

THE GRAND RIVER

Affirmed in 1784, the Haldimand Proclamation reserves six miles on either side of the Grand River for the use and enjoyment of the Six Nations and their descendants as compensation for nearly four million acres sacrificed by Six Nations in their alliance with the British during the American War of Independence.

The Grand River watershed is the largest in Southern Ontario and travels about 310 kilometers before emptying into Lake Erie.

The Haldimand Tract represents a small portion of Haudenosaunee Territory. Our broader territory is further affirmed through the Nanfan Treaty area of 1755 and extends throughout what is now known as Canada and the United States.

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HALDIMAND TRACT
MORATORIUM
ON DEVELOPMENT



The Haudenosaunee Confederacy at Grand River has put in place a moratorium on development in the Haldimand Tract.

No development can proceed along the Haldimand Tract without the consent of the Haudenosaunee.

WE MUST PROTECT THE LAND

The Haudenosaunee have inherited the responsibility to care for the land from time immemorial. Land is a birthright, essential to the expression of our culture.

These land rights come with specific responsibilities; we can all take from the land what we need to feed and house our families, but we also must assure that the land remains healthy enough to provide for coming generations.

WE MAINTAIN THE DELICATE BALANCE OF CREATION

Our vision of the future is self-determined, based in our inherent right to protect our lands for future generations of Haudenosaunee children. We intend to exercise our jurisdiction over our lands and waters in a way that maintains the delicate balance between Creation and humans. In order to do this, we must focus on sustainability and responsiveness to climate change to protect waterways and ecologically sensitive areas.

WE SEEK TO END UNWANTED DEVELOPMENT

Our ancestors faced overwhelming odds and relentless pressure to give up our lands. We know unscrupulous measures were employed to coerce our ancestors. For too long, lands and waters in our territory has been exploited for profit. We seek justice for long-standing land rights issues and end to the exploitation of our lands and waters.

THE HAUDENOSAUNEE CONFEDERACY

The Six Nations of the Grand River Territory is stewarded by the Haudenosaunee, a Confederacy of Nations joined together under the Great Law of Peace. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy is the inherent governance structure of the Haudenosaunee People. This Confederacy of Six Nations has maintained our distinct worldview and ceremonial practices despite generations of colonial violence and violations of our rights. Our traditions and cultural knowledge are a sacred inheritance that we have an absolute right to practice and to pass on to our children.

WE MUST DRAW HEALING FROM THE LAND

Restoring our relationship with Creation through stewardship of our lands and waters is our greatest priority to healing our families from the colonial violence and dispossession we have endured.

TRUE RECONCILIATION DEMANDS ACTION AND FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO SOCIETY

Our faith in the Canadian people is strong, as we feel that the majority of Canadians also want to see justice on these matters. We firmly believe that if we have respect and trust, we will find mutually agreeable solutions that will reflect our long-standing friendship.

WE MUST PROTECT THE WATER

LAKE ERIE