



NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

DELAWARE TRIBE GRANT PROPOSAL TO TIDES FOUNDATION

REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LENAPE CULTURAL CENTER

The Delaware Tribe of Indians is currently administering Phase 1 of a Cultural Resources Grant from the Tides Foundation. Current activities include planning and consultation on the mission and purpose of a Lenape Cultural Center. The Delaware Tribe is seeking comments from the tribal membership on elements of design and operation of such a proposed center. Thus far the plan includes:

- Curation facility for Delaware/Lenape artifacts and sacred objects.
- Tribal library and archive, reading room, and research area dedicated to housing a comprehensive collection on Lenape history and culture.
- Tribal gift shop.
- Classrooms and conference space for cultural activities and language classes.
- Public display areas for Lenape art and artifacts.
- Video display showing the performance of traditional Lenape song and dance
- Establishment of an online virtual presence using the latest digital technology to provide space for all federally recognized and First Nations Lenape tribes to tell their own stories as well as provide online language and culture classes for all tribal members.
- Reception area
- Staff offices for the Lenape Language Preservation Project, Tribal Archives and related programs and activities

Public comments will be received between January 8 and February 5, 2016.

Please submit in writing to Cultural Resources Director, Delaware Tribe of Indians, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006 or by email to amathis@delawaretribe.org.