The traditional Ponca homeland

Original land holdings

Forced removal

Standing Bear
Before the Circle was Broken
HISTORY OF THE PONCA TRIBE
OF NEBRASKA

- Termination Era
- Restoration
- PL 101-484
- Current land holdings
- Service Delivery Areas
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Service Delivery Area

Tribal Structure
We, whose hearts had never left the land of our ancestors were officially home.
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is governed by a nine member Tribal Council with staggered 4 year terms.

We have five divisions:
• Tribal Affairs
• Health Services
• Economic Development
• Tribal Court
• Northern Ponca Housing Authority

Departments:
• Culture
• Northern Buffalo Programs
• Education
• Human Resources
• Social Services
• Environmental Protection
• Public Relations
• Facilities
CURRENT CHALLENGES

Future challenges include;

Restoring our land base as a result of termination

Ongoing legal struggle to defend our inherent sovereign rights

Restoration of our culture after years of termination
PROJECT OBJECTIVES FOR PROJECT EARTH LOVER

- Energy Options Analysis (EOA)
- Costs and Benefits Analysis
- Additional funding
- Tribal Council presentation
- Trainings
Community Weatherization Workshops

Kits included:

- Switch and outlet gasket pack
- Silicone sealer
- Insulating foam
- Rope caulk
- Self-adhesive foam weather strip
- Shrink wrap window kit
- Dual thread faucet aerators
- Low flow showerhead
- CFL light bulbs
- Hot water tank wrap
Some of the comments regarding the workshop and kits:

“The weatherization kits had lots of very useful supplies that are easy to use.” Alisa F.

“Very informative presentation, learned lots of energy saving tips.” Shelia W.

“Truly appreciate the assistance in making my non-energy efficient home more efficient. We saved $13 on our gas bill this month!” Jennifer B.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES FOR PROJECT EARTH LOVER

Provide outreach and education at public awareness events.
Schedule

Energy Planning Committee

Additional funding sources
EPA CLEAN AIR ACT GOALS

- Energy demonstrative study
- Wind energy study
The objective of wind study is to place wind monitoring equipment at our Norfolk facility.

- Data collection
- Duration
- Feasibility Study
LESSONS LEARNED

- Staffing
- Communication
- Schedule
- Lost opportunities
The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has benefited greatly from teaming with Department of Energy on our Project Earth Lover grant and plan on looking for additional ways to be Project Earth Lovers long after the grant ends.