great Lakes

States

LTBB Reservation

Roads

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Citizen Comments

Comments are transcribed from originals with no corrections

Comments: Transcribed Without Corrections

"Power to my people" without corn where would we be as a people and as nation

"You can never go wrong with land"

(PERSONAL INFORMATION OMITTED)

*Be too difficult-I'm in Colorado Springs

4 Asterisks inserted immediately to the right of the circled 5 under Cultural/Spiritual protection. Comments: Earth/Land is the foundation of Indean cultures. I am pleased that we are "acquiring" land to protect and nurture. Chi megwetch for all your work for the Mother and the people. :)

Acquiring land is not as important to me as utilizing, managing and preserving the land that we already have....A lesson I take from Wallstreet!

Acquiring land is vital for the survival of our culture and for future generations, as we suffer the burdens of greed we need to learn the quality of life. That starts with accepting our responsibilities to mother earth and learning to live with her as the creator intended us to.

Acquiring land should be a priority, but not until the tribe and Odawa Casino Resort are back on strong economic ground.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

All these are good reasons for the land use. Most important thing is to get the land back to us where it started-as much as possible.

All though I no longer live in Middle Village, I still feel her heart beat. We should do all we can to save our tribal lands. And to acquire land witch will benefit our future.

All very interesting & important

Also if a tribal member is living on the reservation, and married to a non-tribal member, the tribal member dies, the non-tribal member should be able to live out their life in their home, they put their life savings into...

ALSO NEED LAND EXPANSION FOR ALL ANIMALS - PROTECTION-

Altho preserving our heritage, honoring our ancestor and regaining what was taken from us is important, I feel preparing our youth for the future to be able to be strong as individuals and as nation of the ODAWA is even more important. Please balance our desire to expand land boundaries with regaining our pride as individuals and as a nation which is what really made us strong long ago. (see page 2)

Although I do not live in Michigan I do care about our tribe and its future

An asterisk was inserted to the right of Environmental Preservation/conservation

An excellent survey-we need economic development to make money to buy our land back. #5 very important. Miigwech

Anishnaba were always good stewards of mother uh-ke to protect from current pollution issue's, if the land grab from past could be repurchased, it may benefit the tribe, keeping the next seven generations in mind.

Any land acquired is a wonderful thing! I miss many things living so far away!

Any land acquired is an investment to our future and our children. Thanks

As a Native American I am very proud of what I am and for future generations they need something to be proud of too. We all live in a white man's world and need a place to teach our young the ways so it doesn't doe off with the ones that know our ways

as a registered land surveyor in Wisconsin I can understand the value of land to a community. I have worked for various tribes in Michigan & Wisconsin and can see how the land they have acquired can be utilized.

As time goes by any tribal lands we have or don't have will be an important issue.

at my age it's not likely I'd benefit from land in the area, but my children, grand children and many, many relatives might. Thank You

Be careful not to create a security blanket-should do a study on Canadian Reservations (Pros & Cons) Integration vs. Isolation ZIP: N7T-7H5

Because I am one who did not grow up with the Native Traditions and so I feel that I can not answer these questions with the knowledge that is needed to be helpful. My answers are based on Land is a safe investment. These surveys are good. Gives us Tribal Citizens who are not able to come to meetings to voice our concerns. I would like to see a Cultural Center Museum

Because of my age, and degree of blood quantum, of my offspring, there will not be anyone from my family, all are 1/4 or less. The acquisition of land for us will not make a difference in our lives. The people with the heritage that reside in the immediate area would benefit them. For us, in our future, monetary-percap payments benefit us more than the land at this time. Once we are gone, we all realize, our time will be over. I closing we wish the Tribal residents, the best of luck, and all decisions will benefit them in some way. Thank you

Being out of the area, I was pleased to see the attempt being made to include me. I think all major issues should be discussed among all citizens, even way down south. Megwetch.

Buy land only when needed

Buy now while the Land is Cheap!

Buy now! Cheaper prices :)

Buying land is very important to me if the budget allows it.

Can we do something for elder housing. My mother is 83 years old and needs housing & medicine.

cannot think of any comments.

Check enclosed paper

Didn't know about it. Recently moved and didn't update my address for awhile.

Does not pertain to this questionnaire, but would like my county included in the Health Service Area. It stops at my county line ARENAC.

Don't know much about this topic.

Economic Development: Only if land was purchased for farming examples cherry orchard, Bison farm or some other form of high yielding cash crop.

Especially believe for economy, as well as freedom (gov't seems to forgotten constitutional rights & govern everything)

expand your range of service there are a lot of Odawa Indians in Grand Rapids.

Glad to hear from you. Thanks.

God bless you in all your efforts regardless of what they may be. Thank you.

Hard for me to have a feel for this since I live in Oregon, and all this land acquisition was way before even my mom's time (PERSONAL INFORMATION OMITTED)

Have to give more importance to the future.

HAVING MORE LAND FOR THE TRIBE WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL FOR US ALL. THE WAY I SEE OTHER AREAS CHANGE, THROUGH THE YEARS (FOR THE SAKE OF PROGRESS) IS VERY DISTURBING TO ME. THIS LAND HAS BEEN HERE FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME. WE SHOULD DO OUR BEST TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. WE SHOULD DO OUR BEST TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. ALL LIVING ANIMALS, PLANTS WITHIN THE FOREST HAVE MORE RIGHT TO BE THERE THAN ANY HUMANS. AT LEAST OUR ANISHINABEK SHOW MORE RESPECT FOR THE LAND THAN MOST.

Hope you get the training up here!

Housing for elders is needed-not for purchasing & doing nothing with it!!!!

How are you helping w/Tribal Citizens outside the Tribal boundries. Look Ho Chunk is helping other nations and buying land & improving their economic grownth with it outside of Wisconsin. What's with that

How many Pendleton Blankets are out there to win? :)

how much land do we need? And how many buildings that are no in use?

Hunting lands closer to my area of residence. Living in the lower MI has it's own disadvantages.

I am for cultural preservation and environmental conservation. Land should be very important.

I am for doing all. I know the Tribe will achieve our goal. I am proud to belong to the LTBB & to be an Ottawa-Bear Clan. Our ancestors are happy & proud of everything we have accomplished for our people.

I am handicapped and elderly, the future of our tribe is in your hands. I filled this out for my brother, he believes that all our land is sacred.

I am looking to help our future generations.

I am schooling now to become a conservationist.

I am sorry I was not able to attend the session. I find that land acquisition is very important for all reasons.

I am strongly supportive of all that will further us as a Tribe and helps to secure our future for generations to come. Hopefully bring us closer to each other.

I appreciate that you consider tribal members that live outside the area. I know it wouldn't make much sense having any meetings in Ohio

I believe all land we acquire is very beneficial to us in every way. We need to secure our future as well as our children.

I believe all of the above are very important for generations to come.

I believe all of this is important to all of us-for now and the future of our children and grandchildren.

I BELIEVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS TO BE TOP PRIORITY FOR THE NEAR FUTURE; IF WE CAN DEVELOP A STRONG ENTERPRISE GROUP THAT IS PROFITABLE-THEN YOU WILL HAVE A SOURCE TO BUY LAND IN THE FUTURE FOR ALL THE PURPOSES LISTED ABOVE, WHICH ARE ALL IMPORTANT IN THE LONG TERM VISION.

I believe in everything on this paper because it means a lot for the future for the Native people

I believe it is important if us (younger-generation) understand the meaning of our land and culture. We should have some knowledge and insight so we can also make changes for the good of our community.

I believe land is the most important thing for our tribe to grow, be recognized & prove that we are Native Americans. I would be interested in serving on this committee in any way possible

I believe LTBB needs to establish itself as a well run business before spending money on things that are not necessary or "perks"

I believe that the old casino property should be either utilized or be sold.

I believe that training session to our younger generation. I'm interested because of our future of our children grandchildren ext.

I believe the acquisition of land is vitally important to the tribe, there is no more. Preservation of our lands and natural resources should always be a high priority to Indians, all of the purposes listed above each have significant importance individually, some preserving our past, assisting thos in need now, and allowing the Tribe to plan for future economic opportunitites as well as the preservation of cultural and spiritual values that are imperative to the future of all our Tribal Members. "Miigwetch"

I believe the importance of acquiring land be for future generations-our children & our children's children. Also for housing for our elders & windows.

I believe the land & reservation training would be something everybody should attend. I have a daughter that teaches school on a reservation plus lives there & also a son that lives on the reservation.

I believe the tribe should consider descendents (not enough blood quantum to be members) in all tribal matters. Our blood runs in their veins. Blood quantum is racist. (NAME OMITTED) wasn't a tribal member among many others.

I believe the Tribe should continue to purchase land but only if it is going to be beneficial and the Tribe is financially secure to purchase the property.

I believe there should be help and land in Illinois for tribal members.

I believe we as a tribe should acquire land if it's fiscally responsible to do so

I believe we should concentrate on "now"-helping elders outside of "area". You have quite a few South of you. Help casino so it doesn't close. Make it one that everyone wants to visit-hotel & other things. (other activities for family, like Christmas Party everything you do up North-down here)

I did not answer the questions above as there is not enough description as to who or what it would benefit

I do feel acquiring land for the tribe is one of the best ways for bettering the tribe for generation to come.

I do not live in the Michigan area. However, I feel it would be beneficial for the younger and future generation of our tribe to acquire land.

I do not live on this reservation. I would not be able to acquire land for myself or my children.

I do not live within the reservation boundaries so my input is not critical. I think the reservation needs to concentrate on its people's needs first and land second. Members who live outside the boundaries are suffering the worst. Thank you, respectfully.

I do not own any land anywhere on earth. This is not my original home world. Saturn is my original home world & where all what I own is located. Which is also for Michigan. These states are billions of years old! As Mom always said: "We have always been here." and she is full blooded injun!!

I don't feel it would benefit me to acquire more land as I'm a middle age tribal member and my kids can't get a tribal card so I guess I only worry about what's happening now.

I don't live where a land and reservation training session

I don't think this is that important right now because of our economy. It's more important to get our community jobs. So they can take care of their families! When our economy comes back, then I will change my mind about buying land.

I feel any land acquisition for the tribe is very important in all the above purposes

I feel as long as funds allow, land could be very advantageous to and for us. Now one knows what the future holds. We could very well need the land for our kids.

I feel if we acquire land there should be a plan for that land. And whatever we are going to use it for should be started in a reasonable length of time. But to just acquire land and not do anything with it, is a waste of money. These are my feelings.

I FEEL LAND ACQUISITIONS ARE IMPORTANT, IF IT BENEFITS OUR PEOPLE. I FEEL WE SHOULD MEET SOME NEEDS AND PURCHASE LAND IN PHASES. OUR PEOPLE NEED HOUSING, JOBS, DEVELOPED ON THE LAND WE HAVE FOR THAT PURPOSE, BEFORE WE BUY MORE LAND. IF WE FAIL TO PROVIDE A QUALITY LIFE FOR OUR CITIZENS, THERE WILL BE NO TRIBAL MEMBERS LEFT TO BUY LAND FOR! THIS WILL ELIMINATE OUR CULTURE, HISTORY, TREATY RIGHTS. WE LET OUR PEOPLE STARVE, GO WITHOUT MEDICAL CARE BECAUSE OF A TIGHT BUDGET, AND THEN TURN AROUND AND PAY A MILLION FOR LAND WITHOUT HESITATION?

I feel that housing & medical & job opportunities along with providing members with money compensation will be the most important things for our members. I also feel that members who live in Michigan should be eligible for full medical and dental care no matter what county they live in.

I feel that is very important to purchase land if funds are available for out over all benefits.

I feel that it is extremely important for our Tribe to purchase land for our Tribal Citizen's use. Land is something that never loses value both financially, culturally and recreationally. I would like to see more land acquired for hunting, fishing, gathering and cultural and spiritual protection. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my concerns and opinions.

I feel the Indian heritage is very important and reservation land should be preserved but with the economy the way it is, I feel it should be first priority to help members equally with more financial help. As many members are struggling to pay their bills and making ends meet this would help tremendously.

I feel the land should be for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indian for housing and economic development so everyone can live in comfort and have some good life.

I feel the tribe should continue to offer more to the elders. I've heard stories that disturb me!

I have no land I have no home I have no money

I have not been able to attend many functions/meetings due to my advanced age and other complications, but will certainly strive to in future!

I hope you will pass on to someone in authority that whenever I call for help I tell where I live and then I'm told there is no help available after I was told there was earlier. Thank you.

I intend to be fully involved in Tribal affairs, as much as possible when I am able to move back to Michigan, and be taught our language

I just became a member, I'm interested in Housing for members, looking to relocate back to Michigan.

I just don't know

I know not in my area in Tennessee

I know that this task is long and tedious but, keep up the good work as an elder I and We appreciate the work.

I like to see more help for tribe members in the U.P.

I live in Indiana; But purchasing land now It is A great investment for the tribe for future growth. Housing, selling off parts to tribal members; at a cost for housing.

