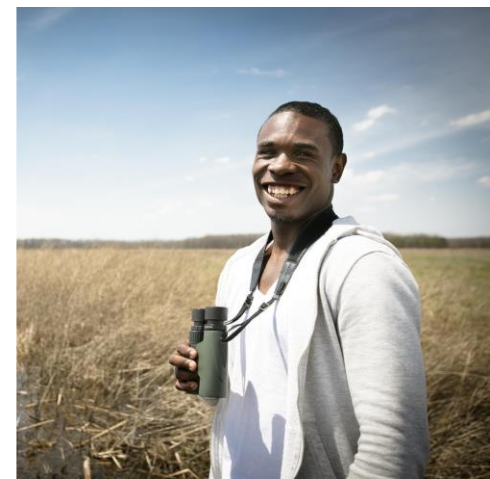




Land Acknowledgements: Intention & Action November 19th, 2021





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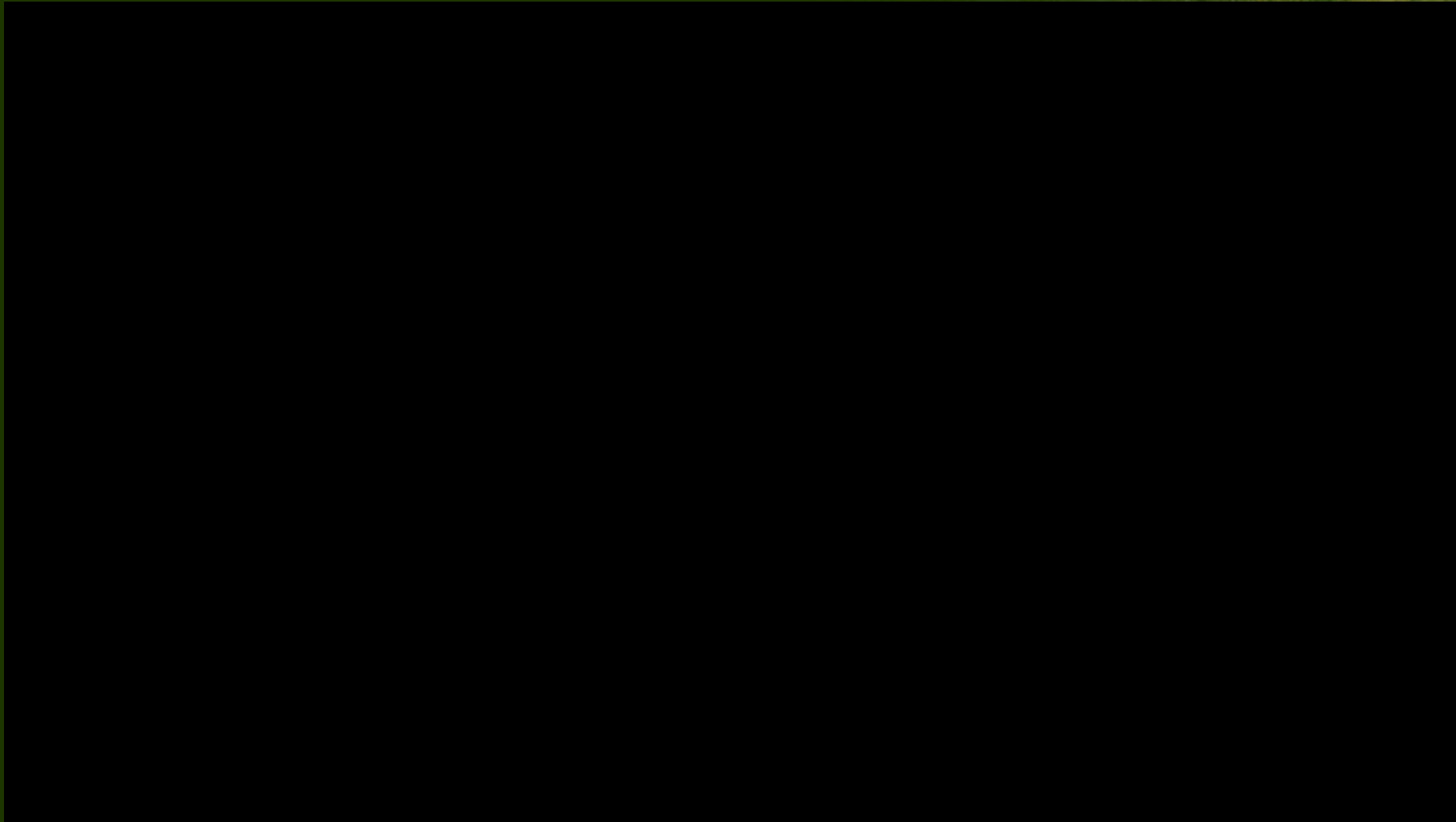
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The Forest Preserves of Cook County acknowledges that we are on the lands of the Council of Three Fires—the Ojibwa, Ottawa and Potawatomi—as well as the Miami, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sauk and Meskwaki peoples.

