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Tribal Forestry Program Taking Signups for Spring Projects

Akwesasne, NY — The Forestry Resources Program overseen by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division has announced signups for seasonal programs that assist community members with their annual spring clean-up. Beginning on Onerahtókha/April 1, 2015, individuals may apply for wood chipping services and hazardous tree removal. The deadline to apply is Ohiarí:ha/June 30, 2015; with work commencing when weather conditions are favorable for equipment.

Chipping is the removal of dead and down trees, limbs and branches; while hazardous trees removal involves the identification of trees that have the potential to cause personal injury or property damage. Hazardous tree removal requires specialized training and equipment to ensure the safety of people and prevent destruction of property.

The process to receive services entails completing an application and having a site assessment conducted by the Forestry Technician. The project's funding is limited however, and signing up for either service does not guarantee that it will be provided.

The Forestry Resources Program will place particular emphasis on ensuring the delivery of services to seniors that are 60-years old and up, as well as disabled individuals who are on fixed or limited incomes. The program will request proof of eligibility and disability where it is not readily apparent.

Outreach will be conducted to qualifying seniors and disabled community members that are unable to travel to the Environment Division's Office. The Forestry Technician is available to assist individuals, upon request by phone call, to visit residences in completing an application.

After assistance is provided to the elderly and disabled, services will be performed on a 'first come, first serve' basis according to sign-up date. As a result, community members are encouraged to sign up beginning April 1st at the Tribe's Environment Division Office at 449 Frogtown Road (located at the Akwesasne Business Center) between the hours of 8am-4pm.

For more information, please stop by the Environment Division's Office or call the Forestry Program at (518) 358-5937.

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