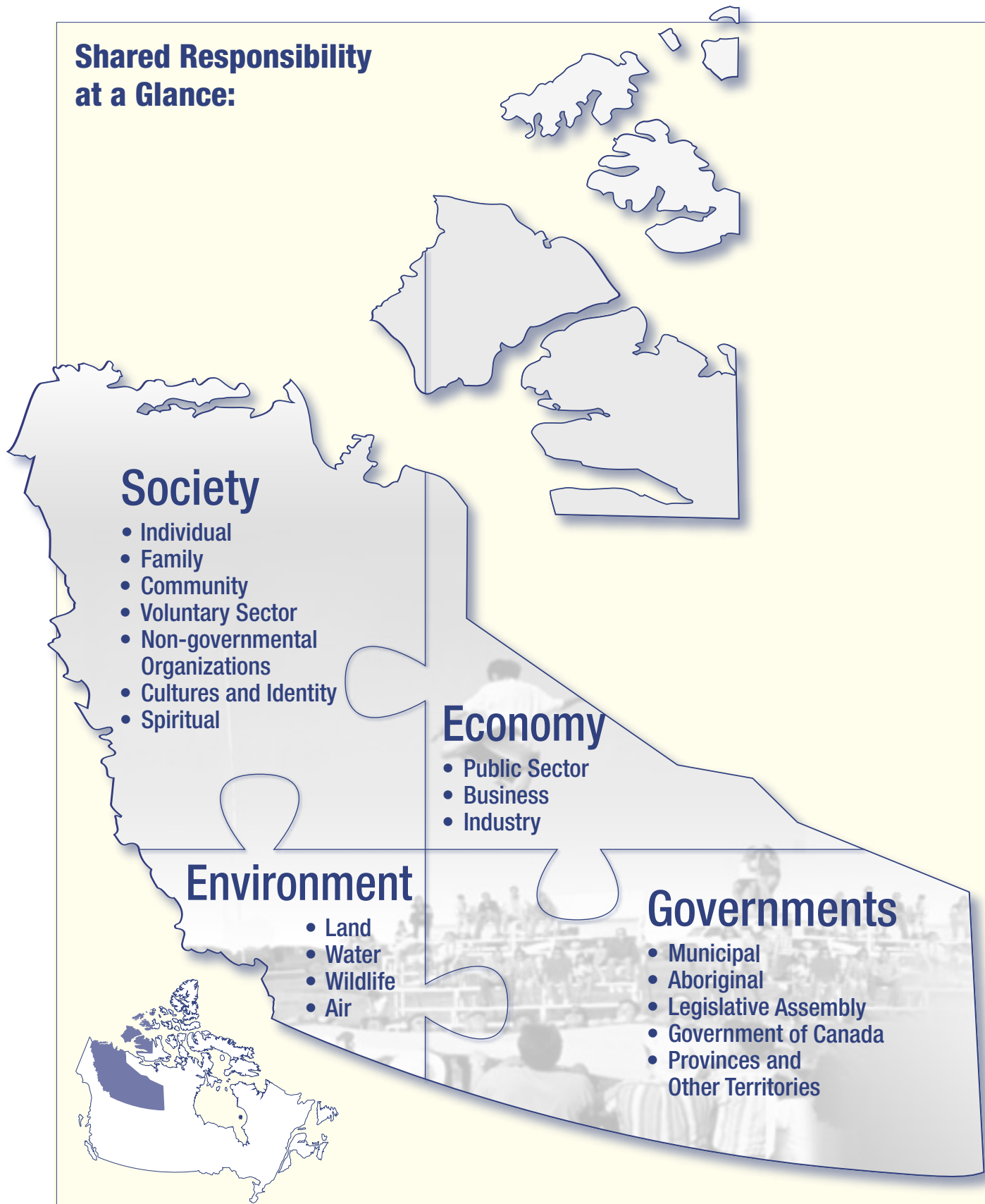


# Self-reliant People, Communities and Northwest Territories – A Shared Responsibility

## Government of the Northwest Territories Strategic Plan Poster

### Shared Responsibility at a Glance:



### Vision of the 15th Legislative Assembly:

Self-reliant individuals and families sharing the rewards and responsibilities of healthy communities and a prosperous and unified Northwest Territories

### Core Values:

These core values will guide the actions of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

#### Self-reliance:

Northern people, families and governments having the tools and resources they need to function and live independently and to exercise self-determination.

#### Accountability:

Enhancing the fiscal responsibility, effectiveness and credibility of governments through openness and transparency.

#### Identity:

Supporting the development of strong individual, cultural and territorial identities.

#### Partnership:

Working with others to maximize our resources and potential and to achieve the best results for Northerners.

#### Respect:

Treating all residents with respect, dignity, compassion, and fairness, and having respect for the value of our natural environment.

#### Integrity:

Decision-making that is fair, balanced, transparent, and consistent, and a public service that continues to be professional and impartial.

### Priorities:

Priorities identify those areas of key importance during the life of this government. As with all of the actions identified in the plan, individuals, families, communities, the private sector, and governments will need to work together and do their part to make progress in each case.

#### 1. Helping people help themselves – our personal, family and community responsibilities

- Educating ourselves – improving education levels for children and adults;
- Meeting our housing needs – addressing housing shortages and homelessness;
- Living healthy lifestyles – breaking addictions and making productive and healthy choices; and
- Supporting greater community autonomy – negotiating a new deal with community governments.

#### 2. Negotiating fair deals with Canada and Aboriginal governments

- Benefiting from the development of northern resources – concluding fair devolution and resource revenue sharing agreements with Canada;
- Concluding unfinished business – settling outstanding land, resources and self-government agreements; and
- Negotiating, through the devolution process, authority for northern governments over the regulatory regime – establishing consistent standards and practices.

#### 3. Focusing on our economy and infrastructure

- Diversifying our economy – supporting small businesses, traditional economies, agriculture development and fisheries, and expanding our tourism sector;
- Enhancing accessibility to markets – improving transportation and community infrastructure;
- Reducing the cost of living in the north – finding ways to lower transportation, utility, communications, and land costs; and
- Maximizing northern benefits from the proposed pipeline – ensuring Northerners have the skills and take advantage of the economic opportunities associated with the construction of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline.

#### 4. Environmental stewardship

- Protecting our air, water, forest, and land – facilitating responsible development of non-renewable and renewable resources;
- Building an efficient and effective energy sector – providing clean and affordable energy to northern consumers, and encouraging conservation; and
- Remediating contaminated sites throughout the NWT – encouraging the federal government to rehabilitate abandoned contaminated sites on federal land in a timely manner and to acceptable environmental standards.

### Actions:

A number of actions have been identified in the Strategic Plan to advance these priorities.

### Link to Departmental Business Plans:

