

DEVELOPING YOUR WETLAND PROGRAM FROM THE GROUND UP

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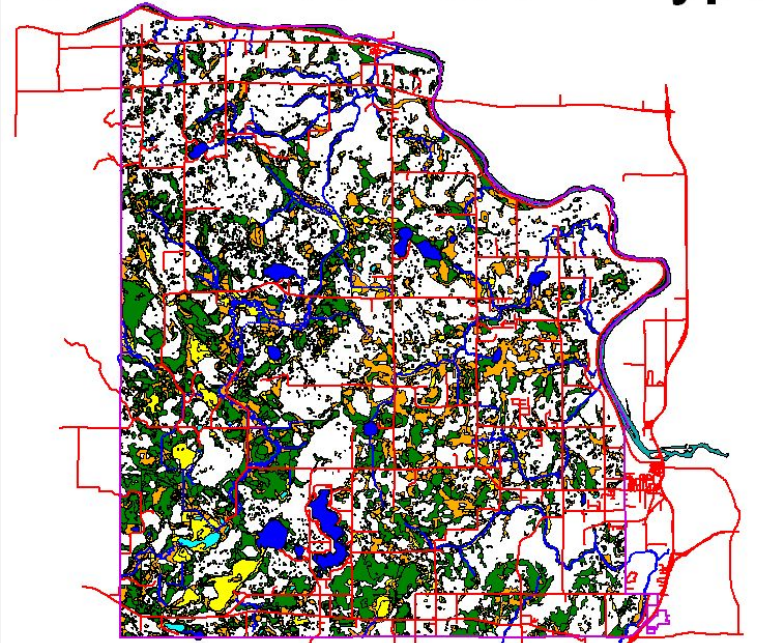
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WHERE AM I COMING FROM

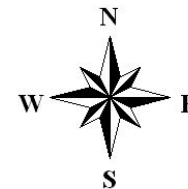
- **Fond du Lac Reservation:**
 - Located in NE Minnesota
 - 101,000 acres in size
 - Approx. 44,000 acres of wetlands
 - All aquatic resources = 47,000+ acres
 - Began their Wetland Program in Oct 1998
 - Started before EPA Core Elements
 - No Wetland Program Plans yet

Fond du Lac Wetland Types



5 0 5 10 Miles

Key to Features	
— Roads	Emergent Wetland
— Streams	Aquatic Bed Wetland
— Ditches	Lakes
— Forested Wetland	River
— Scrub Shrub Wetland	Reservation Boundary



THE 4 “KNOWS” TO KNOW

In Building Your Wetland Program

KNOW WHAT YOU NEED

- **What Direction Do You Want To Take With Your Wetland Program?**
 - Tribal Council
 - Elders/Elders' Group(s)
 - Other Groups/Committees
 - Tribal Membership
 - Environmental/Natural Resources Staff
 - EPA Grant Goals
 - Other Local/State/Federal Wetland Agencies
 - Wetland Program Plan/EPA Wetland Core Elements

KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE

- **What Work Has Already Been Accomplished?**
 - Lake Assessments/Water Quality Assessments
 - State Wetland Inventory/National Wetland Inventory
 - State Biological Inventory/Plant Inventory
 - State Rare Species (T&E Species) Inventories

KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- **What Skills Do You Have And What Additional Training Do You Need?**
 - Wetland Delineation – Wetland Hydrology, Wetland Soils, Wetland Plants
 - Botany/Plant Identification
 - Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/Mapping
 - Wetland Inventory/Cowardin Coding/LLWW Coding
 - TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge)

KNOW WHAT YOU GOT

- **What Does Your Tribe Have For A Wetland Resource?**
 - Inventory
 - Visit your wetlands “Get your feet wet”
 - Wetland Monitoring and Assessment
 - RAMs
 - FQA
 - IBIs
 - Other methods

QUESTIONS?

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