



**METROPOLITAN
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Land, Water, and People Commitments and the American Indian Advisory Council

Committee of the Whole

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Imagine 2050 Engagement



Tribes and Community Organizations

- Tribal Consultation
 - Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
 - Prairie Island Indian Community
 - MN Indian Affairs Council (MIAC)
- *Imagine 2050* engagement with indigenous community organizations (to-date)
 - Ain Dah Yung
 - Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
 - MN Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Twin Cities
 - Owámniyomni Okhódayapi
 - Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi

Build support for co-creation



Process development and approval

- Council policymaker conversations
- Contracted support with CURA staff for extra capacity and support with strategies and approach
- Outlined proposed Advisory Council to RDG WG
 - Received approval for process in December 2023
 - Strong support for approach which included co-creation, development of actions, and Council commitments for inclusion into *Imagine 2050*.
- Effort to be led by indigenous community, staff, and policymakers

American Indian Advisory Council

Respected elders and Community leaders

- 12-15 community leaders representing a range of tribal affiliations and community organizations
- Bi-monthly meetings for four months to develop a statement of commitment with accompanying actions
- Review *Imagine 2050* policies and actions to ensure integration of indigenous voices and community needs



Build community trust



From land acknowledgment to Council commitments

- Inclusion of land, water, and people (all)
- Recognition of past harm
- Representation and partnership in decision-making
- Access to sacred sites
- Support for community-based organizations and culturally-responsive services
- Safe, affordable, welcoming neighborhoods

Next steps

The work is just beginning

- American Indian Advisory Council will meet through June
- Commitments and actions developed will be shared with Council and staff



Resources

Resources for learning more

- #HonorNativeLand Video from U.S. Department of Arts and Culture: [#HonorNativeLand \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- Beyond Land Acknowledgement Video from Native Governance Center: [Beyond Land Acknowledgment \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- Understanding the Land Acknowledgement from York University: [Understanding the Land Acknowledgement \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- We are Illuminative video from Illuminative: [WE ARE ILLUMINATIVE \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



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