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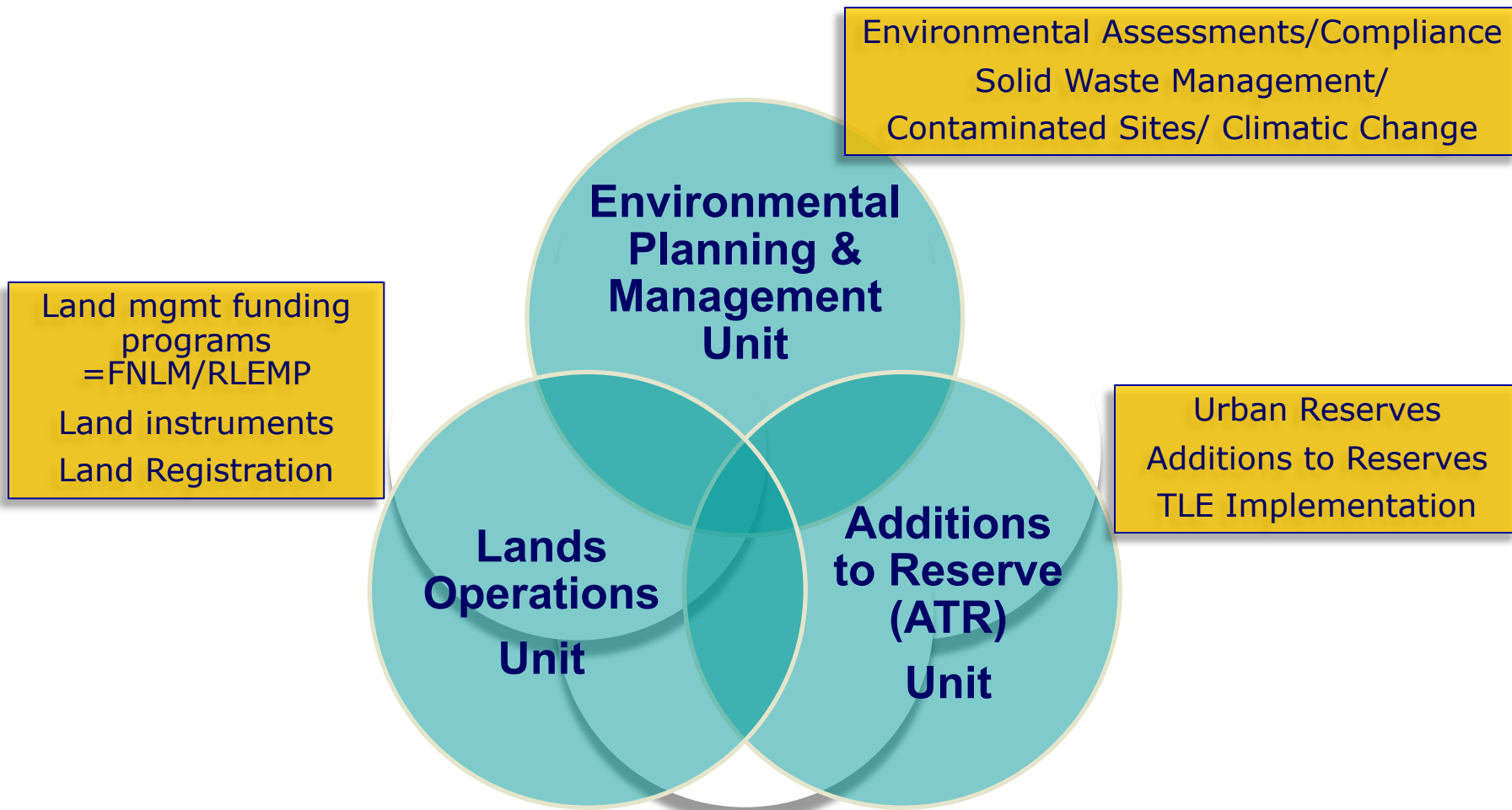
Lands and Environment Directorate

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Additions to Reserves

- The Additions to Reserves Unit is responsible for helping First Nations with Reserve Creations.
- Reserve Creation is the process of setting apart a tract of land for the use and benefit of a First Nation, the legal title to which is vested in the Crown.
- There are two types of Reserve Creations:
 - Additions to Reserve (ATR)** –the granting of reserve status to a parcel of land that is added to an existing reserve of a First Nation.
 - New Reserve** – the granting of reserve status to land which is not within the area of an existing reserve community.
- A New Reserve Creation or ATR can fall into three categories: Community Addition, Tribunal Decision and Legal Obligation
- Adding land to reserve fulfills Canada's legal obligations under claim settlement agreements, and provides land and resources to support community development and growth for First Nations.

Lands Operations

Responsible for the administration and management of Reserve lands and land devolution programs in Manitoba.

- Land management funding programs (FNLM and RLEMP): These programs support First Nation control of reserve land management.
- Land instruments: The development of land instruments as required in the *Indian Act* relating to land tenure. These include permits, leases, designations (ie “zoning”), and other instruments as required under the *Indian Act*.
- Land Registration: the Indian Land Registry includes records of various property interests in reserve lands. A land registry is a set of records that anyone can search to find out what ownership, leases, permits and other interests may apply to a parcel of reserve land.

Environmental Planning and Management Unit Core Functions:

- Conduct environmental site assessments for various regional project on reserve; Addition to Reserve and First Nation Land Management Initiative, etc.
- Undertake environmental reviews for capital projects, economic development projects, and reserve land transactions.
- Identify, assess and remediate contaminated sites and coordinate the regional Contaminated Sites on Reserve working group.
- Support and implement the national solid waste management strategy on reserve.
- Responsible for the coordination and delivery of the regional climatic change program.
- Participate in the fuel storage tanks, water and wastewater programs.
- Work with others to develop and implement environmental legislation and indicators.
- Conduct Environmental Awareness Sessions to First Nations to understand our collective statutory obligations; and conduct Environmental Learning Regimes for internal government staff.
- Coordinate regional response and participate in the Lake Winnipeg MOU Steering Committee.
- Responsible to promote and implement the department's Sustainable Development Strategy.



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