I live in Southwest Michigan. And it's a shame that I can't get any benefits from the Tribe. I asked help to improve my home. They denied my request. Because I don't live in the boundaries of Michigan. I think it's wrong. I was born and raised in Petoskey for first 12 years of my life then moved to Burt Lake. (See attached sheet.)

I live out of state so I don't get many of these benefits, but I think it should all be for the better of our tribal future. Also, we need to think of development for the people & children who are living there.

I live out of state. Not sure it would ever be offered in my area. Thank you for putting my name in for the blanket.

I live out of the LTBOI but I'm a tribe member and I think it is important for tribe member all over the U.S. to get the same chage as others

I live outside of the reservation boundaries. I feel more things should be available to tribal members who do not live in the reservation boundaries.

I live to far away for "little meetings." I am interested in more on Medical health programs outside of the tribel reservations. We need medical help outside of our tribel reservation.

I may not be in the same community as my tribe but I do realize the importance of land to a tribe. I work for a tribe in Hemet California and this topic is highly talked about in California.

I think that our tribe should try to talk a lot about our tribes history. We also should have activities like hutning fishing and gathering to show how it was at the time you hunted to live.

I think about the land that was taken from the Nations almost everyday.

I THINK ALL OF THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US ODAWA INDIANS AND WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET WHAT WE STAND FOR! WE ARE TRYING TO SUPPORT OUR PEOPLE AND NOT RELIE ON THE GOVERNMENT. I'M PRETTY PROUD OF THAT!!

I think it is important for the younger generation. It depends on where the training session is.

I think it is utmost importance for the land to be kept for the tribe

I think it is very important for future generations.

I think it is very important for us as a people "Nation" we need to take advantage of every resource giving to us. As I had to move to find work. We need this for the future of all young & not yet born Odawa children.

I think it is very important to acquire and preserve all the land.

I think it would be in the tribes best interest, to offer service's to tribal members out of the Tribe's service area!

I think it would be very entereing to be at the Land and Reservation session

I think its important to the tribe so we can show our kids where we began and how our ancestors lived by living off the land and caring for mother nature and keeping spirituality in our hearts to help us grow

I think it's very important for our future seven generations. To aquire as much as we, as a tribe can. And for a future substance abuse treatment center for our tribal member's who have dependancy with alcohol and or drugs. And a safe house for domestic violence also. Chi migwetch

I think it's very important to preserve & reacquire tribal lands. Unfortunately, I don't live in the state so wouldn't personally benefit. I would love to live on/near the reservation but left the state due to the poor economy there & inability to find a job.

I think more information on when and where meetings are held. Sometimes we don't get info until the meeting is going on or already past. Thanks.

I think our tribe should get as much land as needed for our community, historical events, etc. Do whatever you can in your power to acquire your desires. Miigwetch.

I think the acquisition of land is very important, but there are other things that are just as important. I think the tribal members should put per capita payments at the top, our elderly & not so elderly are in need of this. Also Health Care should be #2. with land coming in at 3rd.

I think the land is very important so that we can let our culture grow

I think the tribe should concentrate on paying off everything we already have and put together a medical coverage plan for our people. We are spending way too much money going to meetings to plan another meeting. Pay off the casino, and all the other things we've built or bought before we try to buy more. We need to stop trying to keep up with the Joneses. Next Page

I think this is all important, because I've been thinking about possibly taking up residence on the reservation to learn more about my heritage and culture sometime in the future.

I think we need our land back cause it was ours in the first place.

I think we need to be choosy in what land we purchase and the purposes we acquire it for. I believe housing should come first then spiritual protection. And we need to be cautious as to how much land we buy as well.

I think we need to purchase lands to protect our rights & to preserve the things mother nature gave us. And also to protect lands from environmental contamination

I think we should look at what we are actually buying and spending so much money on and get the tribes vote. Don't spend money if we really don't need it.

I think we should use the old casino for a bingo hall, I think a lot of people would come, instead of these little ones.

I understand saving history & culture, but the \$ spent up north does not benefit the members in need outside our tribal area. We need things to change and make perks equal.

I was never entitled to the grant money because I joined the Little Traverse Band. That is why I circled all Five. Thank you.

I wasn't quite sure how to answer the 4th question because I live in Minnesota

I wish I could be more involved but it is difficult living so far away from the tribal area. Thank for keeping me (us) informed.

I wish I lived closer as so to be more active in Tribal issues. Thank you for your time.

I wish I lived there, but unfortunately each time I have checked, there have not been any openings.

I wish if people get into money troubles you would loan them money with less interest than credit cards

I wish that the tribe would purchase more land for housing and give tribal members more per capita for winter or divide like GTB one for winter, one for July.

I wish there were more available for those living outside the "area".

I wished would do more for housing

I would be able to better answer if it was known how much land?, where?, and at what cost? What land does the tribe have now? Miigwetch & good luck!

I would come back to Mich. But there is no work there. Thank you, (Miigwetch)

I would do anything for the Tribe. The younger generation needs all the help they can get and be proud and not put to shame like I was growing up in the late 40's & 50's & 60's

I would go to a training session if I didn't have prior appt.

I would like information on how tribal members can get assistance outside the tri-county area. A phone number to reach me at is (PERSONAL INFORMATION OMITTED)

I would like to give a big chi-megwetch to the land and reservation committee not only for this survey but for the work they put in to better our tribe & our future generation. Megwetch

I would like to know in advance what dates training sessions will be held. I plan on visiting Michigan in late May/early June 2009 with my 90 year old mother if she is able to make the trips. (PERSONAL INFORMATION OMITTED)

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS. WILL THE LAND STILL BE HELD IN TRUST BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR?

I would like to move back to where I was born. Would like to have Senior housing.

I would like to see long term housing for senior citizens (Care Center)

I would like to see more Tribal benefits in my area.

I would like to see presentations done around the state so more Tribal Citizens have an opportunity to hear first hand what is being done on their behalf by Tribal Council and other Tribal entities.

I would like to see the tax agreement area (TAA) extended in the service area.

I would like to see the tribe buy land, put it in trust, and allow tribal members to buy/own land to develop/build housing

I would like to see tribal development or investment into renewable energy. This could be a source of revenue for all tribes in America.

I would love for my children to be able to point out land and say This land belongs to me and my tribal family. I think it would fill them with a sense of pride, even more than they already do about their heritage.

I would love to do the training session but for financial reasons I live too far away to attend Thank you

I would love to go to a training session (any type of training) that was offered by my tribe. I am very proud of my heritage and would love the opportunity to become more involved.

