



# Environmental Management Plan

Protecting our lands and waters for seven generations!

Community Engagement and Key Knowledge Holder Interviews



Review Background Documents and Technical Reports



Identify Environmental Issues



Propose Strategies to Manage Issues



Implement Strategies



Review EMP and Update (as needed)

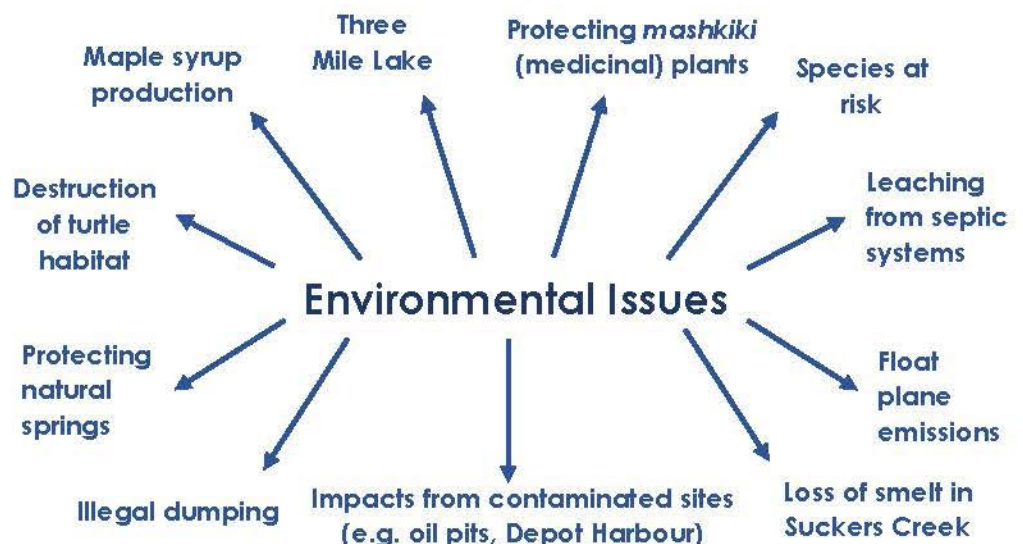
## What is an EMP?

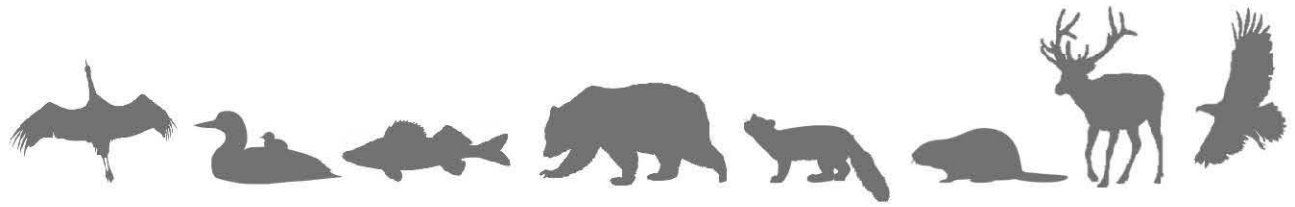
An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) looks at the current condition of our *akii* (lands) and *nibiish* (waters), identifying environmental issues and proposing strategies or responses to address these issues.

## Why Create an EMP?

Our cultural and spiritual obligation is to have, in our best interest, the total well-being of the earth, creation, and the people. An EMP allows us to identify environmental issues and outline our core environmental values, while providing a clear procedural mechanism to identify how our valued environmental components will be protected for the next seven generations.

## Environmental Issues and Concerns Identified by Community Members





## Environmental Stewardship Guidelines

The Environmental Stewardship Guidelines (ESGs) contained within the EMP provide information and/or direction about specific priority areas of environmental management. ESGs have been developed for each of the 13 environmental issues identified by our community as being of concern.



**Air Quality and Emissions**



**Cultural Sites**



**Groundwater Management**



**Land Development**



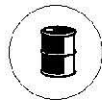
**Surface Water and Wetlands**



**Waste Management**



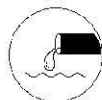
**Drinking Water Management**



**Chemical and Fuel Storage**



**Contaminated Sites Management**



**Wastewater Management**



**Medicinal Plants Conservation**



**Resource Management**



**Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat**



*"Before we entered into the Treaties every body of water in our region - you could drink out of, every puddle - you could drink out of." – Wasauksing Citizen*

The ESGs are divided into 7 sections, each of which have a different purpose and intended viewer.

ESG Sections	Purpose
<b>Our Stewardship Vision</b>	Describes why this issue is important to our community and our vision to address the issue.
<b>Community Objectives</b>	Identifies short- and long-term environmental management outcomes and specific actions to manage the issue or concern.
<b>Stewardship Guidance and Strategies</b>	Describes relevant regulations, guidelines, and best management practices to achieve our objectives.
<b>Monitoring and Enforcement</b>	Outlines the responsibilities of our community and identifies key roles in monitoring and enforcement.
<b>Community Initiatives</b>	Involves the community in implementing the EMP, highlights the importance of awareness, and encourages community stewardship.
<b>Regulations and Best Practices</b>	Identifies all relevant federal and provincial legislation that applies and requirements that must be considered.
<b>Glossary</b>	Defines key terms used in the ESG and improves understanding.

