

# The Wild Basket Project: Cultivating for our Future







# Overview

- Indigenous Food Sovereignty
- Agricultural Projects
  - Community Garden
  - Haskap Field
  - Mushroom Cultivation
  - Wild Harvesting
- Economic & Community Development
- Question Period





# Two-Eyed Seeing

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- Mi'kmaq Elder Albert Marshall
- Influences on approach
- Braiding of Indigenous & Western knowledge





# Indigenous Food Sovereignty

- Inherent right to determine our own food systems from production to consumption in a way that is culturally, socially, and environmentally appropriate
- Deeply tied to cultural identity and land health
- Intimate knowledge of biodiversity & its importance for our food systems
- Ongoing challenges are related to land dispossession, colonization of knowledge, and access to HEALTHY resources



# Community Garden

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- First Year of programming
- Ongoing developments
  - Purchase of fruit producing trees, bushes, & vines
  - Leveling to increase accessibility
  - Hosting of food production & preservation related events
- Community involvement
  - School
  - Seniors Unit
  - Income assistance







# Haskap Field

- 5000 Plant field
- No spray - hand weeded and maintained
- You-pick system for general community
- Contributes to food security
- Product development & transformation

# Mushroom Cultivation

- Mushroom tent & buckets
  - Edible mushrooms
  - Medicinal mushrooms
  - Expands growing season
- Forest management & silviculture
  - Truffle Development
  - Irrigation
  - Mycelial inoculation
- Contributes to our local economies and food systems.







# Wild

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# Harvesting

- Assertion of land occupation and use
- Re-Generation of knowledge - taking into account current land management practices and governing structures
- Opportunity for community members to work on the land in a way that is protecting and preserving for future generations
- Production of traditional food products and medicines while providing a platform for knowledge transmission & education





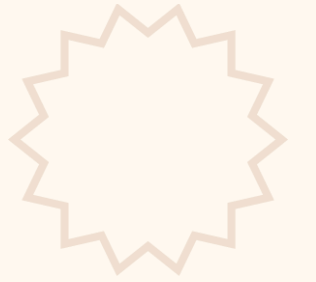
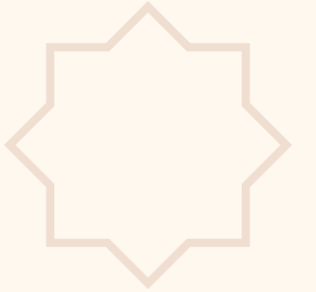


# Economic & Community Development

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- Product Lines
  - Niibi
  - Teas & Jams
  - Ready-2-Eat
- New positions created
- Increased community involvement & volunteer opportunities
  - Harvester Certification
- Increasing food sovereignty through food production





Questions?



Miigwetch - Thank You

