Sainte Marie to showcase Haudenosaunee story

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The museum near Onondaga Lake will be renamed and will focus on the oral history of the confederacy, a group of five and later six tribes that spanned what is now New York state.

Under a contract with Onondaga County, which will continue to own the site, the historical association hopes to add new exhibits, classrooms, a restaurant and a lacrosse facility.

The OHA is working with the Onondaga Nation, one of the nations in the confederacy, and with Le Moyne College and Syracuse University.

Onondaga County has appropriated $75,000 of seed money, and the association will add an additional $75,000 to get the project off the ground. Most of that money will be used to hire a full-time museum manager who will run the site and devise a long-term plan for the center.

"It has the potential to be really world class," said Gregg Tripoli, executive director of the association.