

Ohkay Owingeh Community Advisory Committee/Ohkay Owingeh Museum
Questions for Site Visits
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Master Planning for the Ohkay Owingeh Museum is currently underway, with a team composed of the Community Advisory Committee, WOLF Consulting, AOS Architects, and Gerard Hilferty & Associates. We are interested in some of the following questions at our four stops today (Poeh Museum, MIAC, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, and Haaku Museum):

- When did your museum come into being and what is its mission?
- What was/will be the size of the capital investment in building your facility and exhibits?
- Who were your major sponsors for the project?
- What special features did you include in the architecture?
- What is your annual operating budget and how many staff and volunteers do you employ?
- How do you engage your community in learning from your programs, and how do they advise you of their needs and interests?
- What are the major sources of support for your museum?
- What is the philosophy behind your long-term exhibits and interpretive programs?
- What is the “big story” you want to tell to your visitors?
- How many visitors do you host each year, and how many are local versus tourist?
- Are you actively collecting new pieces for your museum, and do you lend them to others for long-term or temporary exhibition?
- How do you care for the collections that are not on exhibit?
- Do you have outreach programs, guided tours, or other ways to tell stories about places away from the museum?
- Do you own your own retail operation, and what items are best sellers?
- Do you own your food service or lease it out to others?
- Do you have partners who help promote your operation?