

Native Acknowledgement

As part of Parks for All, the MPRB is exploring how to integrate acknowledgement of land and Indigenous peoples into our work, procedures and spaces represented in several strategies and this seed statement for continued development by staff, community, and leadership in the years to come. We collectively acknowledge that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board system is located on the traditional, ancestral and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. This land holds great historical, spiritual and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this region, including the Dakota and Ojibwe people. We recognize that a statement like this needs to be dynamic and change as we continue to learn, understand, and heal our relationship with the Indigenous community. Therefore, these words are seeds that should grow and change with time.



See strategies that put native acknowledgment into action:
Goal 1, Strategy 3
Goal 7, Strategy 4
Goal 8, Strategy 11

Owamni Falling Waters Festival

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***Mni Sota Makoce* (Minnesota) is the homeland of the Dakota people. The Dakota have lived here for many thousands of years. Anishinaabe people reside here, too, and reached their current homelands after following the *megis* shell to the food that grows on water (*manoomin*, or wild rice). Indigenous people from other Tribal nations also reside in Minnesota and have made innumerable contributions to our region.**

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