

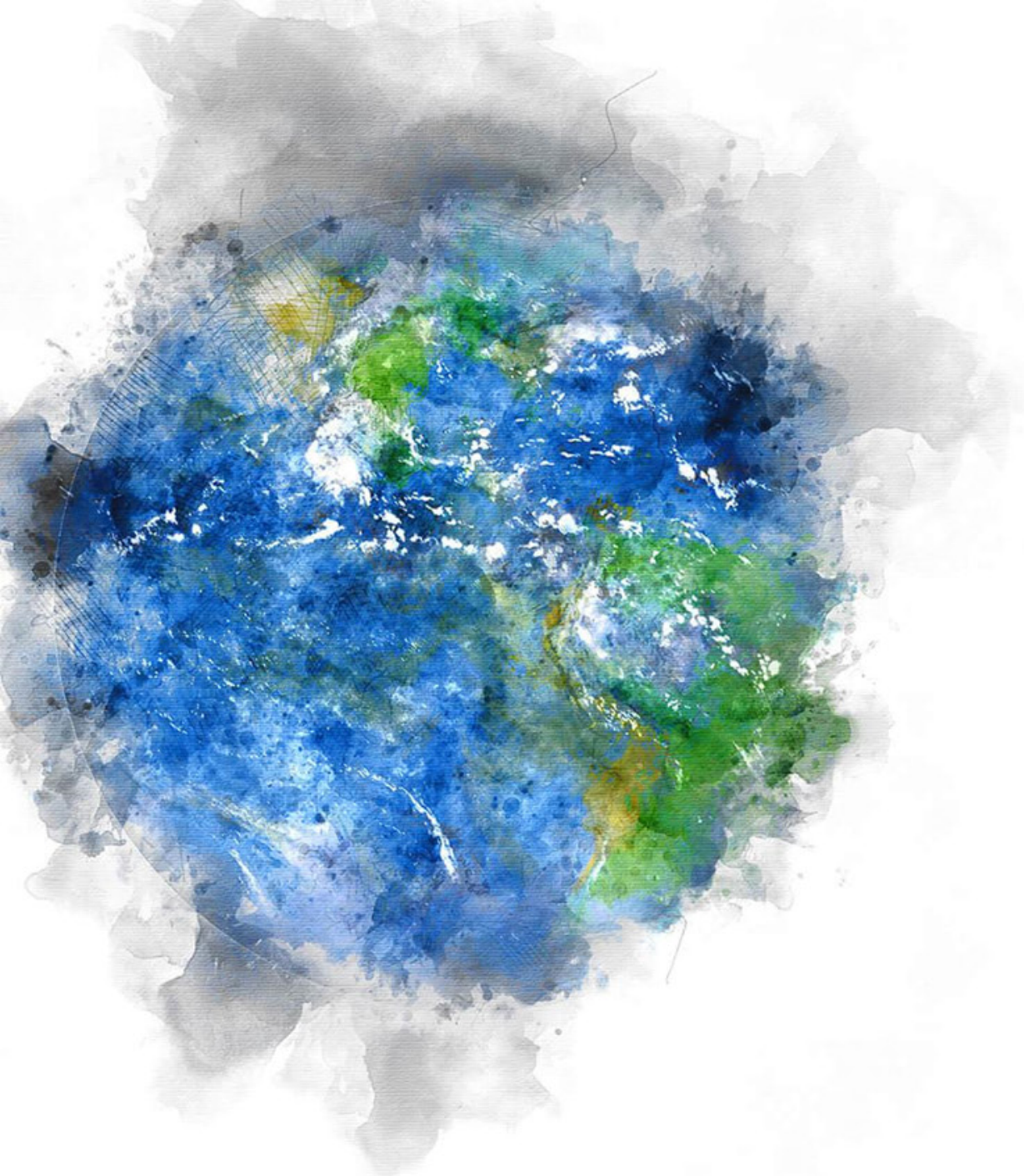
LEECH LAKE CLEAN ENERGY WORK

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1. Solar Master Plan

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe





Purpose

- Determine solar PV capacity and energy potential for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Tribal Government facilities.



Process

- 75 Sites assessed based on:

Solar Suitability:

University of Minnesota's solar suitability tool, obstructions, duration of direct sun.

Estimated Energy Production:

Based on solar suitability, type/size of proposed array

Total Project Cost:

Array, installation, cost/benefit based on solar suitability, production, and energy usage.

Annual Energy Use:

More efficient buildings are better, determines the size of the array.

30 of the most promising sites assessed in further detail.

A watercolor illustration of a mountain landscape. The scene features a prominent mountain peak in the background, a winding path leading up a hillside, and a small lake in the foreground. The colors are soft and blended, with shades of blue, green, and grey. The style is artistic and painterly.

Conclusions

- 15 of the 30 sites were chosen for structural integrity assessments

Future solar capacity could be used for:

Energy Assistance: Existing solar arrays pay heating bills for low income residents. What about those who don't quite qualify?

Solar Subsidies: A rebate could help encourage the adoption of residential solar.



2. Guiding Leech Lake to Sustainability

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A watercolor illustration of a wind farm. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden glow across the sky. Several wind turbines are visible, their blades and towers rendered in soft, painterly strokes. The foreground shows a grassy field with some trees, also depicted in a watercolor style. The overall mood is serene and sustainable.

.. *Purpose:*

- Develop policies and guidelines to advance the adoption of sustainability measures on the Reservation.



Process

- **Solar Readiness** for all new construction and major renovations.
- **EV Readiness** and infrastructure support.
- **Approaching Net Zero** and overall sustainability of new construction and major renovations.



Where we are now

Beginning stages of research on solar ready construction.

Project completion date:

June 2020

Going Forward

- » Solar Master Plan has already given us more sites to build solar capacity.
- » Policies developed through “Guiding Leech Lake to Sustainability” project will increase this capacity rapidly through solar and EV ready buildings while eliminating waste in construction.