

## THE PURPOSE

To preserve and enhance natural environments and Anishinaabek cultures by securing land free from the Indian Act, stewarding land, and honoring traditional ecological and cultural knowledge and practices, and by providing public education and science for the general public and future generations.



We hope you find the proposal of this Land Trust relevant and invaluable to the preservation and enhancement of natural environments and Anishinaabek cultures.

We appreciate you taking the time to read our ideas and provide feedback as your input is highly valued and utilized.

We will be implementing any suggestions you provide to us so that we can properly honor traditional, ecological and cultural knowledge and practices.



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# ANISHINAABEK LAND TRUST

Registered Charity Proposal



## WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?

A non-profit, non-government, non-advocacy, community-based organization (registered charity) that has, as one of its charitable purposes, the acquisition and management of land for enduring conservation.

## WHAT DO LAND TRUSTS DO?

### LAND SECUREMENT

- Acquire Land to preserve its values (ecological, cultural, traditional)

### LAND STEWARDSHIP

- Manage land to maintain or improve its values and functions

### PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- Inform communities about programs and traditional and scientific teachings

### SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

- Share knowledge and conduct environmental studies

### OPERATE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

- Carry out daily administrative requirements

### RAISE FUNDS

- Fundraising, grants, events, etc. to maintain financial stability

## MISSION

We have a deep respect for the native wildlife that cultivated these lands from time immemorial- and whom we learned from. The native plants and animals were our original teachers, and we were traditionally taught that humans and nature thrive the most when they are taking care of each other.

We are looking to pursue and restore minobimaadiziwin (the way of the good life) through the development of the Anishinaabek Land Trust. In order to do so, we will follow our original Anishinaabe lessons (guiding principles) while incorporating modern charitable purposes. This way the organization will be capable of pursuing the protection, enhancement, and revitalization of Anishinaabek lands and teachings.

Please read and comment on the following documents to learn more:

1. Articles and Purposes
2. Guiding Principles
3. Bylaws
4. Policies



## OVERVIEW

- An Indigenous-only Land Trust
- Will hold land for 999 years
- Free of the Indian Act
- Independently governed
- Utilizing traditional governance

Through the input and direction of Knowledge Holders, Elders and Communities



## WHERE WILL THE LAND TRUST BE LOCATED?

In the beginning years of the Land Trust, the organization will work to acquire land anywhere across Ontario, with hopes of becoming recognized across Turtle Island in the maturing and expansion of the organization.

The main office or meeting place will be in a central location of Ontario.