

PUBLIC NOTICE

Antidegradation Decision – Exceptional Resource Waters, Outstanding Resource Waters, Mary and Teresa Maday House Build

The Tribe seeks comments on Mary and Teresa Maday House Build

Project Summary

SUMMARY: The purpose is to build a primary residence for Teresa Maday on the piece of land given to her by her mother so that she can be near her.

LOCATION: T48N R03W, Section 19 in the N1/2 of the NE1/4. The area is up to the boundary of the Town of Sanborn Bayfront Road right-of-way (33 feet from center line of the road).

PROPOSED ACTIVITY: To construct a permanent home, garage, driveway and install a well and septic mound system in T48N R03W, Section 19 in the N1/2 of the NE1/4.

The Tribe is currently evaluating whether the project meets the Antidegradation Demonstration requirements and the Decision criteria described in the Tribe's WQS and seeks comments on the proposed work and conditions needed to avoid and minimize potential impacts to the water resources. All comments are considered during the project review. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Water Regulatory Specialist @WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov or 715-979-1370. Written comments may be emailed or sent by US Mail to:

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Comment deadline is September 8, 2022

Background

On July 6, 2011, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians adopted **Water Quality Standards (WQS)**. The Antidegradation policy within the Water Quality Standards protects existing uses and prevents clean waters from being unnecessarily degraded. Under this policy, each waterbody is assigned to a tier that provides a basis for addressing activities that have the potential to lower water quality. Tiers identified in the Tribe's antidegradation policy include: Outstanding Tribal Resource Waters (Tier 3 waters), Outstanding Resource Waters (Tier 2.5 waters), and Exceptional Resource Waters (Tier 2 waters). The Antidegradation Policy holds that **no new or increased discharges or alterations of the background conditions are allowed to Outstanding Tribal Resource Waters; however, a short-term, temporary lowering of water quality may be allowed if applicable Antidegradation Demonstration and Decision requirements are met, as described in the WQS.**

A webmap of the Reservation waterways and wetlands, highlighting the tiers associated with each waterbody, may be found on the Bad River website (under Services>Natural Resources>Maps & GIS Services. The link is found in the Interactive Maps section).
<http://www.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=6f44c371217e4ee8b5f1c2c705c7c7c5>