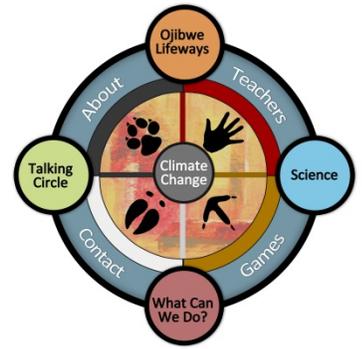


## *“Gikinoo’wizhiwe Onji Waaban” (Guiding for Tomorrow) Changing Climate, Changing Culture Initiative*

The “Gikinoo’wizhiwe Onji Waaban (Guiding for Tomorrow) or “G-WOW” Initiative takes a unique approach to increasing people’s knowledge of climate change impacts on the Lake Superior region by integrating scientific research with real world evidence of how climate change is affecting traditional Ojibwe lifeways. It brings Native perspectives to addressing issue of climate change and incorporates Ojibwe language and cultural components. The project’s service learning approach promotes community level action to mitigate or adapt to a changing Lake Superior climate.



The project will create these outreach tools:

### **G-WOW Culture and Climate Change Discovery Center**

This new 200 square foot interactive exhibit at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI explores the impacts of climate change on Lake Superior’s natural resources and peoples, focusing on Ojibwe lifeways and manoomin (wild rice). A G-WOW interactive kiosk will bring additional research, maps, video, images, and Ojibwe language components to support the exhibit’s messages.



*New G-WOW Exhibit at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center*

### **G-WOW Service Learning Curriculum**

Four seasonal curriculum units that engage middle and above learners to apply scientific research to experiential investigations of how an Ojibwe lifeways may be affected by climate change; while promoting community level action to reduce its impacts.

### **G-WOW Teacher/Educator Training**

Professional development programs to build a network of trained climate change community educators to outreach the G-WOW climate change and culture model.

### **G-WOW Website**

An interactive website will highlights the programs objectives, and features links to on-line G-WOW curriculum, lesson plans, teacher resources, program data bases, visual resources, and an interactive blog.

The G-WOW Initiative is a new collaboration between UW-Extension’s Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Office and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), US Forest Service, National Park Service, and Wisconsin State Historical Society.

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