I would really like members in this area to be more involved in tribal decisions as well as be able to receive more tribal health and social assistances. My area is Flushing but even when I lived in Lansing I still felt out of touch. And my still resides in Lansing

I would've attended the "Land & Reservation Training Session", but I do not live in Michigan anymore.

I'd like to be involved more w/my children (PERSONAL INFORMATION OMITTED), but we are limited because of no transportation. Question Did You Attend: unable to location & no vicecele.

If all land that is acquired be beneficial to the Tribe I say go for it

If I win the blanket I would like to donate it to a Tribal Elder luncheon being a Tribal Citizen.

If it was offered in my area where I reside. But I can't get around that good. Miigwetch

If land comes around and you don't have to pay a fortune for it fine, but don't buy just to have land. Thanks for my input. You people are doing a great job up there!

If meetings were closer I could attend & later times!

If their was a good job and home, there I might come back

If you came down to Grand Rapids I would go to the training.

If you can help, I would love to meet & be around some of my people. I would also like to know when there are special events. (I need help with rides)

I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend this training session but this is important not only for my generation but for our children as well!

IN HISTORY I LEARNED WHEN THE WHITE MEN BEGAN TO OFFER LAND FOR SALE. THE INDIAN LAUGHED AS COULD NOT UNDERSTAND SUCH A THING. HOW CAN YOU SELL A THING THAT BELONGS TO ALL. WE UNDERSTAND NOW.

In my opinion land acquisition & language preservation are the two most important items that identify a tribe. Keep up the education of this important aspect of tribal identification.

In the past we have donated to acquisition of tribal properties. We can no longer afford the same. Sorry-

In this economic downfall, a land acquisition would be totally unnecessary. We people & elders of our tribe need money-not land.

Increase in the amount of per-capita for elders-business decisions that are more profitable for the Tribe additional benefits for member who live out State of Michigan

Indian cultural teaching is very important to our youth and if this involves land it too is important

Is there any program that helps pay off my student loans, since I did not get any Native American grants?

Issues like this is very important to the Tribe and its being. To generations ahead!

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO HAVE OUR 1855 RESERVATION BOUNDARIES TO BE RECOGNIZED/ACCEPTED. IT WILL BE A LONG ROAD!

It is good to acquire land just so it doesn't take our benefits away from us.

It is good to think about the future of our land

It is my opinion that land acquisition is usually very beneficial.

It is very important mainain and procure our historical land base-such as Indiantown, etc. What is the tribe going to do with the land purchased on Second Street in Harbor Springs?

It is very important to remember our heritage, and our rights as Native Americans. We need to honor those who have sacrificed, and walked on before us. *See above: ref. to 5 ratings on cultural and historical purposes.

it may not help us older people but it may our younger generation

It seems to me that our tribe is slow on expanding business, casino and benefits. Why? The tribe in New Buffalo and Mt Pleasant are doing great, why aren't we doing as good as them

It since like a good thing

It was "our" land in the beginning! "It" is our "Mother"! And "She" is being "used" and "abused"! All lands re-acquired can be culturally/spiritually protected. Natural resources, environmental preservation/conservation will once more be protected and preserved.

It would be nice to get a little more "help" for the elders that live outside of Mich. Help with our health, prescription, eye glasses & food. Thank you. (PERSONAL INFORMATION OMITTED)

It would be nice to have a spokesman from the tribe to come here to give us a reviw of the meetings. I live in Mt. Pleasant have no care to attend meetings in Petoskey.

It would be nice to have more sessions in the U.P.

It would be nice to have some programs down here in the lower part of Michigan. Aren't we still part of the state down here?? The Tribal Council wants all members to agree or vote for what they want but what about the rest of us who live in the south??

It would be nice to have some sort of organization through our tribe closer to home that we could attend and be part of.

It's a pity that all Native Americans in this state cannot be as ONE

It's important to own property as a Tribe valuable to regain as much historical property as long as it is economically sound to do so. The purchase of property should not diminish services provided by the Tribe now.

it's very important to be a tribal member and thank you

I've always thought that land acquisition is one of the most important ways of sustaining our culture in future generations.

Keep up the good work

Keep up the good work

Keep up the good work.

Keep up the good work.

Keep up the good work.5

Keeping what acquire natural and preserved like our ancestors told us it should be.

Kids need to know about our Land history so they can make informed decisions when it's their turn to lead our Tribe. Take care of Economic Development and Bond Debt for now. Keep all the good ideas ready for when we have positive cash flow.

Land acquisition should be geared toward housing then the cultural and spiritual aspects will begin to come into play just as they did in the past when a sense of community was present. Thank you

Land is a heritage that must be regained and protected by legal means.

Land is forever

Land is important but with the current economic crisis there are other priorities like assisting Tribal members with their heat, food & housing!

Land is important, but not as important as being able to make my house payment & pay my taxes on time among the many other bills. When our people are struggling to live, it makes buying land seem like the wrong thing to do. Do something to help us to keep things together NOW! Something to get us through this economic crisis-at least until things get better. Expecially for those of us that live out of the indian area. Thank you.

Land is natural resource and should be protected, although development may be necessary

Land is not doing us good now, we need money.

Land is the important possession we can have it gives us life - our being is in our land.

Land is the only REAL estate

Land is very important for future generations.

Land is very important. I don't own a car and I don't drive so it would be hard for me to attend a training session.

Land should be aquired in a way to benefit the tribe as a whole as to help make the tribe more self-sufficient!

LAND USE FOR SWIMMING & PICNICS! FAMILY REUNIONS. MORE FOR BUSINESS USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE MONEY FOR US. NO MORE LAND JUST FOR LAND

Land use would not benefit me personally, but it should be there for the future generations

Let's build our land base for purposes of preservation!

like help for septic system. Very important.

Manifest Destiny-Trail of Tears-forced removal + annexation-average price per acre 50 cents acre during treaty times-reservation (concentration) prison camp mentality by government, forced denial of "freedom of Religion" denied not allowed, or form of Gov. 7 leagues of Iroquois, ODAWAS members of, Thomas Jefferson patterned our Gov. to fed Gov. in times of war our president is also "commander in chief" same day treaties signed lands treaty acquired, for \$2.50 to private enterprise, was asking price from 50 cents to \$2.50 per acre, mineral rights to said lands never given to Natives or share of this . Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Hopi, Navajo, multi tribal school, bia (S.I.P.I.) BIA Tech School graduate. Only positive option given by treaty (Education) (BIA Drafting) 4.0 GPA. As a LTBB member "Handicapped" we have no office, spokesman, volunteer's

Mark Twain said to buy land, there's only so much of it.

