

# Rez Recycler

Division of Planning & Environmental Protection

## These reservation residents have green thumbs when it comes to planting and caring for their Earth Day Trees .....

### GREEN THUMB FACT

During the hot summer months, mulch can be especially useful for conserving water. Add a thin layer of shredded hardwood mulch to your perennial beds and in your landscape.



Do you have photos of a tree that you received from an Earth Day tree give away? We would love to see how your tree, shrub or flower bulbs have grown! Then and now photos are especially appreciated and tell us the year the tree was planted. Or we can come out and take pictures of you and your plants. We would like to set up a display at our 2012 Earth Day Celebration.

Upper Left:

**Cindy LeClere** - American Plum shrub - planted 2004

Upper right:

**Roy Hale** - Silver Maple trees - planted at Our Lady of Snows Church - planted 2003

Lower left:

**Jackie Mitchell** - American Plum shrub - planted 2004

Lower right:

**Judy Darnell** - Red Bud tree and Silver Maples in the background - planted 2004



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## New This Month:

Thank You to:

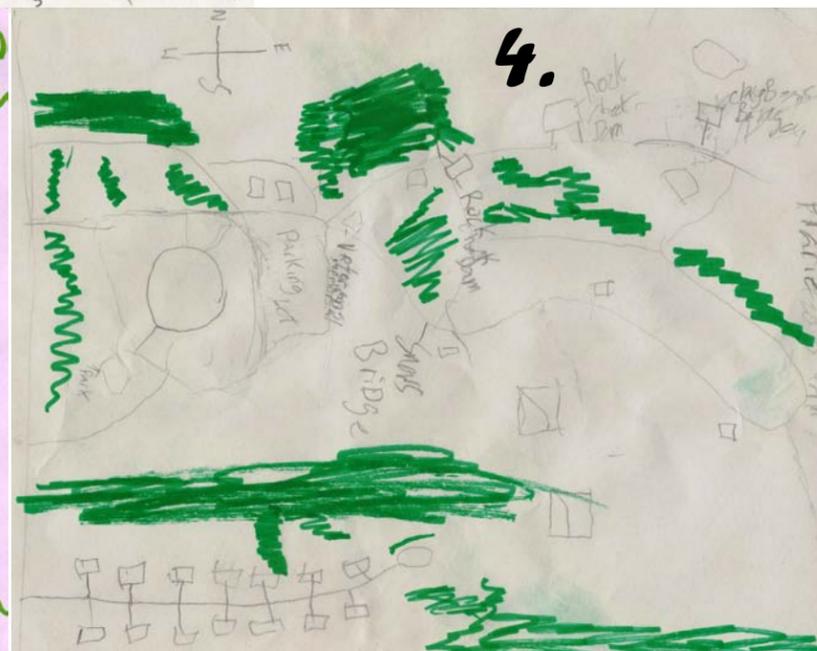
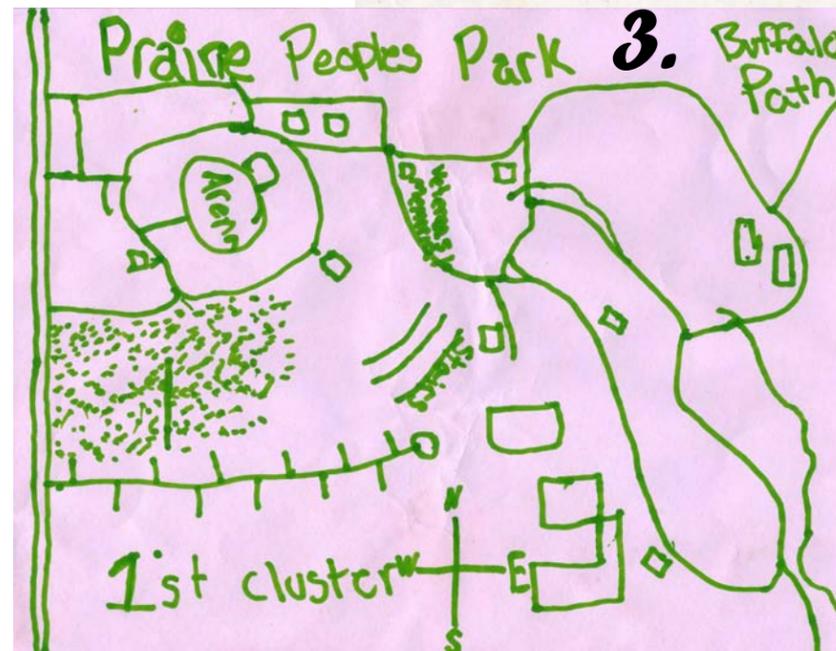
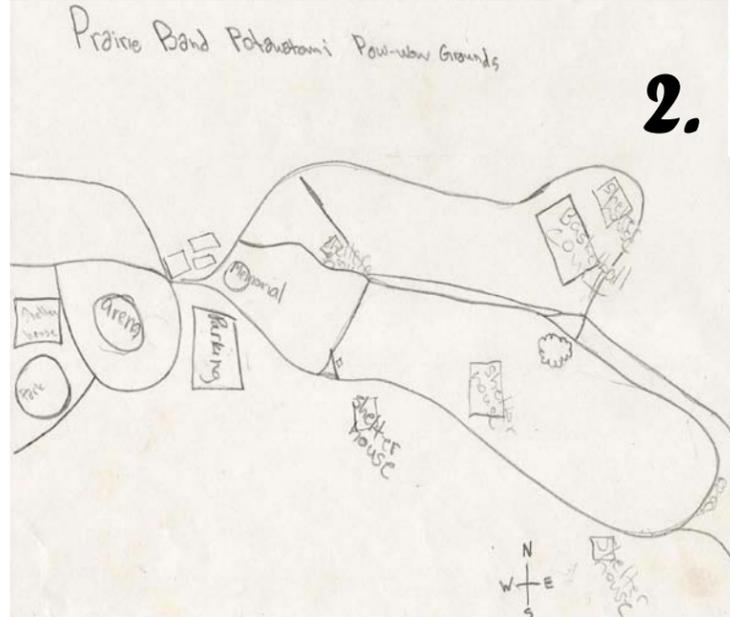
### Our Youth Employees

