Trailblazing in the Built Environment

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These are Native Lands
These are Indigenous Lands
Connection
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So why are we here?
for our youth....
for our elders....
for our community....
Identity
Place
History
Community
Arts
The reson for being....
CONFRONTING OUR PAST
20 million
5.4 million
573 tribes
HEALING
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33% vs 12.7%

Source: Housing Assistance Council & CSH The Source for Housing Solutions, "Conducting Homeless Counts on Native American Lands: A Toolkit"
90,000+

200,000+

Source:
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, "A Quiet Crisis: Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country"
$653M +

Source:
HUD NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS 2019 Final Summary Allocation Statement and Initiatives
$653\text{M} + $674\text{M} +

Source:
HUD NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS 2018/2019 Final Summary Allocation Statement and Initiatives
$900M +
Placeless....
So what?
Why?
How?
Planning....
Design....
Arts....
Development....
Economic Development....
Creating a network of partnerships

- To share knowledge
- scale outcomes
- and impact community
Know your population or audience you are working with.
Know the funding or $$$ you have potential access to.
Principles & Goals

Community as architects of their own vision.

Vision as long term commitment to change

Engaging the community to gain clarity and understanding of place

Participation from tribal youth, the community and tribal leaders.
Designing with community helps to create, equity, equality, and positive social change.
Leveraging the past.
Thinking about the future.
Listening to the community.
Identity
History
Community
What's next?
How can design close the wealth gap in Indian Country?
FUTURE
YOU
Néá’eše | Thank you
Questions

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