



Land Acknowledgement Statement

Land acknowledgments are used by Native Peoples and non-Natives to recognize Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live.* Over the past year, our Racial Justice Ministry (RJM) researched, drafted, and proposed a formal land acknowledgement statement on behalf of the parish, which was approved by the vestry at the July 17, 2024 meeting:

We acknowledge that we are not the first caretakers of this land. We honor the indigenous peoples—specifically those from the Algonquin, Iroquoian, and Siouan linguistic groups—who called this land home before European colonization. We ask for your assistance as we continue to care for the land we share by supporting organizations that empower Native Americans and by aiding the work of the Creation Care Ministry of The Falls Church.

*“Native Knowledge 360°-Honoring Original Indigenous Inhabitants: Land Acknowledgment.” *National Museum of the American Indian*
| Smithsonian, americanindian.si.edu/.