

Living indigenous laws (inaakonigewin)

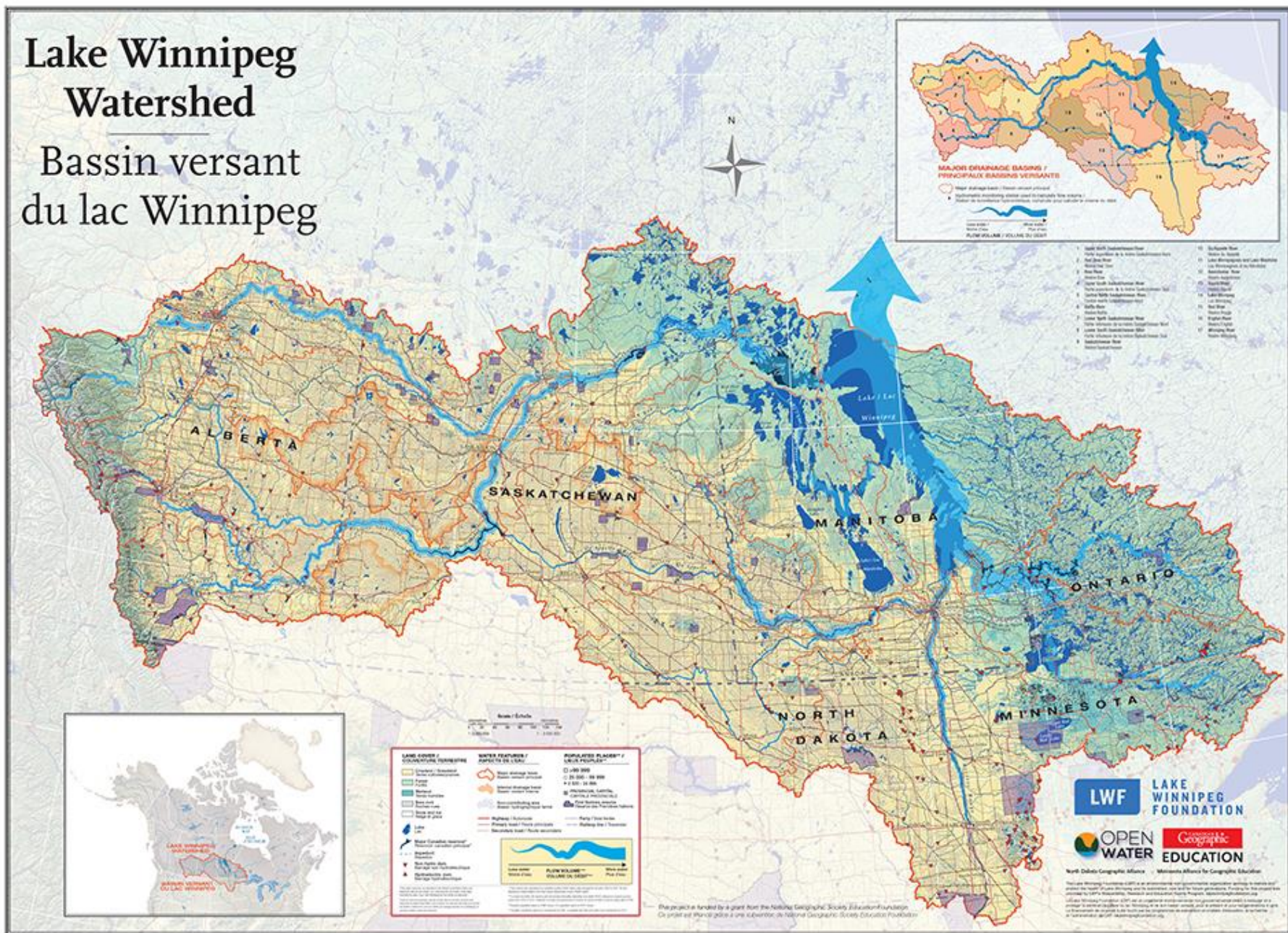
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Bassin versant du lac Winnipeg



