

## Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

**PROGRAM AREA:** (Ex. Agriculture, Nutrition etc.): Water Resources **Management** and Natural Resources

**PROGRAM TITLE:** Gizhaazhani mino-bimaadizinid gidinawemaaganag (Protect a bright future for your relatives)

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Identify and map existing needs and available resources related to species of significance to A.I culture and the quality of the environment related to supporting sustainable use of native species on Leech Lake Reservation and the Fond du Lac Reservation.

Adapt existing curriculum and develop new curriculum that will incorporate science based knowledge, best management practices, native species and AI culture perspective.

Provide education to AI and non AI people who live on Reservation lands that will result in improving management of Reservation resources.

**FRTEP UNIT:** Leech Lake

**ISSUE(S) ADDRESSED:**

The overall goal is to increase the quality of life on the Leech Lake Reservation through agriculture and natural resources education and life skills development for youth and adults. Objectives include: development and implementation of education programs for youth, related to life skills development, leadership, and natural resources; development and implementation of educational programs for adults related to managing small acreages profitably, natural resource stewardship, land tenure issues, providing horticulture and food safety education for youth and adults to improve the nutrition and health of Reservation residents; and being the center of education outreach efforts on the Reservation

**PROGRAM IMPACT:**

Providing leadership for Extension through the facilitation of knowledge exchange between the University and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe through collaborative development of water resources programming that incorporates western and traditional knowledge and perspectives.

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**FRTEP UNIT:** Fond du Lac

**ISSUE(S) ADDRESSED:**

The Fond du Lac Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa faces challenges protecting natural resources within the boundaries of the Reservation to insure long term protection for federally protected and/or culturally significant species and habitats. Protection of and education about these resources will help to ensure that American Indian cultural traditions can be passed down through the generations.

An overarching and shared goal of Extension's and Fond du Lac is to move the Reservation toward self sufficiency by constructing and developing enterprises and programs to promote economic self-sufficiency, environmental protection, and social development.

**PROGRAM IMPACT:**

This work facilitates the development and strengthening of relationships between the Extension and the broader institution of the University of Minnesota Extension. Additionally, this work facilitates the strengthening of cultural and environmental knowledge networks comprised of Fond

du Lac band members and the surrounding community. Finally, these efforts provide leadership for Extension through the exchange of knowledge and ways of knowing between members of the University and Fond du Lac communities, namely in the arena of culturally important natural resources.

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