



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Government Center

August 12, 2014

Dear Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Member/Landowner,

You have received this letter because you have been identified as owning a fractional interest in land located within the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reservation boundaries. The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations to implement the land consolidation requirements of the *Cobell Settlement Agreement*. The goal of the Land Buy-Back Program is to purchase highly fractionated trust land from voluntary sellers at fair market value. Land purchased through this program will automatically be placed in trust for the benefit of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and its members.

Federal land allotment policies such the 1887 Dawes Act divided tribal landholdings into individual tribal allotments. Over time, many of these original allotments have become highly fractionated, meaning a single tract of land may have multiple owners. These lands are virtually useless to interest holders, and serve as an obstacle for our tribal nation. The consolidated ownership of these fractional interests on behalf of the Nation will facilitate tribal economic development and restore tribal control over tribal lands and resources. This in turn strengthens self-determination and tribal sovereignty for the Nation as a whole.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has been selected to participate in the Land Buy-Back Program. We are reaching out to **ALL** trust landowners to determine the **level of interest** in the voluntary sale of highly fractionated trust land within the Nation's boundaries. If you are a trust landowner and are interested in selling your interest to the Nation, please contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center directly: 1-888-678-6836. The Call Center has access to various trust systems and operations staff in order to provide comprehensive account information to beneficiaries.

Additional information about the program is also available to landowners on the Land Buy-Back Program website: www.doi.gov/buybackprogram

SAVE THE DATE:

What: Land Buy-Back Program Landowner Presentation
Who: Anthony Rodman, Senior Advisor-Tribal Relations, Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations
When: September 5, 2014, at 1pm
Where: Prairie Band Casino Conference Hall

Sincerely,

Joyce Guerrero
Vice-Chairperson, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation