



Land Relationship Planning - How We Plan

Principles/Pledge (all participants commit to these understandings)

Land relationship planning is about defining how we live in relation with the land. Climate change is a driver of change in the land, water, animals, communities that planning considers. Climate change is changing the context for planning, as is the need for decolonizing planning systems.

Planning centred in our *relationship with* the land, rather than *use of* the land, and in the context of climate change and decolonization requires new ways of doing planning.

This way of planning for the future is about:

- (1) describing and considering our relationship with the land;
- (2) identifying how we live in relationship with the land in a good way.

This way of planning requires the commitment of all who are part of planning to work together in new ways.

Ways of Knowing Respect/Dialogue

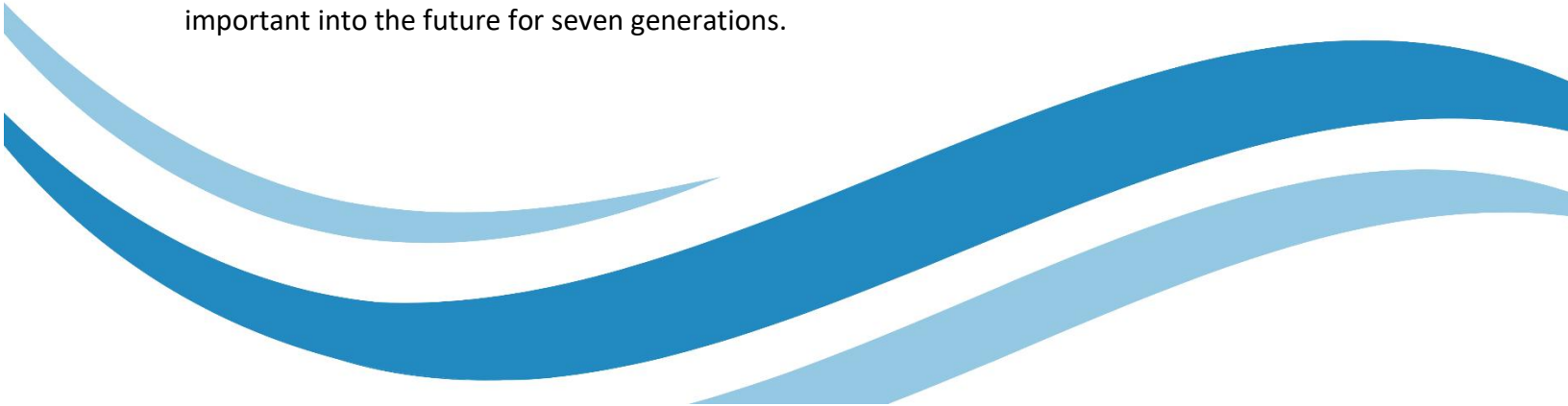
We come together with respect for each other's values, knowledge, worldviews. We talk together about our differences to find our common ground.

Responsibility/Stewardship

All of us who are interdependent with this land take responsibility and practice stewardship for the health and survival of the land and people.

Systems in Balance/Sustainability

We look to the future, while being rooted with the past. We carry forward that which is important into the future for seven generations.





We work to balance the intertwined ecological/social/cultural systems that we are part of and rely on to survive.

To be healthy, these systems need to be in balance with each other.

Teachings/Informed Choices

When we make choices and decisions about living in relationship with land, we are informed by scientific and Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing.

Humility/Learning

We always experience change, which can bring uncertainty. We have the humility to always be learning.

Flexibility/Adaptive and Resilient

We always experience change, which can bring uncertainty. We remain flexible to monitor, learn and adapt to changes. In this way, we are more resilient to change.

Listening/Inclusive

When we make decisions, we listen to all voices, all beings, those with no voice. We give everyone affected by the decision the opportunity to be heard.

Who We Are/Making a Living

Indigenous relationship with the land is a matter of identity, which cannot be traded off or negotiated away. Indigenous rights and responsibilities under this relationship are inherent, given by the Creator.

Making a living from the land is in balance with the health of the land.

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