# **Environmental Management Planning**

# The Future Begins with a Good Plan

An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) identifies environmental challenges in a First Nation's reserve and proposes approaches to resolve those issues. Many First Nations are beginning to recognize the value of environmental planning as an important initial step in land governance and economic development.

> EMPs are an agreed upon requirement between Land Code communities and INAC under the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management.

At Shared Value Solutions, we specialize in finding creative ways to leverage planning and regulatory processes to develop solutions for our clients that protect the environment and people's land use, develop capacity and generate economic opportunities.

### Our Expertise

- Technical expertise and experience in environmental science, management, risk assessment, community development and planning
- Familiarity with the conditions and challenges of Indigenous communities
- ✓ Understanding of the First Nations Land Management Framework Agreement
- ✓ Experience building local capacity
- Ability to develop creative and appropriate environmental response strategies



"Each First Nation's situation is unique, influenced by different priorities and challenges associated with environmental issues, capacity and community expectations. EMPs should reflect this distinctiveness, both in the content of the plans and in the ways they are prepared."

A Guide to Preparing Environmental Management Plans for Operational First Nations



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## A Community-driven Approach

As experts in community engagement and multimedia storytelling, we ensure Council and community are highly involved in the development and approval process. Our process begins with understanding community priorities and values and ensuring they are reflected throughout the planning process. We specialize in integrating community and traditional knowledge with scientific and technical understanding to find solutions that are locally grounded and reflect best practice from across the country.

## **Featured Experience**

#### **Magnetawan First Nation Environmental Management Plan Development**

Our team is working with Magnetawan First Nation, an operational land code community in Central Ontario, to develop an EMP. Our work will include an assessment and prioritization of environmental challenges, community engagement and the development of practical solutions that fulfill the requirements of the First Nations Land Management Act.

#### Eeyou Istchee and Sagamok Anishnawbek Land Use Planning Workshops

Our team designed and conducted two separate land use planning workshops in 2015-16 to develop frameworks for both a marine plan and a land use plan. Community leaders wanted to develop plans that would align and enhance their vision for development and outline specific requirements for projects.

Our team enabled community leaders to identify and protect areas of environmental and cultural sensitivity and ensure that their land use plans would balance conservation with enhancing community well-being.

#### Constance Lake First Nation Land Use Planning Gap Analysis and Needs Assessment

Local land use planning representatives from the First Nation were challenged with intermittent funding and capacity resources for Community Based Land Use Planning under the Far North Planning Act.

SVS team members were hired to assess the land use planning that had been done to date, and to determine what else needed to be accomplished in order to finish the plan. We reviewed existing land use planning documents, including Traditional Knowledge data and developed a report with recommendations on next steps.



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