Miigwech to the Land and Reservation Committee for all the work you do. Keep up the good work.

More notification and many ways to communicate. Casino/Enterprises/NSN in Payroll stubbs/notices/newsletter/NSN employees talking with the community members on events & meeting to make sure the message gets out.

More Services offered for tribal citizens being out of state.

more surveys should be issued about land and culture developments.

Mother Earth is a very very important part of the Native Ways! Doesn't everything start with Mother Earth?

My opinion on acquiring land with in the LTBB of Odawa Indians 1855 boundaries that you mentioned above are, all important but the ones I checked were important to me.

NA

Natives were already living here before the Europeans discovered it Oct. 12 1492 Columbus discovered the new world and called the Natives "Indians." Plus, we are special people.

Need elders housing.

NO comments

None

None of these would not benefit our family seeing we do not live in the Resident Area.

Not sure what community identity means.

Once it's gone-it's gone:(- future generations & the animals all stand to lose significantly if we make the wrong decisions regarding preservation of our land and waterways.

Other than a \$400 elder benefit and a \$500 per cap payment I receive nothing from our tribe but an occasional visit to Biindigen when I drive 300 miles to see my sisters.

Our bills should be paid first then Land! The CFO should have seen the financial problems and communicated to Coucil.

Our cultural and historical heritage is deeply immersed in the Land regardless whether it is reservation or non-reservation land.

Our land boundaries define our identity and sovereignty....

Our land is sacred, and very important to the tribe and community.

Our land, reservation boundaries, & our treaty rights are a must.

Our people-yesterday, today, tomorrow. Maybe we should concentrate on all the people of the tribe first instead of land! Most of are tribe is having a hard time, medical & dental food, heat, Basic need's. Elder's not able to go to Doctor's or. Dentists. Heath exam's. etc...

out of service area (off reservation) Tribal member and not sure of importance of tribal land. Is it important? Why?

Out of state of Michigan

Please aquire land for a Tribal Burial place in view of spring welcoming ceremonies

Please have another training

please let me know if a training session should come to my area.

Please stop using the word Indian or Indians! We are not from India!

Provide land and tribal families to build houses

purchasing land is not good at this time. I believe the monies should be used to pay off the casino first. Utilize that we have.

Q 1: How much land and for what age group. Q23 How much land and for what purpose? Q2: Personal or Tribe?

Q2-Benefit to you as Tribal Citizen: Except for the fact that you can't manage the holdings we already have. Question on Economic Development: Yeah right haven't you done enough harm yet? Question on Community Identity: Why don't we use Victories for a com. Center and gym with daycare for Tribal members and Casino emp? Why acquire land when we're misusing what we already have? Question: Would you attend if offered: if it was after 8pm (due to work obligation) Additional Comments: If you are as horrible at buying land as you are at buying businesses then maybe we should wait until someone else is in charge. Your track record leaves incredible room for improvement. If we get any more useless buildings (911 building, victories building, and our motel in Macinaw) then we'll be decarling bankruptcy in no time.

Q3 acquire land for future generations: What future generations 1/8 are excluded from quantum. Comments: When all Indians are dead who gets conservatorship? Can we donate all lands for parks or? After we are all gone. 7 generations?? If we are throwing are children & grandchildren away??

Question #1: Please buy Traverse City & the Leelenau & Mission Peninsulas. Beautiful! Question would attend if offered: If you came to Wichita Falls. I have so little info on this. I like the participation of the Tribe in preserving the Great Lakes. Sounds like you (LTBBOI) do a wonderful amt. of work also the health & purity of fish. You should submit articles about what you do to the A.P.

Question Land Benefit You: Depends on historical significance such as the Petoskey St. Solanus Church. One must also consider future costs of land ownership such as taxes. Insurance & liability

Question on Would you Attend: I live in Minnesota

Real Estate Broker in West Michigan Area

Right now we should be working on paying off our casino that isn't doing very well, instead of spending more on land.

See Attached

See Attached Letter

See enclosed

Self Employed (House Cleaner)

Senior/Elder housing-youth programs

Since I don't live up there, there is little I know what's happening there. I miss my monthly paper.

Sorry I missed the session.

Sorry I missed the training session.

Sorry I'm late, I drive truck. Haven't been home in a while.

Thank you

Thank you for all you do!!

Thank you for allowing me to participate in this survey and the drawing for the blanket.

Thank you for asking for my op.

Thank you for considering my thoughts

Thank you for considering the tribal members ideas/feelings who reside outside of tribal area. That means a lot! Even though I do not live in the area, I feel more land would be a benefit for the members of the tribe who do live and work there.

Thank you for including me! I would attend everything that was provided in my area. It is hard to leave my business I own to attend the Tribal Functions held to far away. Chi Miigwetch!

Thank you for including me. I live along ways away

Thank you for including Tribal members that are outside of the area!!

Thank you for letting us voice our opinions, especially considering our future generations to come.

Thank you for offering this survey

Thank you for sending and involving me in our survey.

Thank you for sending the survey.

Thank you for sending this survey. Please keep me informed.

Thank you for taking the time to do this survey.

Thank you for the continued effort in seeking all opportunities that will benefit our tribe. Our family looks forward to more opportunities as the council pulls all it's members, from surrounding states and beyond, together into a tighter knit union. Remember us and all the others that lie beyond the borders of Michigan, as we remember all the good work you do.

Thank you for the distinction of voicing my thoughts on paper, to you. It's nice to be included. All of my sixteen grandchildren, now grown, and five great great grandchildre. Toddlers and 1 newborn.

Thank you for the fine work you are doing on behalf of the Tribe! :)

Thank you for the service you provide

Thank you for this survey- This is very important to me!

Thank you for your service to the tribe.

Thank you!

Thanks (Megwetch) for asking my opinion.

Thanks for all your work!

Thanks for considering the input/opinion of all members.

Thanks for including those outside of the area.

The community (tribal & non-tribal) should contribute to finding and implementing solutions to environmental problems. I believe Mother Earth would prefer help in healing over ownership.

The land & enterprises that were bought has not been utilized to make a profit for our Tribe. It would be a waste of money. You cannot take care of our Tribal Citizens now.

The land is very important to are tribe now and the future We need 4 the above 8 reasons.

The money that would be used to purchase more land should be given to the membership (like the December dispersement) There are many tribes that get much more than \$500. They get thousands monthly.

the more we have the more we can pass on to our children.

The only down fall about housing is if you have to move, you're only able to sell your house to a Tribal Citizen.

