

Survey: A New Heritage/Cultural Center for the Seneca Nation

Economic Development & Tourism Division, Seneca Nation of Indians

This survey is the first outreach effort in a community-wide consultation process to develop a conceptual plan for a new heritage/cultural center for the Seneca Nation. Opinions and ideas are being sought from residents of both Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories; the results will be widely shared in Summer 2009.

Please take a moment to fill out the survey and return it to Melissa Shaw, Cattaraugus Planning Department, either in the courier, email (Melissa.shaw@sni.org) or fax to (716)532-5443, by March 17th. For more information about this survey or the overall planning process, please contact Lisa J. Watt at (503) 892-6560. Thank you for your assistance.

1. As you think about telling the story of the Seneca people, where should we begin?

2. What are the **four most important messages** you want to convey to visitors about the Seneca Nation?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

3. What are the **three biggest misperceptions** about the Seneca Nation you think need to be corrected?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

4. Please list, with 1 the most important and 6 the least important, what you think the priorities of a Seneca heritage/cultural center should be.

<input type="checkbox"/> Collections/Artifact protection and storage	<input type="checkbox"/> Public relations vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/> Community gathering place	<input type="checkbox"/> Research
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural education	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism

5. Where should a museum be located in Allegany? In Cattaraugus? Please provide **three** options.

1.

2.

3.

6. What amenities in a heritage/cultural center are important to you? Please prioritize on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 most important and 7 the least important.

Auditorium or large gathering areas

Gift shop

Classrooms

Research area

Community storage for family heirlooms

Restaurant/coffee shop

Exhibitions

Work space for artists

7. When was the last time you visited the existing Seneca-Iroquois National Museum (SINM)? Please check one.

Within the last 6 months

Within the last six years or more

Within the last 7 to 12 months

Never visited the current SINM

Within the last two to five years

If you've never visited the SINM, why?

8. Have you ever donated an artifact, photograph, book or documents to the SINM collection? If yes, what was it?

9. Have you ever attended any special events, such as openings or public programs, at the SINM? If so, what was the event(s)?

10. What community-wide cultural activities do **you** regularly participate in? Please identify all that apply.

11. What community-wide cultural activities do **your children** regularly participate in? Identify all that apply.

