

The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation (EPTN) of North Stonington, CT is a constitutional government and a state recognized Native American tribe pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 47-59a. The EPTN Tribal Council has the authority to exercise all ordinary and necessary powers in the governance of the tribal affairs. The EPTN consists of 1,208 members who are: (1) Persons whose names are contained on the base rolls of the EPTN as approved by the Secretary of the Interior in the Final Determination published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2002 (the “Base Roll”) and (2) Persons who are direct lineal descendants of persons whose names appear on the Base Roll pursuant to Article IV Section 1 of the Constitution of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation and are not currently enrolled in any other state or federally recognized Indian tribe, band, or group or other tribal entity. [See EPTN Constitution](#). The EPTN has a 224-acre reservation established in 1683 by the colonial government and is one of the oldest Native American reservations in the country.

A major long term goal of the tribe is to gain federal acknowledgement and to assist tribal members in attaining self-sufficiency. After 22 years of working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the submission of over 70,000 pages of historical and governmental documentation, the BIA granted the EPTN a preliminary positive decision in 2000 and final positive decision in 2002. In 2005 in an unprecedented appeal by the towns and state of Connecticut, the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) reversed the decision. The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation is seeking to regain its federal recognition through the new BIA acknowledgment regulations pursuant to 25 CFR section 83.12.

The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation’s mission is: “To protect our sovereignty, conserve and develop our tribal resources, and promote the self-sufficiency of our people and our descendants.” The tribe continues to strive to meet these goals for a better life for our people.

The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation reservation was set aside by the colonial government 334 years ago at Lantern Hill in North Stonington, CT for the Eastern Pequots, descendants of Mamaho, and has been continuously occupied by tribal members.

We are grateful for many gifts as we honor our ancestors and build the Nation for the seven generations yet unborn:

- The Wintachoag Village Development Plan on our historic reservation  
[See Wintachoag Development Plan](#)
- [The addition of](#) newly enrolled members on our Master Roll
- Pow wows, fundraising dinners, and socials
- Tribal website: [www.easternpequottribalnation.com](http://www.easternpequottribalnation.com)
- US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans, Environmental Regulatory Enhancement grants to locate and preserve our natural and cultural resources.
- US Department of Health and Human Services, Community Service Block grants for Tribes for emergency services for items such as food and medical and dental assistance
- US Department of Health and Human Services, Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance

- Collaborative programs in: history and archaeology with University of Massachusetts, Boston, sociology and botany with Connecticut College, and history with Yale University Indian Papers Project.

We will always celebrate and honor the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation and our ancestors, chiefs, elders, leaders, families and sacred land as we travel the high road that leads to a good life. We extend our sincere gratitude to the investigative journalists and scholars that seek to reveal the truth and our friends and relatives who have donated their time, money, talents, and legal, governmental and spiritual service for the life of our people. May the Creator Bless you and Grant you Peace, Love, and Justice.

Kutaputush (Thank you)

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