

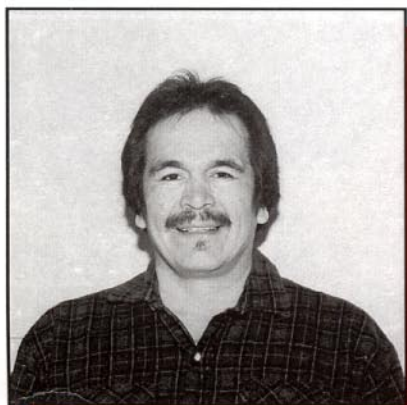


It is our duty to protect the environment and those creatures who cannot protect themselves for future generations.

## Fond du Lac Environmental Program

### Fond du Lac Reservation Environmental Stewardship Protecting Our Mother Earth

Illegal dumping is a serious problem on the Fond du Lac Reservation as it is in many communities. Illegally dumped waste on the FDL Reservation is caused in part by costly tipping fees at transfer stations, traditional habit, along with the perceived lack of law enforcement on the reservation. Offenders include not only tribal community members but also non-tribal members living off the reservation.



A. Joel Martineau  
Cultural Resource Person  
FDL Ojibwe School

*“They feel that pain, that hurt, that sickness in the water and earth today ... the pollution, the acid rain, they feel that pain and they’ve cried about it.”*

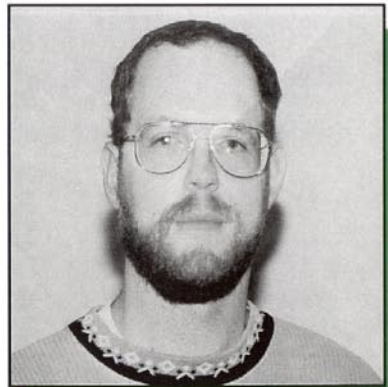


Katherine "Dena" Howes  
Fond du Lac Elder

*“People should take pride in helping to keep the environment clean.”*

Illegal dumping raises significant concerns regarding public health and safety, property values and the quality of life. Areas used for illegal dumping may be easily accessible to community members, especially children who are vulnerable to the physical and chemical hazards posed by wastes.

*“Make a stronger attempt to recycle – don’t throw your hands up in the air when it comes to major polluters, write your legislature and make your voice heard.”*



Mike Schrage  
Wildlife Biologist  
Fond du Lac Natural Resources

An illegal dumping prevention program was established on the Fond du Lac Reservation to address and combat the factors contributing to this problem. Part of this program involves an extensive education outreach campaign for Fond du Lac Reservation and the surrounding communities of which this video was produced.



Jerry Ojibway  
Learning Center Coordinator,  
FDL Ojibwe School  
'Szhagamanish'

*“Respect nature, use only what you need, it’s not about the taking of nature but the use of nature - there is a big difference there.”*

The goal of the Fond du Lac Reservation Illegal Dumping Program is to prevent, protect and preserve the tribal community, the surrounding wildlife and habitat and the integrity of the land base from serious problems associated with illegal dumping.

*“This environment is something that is definitely worth protecting.”*



Mark Gonzalez, J.D.  
Assistant Professor, University  
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*Mark teaches federal Indian law, treaty rights and tribal environmental policy classes*

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# **Get involved and help your community combat the problem of illegal dumping!**

For more information on what you can do to help contact:

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Informational Web Sites:

[www.epa.gov/](http://www.epa.gov/)

[www.moea.state.mn.us/](http://www.moea.state.mn.us/)

[www.dnr.state.mn.us/](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/)

[www.environmentaldefense.org/](http://www.environmentaldefense.org/)

[www.pca.state.mn.us/](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/)

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