

A Tamarack Institute Webinar

STRATEGIES FOR SHIFTING POWER FROM FUNDER-DRIVEN TO COMMUNITY-DRIVEN

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GRATITUDE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



We begin this webinar by acknowledging that we are meeting on the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. As part of our commitment to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Process, we recognize the importance of land recognitions as one small way of honouring and demonstrating respect for the diverse histories and cultures of all First Nations people.

Please share in the chat box your name and location

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **We've got you covered** - You will receive a full recording of the call, the slides as well as a collection of links & resources
- **Join the conversation** - Use the Q&A panel on your Zoom client to submit and up-vote for questions you'd like us to discuss
- **Technical Support** - You can use the chat panel to ask for technical support throughout the webinar

WHO'S JOINING TODAY?



Who is in the virtual room today?

- **464** individuals have registered from the following countries:
Canada, United States, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, India, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Kenya, Philippines, Israel, Brazil and Nigeria
- The sectors and issues represented today include:
Non-profit, Philanthropy, Municipal, Health, Community/Social Services, Climate, Rural, French-speaking Canadians and Faith-based services

Representatives from five intriguing organizations registered for today's webinar:

- Habitat for Humanity International - <https://www.habitat.org/>
- WES - World Education Services - <https://www.wes.org/>
- Home Base Yellowknife - <https://www.homebaseyk.com/>
- Rural Development Network - <https://www.ruraldevelopment.ca/>
- Climate Solutions Accelerator - <https://www.climategfl.org/>

An aerial photograph of a river delta, showing intricate patterns of water and land. The water is a deep blue, while the land is a lighter, textured grey. A white rectangular frame is superimposed on the image, containing the text.

