

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## Long Version

If this is a national/regional, encourage people to visit this link and share which lands they are currently occupying <https://www.whose.land/en/>

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We are in the homeland of the Wabanaki, the People of the Dawn. We extend our respect and gratitude to the many Indigenous people and their ancestors whose rich histories and vibrant communities include the Abenaki (ah-beh-NAH-kee), Maliseet (MAL-uh-seet), Micmac (MIC-mac), Passamaquoddy (pa-suh-muh-KWAH-dee), and Penobscot Nations and all of the Native communities who have lived here for thousands of generations in what is known today as Maine, New England, and the Canadian Maritimes.

We make this acknowledgement aware that this land is unceded and of the continual violations of water, territorial rights, and sacred sites in the Wabanaki homeland. That we are occupiers of this land that is in desperate need of rematriation – the reclamation of ancestral remains, spirituality, culture, knowledge and resources; a return to being in the right relationship with mother earth.

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