As a land management agency, we acknowledge that we have played a role in shaping the histories of local Native Americans by acquiring this land. We also recognize, share and celebrate their immemorial ties to this land.

We commit ourselves to developing deeper partnerships that advocate for the progress, dignity and humanity of the many diverse Native Americans who still live and practice their heritage and traditions on this land today.

Indian Community School -Land Acknowledgement



Land Acknowledgement Review

1

Refutes
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invisibility

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What is the reciprocity of your Land Acknowledgement Statement

- What relationships are you building with the Indigenous community and why?

2

Co-Creation process

- Building a relationship with the land and Indigenous peoples of that land



Maintaining Relationships

LA Statements must be fluid and ready to change based on feedback from the communities you seek to acknowledge and serve.

FPDCC Updated our LA on 10/2021 in response to suggestions made by a member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

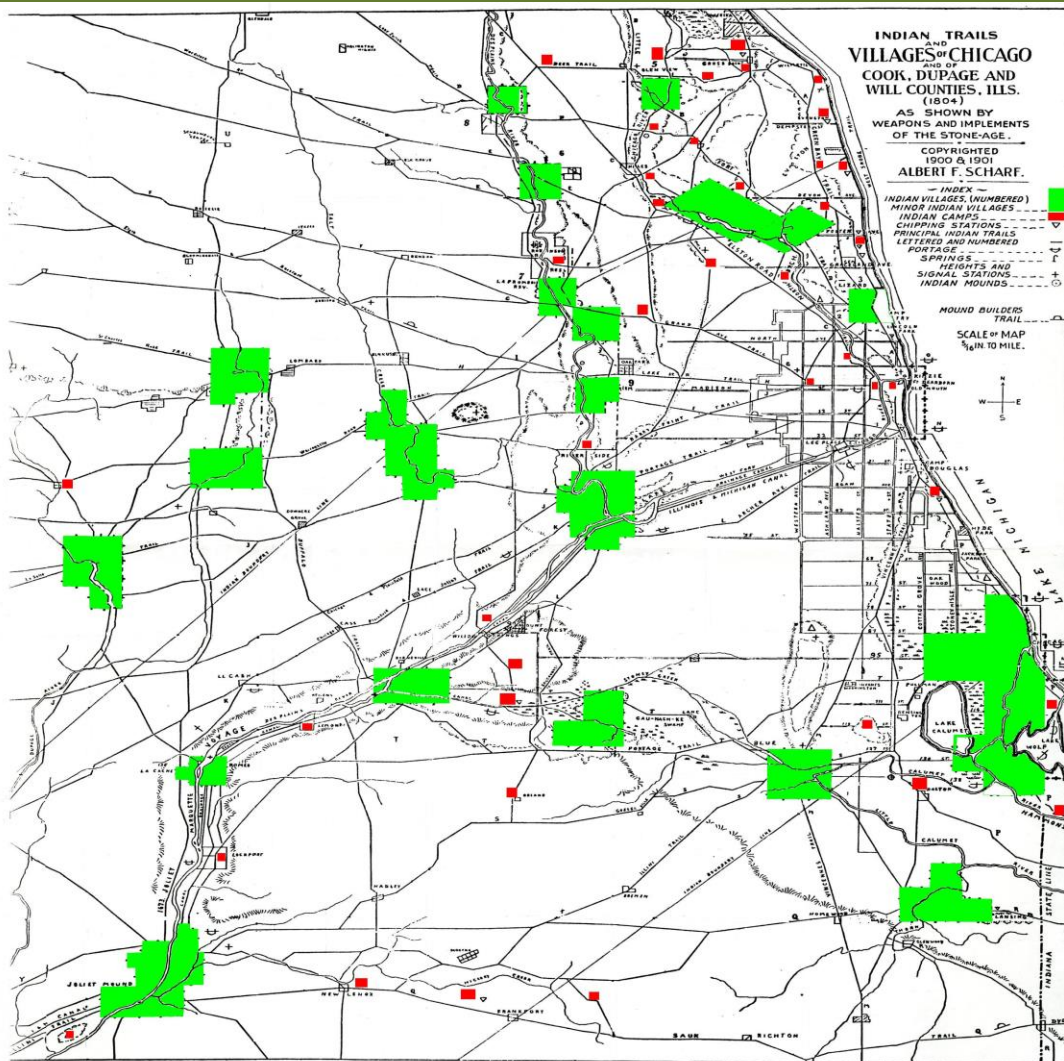
Land Acknowledgement (2019-Sept. 2021)

The Forest Preserves of Cook County acknowledges that we are on the **ancestral homelands** of the Council of Three Fires—the Ojibwa, Ottawa and Potawatomi tribes—**and a place of trade** with many other tribes, including the Ho-Chunk, Miami, Menominee, Sauk and Meskwaki.

