

Managing This Land



The land is the basis for our economic prosperity and plays a prominent role in the social, cultural and spiritual identity of NWT residents. The *Managing this Land* initiative includes a comprehensive approach designed to protect our landscapes, forests and water resources and address the cumulative effects of climate change.

This initiative includes five action areas:

- Continue to Develop Governance
- Protect Territorial Water
- Work to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change Impacts
- Improve Environmental Monitoring Efforts
- Environmental Stewardship

The GNWT's participation in land management will be strengthened by the development of a comprehensive land use framework for the NWT and by our progression towards northern governance over land and water.

We will take several important steps to protect territorial water. With the input of the public, Aboriginal groups and other stakeholders, we will develop and implement a NWT Water Strategy. We will also advance initiatives associated with source water protection and participate in a number of intergovernmental and transboundary water management efforts.

Climate change mitigation and adaptation will be addressed through continuing delivery of the GNWT's Greenhouse Gas Strategy and Energy Plan. Activities will be undertaken to adapt to impacts on the NWT's transportation networks, developing a climate change adaptation plan, and advancing projects to develop alternative energy sources.

We will also complete a classification and mapping framework for the NWT and invest in environmental stewardship activities including waste reduction and recovery, and wildlife management, protection and cumulative effects assessment.