SHONNESI  
TISCARENO

The Division of Planning and Environmental Protection hosted three youth workers for the summer. Shonnesi Tiscareno, Tanner Shobney, and Hannah Wahwassuck assisted the Division with a variety of tasks throughout the summer. They worked very hard and their assistance was much appreciated during our busiest time of the year. Shonnesi assisted with the commercial and institutional recycling programs. Tanner assisted with the residential waste and recycling programs. Both young men completed their assignment with the Division at the end of June. Hannah will work during the month of July and will assist with administrative/clerical duties, water quality sampling, environmental outreach, and solid waste labor. It is our sincere hope that the three youth will continue their work to improve the environment and possibly consider careers in the environmental field. We asked the youth workers a few questions about their experiences with the Division, their responses are listed below:

TANNER  
SHOBNEY

HANNAH  
WAHWASSUCK



The Division of Planning and Environmental Protection is coordinating with the Boys & Girls Club in planning and conducting environmental outreach activities for the youth members of the Club. A few of the activities that were recently conducted are described below:

**Mapmakers:** Youth members formed teams to create maps of Prairie People's Park. They walked the entire area and identified the important features. Maps were hand-drawn. We emphasized to the youth the importance of maps – knowing how to read them and the important components. We also discussed directions and orientation while traveling. **We selected and have attached a few of the maps created by local youth.**

**Scavenger Hunt:** Youth members received photographs of various points of interests at Prairie People's Park and were asked to find the items and describe the location. We emphasized to the youth the importance of recognizing and appreciating our natural surroundings.

**Can you find these items at Prairie People's Park?**



**Recycled Reusable Games:** Youth members built their own bowling game using recycled materials. They made bowling pins out of two-liter bottles and shredded paper and bowling balls from newspaper and tape. We emphasized to the youth that many materials can be reused and recycled for other purposes. **We've attached a few photos of the youth in action.**

Map 1: C.J. Nelson, Que Eteeyan & Damian Lopez  
2: Freeman Meely, Michael Simon & Shobs Hubbard  
3: Craig Wahwahsuck, Dubba Hale, Kenneth Aitkens & Lexi Hester  
4: Andrew Henderson & Sam Kelly



What was the most important thing you learned while working with the Division?

Shonnesi: Recycling is a good thing

Tanner: How to recycle

Hannah: That not everything is trash and most stuff can be recycled and the recycling process.

What was the best thing about working here?

Shonnesi: The money

Tanner: Riding in the trash truck

Hannah: The opportunity to see and help with everything I did.

What was the worst thing about working here?

Shonnesi: Picking up trash, because it was stink

Tanner: Cleaning the dumpsters

Hannah: The trashes smell. It helps if you sort out your stuff!

## Summer Energy Saving Tips

Summer is now in full stride and along with that the heat. Here are some easy measures that can be taken to keep your energy bill down, and also keep you comfortable this summer.

- Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.
- Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting to 78°F (26°C) only when you are at home and need cooling. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature.
- If you use air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4°F with no reduction in comfort.
- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Remember that fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.
- When you shower or take a bath, use the bathroom fan to remove the heat and humidity from your home. Your laundry room might also benefit from spot ventilation. Make sure bathroom and kitchen fans are vented to the outside (not just to the attic).
- Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat

from these appliances, this can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

- Vacuum registers regularly to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the air flow through your registers.
- Install efficient lighting that runs cooler. Only about 10%–15% of the electricity that incandescent lights consume results in light—the rest is turned into heat.
- Take advantage of daylight instead of artificial lighting, but avoid direct sunlight.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.
- Add caulk or weather stripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Close blinds, drapes and shades during the hottest part of the day. This keeps the strong sunlight from heating your home.
- Postpone laundry and dishwashing until nighttime to avoid generating extra heat in your home. Also, consider taking advantage of the warmer air and dry your laundry outside.
- Don't forget about your own energy. Wearing lighter clothing can help cool you down without turning on the air conditioner. Also, remember to stay hydrated during extreme temperatures.

Using these tips will not only let you save money, but it will lower your impact on the environment and the reservation.

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**\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

*If you do not receive household disposal service and are interested in having your trash picked up on a weekly basis for a small fee call the Potawatomi Disposal Service office at 785-966-2946 for the details.*

*Limited numbers of spots available, call soon!*

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