The only thing is I live in Las Vegas NV.

The question is where does land acquisition fall within the priorities of total tribal need. In a tight budget environment.

The training session was excellent very informative.

THE TRIBE NEED TO GET ALL CURRENT LANDS & CASINO PAID OFF ASAP BEFORE PURCHASING ANYTHING FURTHER-OUR ENTERPRISES DO NOT DO WELL-NO BUSINESS BACK GROUNDS TO RUN OUR BUSINESSES FROM T.C.-ALL OF TR. COUNCIL BETTER LOOK AT OUR CFO'S THAT HAVE RUN LTBB'S TRIBAL NAME IN THE MUD-2009 IS ELECTION YEAR. MEMBERS ARE LISTENING & WATCHING!

The tribe needs to keep growing. If we have land-we can pursue a lot of different avenues-such as.. Buidling-stores, housing, etc. Also, to have more land to eat off of is very important.

The tribe should more involved with wants and needs of tribal members living in the U.P. and more meetings here.

These are very hard times and we all need to pull together for the sake of our children because they are our future.

Think that we should do whatever it takes to give more money to the tribe during this economic crisis

This ought to be offered to all members and throughout MI. Not just up North! The information acquired from surveys should be public knowledge.

This survey would be more effective if given to all tribal members over 18. Not just the head of household. I am married & my wilfe was not included. (She is LTBB as well)

Those tribal members that do own private lands are getting taxed to death...any though of some relief through tribal government?

To preserve our sovereignty and our language

Traing in area Question: Any training would have more impact if on the reservation. Comments: I would like to see importance put on what our Tribe currently has acquired. It seems there was previous plans for development of Housing, Economic Development etc. and every so many years we're asked again to prioritize. My priority would be to care for and secure development of what we currently have. Wait four years before purchasing more land.

Treaty rights hunting and fishing

Tribal Sovereignty is the basis for our existence. To practice effective sovereignty, we must have a sustainable land base.

Very good idea.

Very important to me because I have seen house, boat marinas dive shop. Built on and Indian land and now one would even lesone to me. If you are around the area. Will m-33 bridg: along the river. I used to work for the man. Oh owned it. Be for thay builet all that on it.

Very informative. Very well presented. Looking forward to the next one.

Victories property needs to be utilized better.

W/more notification than putting it in the Odawa Trails. Flyers would be nice.

WASN'T AWARE OF THE TRAINING SESSION OR I WOULD HAVE ATTENDED. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR LAND BASE TO ENABLE US TO EXPAND SERVICES, ESPECIALLY HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

We are getting land poor. Please start helping membership

We are still hoping for a center in Grand Rapids or near by. Many of us are retired and would donate our time to further causes!

We as a people of a dying nation need a chance to save our heritage for future generations. I see that change coming about, and whatever I can do to help, I just need to know where I'm needed.

We as Native Americans have given back to Mother Earth what we took and restored it to its original. Big industry and the Federal Government continue to take and only partially restore it. If we a Native Americans don't reaquire the land take from us in the past there will be nothing left for our future generations. I feel it is totally up to us to preserve what supports us and the necessary things for us to survive because no one else will

We can't forget how our land was take from us and the fight we had to reclaim it.

We currently own 40 acreas (PERSONAL INFORMATIO OMITTED) just north of Cross Village enroute to Wycamp Lake. Summer 2008 I visited several areas state has set side as DNR property. Development would be a lose to all-ex Warbler and relationship to Jack Pine. Millions of dollars has been spent to protect Jack Warbler. The right way to do it is to protect it before its gone.

We do not need tha land to have identity. We are already Identified, by our Heritiage, and we have a Strong Identity!

We do not really own the land-the land owns us. We have began a base of land ownership-the community knows we are here. The environment is constantly changing-no giant white pines anymore-yes we most conserve but total preservation is not plausible.

We don't travel like we used to when we were younger - we miss those old times. If we were in Michigan, we would always take a trip up to Harbor Springs. We always enjoyed the trips. As no we don't travel anymore-the farthest we go would be about 50 miles from home.

We have numerous land sitting vacant. What is being done with the land we already purchased? Please repsond in writing to: (PERSONAL INFORMATION OMITTED)

We have plenty of land for housing not being utilized.

We must continue to grow, our future children must be protected

We must obtain land as to pass it on to generations as they must know on how we lived off the land. There is only so much land. And as a Tribe we must show other cultures & societies or how to take care of it.

We must try to regain that which has been stolen from us! We are the land! My father was born & raised in Burt Lake, Mich.

We need a solid economic base in other businesses besides gaming. Then, in the future, we can obtain more land for other purposes.

We need all we can get from our land & what nature can provide for us. We should make good use of everything and not waste anything. We should also learn how and what we can recycle.

We need change also for our Nation and for now and future generations.

We need housing for elders, for community members, for every tribal member. We need to be a tribe. The land is part of us as we are part of the land.

We need land for all kinds of things. Like in the past and for future Tribal generations, to live on and grow food and hunt and fish and grow more trees.

We need land for our future generations of children and seniors. We must invest now, if possible. You have my prayers in this matter.

We need our own schools

We need to acquire health benefits, which is more beneficial to ALL tribal members not land- "land rich, dirt poor"

We need to do all possible to reserve & preserve our ancestry & future of our people.

WE NEED TO FOCUS ON HELPING OUR PEOPLE IN THE NON-RESERVATION AREA. THERE ARE TRIBAL MEMBERS SUFFERING IN THIS HARD ECONOMICAL TIME, WITH NO JOBS OR INSURANCE (HEALTH).

We need to have a place to take our children & grandchildren and teach them about our history.

We need to have our own land. We and our ancestors have been push enough from our land.

WE NEED TO HELP THE HOMELESS NATIVES LIKE MY FAMILY AND MYSELF AND OTHERS WHO MAY NEED IT. NOT FISHERIES AND ANOTHER CASINO. I DON'T WANT TO LINE MORE RICH INDIAN POCKETS WHEN I CAN'T AFFORD TO EAT OR HAVE A HOME OF MY OW FOR ME AND MY CHILDREN. THANK GOD FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LETS KEEP THAT AS IT IS.

We need to keep your heritage going for many generations.

We need to take a leadership role and be the BEST positive example of Native people and their relationship with the land. :)

We should be acquiring as much land as funds will allow, but never at the cost of education for tribal members. That should be a huge priority.

We should get right with the rest of our Tribes because we should be as one. We are all Native Americans

We should-our land should make money if does not then what good isit? Esp. when we cannot pay our bills.

