Village Of Massena Included In Indian Claims

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The Canadian St. Regis Band of Indians of the Ojibwa Nation in Canada has filed a claim with the State of New York to have the land deeded to it. The land is located in the Town of Massena and is currently owned by the St. Lawrence Central School District. The claim is based on the Federal Indian Non-Intercourse Act, which forbids all treaties between Indians and other entities, unless such treaties are either drawn up by Congress or are state treaties made under the supervision of a federal agency.

The land in question is located in the Town of Massena, and the claim was filed with the State of New York. The claim includes 11,642 total acres in the two-county area. The basis for the claim is the alleged violation by New York State of the Federal Indian Non-Intercourse Act, which forbids all treaties between Indians and other entities, unless such treaties are either drawn up by Congress or are state treaties made under the supervision of a federal agency.

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