

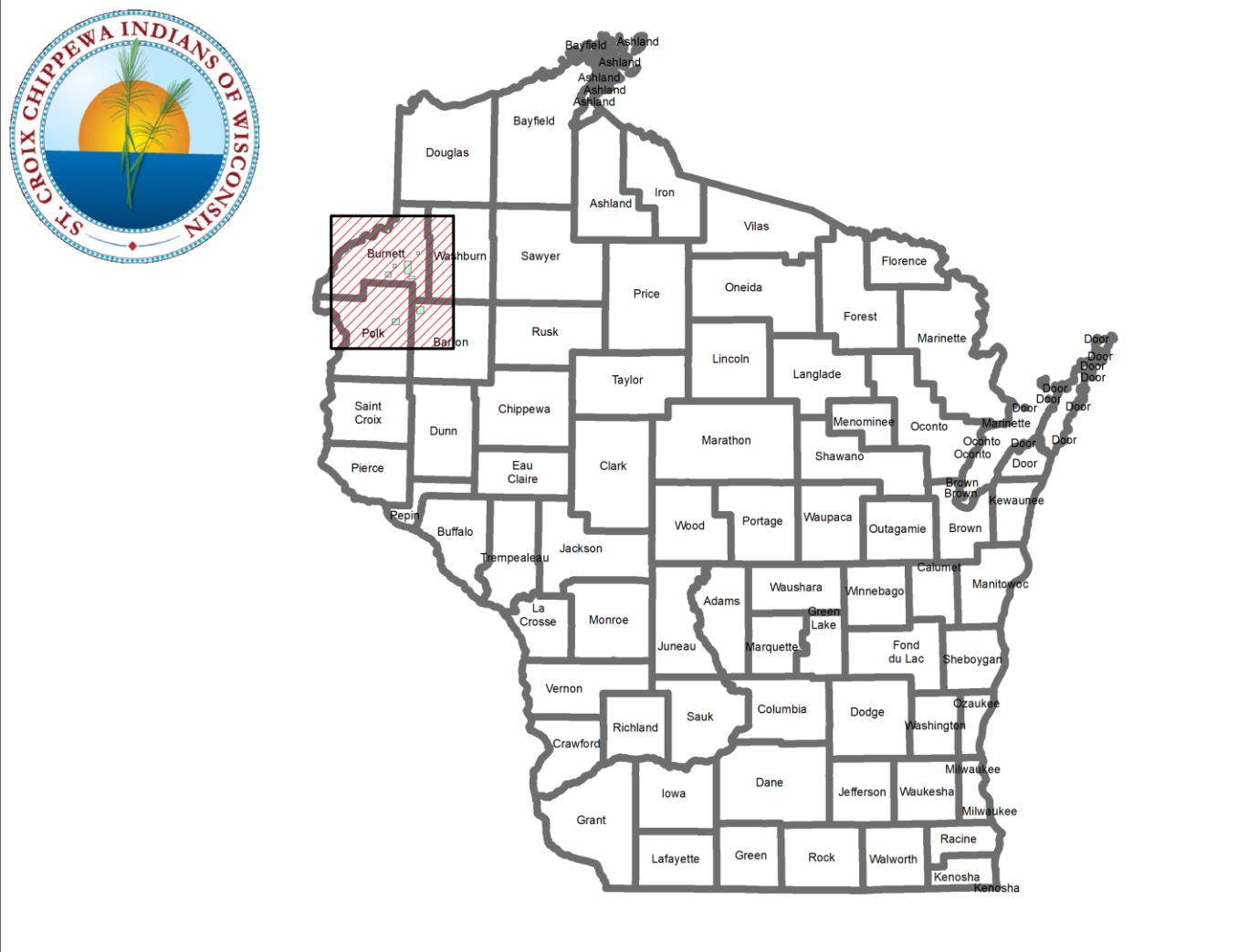


# St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin Radon Program

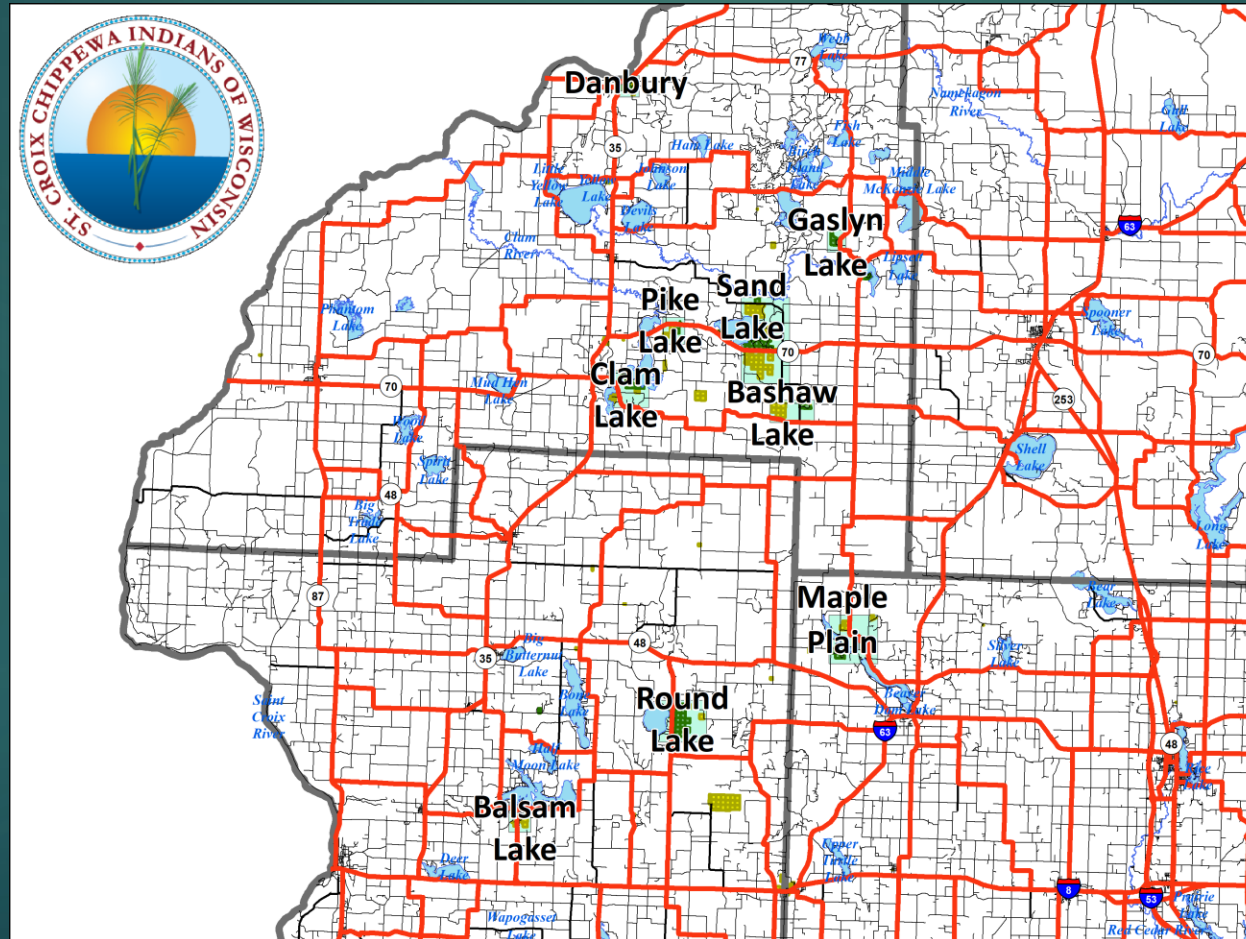
THROUGH SIRG FUNDING

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# Where is the St. Croix Tribe located?



# St. Croix Tribal Communities



# Radon testing

- ▶ Prior to SIRG funding St. Croix last tested homes for radon over 15 years ago.
- ▶ In 2020, we received 2 years of funding for radon work under a SIRG grant that we incorporated into our EPA PPG grant.
- ▶ October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 we received grant funds to start doing radon work however with Covid-19 at this time we were unable to go into homes.
- ▶ St. Croix has had a CAA 103 grant since 2004, with the main focus being on indoor air quality.
- ▶ St. Croix has had EPA PPG funding grants since 2011, prior to this everything else fell under an EPA stand alone GAP grant
- ▶ We received a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding in October 2022, which is also a 2 year SIRG grant
- ▶ We were just approved for another 2 years of funding through SIRG

# QAPP

- ▶ St. Croix was required to have a QAPP for the radon work separate from the 103 QAPP
- ▶ Our SIRG QAPP was approved 8/11/2021

# Short term radon test kits

- ▶ 32 homes have been tested with short term test kits.
- ▶ 14 tribal buildings have been tested, included the tribal Head Start and the newly purchase daycare center in Siren.
- ▶ With Covid-19 I changed my testing method from myself testing homes to handing out test kits for members to test their homes themselves.
- ▶ Roughly 145 radon short term test kits have been handed out with only around 19 having been completed.
- ▶ I have contacted many of these members about the test kits and reminded them to test their homes.
- ▶ Test results come back to me so I can track the results and then I send the results to the tribal member and the housing department if it's a tribal house.

# Long-term radon test kits

- ▶ 3 long term test kits have been set in tribal buildings which have shown mitigation is needed.
- ▶ 1 home has had high radon levels, the member is a home owner and they are in the process of working with a mitigator.
- ▶ 12 long-term test kits have been handed out to members whom had tested with a short-term and were concerned with the level. Only 5 of these have been set and results were under 4 pCi/L.



# Future of radon testing at the St. Croix Tribe

- ▶ We will continue to test homes, offices and other tribal buildings as well as hand out test kits for members to test themselves.
- ▶ My office works with our housing authority office to let them know of the houses that have been tested and gives them a copy of the results. I have also requested that their office let me know when they have vacant homes or homes being worked on to let me come and test. Work with the housing authority is on-going.
- ▶ My office has been growing our working relationship with the Tribal Clinic and I recently met with the community health nurses and the providers in the clinic to discuss getting members home tested for radon.
- ▶ We have not had any tribal housing homes with a high reading or needing mitigation but I assume that soon will change when more of the tribal homes get tested.



# Questions??

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