What about downstate. Off reservation tribal members and their abilities, needs, and wherewithals, to utilize tribal lands or acquisitionis?? Where are the provisions if only, for tribal citizens who do not reside in the Petoskey area?? And that's more than land. Tribal Council has to more than consider non-Petoskey area members! Q.2 Benefit Citizen: Improve tribal land, it should pass on to family children til no more & buffer areas between residences, offer privacy.

What are we doing with the land we own now? Vitorites has been siting empty for over three years! Someone needs to make a decision on our investments. It would be a great trade center for all Tribal members.

What is being done with land already acquired by the tribe? (Besides the cacino)

What's in the works for the old casino bldg? Use some of our open land to set up a farm or garden so we don't have to lease from local farmer.

Where is the money, besides in your pockets. Or in your toys. Percap is s**t! Might as well buy land.

where would you be purchasing land? What area? Can we afford to purchase? How much land. What benefit for our tribe?

With the economy as it is, I feel we could all use per capita, more than we can use more land at this time. I have had 0 income for 2 1/2 years waiting for disability-why can't my tribe help me? All the benefits are for the members that live there-what about the rest of us?

With the economy the way it is I think any Native American should help acquire land for helping any children of any present Indian.

Would attend meetings, also to learn about our spiritual lands like Wycamp. Good education for our Tribel youth, and elders also.

Would attend question: already have many commitments

Would attend question: If Able

Would attend question: If I were not so far away.

Would attend question: Perhaps I would depending on night and where. Comments:I don't live within the boundaries of the tribe

Would attend: costs a lot to get to mainland from Island

Would attend: I live in Nevada

Would attend: If I had enough notice and was in the State of Michigan.

Would attend: If I were free to attend-meaning days off. Comments: Priority is to our future generations, elders, please keep this in focus, our elders sign with this government to save our hunting & fishing more over than the land also.

Would attend: It never will be offered here.

Would attend: Maybe if I knew more about it

Would attend: My health wouldn't permit

Would like to attend: depends how far away & how long it would take

Would like to attend: I am not sure what this is.

Would like to learn laws about Tribal land. Going through land ownership right now.

Yes land is very important. I believe it was Will Roger that said, "Buy land they aren't making it anymore." However, now is not the time to be buying land. \$35,000 spent for feasibility study and the property still sits empty. Not all tribal citizens can take advantage of the land. Many Tribal Citizens have greater needs.

You did such an outstanding job at the Hotel. I came away with such mixed emotions! Thank you and keep up the good work!

You've got make money to buy the land.

ATTACHMENTS

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Comments: This survey for instance must have cost a lot just for postage, for what, your going to do what ever you want anyway. I have written to the tribe for different reasons over the years many times, I think I received one reply out of all those times. I recently wrote to the tribal attorney, James Bransley. I asked for help in a civil matter and asked for an answer quickly because I am involved in Federal court right now and things are time sensitive. That was weeks ago, and not even "we can't help you". That's the kind of help I am used to getting from our tribe, so forgive me if I sound off a little. I do want to thank the tribe for the birthday card a few days ago. I was petitioning the court for a court appointed attorney because I filed my case under the indigent status and I needed to show I had contacted at least five other attorneys, a court rule. So even a no, answer would have been nice. I'm sorry for wasting your time with my frustrations because you aren't the ones I should be writing to. you asked for my comments!

Sincerely

Michael Fetterhoff

Enrollment # 1060-07-95

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November 9, 2008

LTBB Land & Reservation

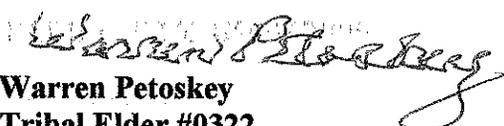
This questionnaire is out of context with our current fiscal situation.

I think Dr. McClurken gave us more than enough legal information to begin lawsuits to recover land that was taken illegally. We have land we have not utilized and land that has been mismanaged. We have land that has not been listed in the Odawa Trails Newsletter and your sending out a simple questionnaire with out any background information asking Tribal Citizens these questions indicates a lack of preplanning and conscientiousness.

Land acquisition may be something we need to do in the future, but until we start using the land we have already acquired there is little sense in buying more land especially in light of the current economic conditions in our Tribe.

I did not answer the fourth boxed question because I think we should have more land, but to establish a large physical reservation rather than the postage stamp one we have. My opinions posted in the other questions could change, but right now they are out of context with our current situation.

Miigwech!


Warren Petoskey
Tribal Elder #0322

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WE MISS OUT ON EVERYTHING MYSELF AND
MY SON WILLIAM III.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR MONIES WE RECIEVE
IN DECEMBER.

YOU WANT OUR VOTE ON UP COMING ELECTION
MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE I DON'T EVEN KNOW. I
HAVE TO CALL HOME AND ASK ABOUT THESE PEOPLE
MAYBE ON YOUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING YOU COULD
MENTION TO SEE IF TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING OUTSIDE
YOUR BOUNDRIES COULD RECIEVE BENEFITS IN
SOME WAY.

MIGWETCH

WILLIAM S. SHAWA JR

William S. Shawa Jr.

SO getting Indiana
Land's Back is very
Important to me.

Love
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November 12, 2008

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

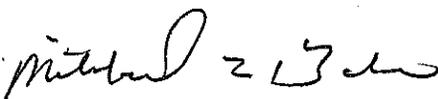
Dear Tribal Council:

As a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, I believe that our Tribe should acquire land for the reasons stated on the survey with Cultural/Spiritual and Treaty rights as being the most important for me.

As a child, I lived a large portion of my life with a lady that is equal to a grand-mother. She owned and lived on a farmed that included several acres of land. I remember while staying with her how free that my spirit felt when I was out on her land. I am convinced that as Native American, our heritage is of being a free spirit.

Since our land though deceit was taken from us, I believe acquiring more land for our people is the right thing to do for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. My hope is that many members will respond to this survey in support of the land acquisition.

Baa Maa Pii,



Mitchell L Baker

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INSTEAD OF acquiring more land that will NOT be profitable or useful for the tribe. Why NOT one - MAKE the old "Kings court motel" an emergency place to stay for our members that lose their homes or are out in the ~~street~~ streets because of lack of job, etc.

two - MAKE old victories a place to play Bingo. So the tribe CAN at least use the money being made from an empty building to pay for the "Kings courts" guests. And make it a LTBB Social Club for everyone with a LTBB CARD.

third - PAY our tribal depts (120 mil.) before acquiring more land!

AS FAR AS I'm concerned LTBB has enough land, some aren't being USED!