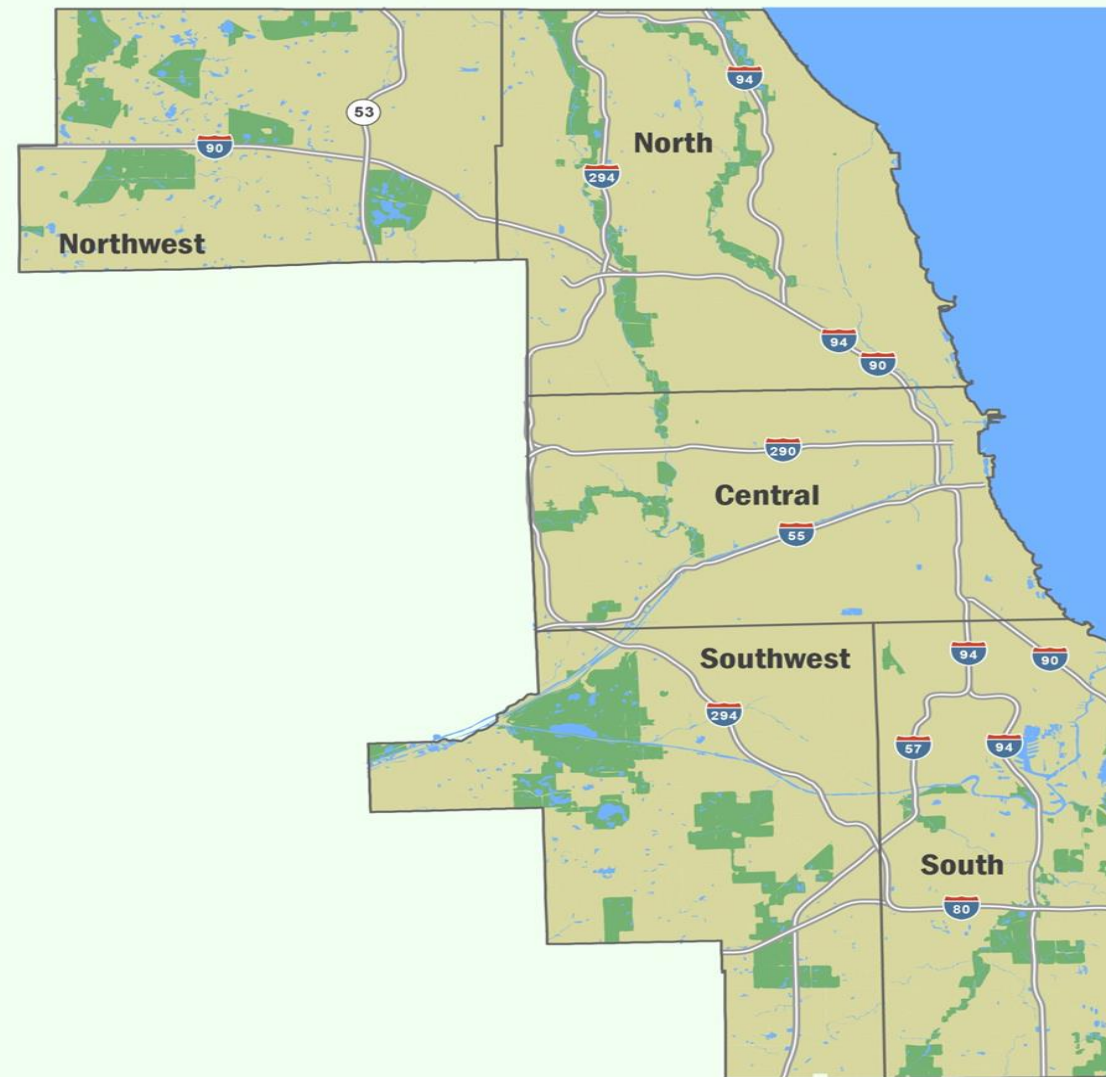
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Over 70,000 acres of Forest Preserves in Cook County



AN ARCHEOLOGICAL MAP OF CHICAGO AND VICINITY
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Indigenous land use partnerships in FPCC



AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER
68TH ANNUAL CHICAGO

POWOW

AT
SCHILLER WOODS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
W. IRVING PARK ROAD, WEST OF N. CUMBERLAND AVE

OCT 8/9/10, 2021



Kayak the Des Plaines (Maywood Grove)

American Indian Center



Winter Solstice (Whistler Woods)

American Indian Health/Friends of the Forest Preserves



MMIW Exhibit (River Trail Nature Center) American Indian Health Services of Chicago



Party for the Preserves Powwow (Bunker Hill)

St Kateri Center



FPCC Staff Training/Work Day (at Trickster)

Trickster Gallery in Schaumburg



Relationship Building - Next Steps

Recognize the special obligation to indigenous people who have a historic and ongoing relationship with the Forest Preserves.

- **Indigenous Community Stewardship Cooperative**
 - Stewardship Days with ceremony
 - Traditional seeds and medicines
- Identifying/Creating Tribal Liaison Position
- Increase Tribal Government Partnerships



The Land Acknowledgement was first read on Indigenous Peoples Day in 2019 at a celebration at the Serpent Twin Mound (Pokto Ćinto) at Schiller Woods. Indigenous artist Santiago X created part of the Northwest Portage Walking Museum.

Please welcome our guest panel!



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Thank you