

Haven Passion Project Proposal

For Native Ways

Dear Respected Members of The Haven Board,



The Native Ways Team is excited to present our proposal for your consideration. We would like to repurpose the green space behind Velva at IOP and turn it into a cultural and educational area. This project aims to benefit all Haven members, including alumni, by focusing on IOP and creating a space that can be accessed by everyone. The creation of a sacred cultural space will help bridge the gap between Residential and IOP, involving OP and Alumni members. We extend an invitation to envision the potential of this

space (pictured above). We are fortunate to have the support of Miguel, his cultural connections, and our Native Ways Haven members who will be actively engaged in the ceremony and contribute to the realization of our vision.

VISION: Our plan involves relocating the plants to the perimeter and leveling the central area. This will be achieved by renting a bobcat and utilizing manpower. At the heart of this site, we intend to construct a traditional native ramada for blessing ceremonies and outdoor classes, such as smudging ceremonies, traditional cooking classes, traditional dance, outdoor drum circles, talking circles and storytelling, gourde painting, beading, meditation, and more. Adjacent to the ramada, we aim to establish a labyrinth for our labyrinth curriculum taught by Nati. The back wall can be painted with beautiful native inspired murals. We also envision a space for enclosed fire ceremonies to be utilized every full moon and equinox. Finally, along one side of the green space, we aspire to build a traditional trellis to grow native gourd vines for traditional rattle craft-making classes. If space permits, we intend to add fruit trees such as pomegranates.

CONSIDERATIONS: We are in the process of exploring permits with Cynthia and Tom, as well as irrigation for the plants. Planting the vines and trees together can help to minimize irrigation costs. Miguel, our Native Ways Haven Contractor, has kindly offered to engage with both Tribal Councils to request donations of required materials for the ramada.

COST:

Miguel and his contractor help: TBD

Bobcat rental: \$115 per day (average)

Drip Irrigation System: \$1.50-\$4.50 per square foot

Pomegranate trees through TEP Shade Tree Incentive: \$5 each for five trees

Gourd Vine: \$5 each for three