

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clean Water Act, Section 401 Certification – Bad River Boys and Girls Club Youth Center Project/Phase 1 Soil Borings

The Bad River Boys & Girls Club has proposed to construct a new youth center located in New Odanah. The US Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating this proposed project under their Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 39 for Commercial and Institutional Developments

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is evaluating the submitted materials to determine if there is reasonable assurance—with conditions—that the activities associated with the Army Corps of Engineers’ potential authorization will be consistent with relevant water quality considerations.

The Tribe seeks comments on its proposed CWA Section 401 Certification of the Army Corps’ proposed authorization for this project. All comments are considered during the project review. The 30-day public comment period ends on 10/29/2026

Project Summary

The Bad River Boys and Girls Club has proposed to construct a new youth center on approximately 3.1 acres located along Abinoojiyag Rd in New Odanah. The new youth center will provide our youth with a safe, accommodating, and supportive environment where they can learn about healthy lifestyles and strengthen their growth and development.

This decision applies specifically to the Phase I of this project, which includes enough tree clearing and grubbing within the proposed project area to accommodate access needs and up to eleven (11) soil borings. Soil borings provide essential data about subsurface conditions. The proposed project is anticipated to commence late October 2026. All wetlands within the project area are classified as Exceptional Resource Water (Tier 2 Waters) under the Tribe’s Antidegradation Policy. These waters are protected for cultural, wetland, wildlife, aquatic life and fish, recreational, and other designated uses.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the MNRD Water Regulatory Specialist at waterreg@badriver-nsn.gov. Written comments may be emailed or sent by US Mail to:

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Comment deadline is November 4, 2026.