



COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION  
**SUSTAINABLE**  
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE



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- Menominee Tribal Legislature chartered CMN on March 4, 1993
- Revised charter that reinforced and secured CMN's existence on October 3, 1996
- Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- Associate Degree in Nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing



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## Mission

The Sustainable Development Institute's mission is two-fold: to reflect upon, rediscover, and strengthen the interconnected dimensions which define Menominee sustainable development and to disseminate and advance the tenets of sustainability of what is learned, known, and valued of the Menominee approach to sustainability to those who wish to share this knowledge and wisdom.

The Institute fulfills its mission through:

- **Scholarship**
- **Academic preparation in sustainable development**
- **Research and demonstration projects**
- **Policy recommendations**
- **As a seat for both formal and informal forums on sustainable development**

137.66 Miles

"Start in the west, make your circle by taking only the sick and mature ones, yet, keep in mind by taking care of the other creatures and leaving it as you first came, as so when you make your circle to the point of start, you then will again have another stand ready for you on your next circle. For it is truly in this circle, if we take care of her, Mother Earth, for it is true that she will always be there to take care of you!" -- Chief Oshkosh "Claw"

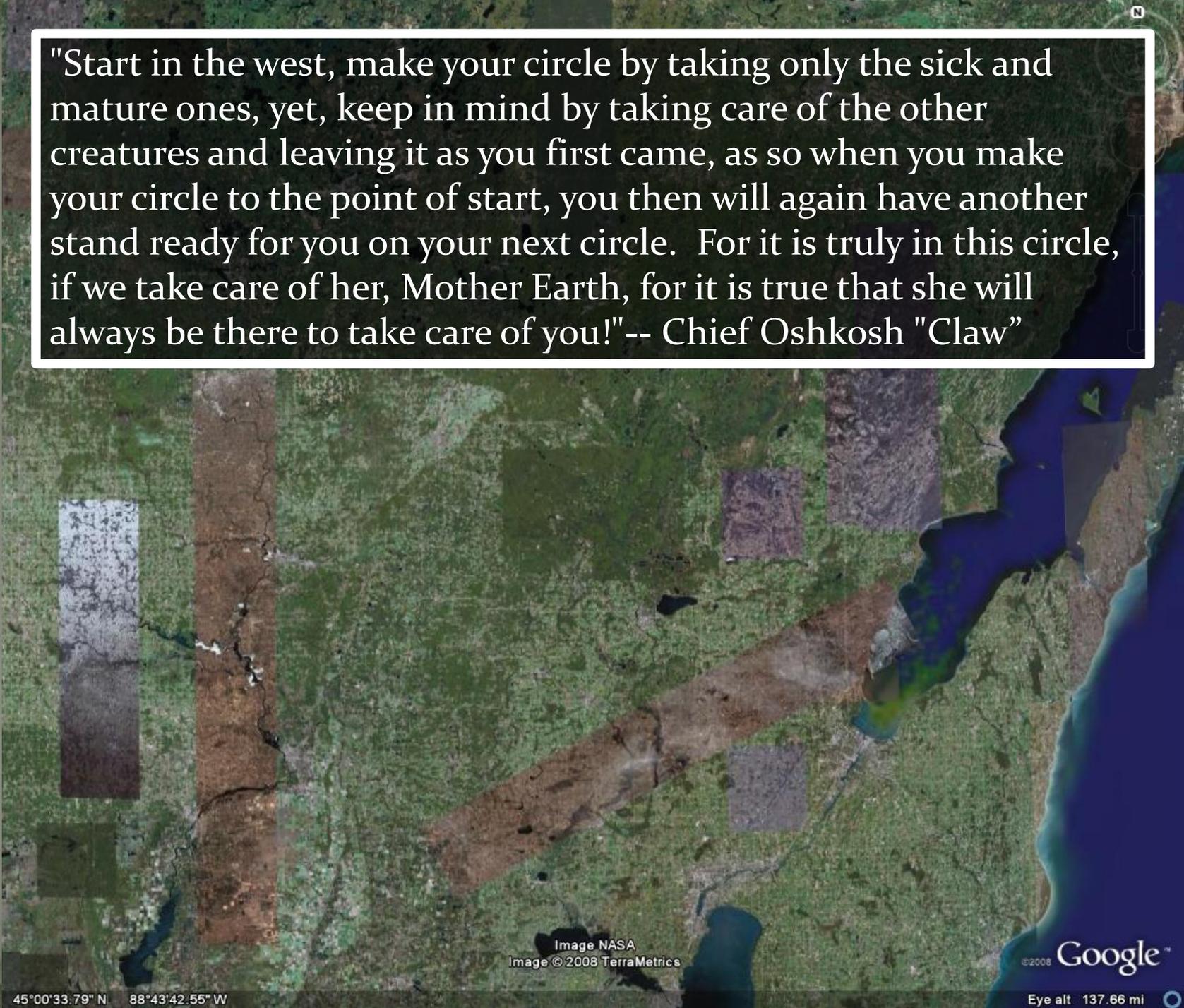


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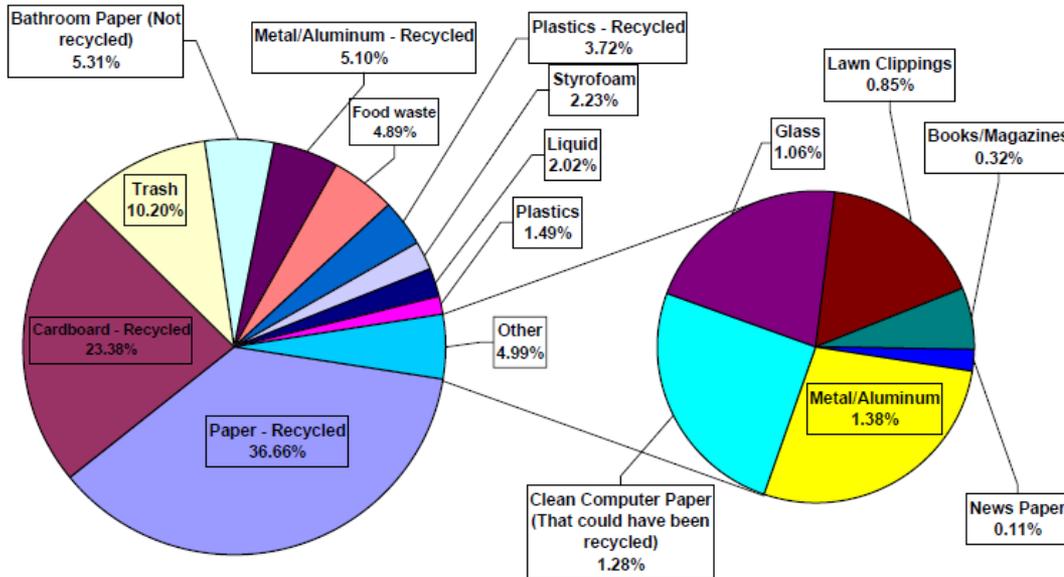
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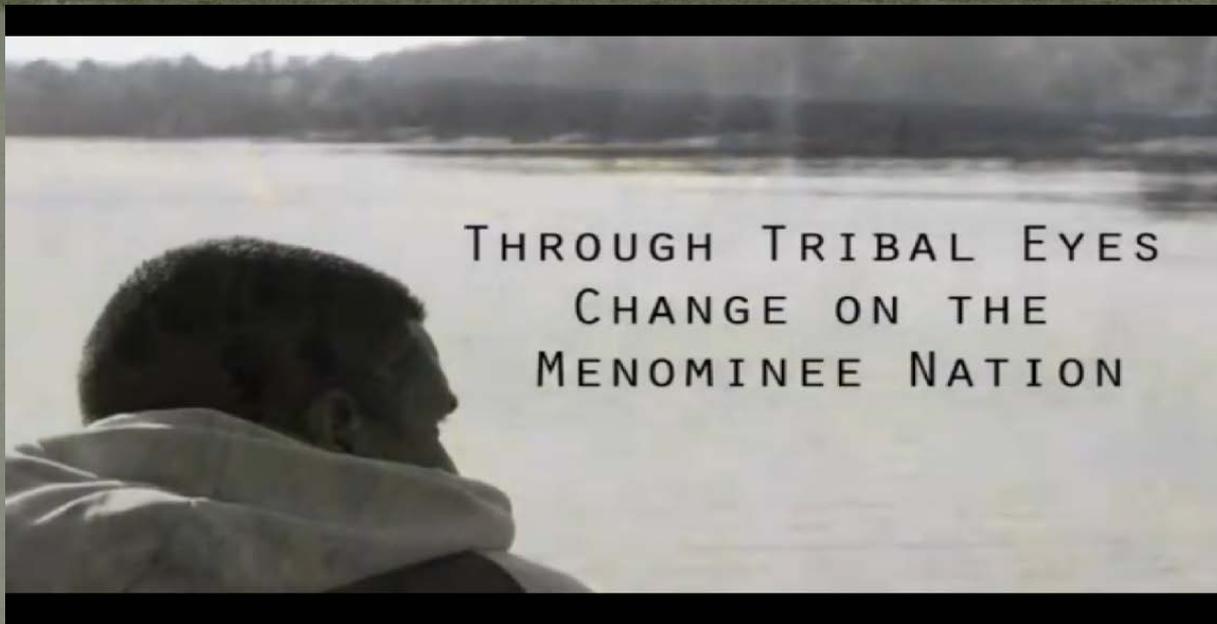
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Eye alt 137.66 mi



