

First Light Letter of Commitment
June 8, 2025

Blue Hill Heritage Trust is grateful to continue participation in the First Light Learning Journey for 2024-2025. BHHT seeks to conserve land and water resources that support the long-term health and well-being of the natural and human communities on the Blue Hill Peninsula. The Wabanaki people represent the peninsula's oldest human community, with a long, continuous history of environmental stewardship across their ancestral homelands. As such, the work of returning access and land to Wabanaki people lies squarely within our mission, through both ecological and community lenses, and we stand to benefit greatly through expanded relationships.

We recognize that Blue Hill Heritage Trust holds considerable power through its stewardship of twelve thousand acres on the Blue Hill Peninsula, ongoing land acquisition work, and connections with towns, partner organizations, and funders. BHHT, therefore, commits to the following:

- Growing relationships with Wabanaki people, organizations, and governments
- Expanding Wabanaki people's access to BHHT lands as well as the broader landscape of the Blue Hill Peninsula
- Partnering with Wabanaki entities to facilitate specific land return projects, as prioritized by the Wabanaki Commission on Land and Stewardship
- Financial support of Wolankeyutomone kisi apaciyewik, "Let us take good care of what is returned" Fund

We realize that learning is ongoing, and much work remains undone. We remain committed to participation in the Learning Journey as well as the broader work of First Light. Blue Hill Heritage Trust, through its role as a local land trust, looks forward to learning of additional ways to support the Wabanaki community.

Sincerely and unanimously,
BHHT Board