

Co-ops & LANDBACK

Let's get started



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- Mute yourself when you're not speaking by clicking the microphone button
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- Questions - Raise your hand to join stack or drop your question in the chat

Checking in



Let's check-in using the chat window!

- Name, Pronouns, Co-op
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Overview

- What is LANDBACK?
- Why does LANDBACK matter to the cooperative movement?
- Alignment and gaps in alignment between co-op movement and LANDBACK movement
- Action steps in your co-op
- Action steps as a movement
- Resources

What is LANDBACK?



LANDBACK is a movement that has existed for generations with a long legacy of organizing and sacrifice to get Indigenous lands back into Indigenous hands.

Currently, there are LANDBACK battles being fought all across Turtle Island, to the north and the South.

LANDBACK Manifesto

It is the reclamation of everything stolen from the original Peoples.

- Land
- Language
- Ceremony
- Medicines
- Kinship

It is a relationship with Mother Earth that is symbiotic and just, where we have reclaimed stewardship.

It is bringing our People with us as we move towards liberation and embodied sovereignty through an organizing, political and narrative framework.

It is a long legacy of warriors and leaders who sacrificed freedom and life.

It is a catalyst for current generation organizers and centers the voices of those who represent our future.

It is recognizing that our struggle is interconnected with the struggles of all oppressed Peoples.

It is a future where Black reparations and Indigenous LANDBACK co-exist. Where BIPOC collective liberation is at the core.

It is acknowledging that only when Mother Earth is well, can we, her children, be well.

It is our belonging to the land – because – we are the land.



“Landback, to me, means a combination of a return to things while also taking into account the ways in which Indigenous people have evolved into the present and how we will continue to evolve into the future. Landback means access to sustainable food from the land, and it means affordable housing in urban settings. It means a return to our languages and incorporating harm-reduction strategies into ceremony. It means a return to matriarchy in a way that my generation has never known. Landback, to me, is this beautiful fusion of the core foundations of our ancestors, with room for growth and expansion in envisioning Indigenous futurisms.”

- Nickita Longman



Why does LANDBACK matter
to the cooperative
movement?

“We are committed to overcoming all forms of oppression including but not limited to oppression based on race, class, sex, gender, ability, sexual orientation, age, nationality, religion, political affiliation, citizenship, level of education. We cannot claim to be voluntary and open organizations while remaining neutral in the face of systems of oppression.”

- NASCO statement on co-op principles

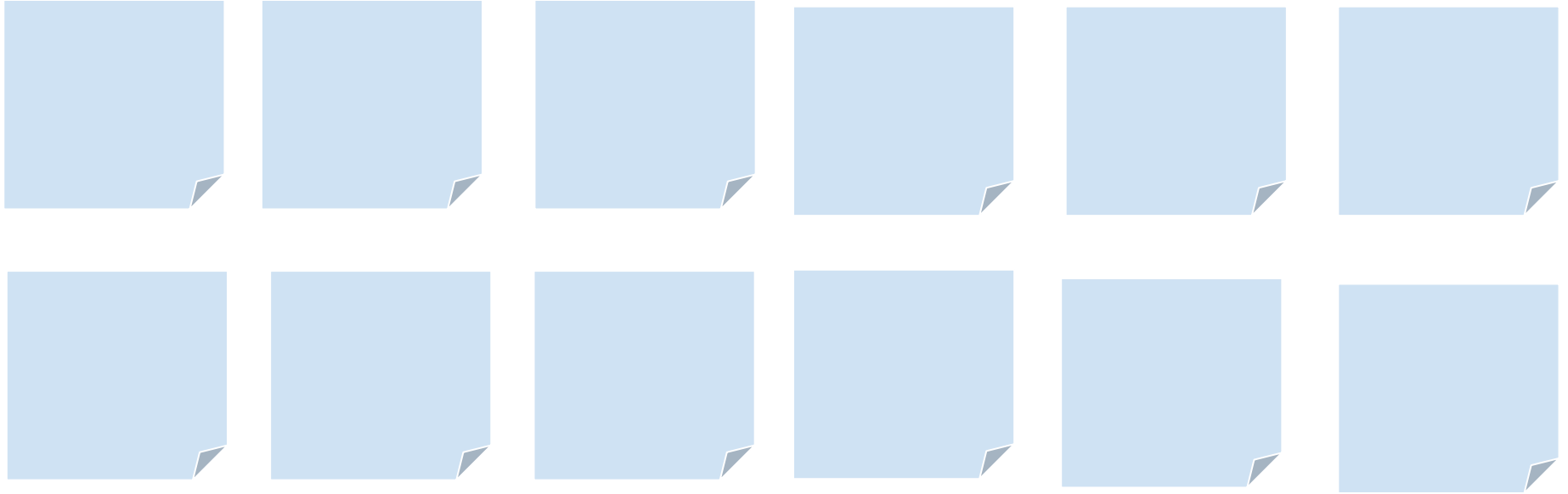
The cooperative movement aims to renegotiate social relationships and economic relationships in a way that is radically more democratic and egalitarian.