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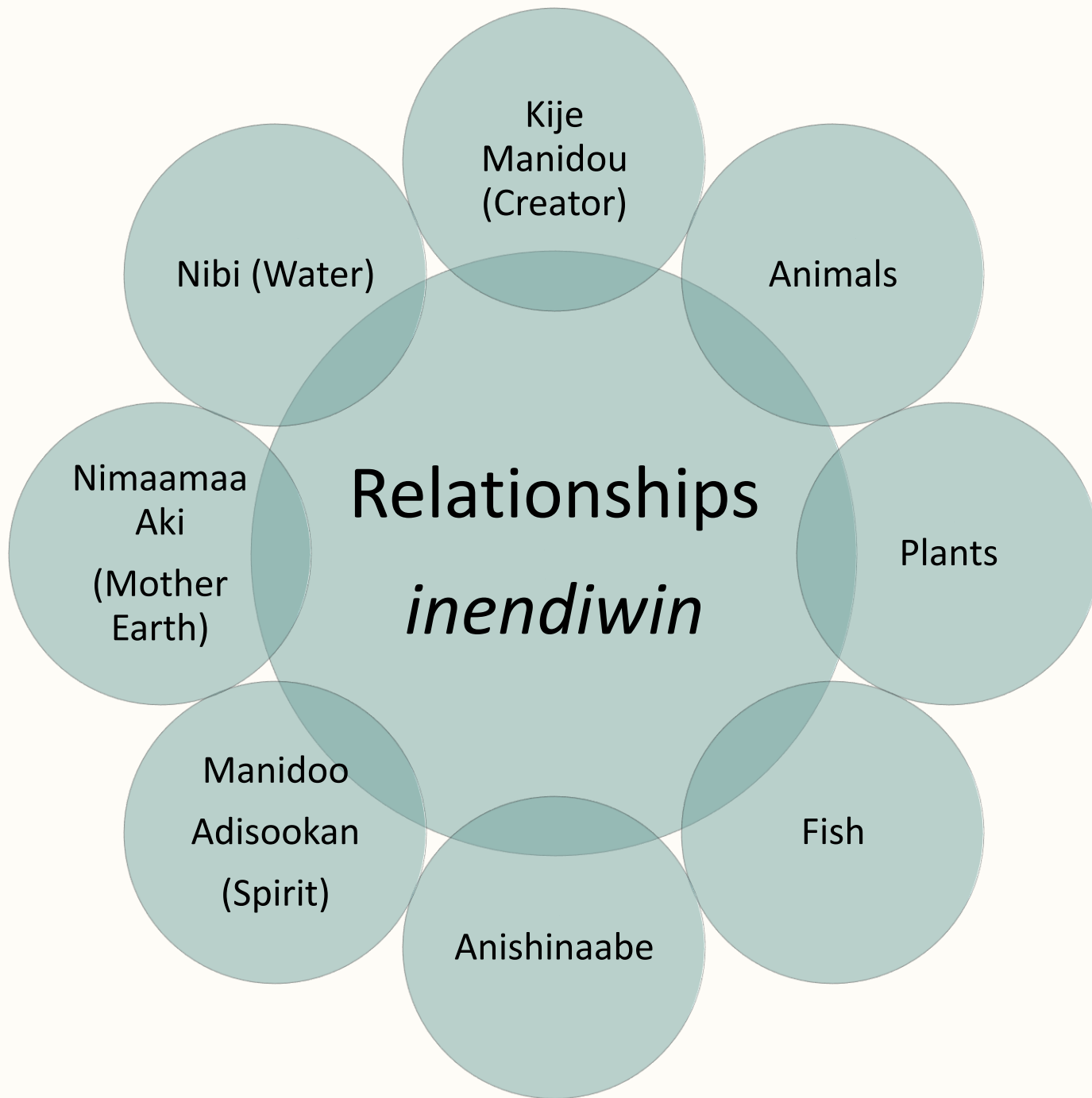
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Inaakonigewin



Kije
Manidou
(Creator)

Animals

Plants

Fish

Anishinaabe

Manidoo
Adisookan
(Spirit)

Nimaamaa
Aki
(Mother
Earth)

Nibi (Water)

Relationships
inendiwin

Anishinaabemowin & Nagaamowin



Story – dibaajimowinan & aadizookaanag



- The young girl who walked again (Alan White)
- The young healer (Florence Paynter)
- The snow boss (Dennis White Bird)
- The water bottling company (Alan White)
- Clear Water Lake (Hary Bone)
- Water offering (Alan White)
- The lynx and the rabbit (Dennis White Bird)

Anishinaabe inaakonigewin













ANI principles – phase 1



- Water has a spirit
- We do not own water
- Water is life
- Water can heal
- Women are responsible for water
- We must respect the water
- Water has a duality
- Water can suffer

http://chrr.info/images/stories/ANI_Gathering_Report_-_June24.pdf



ANI principles – Phase 2



- **Spiritual law** : water is life.
- **Natural law** : water must flow.
- **Customary law** : we must not stop water from flowing without reason and without reparation for the breach of spiritual and natural law.
- What is the **human law**? (Deliberative process)

Building a Dam





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