

NHBP Tribal Member Benefits

Environmental Department

MISSION STATEMENT: The Environmental Department is committed to the protection of cultural and natural resources, and our community. We strive to support a healthy balance between community development and habitat conservation. Our benefits to Tribal Membership reflect our commitment to nature and the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/CORE SERVICES

The basis of our department includes a combination of the community and the protection of the Tribe's land, air, and water. These are currently addressed through our Environmental Protection Agency funding and include:

- General Assistance Programming (environmental administrative capacity building)
- Brownfields Tribal Response Program (ordinance-based Tribal land protection)
- EPA Clean Water Act Section 106 program (surface water monitoring on Tribal land)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

We offer community-oriented services from ensuring clean water in governmental buildings to providing fruits and vegetables for the community. Other services include:

- Free use of roll-off dumpster at least twice per year
- Recycling promotion and services
- Drinking water testing for community wells in Government Buildings
- Vegetables from Tribal Community Gardens
- Indian corn for soup upon request
- Medicine from Tribal Gardens upon request (tobacco, cedar, sage and sweetgrass braids)
- Establishment and management of heritage fruit orchard
- Assist in identification and/or supply natural craft supplies such as leather, gourds, birch bark
- Syrup as gifts, per qualified request
- Solid waste management planning
- Assistance and supplies for Youth Programs, including Summer Camp
- Garlic mustard seasonal employment



ENVIRONMENTAL OUTREACH

It is important for our department to reach out to the membership as well as the community at large to share the knowledge and work that we do. Some of these activities include:

- Outreach to community with updates to link on Tribal website
- Conservation education outreach (with Membership Services Department) to local organizations and schools
- Narrated nature walks for various Tribal groups and activities
- Visitor tours

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WILDLIFE PRESERVATION

We are committed to ensuring the health of the native ecosystems on Tribal land. This requires inventorying the flora and fauna of Tribal land, ensuring the protection of native, threatened, and endangered species, and discouraging invasive species. Some services we work on relating to wildlife preservation include:

- Wildlife habitat restoration (e.g. Q Drive restoration, native plant propagation, river rice)
- Wildlife species monitoring (e.g. frogs, birds, plants, etc.)
- Management of invasive species on Tribal land (autumn olive, barberry, euonymus, etc.)
- Free hunting permits for Tribal property (fishing permits soon).
- Exotic plant and insect projects
- Black Ash preservation



HOME ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

In addition to community services, we offer environmental home assessments including:

- Free exterior contaminant inspection for all Reservation homes
- Free testing of Reservation homes wells (household water testing)
- Free testing of Reservation homes radon levels
- Free asthma trigger assessments
- Free carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and relative humidity analysis

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Department sponsors (or co-sponsors) events with lunches, give-aways, honoraria, etc. including:

- Blessing of the Maples
- Flap Jack Friday
- Earth Day
- Ash Bash (planned)
- Spring Awakening/Community Garden Blessing
- Cultural Immersion (hosted by Membership Services)
- Land and water-based naming ceremonies

