



What is Land Acknowledgment?

A Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

Why do we recognize this land?

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long-standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history.

Youth Enrichment Services (YES) Land Acknowledgment:

We are currently inhabiting and occupying land belonging to the Massachusetts tribe, Mashpee Wampanoag, Aquinnah Wampanoag, and Nipmuc tribes. We respect all members of these tribes. We recognize the centuries of hardships brought on by their forced removal from this territory, and we honor the diverse Indigenous peoples still connected to this land.

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