# **Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians' Wetland Program Plan**

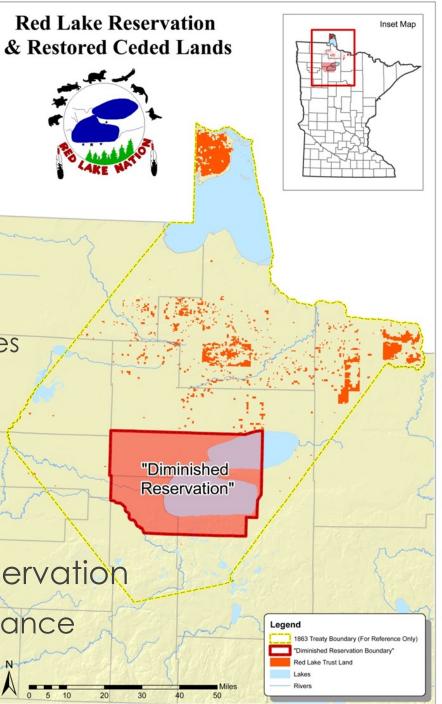
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### Background

- Closed Reservation
- Resources
  - Total land holding in excess of 835,000 acres
    - ~308,000 acres forest
    - ~241,000 acres freshwater lakes
    - ~541,000 acres of mixed wetlands
    - ~371 miles of rivers and streams
- Importance of wetlands within the Reservation
  - Manage resources based Tribal significance



## Wetland Program Plan 2016-2020

#### US EPA's Core Elements Framework (CEF)

- Monitoring and Assessment
  - Develop an updated wetland inventory
  - Analyze existing monitoring data
  - Develop methods to monitor all wetland types (RFQA)
  - Establish historical nutrient conditions in open water wetlands
- Regulatory Activities including 401 Certification
  - Clean Water Act Section 404 and 401 Certification

- Voluntary Restoration and Protection
  - CWA 106 Pollution Control
  - CWA 319 NPS Pollution and Treatment Similar to State
  - Rapid Floristic Quality Assessment Index (RFQA)
- Water Quality Standards for Wetlands
  - Maintain a comprehensive wetland inventory

### 2017 WPDG

#### Monitoring and Assessment

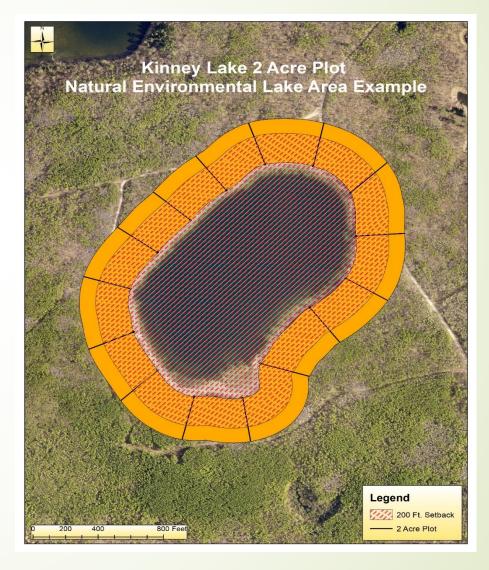
- Development of an extensive wetland inventory
- Define monitoring objectives and strategies
- Restoration and Protection
  - Establish goals for a shoreline ordinance
  - Develop guidelines and objectives for restoration and protection sites

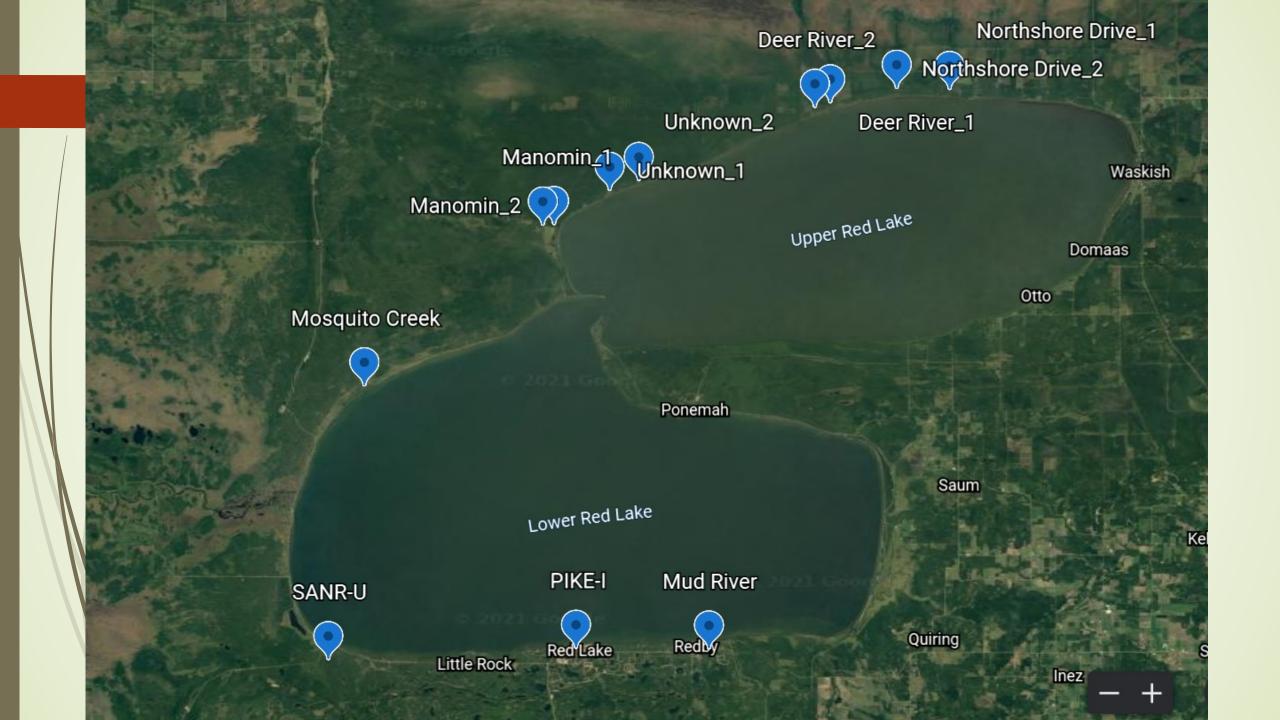
## 2017 WPDG Monitoring and Assessment



## 2017 Restoration and Protection

- Development of a Shoreline Ordinance
  - Special Protection Areas
    - Waters vulnerable to pollution
    - Minimal development
    - Maintain high standards of quality
    - Sensitive Management Areas
      - Sensitive due to flooding, steep slopes, erosion, presence of wetlands, or other physical constraints
  - Natural Environmental Areas
    - Protect shorelines which are unsuitable for development.
- Prioritization
  - Use of updated Wetland Inventory and new aerial photos.





# Thank You! Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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