And for some more information the "New Casino" should be paid for + our per cap should go up before -

1. the elders ALL DIE OFF
2. look AT the generations we have coming up, two more generations AND

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they will be All white. So the people who "think" they are looking out for "our future", will be looking AT Blond hair + blue eyes + yes they will be CTBB AND oh by the way they will able to speak Anishinaabe.

this is my comment.

Thank you for reading it.

Nov 11, 2008

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Our land was taken from us and it is still here waiting to be redeemed. Buy it back, use the businesses on it, and keep the land. Buy back the wilderness and preserve it.

My Grandfather, Peter Shawanun owned a government granted homestead at 5 mile Creek, it was lost to our family in the 1960's for a measly sum because we didn't have the money, but the land is still there. He also owned, or had the rights to, a house in Barber Springs Indian Town at the ~~sight~~ site where a playground was erected. The house had

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Now, more than ever, we need this connection to our ancestors who did not leave grand monuments, only the land where their spirits still walk.

where other cultures see only dollar signs when they view land, let us see our legacy to our children and their children.

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Chi Miquetch for listening

Loretta Shawanese Antoine
age 75 yrs.

Nov 11, 2008

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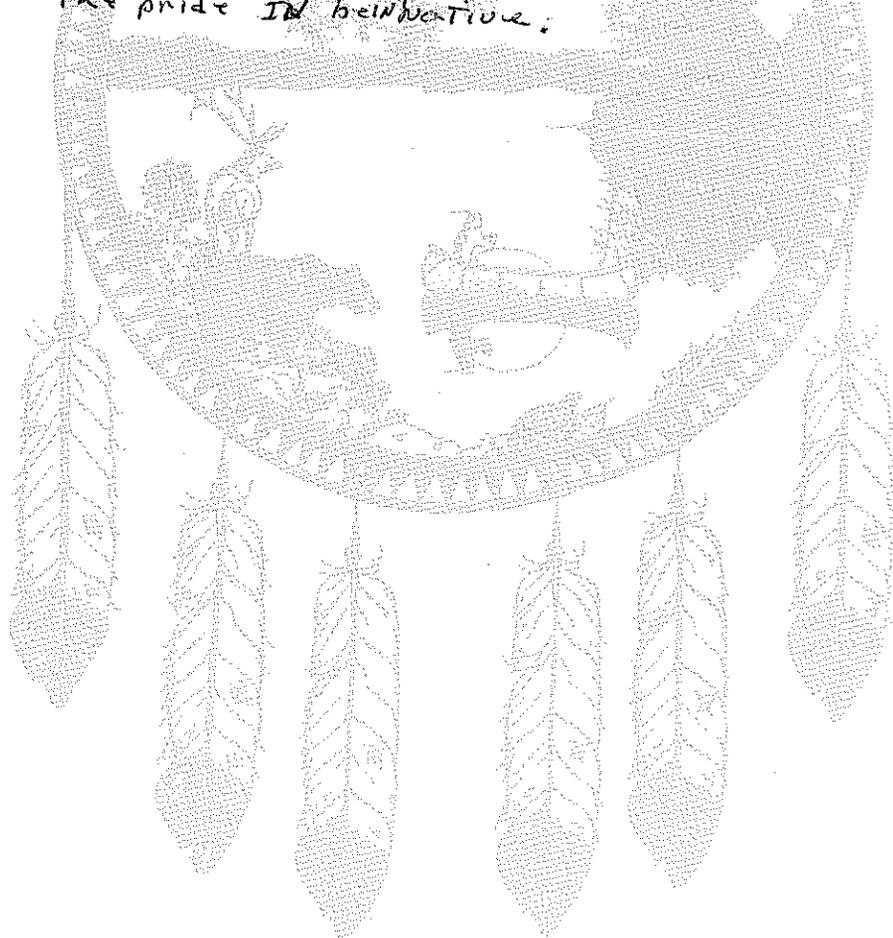
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This was taken long ago and is more important than land.

We have come a long way since the Boarding school like Harbor Spring tried to take away our heritage and sense of self. But much more needs to be done to help all of our peoples to truly feel the pride in their heritage.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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Land and Reservation Committee
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November 1, 2008

Dear Tribal Citizen:

The Land and Reservation Committee (Melvin Kiogima, Committee Chair; Regina Bentley, Member; Dexter McNamara, Member) recently held a two-day training session for the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary Leadership and Tribal Citizens on "*Our Land: yesterday, today, tomorrow*".

This training was sponsored by the Tribal Council and through a grant by the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF). The training sessions focused on the history of our land, current land resources and future acquisitions of land. At the training, we were able to gather input from the participating Tribal Citizens.

Knowing that not all of our Tribal Citizens were able to participate in the training and provide input, we are sending you a survey to gather your thoughts regarding land.

We are sending one survey per house-hold, so it's important for you to fill-out the survey and send back in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

We recognize that you may be very busy, but the survey should take just a moment of your time. And as an extra incentive, we will be giving away a *Pendleton Blanket* that will be randomly selected from the returned surveys.

The deadline to mail back your survey is **December 1st to enter to win the Pendleton Blanket!! (you must fill out the survey to be eligible for the drawing).**

Miigwetch (Thank you) for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Land and Reservation Committee:

Melvin Kiogima,
Committee Chair

Regina Bentley,
Committee Member

Dexter McNamara,
Committee Member

This survey pertains to land acquisition within the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 1855 historical reservation boundaries.

Please tell us your age: (please circle)

(-)18 18-25 26-35 36-45 45-55 56-65 65+

Please tell us your gender:

Male _____ Female _____ Please tell us your ZIP Code: _____

How important should acquiring land be to the Tribe? (please circle)

Not important					Very important
1	2	3	4	5	

How important is land as a benefit to you as a Tribal Citizen? (please circle)

Not important					Very important
1	2	3	4	5	

Is it important for the Tribe to acquire land for future generations? (please circle)

Not important					Very important
1	2	3	4	5	

For What purposes should the Tribe acquire land? (please circle)

	Not important				Very Important
Cultural/Spiritual protection	1	2	3	4	5
Historical	1	2	3	4	5
Treaty rights, hunting, fishing, gathering	1	2	3	4	5
Economic Development	1	2	3	4	5
Housing	1	2	3	4	5
Natural resources	1	2	3	4	5
Community identity	1	2	3	4	5
Environmental Preservation/conservation	1	2	3	4	5

Did you attend the "Land and Reservation Training Session?"

Yes _____ No _____

Would you attend a "Land and Reservation Training Session" if it was offered in your area?

Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____ (optional)

Comments: _____

