

Gigitigaadaamin mashkawwiziiminan
"We are planting seeds of inner strength"

Boozhoo! and **Miigwech!** for being part of the newest project here at Community Extension (CE). Community Extension is a department of the White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC); we focus on educating and empowering others to engage in agricultural practices specific to our community. This program is a two-year journey of growing, learning, and reconnecting with the seeds that sustain our community. This grant was awarded to our department by MN Department of Children, Youth, and Families-Office of Economic Opportunity. "Planting the Seeds of Resiliency: Growing Food Sovereignty through Community Seed Keeping" will help mentor community members to plant and save their own seeds! This grant runs from July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2027.

Participants will explore the full cycle of seed stewardship - from planting and tending, to harvesting, cleaning, storing, and sharing. We will set you up with the tools, materials and resources needed to learn not only the science of saving seeds, but also the stories, teachings, and relationships that the seed already carry. There will be opportunities to engage in hands-on workshops, community gatherings, and seasonal events. These gatherings are created with the intent of supporting you in growing plants and keeping their seeds.

Miigwech aapichi to our community partners: White Earth Food Sovereignty Initiative, White Earth Land Recovery Project, and White Earth Tribal Public Health. Our partners will help provide education and resources to participants.

Our team of Community Extension staff, community partners, and our community knowledge keepers will be here to guide and support you in every step of the way. Our hope is to create more than a learning program, but to share the commitment to steward, live in reciprocity, and build community resilience.

We honor your willingness to be part of this work, Miigwech.
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