

Trees, Water & People respectfully acknowledges that our office sits within the land today that is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Arapaho (hinono'eino' biito'owu') Ute (Núu-agma-tuvu-pu) and Cheyenne (Tsésthó'e).

HEALING AND REGENERATION OF TRADITIONAL NATIVE HOMELANDS



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Our Mission:

To support community-led, regenerative, natural resource projects that improve the economic, social and cultural lifeways of Indigenous and marginalized Peoples within the U.S. We at TWP believe that ecosystems within reservations are best protected when local people design, lead, economically benefit from, and actively participate in their care and management.

Our Philosophy & Approach:

- 1) Respect, honor and support the sacredness inherent within each Tribe and community to design, develop and lead efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- 2) Support on-the-ground projects by facilitating funding that provides economic opportunities for individuals participating in the care and management of natural resources.
- 3) Empower the role of local non-profits and Indigenous women in food sovereignty initiatives.
- 4) Promote projects designed to connect Elders and Youth to support intergenerational transfer of language, culture, the importance of connecting people, and the sacredness of place.

What You Can Expect From Us:

- Needs assessments which allow for participating Tribal communities to direct the species planted and location based on traditional knowledge and cultural values.
- Provision of funding which supports actionable climate adaptation and land management plans which align with community values.
- TWP staff led training that builds local capacity for natural resources and land managers.
- Collaboration with community leaders and locally run organizations throughout the planting process to support the building of healthy communities.



Land Regeneration Projects:

To date, TWP has planted over 125K trees on Oglala Sioux Tribal (OST) lands on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and on Santo Domingo Pueblo lands in New Mexico. In 2020, we are expanding our Tribal reforestation projects to engage in landscape-scale restoration with several Pueblos in New Mexico.

Tribal Nations Projects	Tree Species
Oglala Sioux Tribe (Pine Ridge), SD	Ponderosa Pine, Cottonwood
Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM	Douglas Fir, White fir
Cochiti Pueblo, NM	Douglas Fir, White Fir, Ponderosa Pine
Jemez Pueblo, NM	Douglas Fir and Ponderosa Pine
Ute Mountain Ute, CO	Cottonwood

Next Steps:

As we move to “Indigenize” our process of engagement with Tribes throughout the North-central, Great Plains, and Southwest regions of the US, our integrated, grassroots community development approach will increasingly combine training, forest ecology education, and leadership development, guided by and honoring traditional knowledge as a key component in cultural preservation through natural resource management.

A Note on Project Funding:

We seek to build long-term relationships with Tribal community leaders and Indigenous non-profits to support local economies by building capacity to source, grow, and care for native plant varieties. Funding requests are successful when based on a long-term vision of community well-being and sovereignty.

Our Partners:

National Indian Youth Leadership Project (NIYLP); Red Cloud Renewables; Can Wigmunke-The Rainbow Tree; Rebel Earth; The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Colorado State Forestry Nursery.

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