History group to turn NY site into Iroquois museum

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SALINA, N.Y. (AP) - A Syracuse-area historical organization will take over a local Onondaga Indian site and transform it into a museum that will tell the history of the Iroquois Confederacy.

Plans were announced earlier this week for the Onondaga Historical Association to take over operation of the Sainte Marie Among the Iroquois site in January from Onondaga County, which will continue to own the property.

The site near the northern shore of Onondaga Lake in suburban Salina was the location of a 17th-century French Jesuit mission in the middle of the Onondaga tribe.

The Post-Standard of Syracuse reports (http://bit.ly/WrjUnw) that the site will be renamed and will focus on the oral history of the Iroquois Confederacy, which also includes the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora tribes.

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