

Bay Mills Indian Community
Brimley, Michigan 49715

**Grand Traverse Band
of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**
Suttons Bay, Michigan 49682

Hannahville Indian Community
Wilson, Michigan 49896

**Saginaw Chippewa
Indian Tribe**

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

**Little Traverse Bay
Bands of Odawa Indians**
Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740

**Nottawaseppi Huron
Band of The Potawatomi**
Fulton, Michigan 49502



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Watersmeet, Michigan 49969

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Tribe of Chippewa Indians**
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

**Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish
(Gun Lake Tribe)**
Dorr, Michigan 49323

**Little River Band
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Bay Mills Indian Community
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Dear Bay Mills Indian Community,

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITCM) supports Bay Mills Indian Community's (BMIC) application for funding through the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation program.

ITCM worked closely with BMIC to develop the Tribe's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). GHG Reduction Measure 3 of the PCAP includes Bay Mills Indian Community's desire to design, engineer, construct, and commission a 11MW solar farm with 5 MWh battery storage located on land held in Trust for Bay Mills Indian Community in Dafer, Michigan.

The Tribe would work in partnership with Cloverland Electric Cooperative on the solar farm. Unused generated electricity from the solar farm will be purchased from Cloverland Electric Cooperative to distribute across the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This project will keep BMIC Tribal Government 100% renewable. An estimated 16,879,262 kWh will be generated annually for this project, reducing Greenhouse Gasses (GHG) by 7,302 MTCO₂e every year.

Overall benefits of this project include:

- 43,812 MTCO₂e GHG reduced between 2024-2030
- 189,852 MTCO₂e GHG reduced between 2024-2050
- 100% renewable energy for Bay Mills Indian Community and extending to other Tribal and non-Tribal communities
- Tribal sovereignty
- Increase in jobs in the community
- Overall revenue for BMIC
- Unique partnership with Cloverland Electric Cooperative

ITCM is working with Tribal communities to repair, weatherize, and electrify homes, apartments and community buildings. BMIC's solar farm project dovetails with ITCM's efforts to implement energy efficiency and energy reduction measures for Tribes. The combination of these activities will allow Tribal communities in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to efficiently heat and electrify their homes while utilizing locally produced renewable energy sources. This project provides benefits to all involved and promotes the growth of the local area and economy.

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. fully supports this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clayton Kincheloe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clayton" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kincheloe".

Clayton Kincheloe
Executive Director
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.