

Upcoming Event: Onondaga Land Rights and Our Common Future: The Quest for Justice

Join us for an evening commemorating the 20th anniversary of the historic filing of the Onondaga Land Rights Action

SYRACUSE, NY, UNITED STATES, February 19, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Come commemorate the 20th anniversary of the historic filing of the Onondaga Land Rights Action. Onondaga leaders and educators Jeanne Shenandoah (Onondaga Nation, Eel Clan), Onondaga elder and Traditional Medicine Keeper and Haiwhagai'i Jake Edwards (Onondaga Nation, Eel Clan) will share important history and reflect on progress made.

Onondaga Nation General Counsel Joe Heath will review the legal history, including the case currently before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (REPORT No. 51/23 PETITION 624-14).

Despite the fact that the US courts rejected the Onondaga Nation's call for justice and healing, important progress has been made, including the recent return of 1,000 acres of land in the Tully Valley. The treaties upon which the Onondaga Land Rights Action is based, remain in effect and all people have a responsibility to uphold them.

On March 11, 2005, the Onondaga petitioned the federal court in Syracuse to declare that New York violated Treaties, the Constitution, and federal laws when it took some 4,000 square miles of Onondaga Land (an area that stretches south past Binghamton and north past Watertown. The State of New York, the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, and five corporations for illegal land takings and damage were sued by Onondaga Nation for inflicting harm on the environment. Cf. (Onondaga Nation v. State of New York et al., [2005]) and onondaganation.org

Syracuse Stage is wheelchair accessible and CART will be available for program accessibility. Following the program there will be a reception with light refreshments. There will be tables from different organizations for getting involved.



Poster for the event Onondaga Land Rights and Our Common Future

The program is organized by the American Indian Law Alliance, the Indigenous Values Initiative, Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation, and Syracuse Peace Council.

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