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SHARED LAND MAP (SLM)

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Shared Path Consultation Initiative (Shared Path) is a charitable organization that is addressing the challenges and opportunities that emerge where land use change and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and obligations intersect.

We are Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders in community development, consultation, environmental research, archaeology, law, planning, and other fields.

Our focus is the best practices and common challenges concerning traditional territories and treaty areas, land use and governance. We are committed to deepening the reconciliation dialogue and sharing knowledge.





OUR VISION

Shared Path works towards a future in which Indigenous voices, obligations, and rights form a sustained and integral part of how we share land and water, particularly with respect to land-use planning law, policy, and governance in Ontario.



GOALS OF THE SHARED LAND MAP

Facilitate connection and communication between land use professionals and Indigenous rights and obligations holders

OUTCOME: Change in public practice, change in policies from passive to actionable

IMPACT: Indigenous communities are part of all decision- making pertaining to their territories, leading to better land management for all

GOALS OF THE SHARED LAND MAP

Educate land use professionals about Indigenous communities, obligations, and rights, and properly direct their inquiries

OUTCOME: Decreasing the number of irrelevant notices that communities receive based on this physical delineation of their interests

IMPACT: Increase capacity of First Nations consultation staff to focus on the most meaningful engagements

HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER MAPS?

- Data and information on each Indigenous nation is provided by and controlled by that nation;
- ❖ A grid is used in the background to protect Indigenous interests
- It encourages relationship-building with Indigenous nations beyond the legal duty to consult and accommodate.



ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE SLM

Transparency

Shared Path staff and board will provide information on the history of the project, its funders, its goals, and its intended outcomes to all communities when seeking their collaboration. We will strive to provide all information requested by communities and satisfy all questions put forth by communities.

- Transparency also means that where a suggestion made by a community is not adopted, we will provide reasoning for why it was not adopted.
- Additionally, a commitment to transparency means that Shared Path will alert all
 collaborators of any major changes to the project, including changes to the Shared Land
 Map tool, project funders, timelines, and other related matters.

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Inclusiveness

While Shared Path's limited resources requires that staff focus engagement efforts on only a few communities at a time, any Indigenous community with asserted rights, interests, or obligations in the geography of focus (Ontario) who expresses interest in participating in the project will be invited to collaborate.

Principles of OCAP: Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession

The First Nations Principles of OCAP™ (ownership, control, access, and possession) means that First Nations control data collection processes in their communities. First Nations own, protect and control how their information is used. Access to First Nations data is important and First Nations determine, under appropriate mandates and protocols, how access to external researchers are facilitated and respected.

To respect the principles of OCAP, each First Nation community who wishes to use this map will be given their own unique login information so that they can manage all data related to their community and control the input.

