Maps add a visual element to the planning process and can be an effective way to communicate consequences of land use decisions. Such tools can enhance community participation when people are able to see potential changes in relation to where they live.

Some Interactive Environmental Mapping Tools

1. **Wisconsin DNR Comprehensive Planning Web Mapping Site**
   - maps.botany.wisc.edu/atri/Maps/Landuse/index.htm
   - Developed in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, this site provides an interactive web mapping tool to help users understand the potential impacts of land use decisions. It integrates various datasets to create visual representations of land use and environmental impacts.

2. **National Map Online Interactive Map Service**
   - nationalmap.usgs.gov
   - The National Map is a comprehensive dataset that includes a variety of environmental data, enabling users to conduct spatial analyses and create customized maps for decision-making purposes.

3. **National Wetlands Inventory Wetland Mapper**
   - wetlands.fws.gov/mapper_tool.htm
   - This tool provides access to wetland data, which is crucial for understanding and preserving wetland habitats in the United States. It allows users to conduct basic queries, download data, and create maps based on wetland information.

Using Computer Tools to Make Maps You Need

Internet mapping tools allow people to organize and display spatial information. The resulting customized maps integrate environmental concerns with other features, providing a comprehensive view of potential impacts. This makes it easier for policymakers, planners, and the public to make informed decisions regarding land use and environmental protection.
Wisconsin DNR Floodplain Analysis Database
maps.dnr.state.wi.us/fad
maps.dnr.state.wi.us/femamap/Run.htm
These interactive map sites allow you to access Wisconsin's Floodplain Analysis Database. By clicking a few buttons, you can identify areas where floodplains have been mapped or flood insurance studies have been completed.

Wisconsin DNR WebView
maps.dnr.state.wi.us/webview
This interactive map viewer allows you to use a web browser to access and display a subset of the Wisconsin DNR's geographic information system (GIS) data. You can also use WebView to create and print customized maps of your area.

Wisconsin DNR Registry of Closed Remediation Sites
maps.dnr.state.wi.us/brrts
This online system records "closed" remediation sites in a computerized registry. You can find properties of interest using an interactive map. You can also search for sites by county, city, township, or village. The registry allows you to view, print, and download digital versions of documents relevant to a site.

EnviroMapper for Water
map8.epa.gov/enviromapper
EnviroMapper for Water allows you to view different sets of map features at national, regional, state, and local scales. EnviroMapper also allows dynamic querying of the National Hydrography Dataset and U.S. EPA water program databases that contain detailed information about individual map features, such as impaired waters.

Wisconsin DNR Dam Safety Program
maps.dnr.state.wi.us/dams/viewer.htm
maps.dnr.state.wi.us/damslite/Run.htm
These interactive map sites allow you to access the Wisconsin DNR's dams inventory and allow dam locations to be viewed over aerial photographs (for all but six counties) or U.S.G.S. topographic maps.

University of Wisconsin Botany Department BioMapper
maps.botany.wisc.edu/website/herbarium/viewer.htm
This interactive map site accesses several of the state's herbaria specimen collections and lets you view plant information along with other mapped biological information.