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MOHAWK TRIBE WISHES SENECAS GOOD LUCK

Sullivan County Casino Project

Akwesasne Territory— The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has expressed its best wishes to the Seneca Tribe in their bid to build a casino in Sullivan County. “Based on our experience on attempting to get gaming in the Catskills, it involves many years of hard work and has many steps in the process,” noted Mohawk Tribal Chief Barbara Lazore.

The Seneca Tribe is apparently considering putting a 63 acre parcel into fee status once it is transferred from a Michigan gaming company, then applying to have it placed in “restricted fee” or trust status. While the land is in fee status, the tribe would be required to pay taxes on it. “Although tribes are authorized to acquire property and place it into trust status, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires that any land acquired and put into trust for the purposes of gaming must be in the tribe’s aboriginal land area,” said Tribal Chief James Ransom. Another part of the process involves getting agreement with the state of New York for a new Indian casino and negotiating a gaming compact.

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe considered building a casino in Sullivan County, but was unable, due to an unfavorable ruling from the Department of the Interior.

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