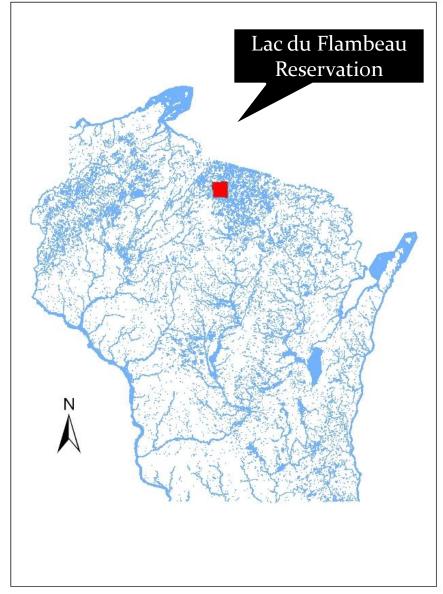


Lake Fairs Engaging the Public

A Look at the Lac du Flambeau Tribe's Annual Lakesfest presented by Brian Gauthier LDF UWEX and Bryan Hoover LDF Tribal Natural Resources



Where are we?

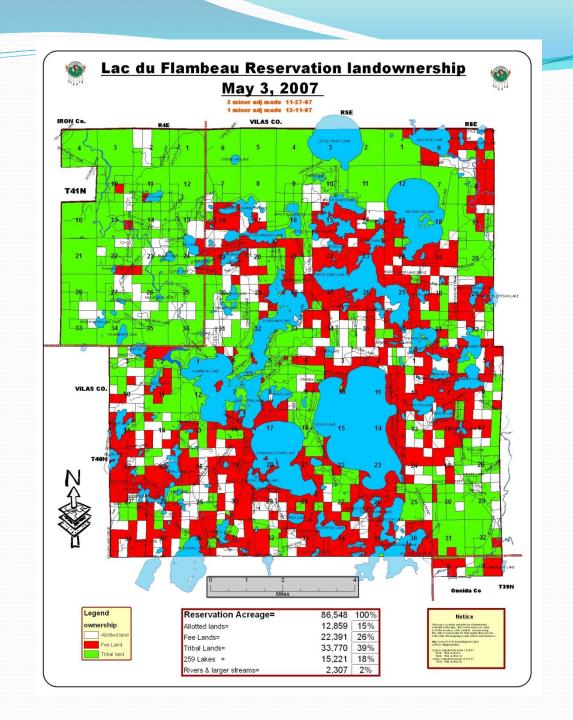


Lakesfest History

- Early to mid-9o's lake fairs were in style.
- The Tribal Natural Resource program and Tribal Extension program participated in regional lake fairs.
- But something was missing:
- Background on Lac du Flambeau.

Lac du Flambeau

- Tribal reservation and a township.
- Checkerboard reservation.
- Three types of land categories:
 - Tribal trust lands
 - Allotted lands
 - Fee or taxable lands
 - Second home owners



Demographics

- Population- 3004
- Tribal membership on reservation- 1800
- Total membership- 3400
- Unemployment- 30%
- Median income- \$30,349
- Households below poverty- 149

