

Odaawaa Zaaga'iganing

The Lac Courte Oreilles

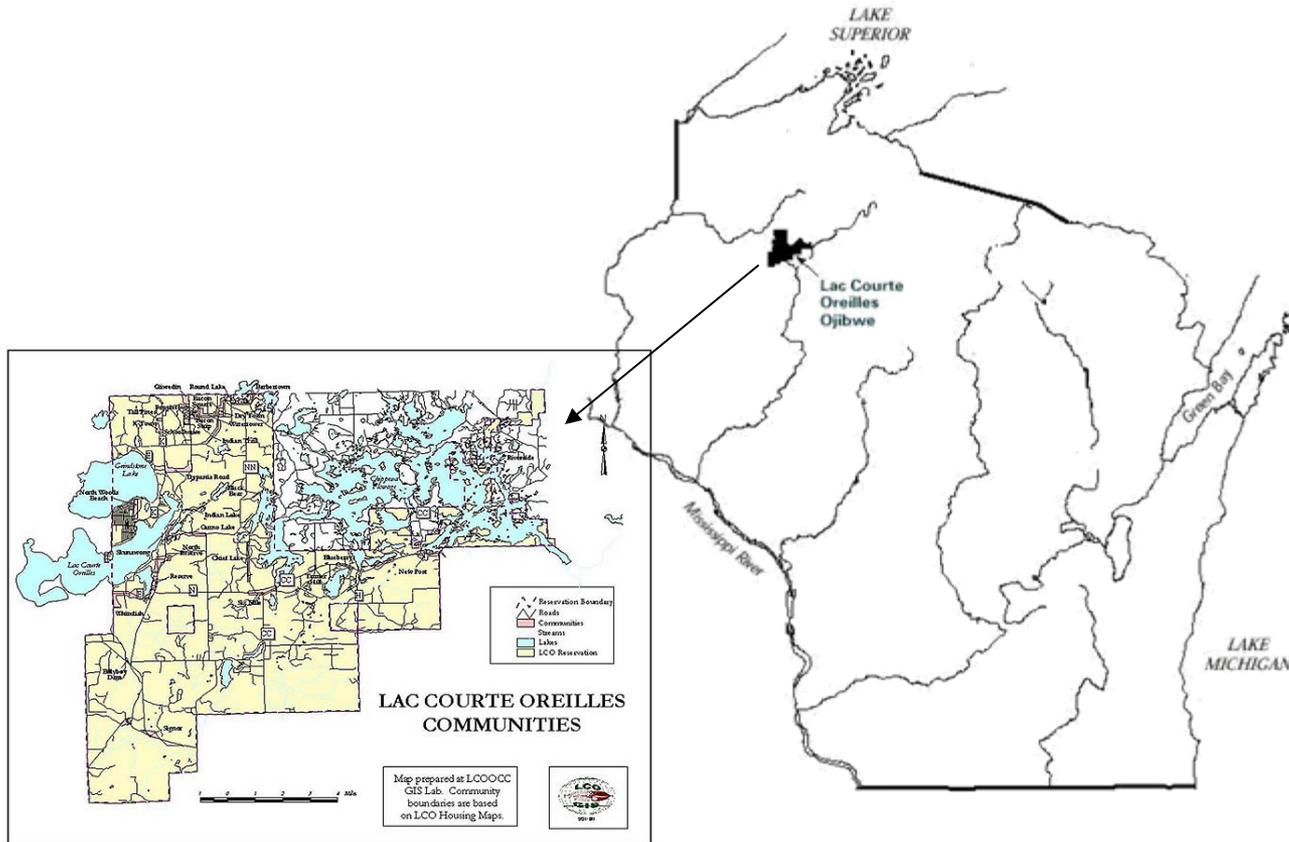


Band of Ojibwe



Location of Lac Courte Oreilles

- The Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Reservation is in Northern Wisconsin, 90 miles from Duluth, Minnesota and 11 miles from Hayward.





About Lac Courte Oreilles

- The reservation is presently 76,465 acres and is 15 miles wide.
- We have a seven member Tribal Governing Board with four year terms.
- LCO's membership is about 6,700 with nearly half of its members residing on or near the reservation
- There are 25 distinctly different communities within the reservation for a total of 1,019 households (2000 Census).
- LCO operates two casinos; recently expanded is the LCO Casino and Lodge.



Mission Statement

We, the *Anishinaabeg*, the people of *Odaawaa Zaaga'iganing*, the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Tribe, will sustain our heritage by, preserving our past, strengthening our present, and embracing our future

We will defend our inherent sovereign rights and safeguard Mother Earth.

We will provide for the educational, health, social welfare, and economic stability of the present and future generations.



Issues at Lac Courte Oreilles

- Tribal entities have addressed energy issues on an individual basis.
- LCO College is very active on environmental issues but acts independently of the Tribe.
- The majority of our reservation is served by Jump River Electric Cooperative that does not participate in the Focus on Energy Program.
- Our forests are being used at a non-renewable rate.



Background Information

- In 2001 the LCO Planning Department created and mailed comprehensive community survey. This survey was used to gather community input for the LCO Land Use Plan.
- Another survey was done in 2006 that had more specific questions regarding energy costs and sustainable energy.
- In 2005 the Tribal Governing Board adopted the Kyoto Protocol.
- The LCO Land Use Plan was passed by Resolution in 2006.



Additional Background Information

- 20 years ago the Tribe purchased the right to operate a Hydro Dam located at the Winter Dam
- The Tribal Governing Board has asked that the Land Use Committee find a viable land base for a green community to be built, this is in coordination with the LCO Housing Authority.

Winter Hydro Dam in 1990



Winter Hydro Dam in February





LCO Energy Analysis Project Overview

To analyze our energy consumption and create a plan in which we can apply conservation measures and identify feasible sustainable energy options.



LCO Energy Analysis Objectives

- Coordinate current and future energy efforts.
- The project will determine what the carbon emissions levels are
- We will conduct a energy audit, which will identify renewable energy resources currently being utilized and identify other potential sites.
- Create a plan to present to our Tribal Governing Board and our membership of ways in which we can conserve and begin the process of implementing a sustainable resource.



Project Participants

- Coordinator
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Lac Courte Oreilles Energy Vision

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe resolves to protect and honor Mother Earth, by utilizing only what is needed. We, the Anishinaabeg, embark on a path to sustainable living and independence for ourselves and our generations yet to come. This will be achieved by implementing systemic conservation measures and the development of sustainable energy.



Questions?

