

Welcoming Remarks

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Unlocking Potential: Dive into Brownfields 101 Workshop

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Introductions

Name

Community / organization



Workshop Purpose

Plant hope and inspiration for your community's land healing journey using the brownfields process through a Diné-centered approach.



Today we will learn about...

- brownfields basics through cultural and technical lens;
- Round Rock Chapter's Historic Trading Post brownfields project; and,
- a community mapping technique by doing it yourself.



WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

A property where redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by real or perceived contamination concerns.



Beyond Contamination

Our land holds

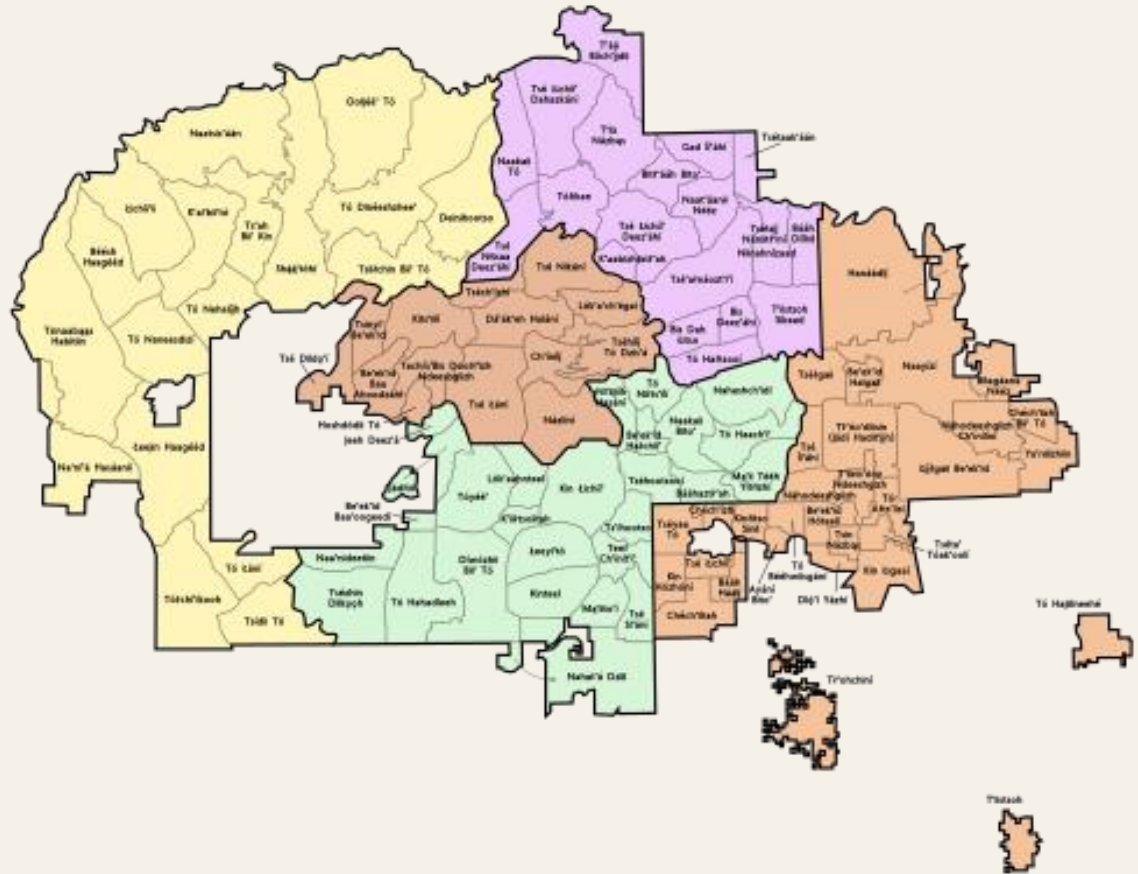
- environmental,
- social,
- cultural, and
- historical

layers that influence future use / tenure.



Western Planning (2D, Flattening)...

- Land as a surface
- Space measured by boundaries, parcels, and coordinates
- Knowledge produced through maps, zoning, and surveys
- Emphasis on control, visibility, and extraction



Bilagáanaa Planning Legacy

1868 Navajo Treaty as a
planning document

Navajo Green Jobs

U.S. Bureaucracy Land
Management system

LGA regulating
community organization

Industrialization
& Exploitation

No Water rights

Land Ownership Regime

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What is our Diné Planning legacy?



Diné symbolism

Life journey



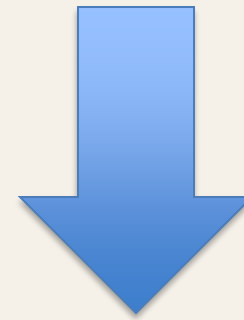
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Indigenous planning (3D, Multidimensional)...



- Land as layered and alive
- Connections above, within, and below the ground
- Knowledge rooted in story, ceremony, kinship, and movement
- Emphasis on responsibility, balance, and continuity



PlaceKnowing





8 Generations



Brownfields as Layered Harms

Extractive
economic
development

Long-term
exposure across
generations

Loss of ancestral
ties and access

Spiritual and
relational
imbalance

Absorbed
environmental
burdens

Public policy
concentrated
industrial risk in
marginalized
areas.



Our culture can help us see Brownfields as layered opportunities

Regenerative
economic
development

Intergenerational
healing and
protection

Reconnection to
land / place

Restoration of
Hózhó

Environmental
Renewal

Community
sovereignty and
self-determination



Lunch Time Talk

Kayla Jackson





Reminder: Evaluations

Please complete your review of this workshop before you leave.



Time to learn a community mapping technique 😊

Refer to your handouts on the table



Tell us about your map

Please stand and speak loudly for
everyone to hear.





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Closing Remarks

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Safe travels home!

