2017 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum
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Tribal Food Systems
1994 Tribal College And Universities

US Tribal Colleges
Between 2003 and 2009, science enrolment at America's 36 tribal colleges climbed by 70%.
Fond du Lac Tribal College Extension

- Unique MNSCU and Tribal Relationship
- Funded by 1994 Land Grant Institutions USDA-NIFA
- 13 Moons started with 12 workshops 2 hours long, evolved
- Bimaaji’idwin Garden Extension Program
- Providing technical assistance and agriculture planning
- Community Development
Can you Say Usufructuary Rights?
Fond du Lac Resource Management

- Environmental
- Natural Resources
- Wildlife
- Fisheries
- Conservation
- Forestry
- Land Records
- Tribal College Extension
What is Food Sovereignty?

- Treaty Rights and TEK
- Access to Local & Traditional Foods
- Re-Creating a Local Economy
- Taking care of the land and community
Local Food and Economy

- Farm and Gardening on land or the water
- Harvesting wild foods for food and medicine
- Harvesting manoomin and maple syrup
- Fishing including netting and spearing
- Hunting Mooz and Wawaaskeshi
- Trapping
Food Sovereignty with TCU Extension

- Create culturally relevant curriculum
- Take responsibility for Research and Project results
- Technical Assistance through workshops, events, and trainings
- Seed Saving
- Long Term Local Foods Strategic Planning with FNDI
- Promoting Traditional Foods and Native Foods and Growing Foods
Strategic Planning

- Surveys
- Community Input
- Local Foods Strategic Plan
- Land and Buildings?
- Funding
- Learning from other tribal programs
Garden Programs and Producers

- Gitigaan Classes for FDL Community
- Seed and Plant Giveaway
- Tilling for Community Members
- Journey Garden-Mino Babaamaadiziwin Gitigaan
- Farmer’s Market
- Agriculture Workshops and Events
- Fruit Tree Plantings
Bimaaji’idiwin Garden Program

- Demonstration Garden
- Seed saving
- Greenhouse at the FDL Ojibwe School
- Soil Amendments
- 1000 lbs of Produce to community members and programs
Nahgahchiwanong Babaamadiziwin
Gitigaan
Fond du Lac Journey Garden Program
The Journey Garden Program brings together American Indian middle and high school students, community members and elders for a summer of learning about gardening, health care professions, science, cooking, field trips, daily journaling, learning what it means to grow your own food, and working as a team and helping one another.
Journey Garden Activities

- Journal writing
- Watering plants in the garden and greenhouse
- Planting and weeding the garden
- Composting
- Learning from presenters & community about professions
- Learning Ojibwe words
- Plant identification
- Science projects
- Field trips
- Cooking
- Art Projects
Journey Garden-Garden Work
Journey Garden - Education
Journey Garden - Career Tours
Journey Garden - Farmer’s Market

- Sweet grass seeds
- Lovage salt
- Mix of dried herbs
- Basket of bread
- Edible flowers in containers
- Bag of oregano
- Bag of dog balm
Evaluation

- Ripple Effect Mapping
- Stakeholder Input
- Social Enterprise Workgroup
- Community Survey
Outreach to band members through newspaper, radio, and social media

Pow wow to promote the land and community resources from tribal, fed, and state programs

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NEXT STEPS

- A commitment from collaborators on developing a tribal community food system
- Land, Water and Buildings
- Funding
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- Family and Friends
- Co-workers and collaborators
- Creators
- Those who have passed on
- USDA NIFA
- TLEF
- All of you too!
Wiisinida, Let’s Eat!