

DNR First Foods Policy Program Presents: Longhouse Sustainability & Nixyaawii Don't Throw It Away! Project

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Longhouse Sustainability Pledge & Punch card

What is it?

The exists under the Department of Natural Resources, First Foods Policy Program (FFPP) Annual Work Plan:

Mission. To provide proactive planning and policy analysis and development to protect, restore, and enhance the First Foods and the exercise of associated rights reserved in the Treaty of 1855.

Goal 3. Monitor, assist with, and coordinate engagement in Climate Change planning and response actions and opportunities in collaboration with other DNR programs and CTUIR departments.

- Objective 3.3. Create and conduct a survey to gauge community acceptance of the Climate Adaptation Plan and identify potential areas of improvement.
- 3.8. Assist in the assessment of CTUIR's carbon footprint, establishing Greenhouse Gas reduction goals, and methodology to monitor and evaluate annual carbon emission reduction.
- 3.9. Assist in the assessment of CTUIR's climate resilience, establishing resiliency goals, and methodology to monitor and evaluate resiliency.

2026 Sustainability Pledge

The Pledges focus on reducing single-use plastic waste and managing food waste.

Participants will receive a NEW cutlery set after they sign the 2026 pledge (Goal 3.3). Once a pledge is signed participants can earn more prizes depending on how many sustainable actions they take while participating in Longhouse events. Items they can earn include silicone reusable bags in quart and gallon sizes; Hawaiian case rose-steal cutlery; fox case blue-steal cutlery; and kitchen counter compost bins.

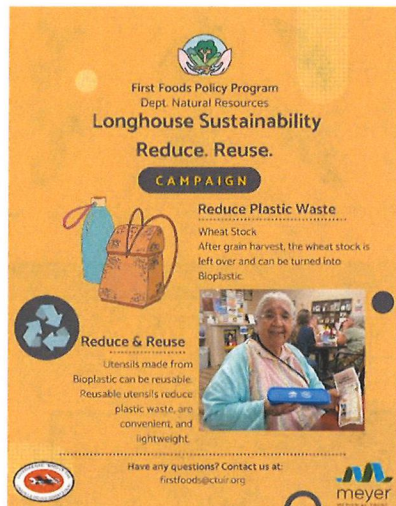
We have been keeping records of feast attendance to track how much single-use plastic cutlery is purchased and landfilled for Goal 3.3. The pledges will enable us to track community reductions on single-use plastic cutlery at the seasonal feasts, therefore identifying a portion of Goal 3.8 to show a reduction in just this one action. We can measure community willingness using the pledges for Goal 3.9.

Background Information

First Foods Policy Program has been working with Longhouse Sustainability goals in two ways:

- 1) Single-Use Plastic Reduction Campaign – reusable cutlery initiative
- 2) Nixyaawii, Don't Throw It Away! Project – food waste reduction and diversion

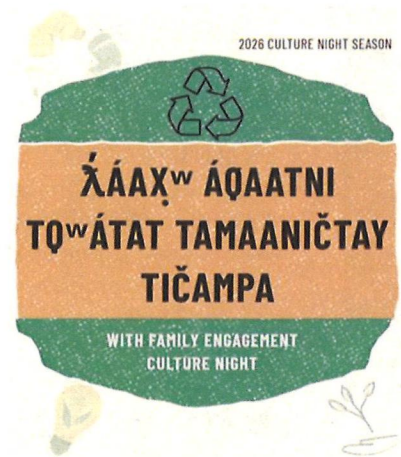
Climate Change Intern Ermia Butler has previously developed outreach materials for the Single-Use Plastic Reduction Campaign below:



NDTIA!P at Family Engagement Culture Nights



Partnering with DCFS, the NDTIA! Project has had a consistent presence at Wednesday's Culture Night, where we have collected food waste from the dinner preparation and post-meal leftovers. New in 2026, we have been offering the Youth Passport, where kids participate in trivia and activities to earn stamps in their dedicated passport. Stamps connect with the prizes being offered with the Punchcard. We will continue to be part of Culture Night throughout 2026, and anticipate hosting more activities.



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We are pleased to introduce the **Longhouse Sustainability Punch Card**. This allows participants to keep track of their sustainability acts they complete each time they visit the longhouse.

HOW IT WORKS

Dept. of Natural Resources, First Foods Policy Program (FFPP) would like your help in accounting for community participation in the **2026 Longhouse Sustainability Pledge**. Community members can earn a signature for each sustainability action they take while participating in Longhouse events by doing the following:

- Bringing their own Cutlery
- Water Bottler/Hot Beverage Cup
- Food Storage Containers for leftovers
- Bringing their own tote bag/grocery bag to take home leftovers

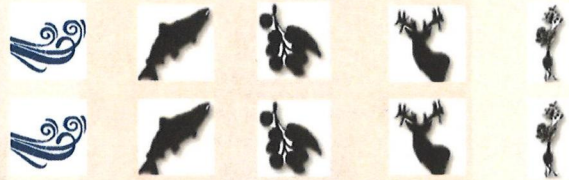
CONTACT US

Email FirstFoods@ctuir.org with the "LHSP" in the subject line.

In the message list:

- Date
- Event Name & Title
- Designated cook who is the witness for community members participating in our 2026 Longhouse Sustainability Pledge

LONGHOUSE SUSTAINABILITY PUNCHCARD



GET YOUR FREE REUSABLE BAG ON YOUR 10TH STAMP!

PRIZES: TIER LEVELS

Tier 1: Reusable Bags



Tier 2: Cutlery Set



Tier 3: Compost Bins