Housing co-ops use property ownership to fulfill their concern for community.

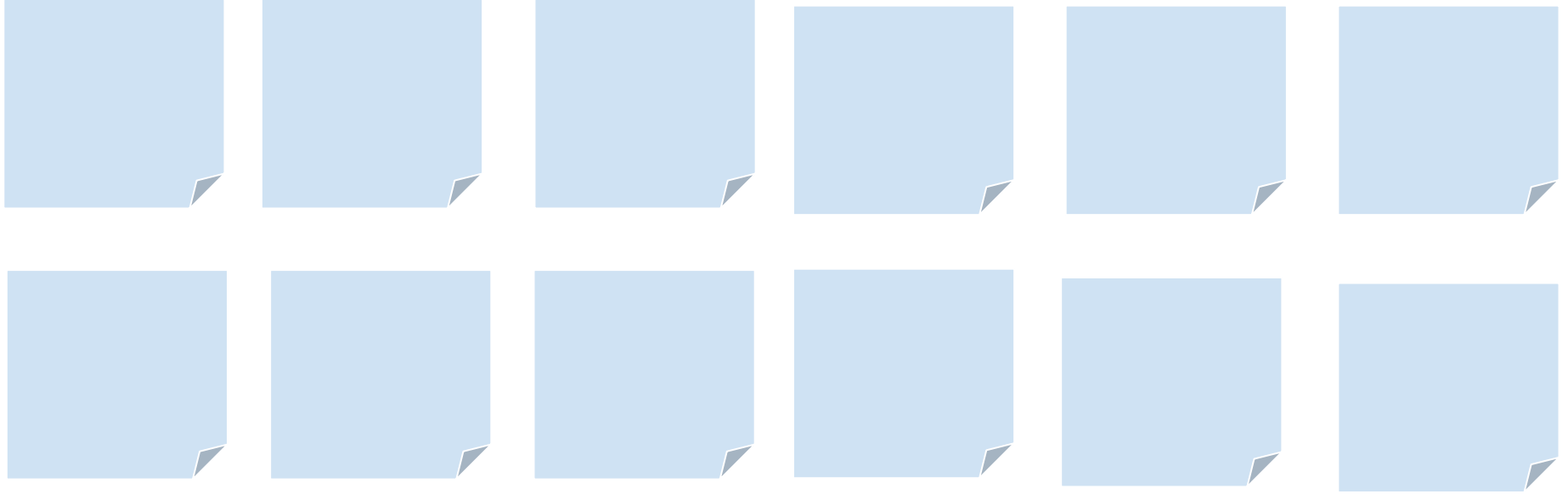
In doing so, we must acknowledge that “private property is a critical part of the process of colonizing Indigenous territories.”

Fortier, Craig. [Unsettling the Commons](#)

Where is there alignment between the co-op movement and LANDBACK?



Where are there gaps in alignment or misalignment between the co-op movement and LANDBACK?



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Action Steps

What action steps could your co-op take?



What action steps could NASCO co-ops take together?



Resources

Use these slides with your co-op

- Start a discussion
- Brainstorm action steps
- Implement action plan
- Share plans with other co-ops!

Additional resources

- [Find out more about the land you are occupying](#)
- [LANDBACK](#) website
- [Resources Generation Land Reparations & Indigenous solidarity toolkit](#)
- [Unsettling the Commons: Social Movements Within, Against, and Beyond Settler Colonialism](#) by Craig Fortier
- [Unsettling the Commons: the tragedy of Indigenous erasure](#) blog by Great Lakes Commons

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