Local Governments

• Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council

Lac du Flambeau Town Board

Vilas County Board

Natural Resources

Checkerboard Reservation

• 86,600 acres

67% tribal lands and 33%

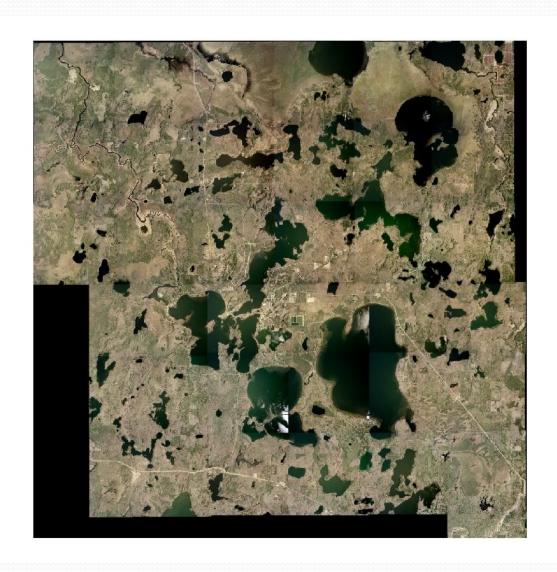
260 lakes with 18,000 acres of

71 miles of river and creeks

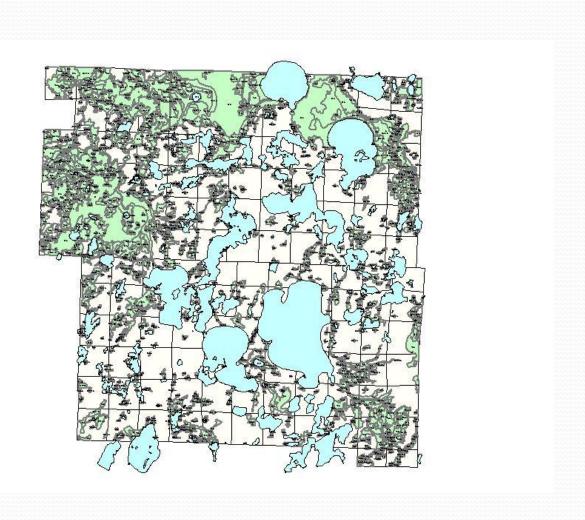
24,000 acres of wetlands



Aerial Photo of the Reservation



49% of the Reservation is Wet Lakes, Rivers and Wetlands



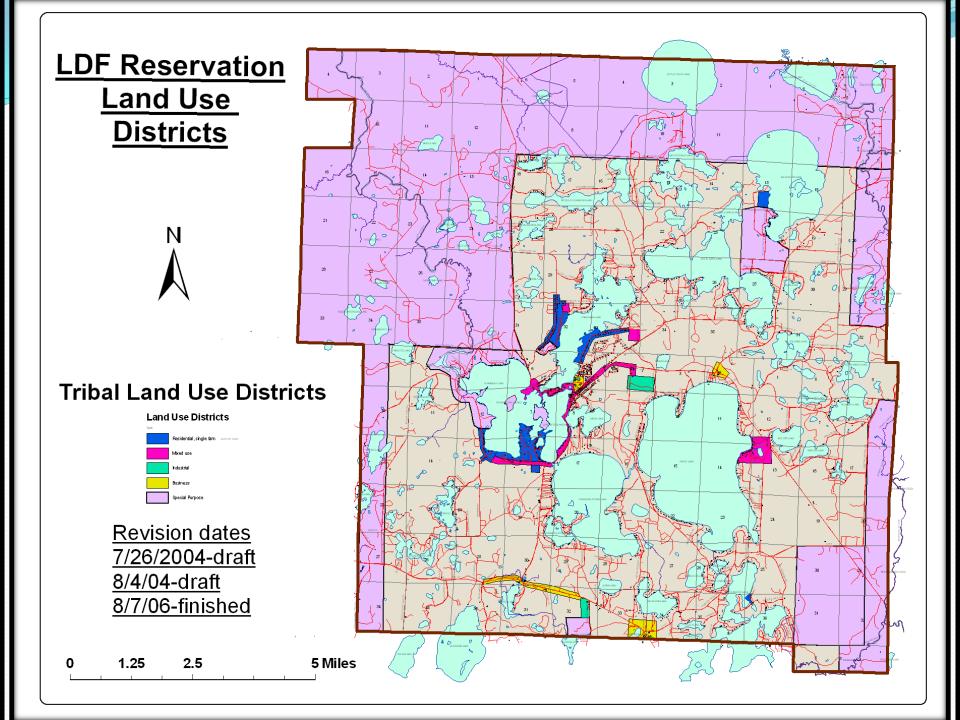
Lac du Flambeau Tribal Natural Resource Department

- Fish and Game
- Forestry
- Water Resources
- Environmental Protection
- Energy
- Conservation Law

Goals of the Tribal Natural Resource Department

- Protect
- Conserve
- Enhance

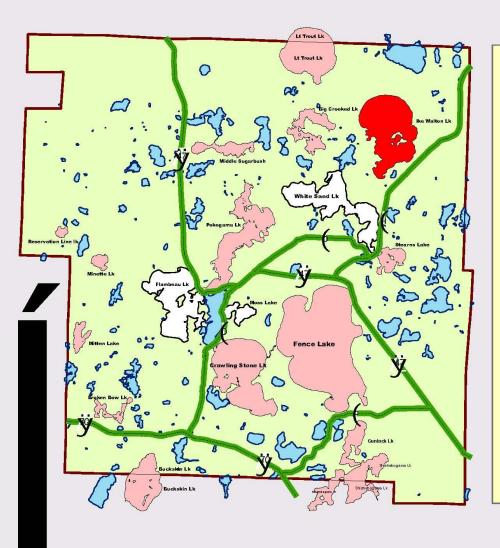
Tribal Natural Resources for present and future generations of all people living on the reservation by utilizing the Bands IRMP and Natural Resource Programs.



Climate Change



Lac du Flambeau Mercury Advisory



Safe Eating Guidelines (Mercury) -

for most of Lac du Flambeau Walleye Lakes

All fish contain some mercury. Large fish, especially walleye contain more mercury than small fish, like perch. In some lakes and rivers, mercury bioaccumulates to higher levels in fish.

This map contains special advice for fish that have been found to contain mercury at higher levels. Women of childbearing age who intend on becoming pregnant and children under 15 should be especially careful to follow the guidance.

Women of Childbearing Years, Nursing Mothers, and all Children under 15 Should Follow this Map for Walleye over 18 Inches Long:

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Do Not Eat More Than One Walleye		
a Month from Lakes Labeled	- Pink	
Do Not Eat More Than One Walleye		
a Week from Lakes Labeled	- White	
Lakes have not been analyzed		

Do Not Est Wallows from Lakes Labeled Bod

for mercury content

Men and Women beyond their childbearing years should eat no

For more detailed fish consumption advice please review the

more than one Walleye over 18 inches long per week

information on the back of this map

V.H.S.





