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HOBART PRESERVES TAX BASE FOR ALL...

...Pulling all the good news together.

Over the past 5 years (2008 – 2012) the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin (OTI) processed applications to remove parcels from Hobart’s tax base for placement into federal (tax-exempt) “trust.” The Village filed legal objections to the removal of 142 parcels (approximately 3,000 acres) of taxable land from the Hobart tax base.

On May 9, 2013 the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) issued a ruling that denied placement of all 142 tribal parcels into federal trust, remanded/vacated all of the tribal parcels back to the Oneida Tribe and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Just as *before* the Tribe’s application efforts began, the parcels remain in the tax base.

What this means to Hobart and other taxing entities is significant in taxes saved over the past five years, and taxes available in the future years. Here is the breakdown of taxes collected on parcels owned by the tribe that were not removed from tax base during 2008 – 2012:

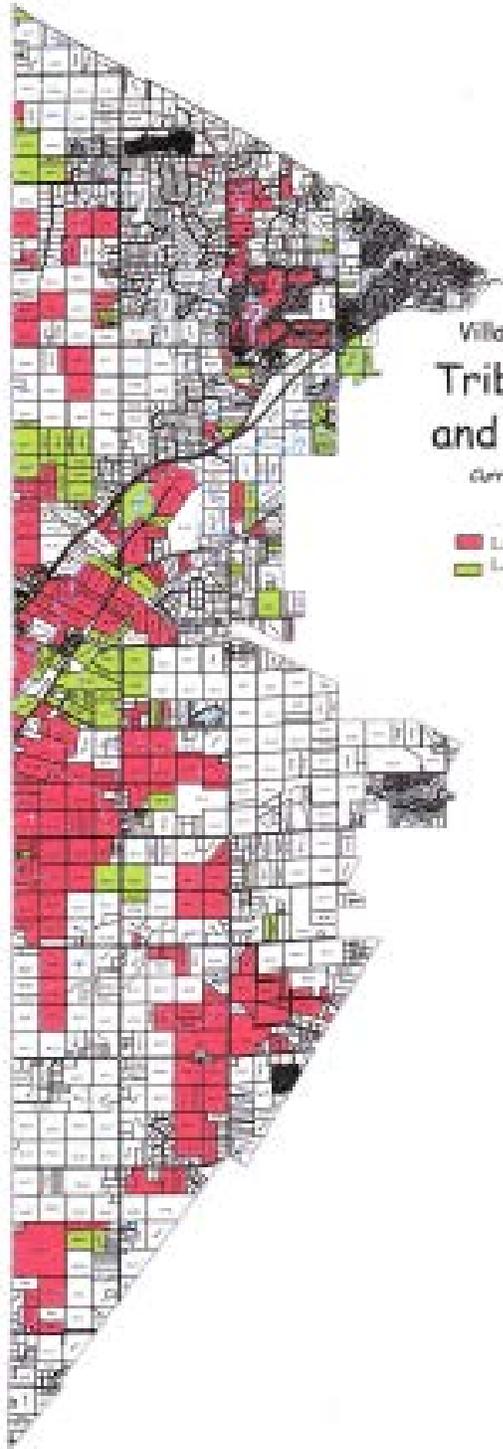
Taxing Jurisdiction	Total Property Tax Revenue Retained for each taxing jurisdiction, 2008-2012
West DePere School District	\$297,614.04
Brown County	\$217,326.75
Village of Hobart	\$193,490.89
Pulaski Community School District	\$166,258.59
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	\$72,256.46
State of Wisconsin	\$7,728.46
TOTAL TAX REVENUE RETAINED	\$954,675.19

MORE GOOD NEWS: The continued tax revenue saved by Hobart’s legal work for the above taxing entities is significant, even without their support or assistance. But there’s even more good news for the Village: According to the Census Bureau and state resources, Hobart is the fastest growing community in Brown County; we are second in the state for new home building permits; our poverty rate has dropped 40% since 2000; the *Centennial Centre at Hobart’s* tax increment district (TID) is one of the most financially successful TIDs in the State; our annual household income is now \$88,000 as compared to a range of \$52-54,000 annual household income in Brown County, Wisconsin and the USA; and, the municipal fiscal management has received two Standard & Poors ratings upgrades in the past three years, even through a dark national economy.

Village President, Rich Heidel noted: “Our Board has always promised Hobart taxpayers that we would do everything we could to keep our tax rate low and stable, treat all parcels fairly, and defend the community against unwarranted loss of tax parcels, so we are very gratified that our efforts have been successful. Much credit goes to our legal counsel, Frank Kowalkowski of Davis & Kuelthau in Green Bay.” He added, “While we acted on behalf of our Village, I would hope that other taxing entities, with higher tax rates than Hobart, would pay closer attention to the good works of this Village.”

The attached map illustrates Oneida Tribe’s existing federal trust parcels (in green) and fee parcels (in red) that remain in Hobart’s tax base.

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Village of Hobart
**Tribal Trust
and Fee Land**

Current as of 10/30/12

Legend

- Land Retained in Village Tax Base since 2008
- Land Removed from Village Tax Base prior to 2008