

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PROJECT EARTH LOVER



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HISTORY OF THE PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

- ◉ The traditional Ponca homeland
- ◉ Original land holdings
- ◉ Forced removal
- ◉ Standing Bear



Before the Circle was Broken



HISTORY OF THE PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

- ◉ Termination Era
- ◉ Restoration
- ◉ PL 101-484
- ◉ Current land holdings
- ◉ Service Delivery Areas



TRIBAL STRUCTURE



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA *Service Delivery Area*

SOUTH DAKOTA



NEBRASKA

★ Office Sites

■ Service Delivery Area

We, whose hearts had never left the land of
our ancestors were officially home.



TRIBAL STRUCTURE CONTINUED

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is governed by a nine member Tribal Council with staggered 4 year terms.

We have five divisions:

- Tribal Affairs
- Health Services
- Economic Development
- Tribal Court
- Northern Ponca Housing Authority

Departments:

- Culture
- Northern Buffalo Programs
- Education
- Human Resources
- Social Services
- Environmental Protection
- Public Relations
- Facilities



CURRENT CHALLENGES



Future challenges include;

Restoring our land base as a result of termination

Ongoing legal struggle to defend our inherent sovereign rights

Restoration of our culture after years of termination

PROJECT OBJECTIVES FOR PROJECT EARTH LOVER

- ◉ Energy Options Analysis (EOA)
- ◉ Costs and Benefits Analysis
- ◉ Additional funding
- ◉ Tribal Council presentation
- ◉ Trainings

PROJECT OBJECTIVES FOR PROJECT EARTH LOVER

Community Weatherization Workshops

Kits included:

- Switch and outlet gasket pack
- Silicone sealer
- Insulating foam
- Rope caulk
- Self-adhesive foam weather strip
- Shrink wrap window kit
- Dual thread faucet aerators
- Low flow showerhead
- CFL light bulbs
- Hot water tank wrap

WEATHERIZATION KITS

Some of the comments regarding the workshop and kits:

“The weatherization kits had lots of very useful supplies that are easy to use.” Alisa F.

“Very informative presentation, learned lots of energy saving tips.” Shelia W.

“Truly appreciate the assistance in making my non-energy efficient home more efficient. We saved \$13 on our gas bill this month!” Jennifer B.



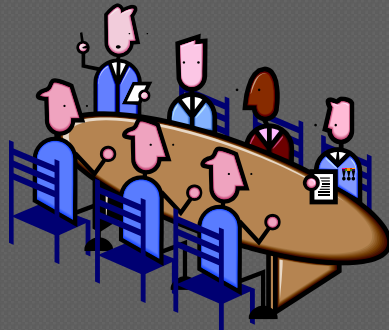
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Provide outreach and education at public awareness events.



PROGRESS & ACTIVITIES TO COME

- ◉ Schedule
- ◉ Energy Planning Committee
- ◉ Additional funding sources



EPA CLEAN AIR ACT GOALS

- ⦿ Energy demonstrative study
- ⦿ Wind energy study



EPA OBJECTIVES



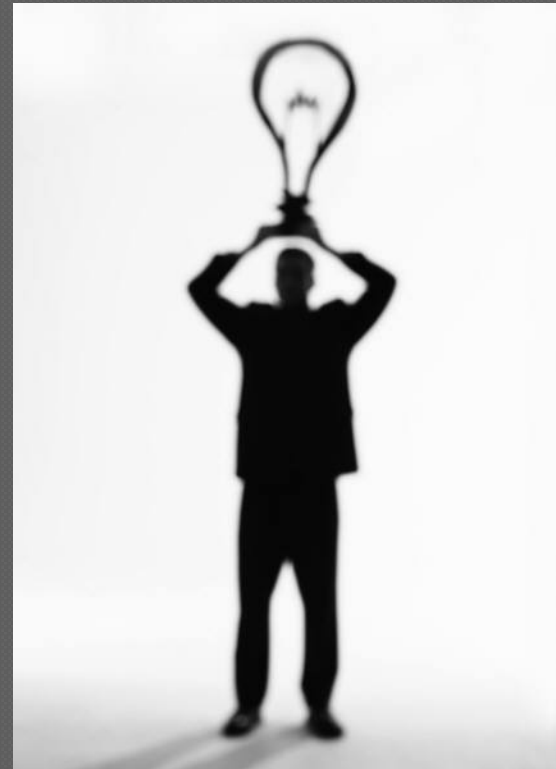
The objective of wind study is to place wind monitoring equipment at our Norfolk facility.

- Data collection
- Duration
- Feasibility Study



LESSONS LEARNED

- ◉ Staffing
- ◉ Communication
- ◉ Schedule
- ◉ Lost opportunities



CLOSING

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has benefited greatly from teaming with Department of Energy on our Project Earth Lover grant and plan on looking for additional ways to be Project Earth Lovers long after the grant ends.

