

How to Write a Land Acknowledgment

Often spoken at the beginning of a public event, land acknowledgments are a formal way of recognizing the Indigenous stewards of a specific territory, their ancestors, and communities. Delivering a land acknowledgment demonstrates how an individual or group is identifying the traditional territories they reside upon while also showing gratitude to Indigenous Peoples and disrupting European-centric narratives.

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Particularly in cellular agriculture, an industry focused on building a more sustainable food system, it is important that we ground ourselves in the notion that food is not just a form of sustenance, but has cultural and environmental significance in a reciprocal relationship with the land - something that Indigenous Peoples have historically understood but settler society is just coming to understand. Below are some resources to help you with writing your own land acknowledgment.

On the Importance of Land Acknowledgment

1. [Hayden King](#)
2. [Local Love](#)

Introductory Resources

1. [Care about Climate](#)
2. [Native Governance Centre](#)
3. [Trent University](#)

Region Specific Resources

1. [Map of Treaties](#)
2. [The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)

As mentioned in these resources, when going to write your own land acknowledgment, do take the time to learn about the specifics of the Indigenous communities whose land you reside on. Canada's Indigenous Peoples are diverse and should be respected as such.

Additionally, after learning about the history of your region, think about what acknowledging the land means for *you* specifically, either in relation to the work you do, your interests or your personal experiences.