WABANAKI COMMUNITIES AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

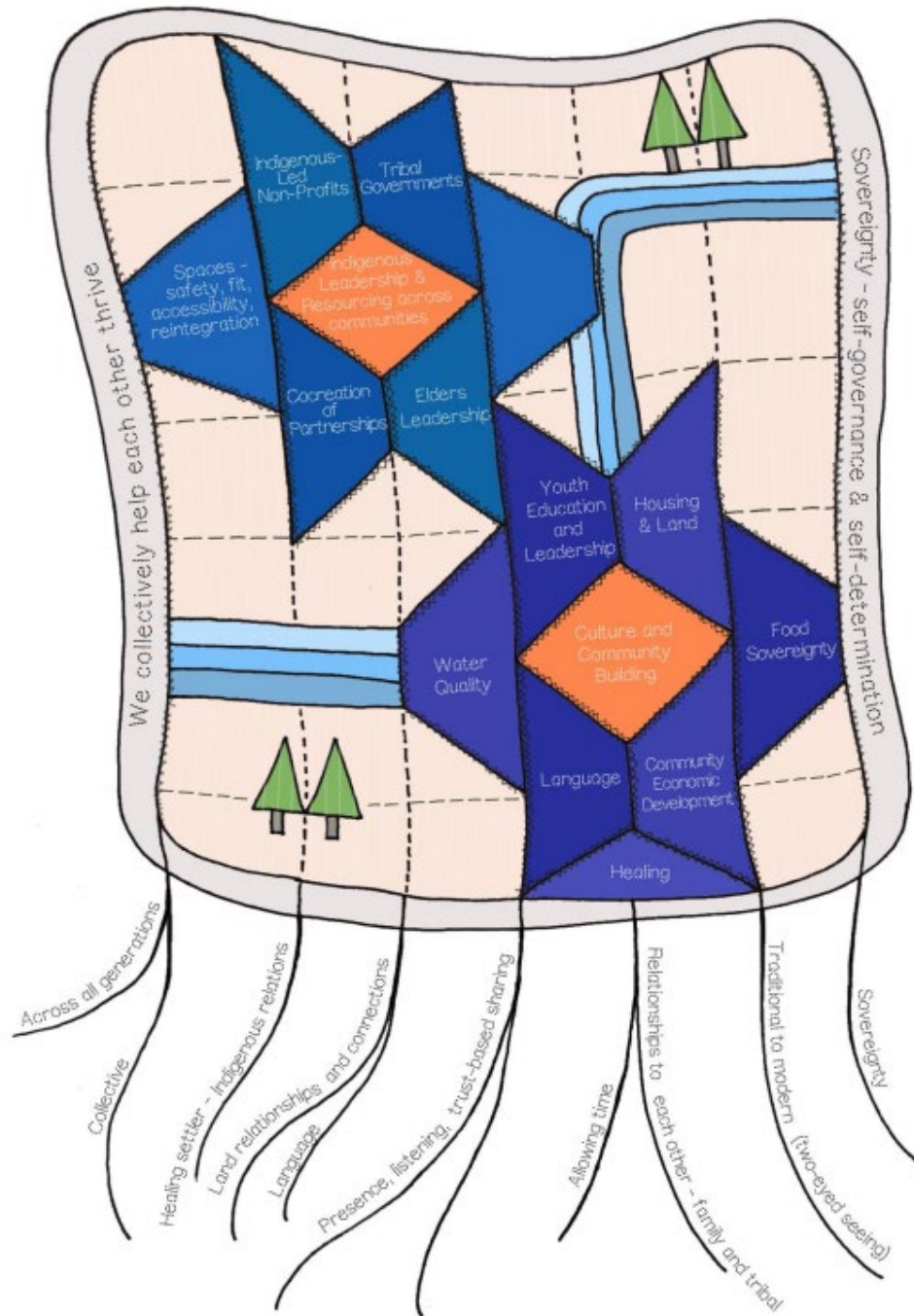
Listening & Learning

Sewall Foundation met with and listened to Wabanaki people from across the state, to learn how they can be of service to Wabanaki people.

More than 35 Indigenous people, who are affiliated with organizations and tribal governments serving Indigenous people in Maine.

The people who shared, worked at/represented 15 Wabanaki-led and Wabanaki-serving organizations.





Threads that hold together:

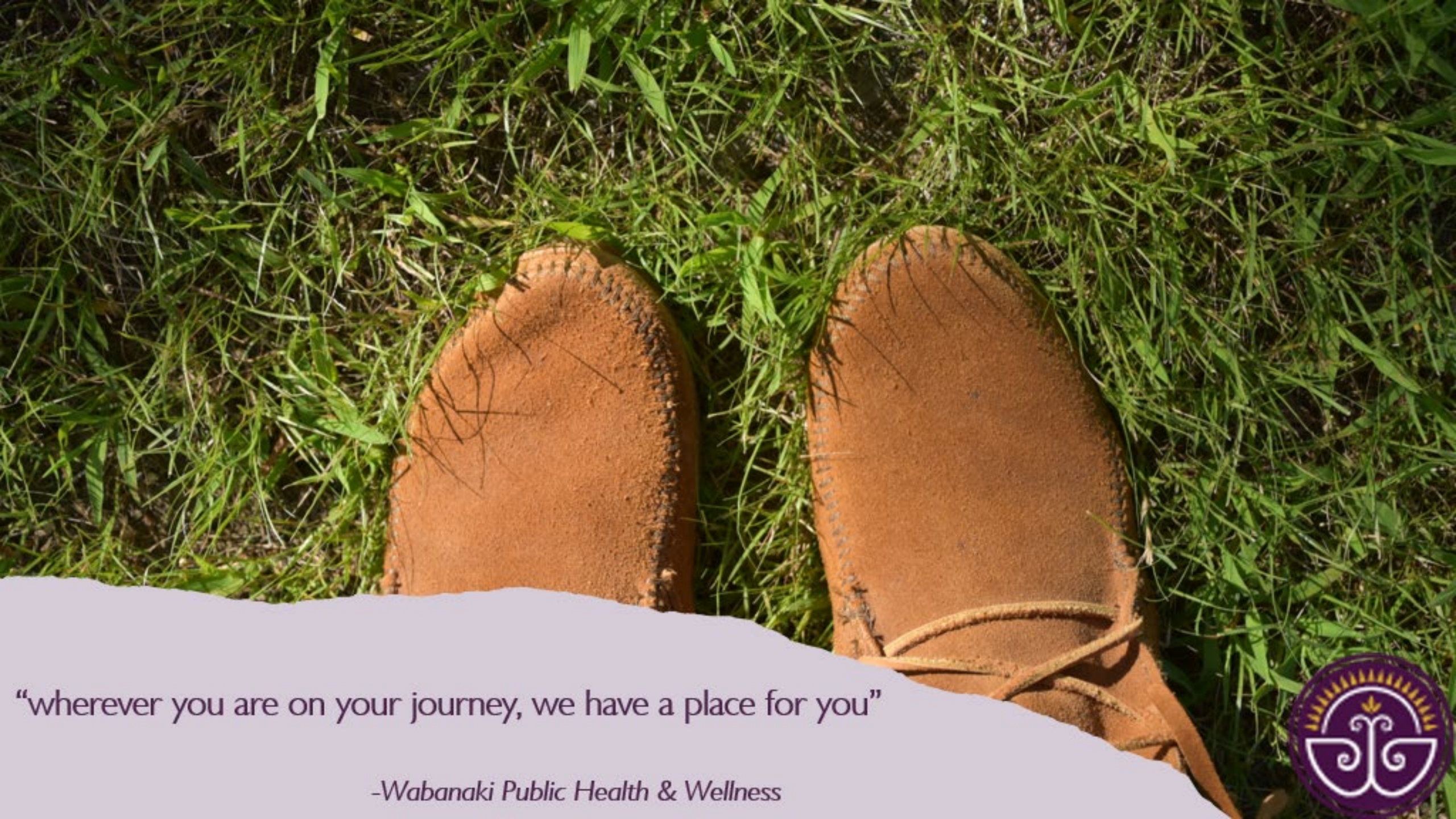
- We collectively help each other thrive
- Sovereignty (self-governance & self determination)

Community Culture and Community Building:

- Community economic development
- Food sovereignty
- Healing
- Housing & Land
- Language
- Water quality
- Youth education & leadership

Indigenous Leadership & Resourcing Across Communities:

- Elders' leadership
- Indigenous-led non-profits
- Leading in Indigenous ways
- Cocreation of partnerships
- Healthy & safe spaces
- Tribal governments



“wherever you are on your journey, we have a place for you”

-Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness





Historical Trauma

the collective emotional and psychological injury both over the lifespan and across generations, resulting from a cataclysmic history of genocide.

Dr. Maria Yellow Horse Braveheart



An aerial photograph of a river confluence, showing a lighter-colored, turbulent flow merging into a darker, calmer body of water. The image is framed by a thin white border.

LEWISTON-AUBURN

KEY STRATEGIES

Support Collaboration

- Build relationships & trust
- Create more space for collaboration
- Set up structures for shared decision-making

Build capacity

- Skills for shared leadership
- Training & technical assistance
- Shift power to community for priority setting & decision making



A SYSTEMS APPROACH

Workplan with Lewiston-Auburn
2022-2024 (Pilot)

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OUR ROADMAP:



STRATEGIES TO SHIFT POWER TO COMMUNITIES:

- Changing the typical strategic planning process so that Sewall's priorities are a mirror of community priorities defined through a listening process
- Community organizations co-designing how they want to see Sewall's resources used and prioritizing resource allocation
- Working with other funders to align resources and reduce competition
- Bringing an equity lens to center youth and BIPOC leadership organizations and providing dedicated capacity building
- Active relationship building in communities to expand who has access to resources
- Working towards community-based grant-making
- Adopted trust-based philanthropy practices such as simplified applications and multi-year, unrestricted funding.

QUESTIONS?

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