

How you can Participate

As the IRMP takes form, public input will shape the priorities for the plan and layout future uses of resources. To find out more you can:

- Participate in a focus group intended to identify resource priorities
- Take our on-line survey @ our website www.srmtenv.org (Coming Soon)
- Participate in a "kitchen table" discussion
- Outline your own vision for future resource through a one on one discussion with IRMP Coordinator

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Visioning for the Future

Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP)

- *resources in the land claim area could hold future benefit for Akwesasne?*
- *the pace of change in Akwesasne could jeopardize tribal resources?*
- *you're too busy to get involved?*
- *you have vision for Akwesasne?*
- *resources like water, fish and wildlife, and energy hold value for the future?*

SRMT Environment Division

Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP)

What is an IRMP

It ties in the reservation's natural environment together with the tribe's social values.

A long range plan to manage the natural resources of the reservation.

It serves as a mechanism to transform the tribe's vision of the reservation into reality.

Serves as a strong, powerful expression of tribal sovereignty.

Links the natural environment and social realities, creating resource policies that support a healthy ecosystem while taking into account a community's social, cultural, and economic needs.



*Windows to the Past,
Knowledge for the Future*

Vision of the IRMP

Develop a resource management plan to encourage future generations to increase their sense of community, heritage, and overall sense of self by sustaining a livelihood in Akwesasne



Bridging the Past to the Future

Community Involvement

The IRMP process requires the community's input and close involvement for it to be successful. Goals and visions of the IRMP need to come from the community directly.

Its important for the community to identify desired future uses for resources.

The IRMP is a planning document for the community and not necessarily for the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.

The land claim area will need to be covered in the IRMP document so your wishes on how to use this land and its resources will be strongly considered.



Consensus for the Future

Projected Goals (*partial list*)

- Improve woodlots in Akwesasne.
- Preserve and promote traditional uses of reservation resources.
- Promote and preserve fish and wildlife
- Protect water and air quality

Benefits of IRMP

- An IRMP identifies and promotes tribal members interests, priorities, and plans.
- Intergrated resource management planning is an empowering experience- both for the tribe through its use of IRMP as a policy instrument and for tribal and community members through the role it allows them to play in the management of the reservation.

Who should get Involved

- Fishermen
- Youth
- Elders
- Basketmakers
- Medicine Gatherers
- Snowmobilers
- Farmers

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