



## Tribal-State Relations Training

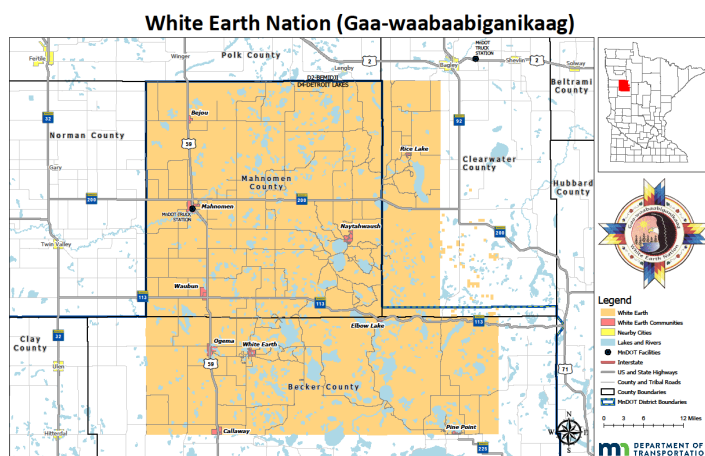
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## White Earth Nation

Gaa-waabaabiganikaag – “The place with an abundance of white clay” in Ojibwe

The White Earth Nation is a federally recognized, sovereign Ojibwe tribal government located in northwestern Minnesota, 68 miles east of Fargo and 225 miles northwest of the Twin Cities.



### Tribal Government Center

3550 Eagle View Rd

Ogema, MN 56569

218-983-3285

[www.whiteearth.com](http://www.whiteearth.com)

### Government Structure

- Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution
- 5 Elected council members; Chairperson, Secretary/Treasurer, 3 District Representatives
- Staggered Elections held even years, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in June, four year terms

### Tribal Council

- **Chairman** – Michael Fairbanks
- **Secretary/Treasurer** – Michael "Mike" LaRoque
- **District 1 Rep** – Henry George Fox
- **District 2 Rep** – Eugene Sommers
- **District 3 Rep** – Cheryl “Annie” Jackson

### Geographical – Demographical Info

- **Size:** 829,440 acres
- **Citizenship:** 18,500+ enrolled members
- **Counties:** Becker, Clearwater, Mahnomen
- **Government Headquarters:** White Earth

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**White Earth Nation tribal communities**

Community	Businesses and Areas of Interest
Elbow Lake, non-municipal	Elbow Lake Community Center
Mahnommen, municipal	Mahnommen Head Start, White Earth Tribal & Community College, Shooting Start Casino and Hotel, Manitok Mall, Star Fitness Center, White Earth Reservation Federal Credit Unions (2)
Naytahwaush, non-municipal	Naytahwaush Head Start, Naytahwaush Community Charter School, Naytahwaush Health Center, Naytahwaush Fitness Center
Pine Point/Ponsford, non-municipal	Pine Point Early Head Start, Pine Point School K-8, Pine Point Health Center, Pine Point Community Center
Rice Lake, non-municipal	Rice Lake Head Start, Rice Lake Community Health, Rice Lake Fitness Center, Rice Lake Community Center
Waubun, municipal	Waubun Head Start, Waubun Ogema High School, White Earth Business Products
White Earth, municipal	Tribal Headquarters, White Earth Head Start, Circle of Life Academy K-12, Boys and Girls Club of White Earth Reservation, White Earth Senior Apartment, White Earth Community Center, White Earth Wild Rice, White Earth Fitness Center, White Earth Health Center, White Earth Substance Abuse, White Earth Mental Health Clinic, White Earth Powwow Grounds

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