

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 31: Heritage and Culture

Chapter 6: The Durbin Feeling Cherokee Language Preservation Act—2024 Permanent Reauthorization

§ 601. Capital Project Authorized; Base Annual Operating Funds Authorized

Cite as: 31 CNCA § 601

A. Capital funding is authorized for the following capital projects, totaling \$35 million, to be completed by September 30, 2027, all of which are formally designated herein within the meaning of the Comprehensive Building Naming Act of 2021.

1. ᎠᎩᎩᎩᎩ ᎠᎩᎩᎩ ᎠᎩᎩᎩ (*Tsunadeloquasdi Galiquogi Niduyugodv*), School of Seven Directions: Construction, not to exceed \$30 million, of the ᎠᎩᎩᎩᎩ ᎠᎩᎩᎩ ᎠᎩᎩᎩ (*Tsunadeloquasdi Galiquogi Niduyugodv*), School of Seven Directions, located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, within the Durbin Feeling Language Campus, a more precise description contained in Exhibit A to this Act.

2. Kenwood Language and Culture Reserve; Future Kenwood Language Campus: Development, not to exceed \$250,000, of The Cherokee Nation Kenwood Language and Culture Reserve located on more than 1,400 acres at approximately 48546 County Road 504, Salina OK 74365 in the community of Kenwood, a more precise description contained in Exhibit A to this Act, which shall be a protected Reserve within the meaning of the Cherokee Nation Park, Wildlands, Fishing and Hunting Preserve Act of 2021, except to the extent that the disturbance of the property is deemed warranted by the Principal Chief to construct a Cherokee Nation Language Department Kenwood Campus by future authorization of the Council or to achieve any other purpose or policy of this Act or to continue any existing leases of said property through the end of fiscal year 2024.

3. Kenwood Language Office: Various repairs, modifications and improvements, not to exceed \$1.75 million, to the Cherokee Nation Community Building and Cherokee Nation Head Start buildings, located at approximately 1100 County Road 486, Salina OK 74365, in the community of Kenwood, as the Cherokee Nation Language Department Kenwood Offices, at such time as those buildings are vacated and their present functions are relocated to the Woody Hair Community Center and until such time as the Cherokee Nation Language Department Kenwood Campus is deemed by the Principal Chief to be sufficiently complete for relocation of said language offices, after which the Principal Chief is authorized to designate those buildings for other uses in the Nation's interest.

4. ᎠᎩᎩᎩᎩᎩ Tsunadeloquasdi Language Immersion School, Greasy Campus

Improvements: Improvements, not to exceed \$3 million, to the ᎠᎩᎩᎩᎩᎩ Tsunadeloquasdi Language Immersion School, Greasy Campus, located at 92009 S. 4676 Road, Bunch, OK 74931, in the community of Greasy, hereby so named and designated as the Cherokee Nation Language Department Greasy Campus, with respect to classroom expansion, outdoor playground, physical exercise infrastructure and/or drainage improvements.

B. Commencing with Fiscal Year 2024, annual operating funds for all programs authorized under this Act shall be no less than \$18 million, which is the approximate equivalent of the average appropriation for such programs for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, provided:

1. For fiscal years 2025 through 2031, submission by the Principal Chief of a proposed Comprehensive Operating Budget Act must, to the extent that it does not include a proposed increase to Language Program operating funding of at least five percent (5%) over the preceding fiscal year, include a written justification from the Principal Chief to the Speaker of the Council that the proposed Language Budget operating budget is consistent with the purposes and policies of this Act.

C. The funding source for capital projects and operations authorized by this Act includes any available source, including but not limited to grants, dividends or other payments from entities in which Cherokee Nation is the sole or majority shareholder and that are organized under Cherokee law as well as federal funds including but not limited to funds available under the Cherokee Nation Respond, Recover and Rebuild Plan, R-33-23, and any amendments thereto, funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

D. The Principal Chief is authorized to execute such memoranda of agreement with Cherokee Nation Businesses to effectuate the funding requirements of this Act.

E. Nothing herein supplants the Council's oversight or appropriations authority, including but not limited to such additional appropriations or authorizations the Council may make for language programs and capital projects from time to time.

Historical Data

LA 19-19, eff. October 15, 2019. Amended LA 04-24, eff. January 22, 2024. Amended LA 23-26, eff. June 25, 2026.

EXHIBIT A

Kenwood Language and Culture Reserve:

KEN-4, 4A & 4B:

The W2 SW less and except the platted Town of Kenwood and NE SW Less 3.22 acres m/l for MH Home Sites and Beginning at the NW corner of the SE SW, thence East 660 feet; thence South 285 feet; thence West 660; feet thence North 285 feet to POB and S2 SE less and except 8.34 acres m/l for MH Home sites and E2 NW SE & E2 SE SW less 1.20 acres for MHH site and less and except 2 acres described as the North 417.50 feet of the West 208.75 feet thereof, all in Section 8 Township 21 North, Range 22 East Delaware County, containing 199.42 acres more or less.

KEN-6:

The N2 SE NE lying North of Kenwood road in Section 8, Township 21 North, Range 22 East Delaware County, containing 16.16 acres more or less.

