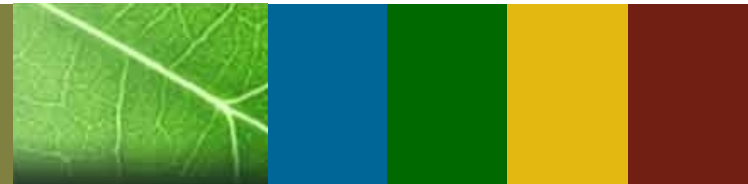




Climate Change Adaptation Planning

Facilitating Action to Address Climate
Change Adaptation Needs in Indigenous
North America





About CIER

- CIER is a First Nations-directed national non-profit environmental nongovernmental organization
 - Founded by a group of First Nations leaders in 1994
 - Vision: sustainable First Nations and a healthy environment
 - Participatory, partnership approach to projects
 - www.cier.ca

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Adaptation Planning



The Planning Focus



The Project

- Funding from CEC's North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action grant program
- Plan and deliver Adaptation Forum
 - September 18-21, 2012
- Focused on food, medicine and plant security
- Interactive workshop format, networking opportunities, small and large group discussions





The Project Goals

1. Build the capacity of tribal and indigenous groups to build resilience in their communities to climate change.
2. Transfer the knowledge gained and lessons learned in the workshop to other communities across North America.

The Participants

- An application process to create a diverse, targeted and committed group of 25-60
 - Travel funding for approx. 25 people
 - Forum space for up to 60 people
- Community-level practitioners, academics, government representatives, community leaders
 - First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities (Canada)
 - Tribes (USA)

The Project Outcomes (1)

Participants will:

- Draft climate change adaptation plan, focused on food and medicine security
- Define clear next steps to implement at home
- Find opportunities for synergies in other areas and plans



The Planned Outcomes (2)

Other outcomes:

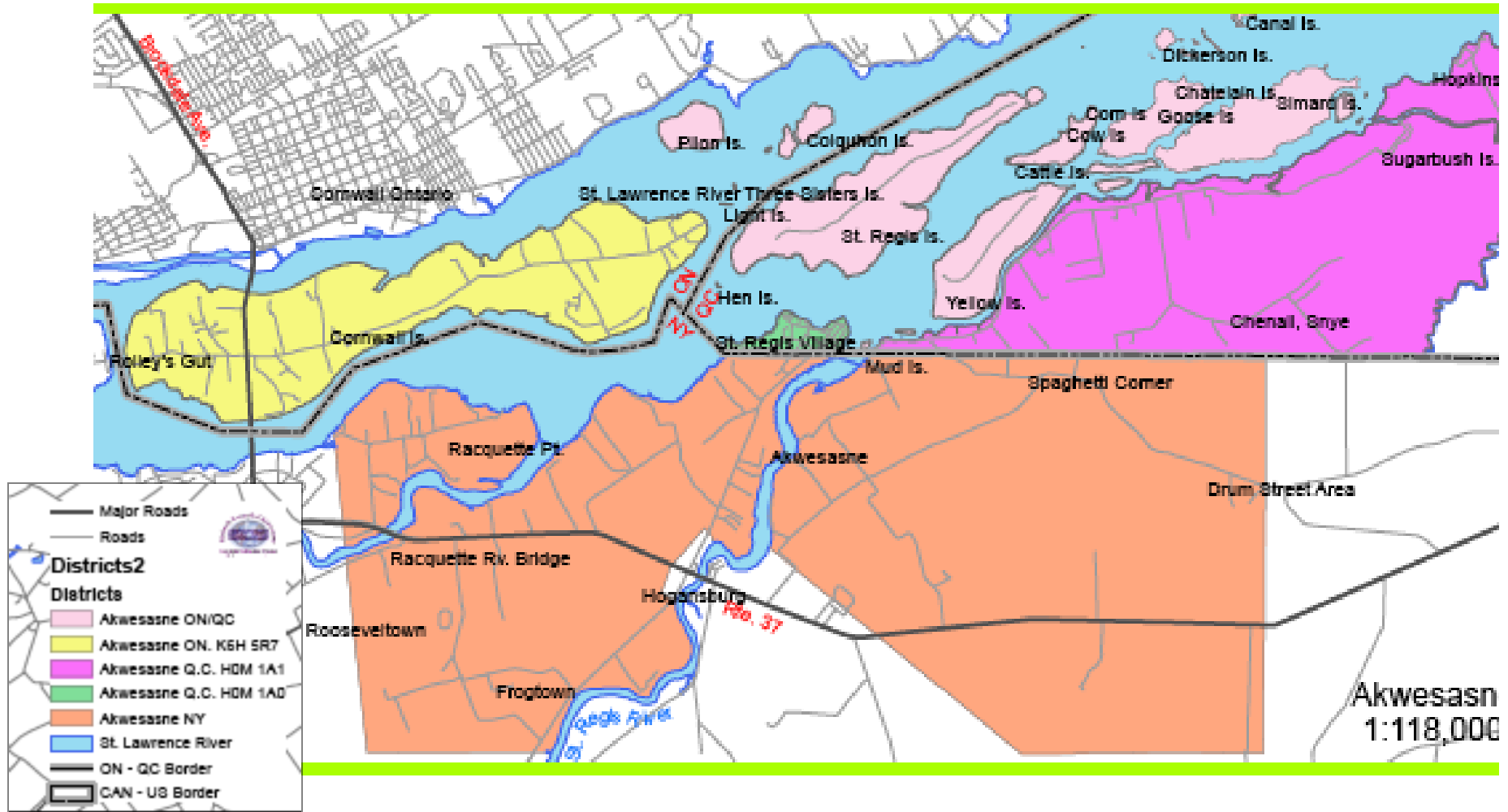
- New and strengthened networks & communities of practice
- Multimedia sharing of results (e.g. video clips, webinar, webcast)
- Tools for others to host similar events

