



THE AKWESASNE HOUSING AUTHORITY CELEBRATES THE GROUNDBREAKING OF THE KAHWA:TSIRE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Akwesasne Housing Authority (AHA) is excited to announce the start of the Kahwa:tsire Housing Development project located at 249 Helena Road, Akwesasne NY. With the infrastructure now in place, the project is transitioning into the development phase and is ready to kick off. Five homes will be under construction starting on July 29, 2024.

The Kahwa:tsire project will help low to moderate-income families achieve their dream of home ownership. The five, 1500 square foot, three-bedroom, single-family homes will provide affordable, energy efficient, and safe housing for Tribal members. Homeowners will receive extensive support, such as financial counseling, credit repair assistance, and homeowner education classes. The Akwesasne Housing Authority is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe with a mission to generate and promote community strength and prosperity through safe housing, supportive ventures, economic development, and program efficiency.

The funding for the project comes from HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant Program, established in 1996 under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). It provides grants to around 400 Tribal housing entities annually, allowing tribes to determine fund allocation independently for their community's needs. Recipients are federally recognized Indian tribes or TDHEs.

AHA Development Director Ernest Cree stated, "The Kahwa:tsire Project targets the housing shortage in Akwesasne and will provide families in need with the opportunity to own a house and land on territory." By fostering a strong sense of community and providing the necessary resources, this program aims to not only make homeownership a reality but also to build a foundation for long-term financial stability and personal growth. The ultimate goal is to empower individuals and families, giving them the tools and confidence they need to thrive in their new homes and beyond.



AHA expresses gratitude to Board members Ken Jock, Connie Thompson, and Sub Chief Derrick King, as well as Joe Danko, Justin Blanchard, Penny Peters, and Ernest Cree for participating in the Groundbreaking event.

The Akwesasne Housing Authority will be releasing further information on the Kahwa:tsire Housing Project over the next few months. Stay updated by visiting the Akwesasne Housing Authority Facebook Page and the website at aha-nsn.gov for the most recent information and detailed instructions on how to submit your application.