KEN-7:

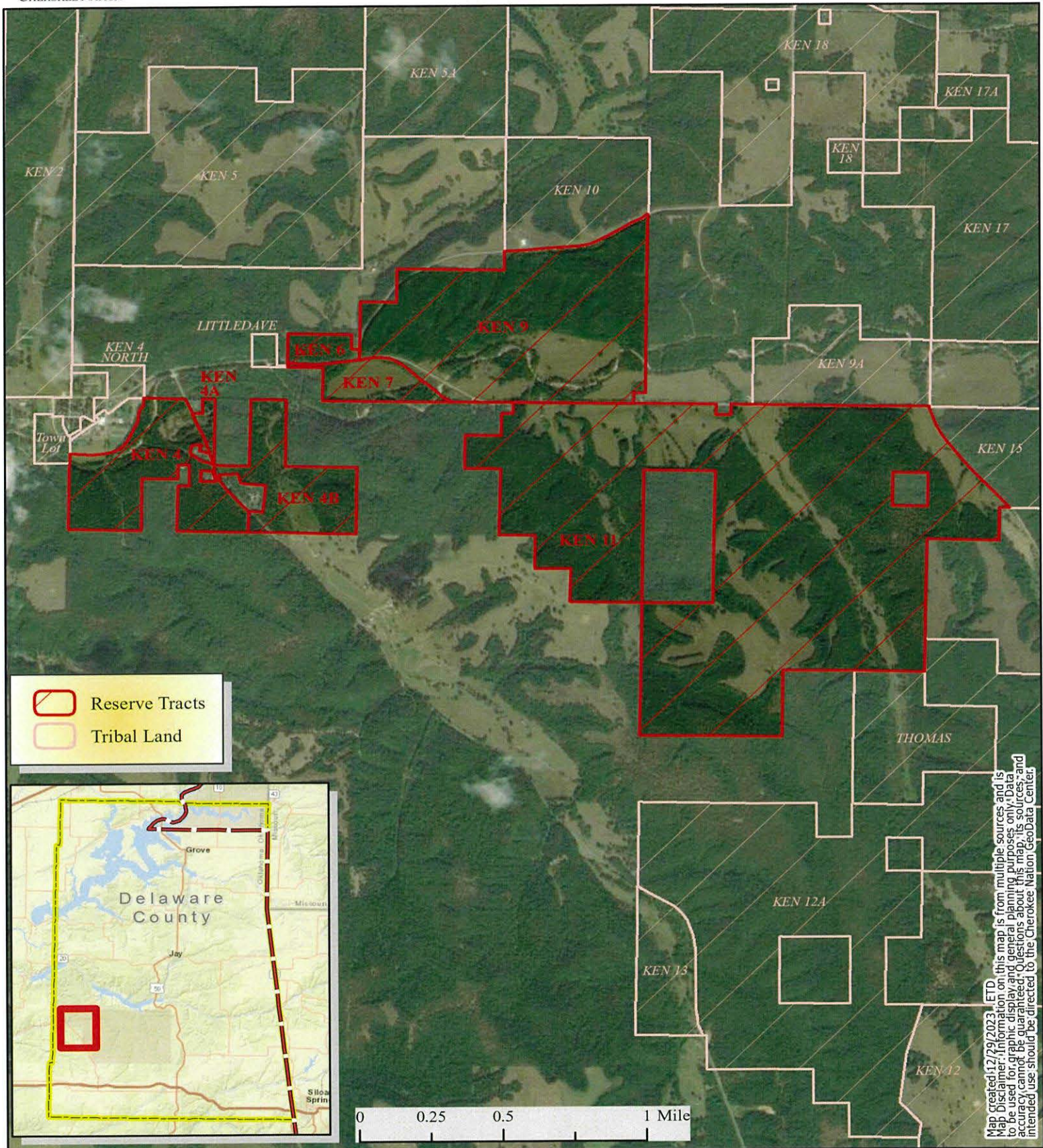
The N2 SE NE lying South of Kenwood Road and SE SE NE of Section 8 and SW NW lying South of Kenwood Road in Section 9, Township 21 North, Range 22 East Delaware County, containing 35.58 acres more or less.

KEN-9:

The NE¼ less 1 acre out of the SE corner of the SE SE NE and S2 NW lying North of Kenwood Road and NE NW and E2 NW NW and SW NW NW of Section 9 and S2 SE lying South of County Road 530 in Section 4 , Township 21 North, Range 22 East Delaware County, containing 321.11 acres more or less.

KEN-11:

The SE NE SW and the SE¼ less 1 acre out of the NW corner of the NW NW SE of Section 9 and NW SW and E2 SW less 1.67 acres out of the NW corner and W2 SE and NE SE and NW SE SE and S2 SE SE of Section 10 and NE¼ and E2 NW and SW NW and N2 SW of Section 15 and NE NW NE and NE NE of Section 16, all in Township 21 North, Range 22 East Delaware County, containing 892.33 acres more or less.



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Directions

A tract of land in the E2 NW4 NE4 SW4 and in the W2 NE4 NE4 SW4 of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Cherokee County, State of Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the West Quarter Corner of said Section 19; Thence S89°57'29"E, a distance of 1484.59 feet to the Northwest Corner of said E2 NW4 NE4 SW4; Thence S0°01'49"E, along the West boundary of said E2 NW4 NE4 SW4, a distance of 86.7 feet to the POINT of BEGINNING, being on the Southerly boundary of U.S. Highway No. 62; Thence S85°20'18"E, along the Southerly boundary of the U.S. Highway No. 62, a distance of 40.68 feet; Thence N82°25'48"E, a distance of 301.75 feet; Thence S89°57'29"E, a distance of 20.11 feet; Thence leaving the U.S. Highway Right-of-Way, S00°02'43"E, a distance 283.00 feet; Thence S89°57'29"E, a distance of 150.00 feet; Thence S0°02'43"E, a distance of 327.74 feet to a point on the South boundary of said W2 NE4 NE4 SW4; Thence N89°59'15"W, a distance of 510.04 feet to the Southwest Corner of said E2 NW4 NE4 SW4; Thence N0°01'25"W, a distance of 574.30 feet to the POINT of BEGINNING.