- Village of Kanatakon (St. Regis), Akwesasne
- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne; elected system of government on Canadian side
- Ontario, Quebec provincial borders; international border (New York)
- St. Lawrence River

The Venue



Akwesasne



- Presentations from key speakers; leading thinkers and actors in Indigenous climate change adaptation
 - Large and small groups
- Adaptation plan workbook to build pieces of their plan
 - In groups of people with similar issues, needs
- ‘Speakers Corners’ for targeted networking
- Stories, teachings from Elders from across North America

Proposed Agenda Elements



The Partners (Canada)



Environment
Canada

Environnement
Canada



Health
Canada

Santé
Canada



Aboriginal Affairs and
Northern Development Canada

Affaires autochtones et
Développement du Nord Canada



The Partners (USA)



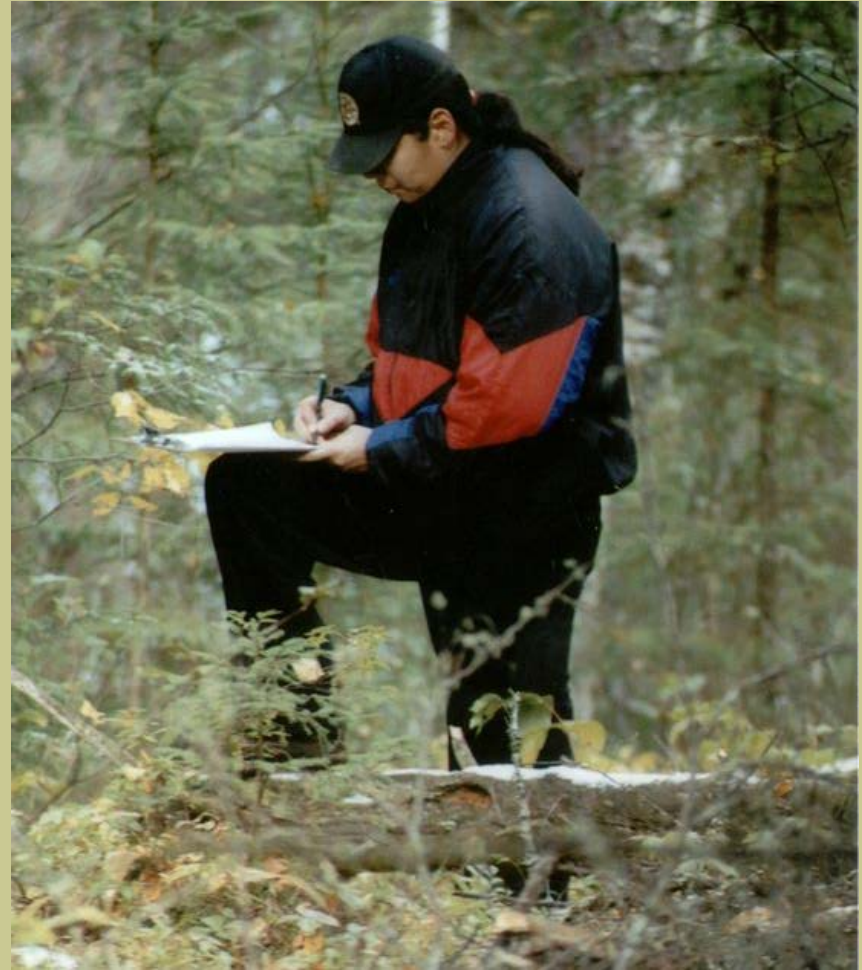
American Indian Alaskan Native
Climate Change Working Group

US Department of the Interior; US Geological Society;
US Forest Service; National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration; Bureau of Indian Affairs



- Select participants
 - July 16 deadline
- Notify participants
 - Early August
- Confirm speakers
- Finalize agenda, logistical details
- Host forum!
 - Sept. 18-21, 2012
- Share results
 - Transferability of approach to other locations

Next Steps



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Thank You!

Questions?

