

Accomplishments

Repatriation of our ancestors from inadvertent discoveries.

Coordination of an educational program of awareness and understanding to assist in protection of our cultural sites and traditions.

Training and field assistance provided to USDA employees on MACPRA's interest and field expertise.

Coordination of training that informs Anishinaabek communities of cultural programs and laws that can help preserve our heritage.

Educational Panel presentation and interaction at the Governor's Interstate Indian Council Annual Conference at Traverse City, August 2004.

Guidance on cultural activities and concerns with organizations and agencies that are carrying out programs that are impacting Anishinaabek Culture.

Memorandum of Agreement for Cultural Protection process with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, April 2004.

Development of Memorandum of Agreements with Federal Agencies to protect the resting places of our ancestors.

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Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA)



Working to Protect and
Preserve our Traditions
and Cultural Heritage

**FACILITATING,
EDUCATING AND
PROVIDING
INFORMATION**

Who does MACPRA represent?



MACPRA consists of eleven federally recognized Indian Tribes and the two State Historic Tribes from the State of Michigan. Each Tribe has a designee that represents and is the voice of their Tribe. The main goal of this Alliance is the protection and preservation of all cultural resources, past, present and future.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- former habitation areas of our ancestors
- ancestral burials
- associated and un-associated grave goods
- all other traditional cultural properties of sacred and cultural importance.

MACPRA was established in 2000 after a consensus agreement was signed by all Michigan Tribes, hereby authorizing MACPRA to speak on protection and repatriation issues of interest to all signatory tribes.

MACPRA works cooperatively with other organizations and agencies, which serve as advisors to MACPRA and are invited to attend our meetings.



Mission Statement:

We, the nations represented by the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Protection and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) Committee, thankful to the Creator for our sovereign freedom, in order to rebury ancestors that have been removed from their resting places and are known to us; to bring home to rest all remaining ancestors who have been taken out of their aboriginal homelands and lands known today within the state of Michigan; to defend and protect all indigenous graves; to protect and defend all traditional cultural properties; and to unify ourselves in the pursuit of these goals.

Our Goals are:

- The facilitation of repatriating "Ancestral" remains removed from their original burial sites.
- The protection and preservation of all cultural resources on lands within our tribal ancestral and historic territories.
- Education of the public as to land conservation and protection for future generations.
- Education of private landowners so that they have knowledge to make informed decisions concerning the discovery of burial sites, funerary objects and artifacts on their private land.
- To provide information to private landowners on the proper way to protect burial sites on their land.
- To provide information on financial programs that are available to protect historic sites.
- To provide information to private landowners on how to respectfully return native ancestors to the tribes.

Understanding and accepting our responsibility and obligation, which have been passed down to us from our Ancestors to protect and preserve our Traditions and Cultural Heritage.



Facilitating, Educating and Providing Information

We would like to assist you in knowing more about protecting culturally important sites and materials.

Is there information that we could provide you? Please note information desired in the comments section.

Please send me requested information.

Please call me.

Would you like to be notified of our regular meetings?

Yes, by email. See my email address below.

Ancestral remains issues and concerns?

Yes, by email or postal mail. See my address below.

Do you have concerns on a location or materials that you feel need protection?

Yes, see my comments below.

Would your organization like to have a presentation on MACPRA?

Yes, please note my needs in the comment section.

Yes, please email me.

Comments:

Name _____

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