College of Menominee Nation  
Waste Characterization Study for the Week of May 8, 2009  
Weight (%)





- NASA /AIHEC Funded
- Community Based Journalism
- Mutual Mentorship



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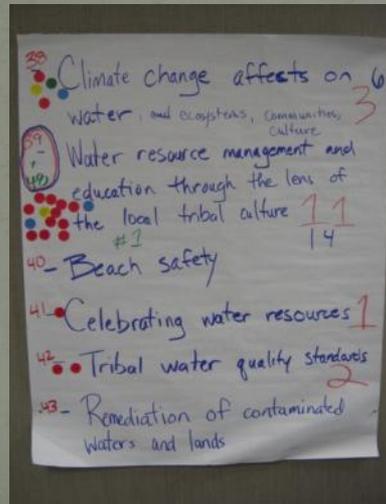
# Great Lake Land Grant Institutions Tribal Water Resources Summit

October 28th & 29th 2010

College of Menominee Nation - Keshena, Wisconsin



- Tribal Water Resources Inquiry
- Primary Water Issues
- Improve effectiveness between 1994 and 1862 Land Grant Institutions and Great Lakes Tribes



## Tribal Water Resource Issues from Brainstorming

Rank	Water Resource Issues	# of Tribal dots	Total dots	Tribes	Identified Partners
1	Water resource management and education through the lens of the local tribal culture	11	14	College of Menominee Nation, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Lac Courte Oreilles, 2 Leech Lake, Red Lake, 2 Sokaogon (SCC)	
2	Engage tribal leaders in water issues, education, etc.	9	9	2 Lac Courte Oreilles, Menominee, 3 Pokagon Potawatomi, Red Lake	
3	Degree program for tribal colleges/colleges serving tribal communities related to tribal environmental management	7	10	College of Menominee Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles, Leach Lake, Red Lake, Pokagon Potawatomi	
4	Youth leadership and involvement	7	9	Forest County Potawatomi Community, Lac Courte Oreilles, Pokagon Potawatomi, 2 Sokaogon (SCC)	University of Wisconsin Extension
5	Wild rice protection and management	7	8	Pokagon Potawatomi, Red Lake, 2 Sokaogon (SCC)	
6	Interpreting and translation water data for a broader audience data to information	6	8	Forest County Potawatomi Community, Sokaogon (SCC), College of Menominee Nation, Menominee	University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
7	Safe drinking water	5	9	Forest County Potawatomi Community, Pokagon Potawatomi, Red lake	
8	Habitat degradation	4	6	Forest County Potawatomi Community, Leech Lake, Red Lake,	University of Wisconsin Extension
9	Climate change affects on water, ecosystems, communities, culture	3	6	Menominee	
10	Increasing funding for tribal water resource work	3	4	College of Menominee Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles, Pokagon Potawatomi, Sokaogon (SCC)	
11	Mercury and other fish contaminants Lead - atmospheric deposition	3	4	Lac Courte Oreilles, Pokagon Potawatomi	
12	Genetically modified organisms	3	3	2 Leach Lake	
13	Increasing tribal access to funding sources	2	4	Lac Courte Oreilles, Sokaogon (SCC)	
14	People's views toward water and their actions related to those views	2	4	Lac Courte Oreilles	University of Wisconsin Extension
15	Invasive species control	2	3	Menominee, Sokaogon (SCC)	

# Shifting Seasons

Great Lakes Tribal  
Climate Change Summit

**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**  
**MENOMINEE CONVENTION CENTER**  
**KESHENA, WI**

College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute is hosting a summit on Climate Change indicators and strategies targeting Great Lakes Tribal nations. The purpose of the summit is to:

- Share ongoing research projects at CMN
- Provide information related to carbon sequestration
- Provide a forum for Great Lakes Tribes to share climate change projections experiences, and examples of resiliency
- Begin formulating a research agenda for Great Lake Tribal nations
- Set the framework for Menominee climate change adaptation and mitigation strategy

The themes of the summit are:

- Forestry
- Food
- Culture
- Invasive species
- Emergency management
- Water Resources
- Fish and Wildlife
- Community
- Policy and Governance

Targeted participants include policy makers, natural resource managers, tribal planners, tribal college personnel, students, tribal historic preservation officers, disaster and emergency service managers, food providers, concerned tribal members, researchers, and tribal, state, and federal government officials.

The proceedings from the summit may be incorporated into the National Climate Assessment.



Thank You!

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