A.I.S.





Shoreline Development



Shoreline Development



Water Quality Standard Differences

Tribal Government

State Government

Fishable

Fishable

• Swim able

• Swim able

Eatable

That Something Missing

Culture

- Connection to Mother Earth
- Seventh Generation
- Holistic approach
- Everyone's lakes
- Two worlds

Development of the Lac du Flambeau Annual Lakesfest

- Planning started in 1996.
- Collaborative planning between Tribal Natural Resource Program and the Tribal Extension Program.
- A working committee was established.
- Intent was to run one year.

Approach

- To make the event open to the public.
- To make the event educational.

- To focus on all natural resource issues.
- To make it fun.

Planning Committee

- Sub-committees
 - Begging committee
 - Public Relations committee
 - Site prep committee
 - Raffle committee
 - Games committee
 - Fund raising committee
 - Award nomination committee

Budget

Tribal General Fund

• Grant Funds

Donations

Raffle ticket sales

• Total - \$6,200.00

View of Long Lake



Signage



Major Raffle Prize



Silent Sports Raffle



Silent Sport Raffle



Kids Canoe Race



Adult Canoe Race



Spectators at Canoe Race



Local Band



Kids Games



Kids Activities



Displays



Family Fun



Outside Agencies

- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Lake Associations
- Indian Health Service
- National Park Service
- Basin Educators

- Natural Resource and Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Wisconsin DNR
- U.W.E.X.
- Local Governments
- U.W. Campus Programs
- Focus on Energy

Local Participation

- There are fifteen local programs involved in the event.
- There are anywhere from five to six non-profits involved.

There are private vendors involved that fit the theme.

Accomplishments Through the Years

- 14 years and still going.
- 500 people the lowest with 1500 the highest.
- Because people turn out Lakesfest continues.
- General outcomes.



Education/ Outreach

Partners



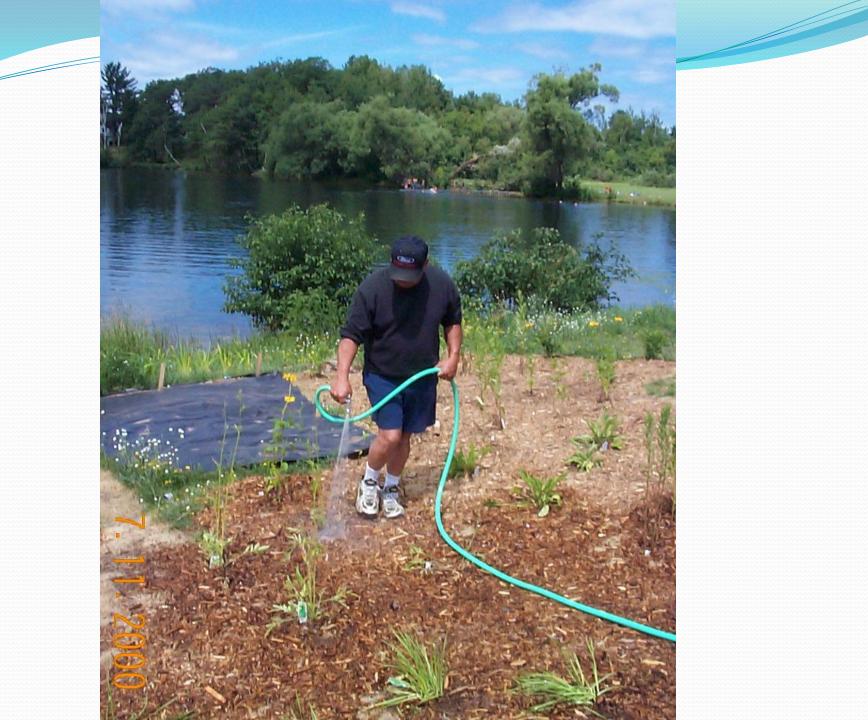


Public Education and Outreach Benefit: Credibility



Shoreline Restoration





Environmental Community Organization

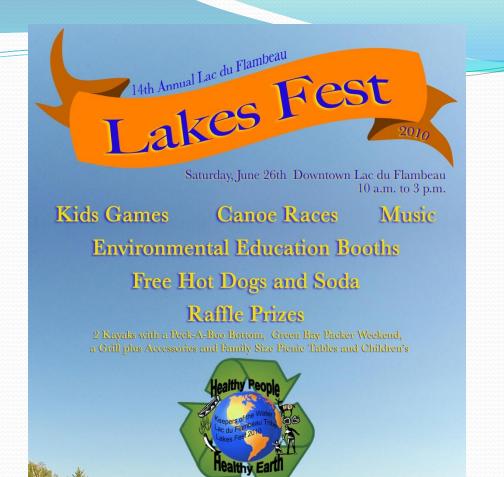
 Roll up your sleeves group focusing in on environmental issues.

Tribal and Non-tribal individuals.

 Building a bridge between two cultures focusing on mother earth.

Keys to Success

- Proactive.
- Promotes community involvement.
- Casual environment leads to collaboration.
- Consistent date.
- Close out meeting.
- Free food.
- Keep it fun!



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