

VISION

The Wampanoag Community Center (WCC) will be a *living cultural center* for traditional and contemporary Wampanoag arts, crafts and lifestyles. The WCC will be the only facility of its kind in the community, offering services and space for Wampanoag community members to gather for various activities.



Handmade crafts by tribal members

The WCC project consists of the construction of an approximately 9,200 sq. ft. facility that will provide a place for needed cultural arts and educational classes, after-school activities, child daycare, elders' activities and a large gymnasium that will provide space for community events and public recreation.

If all funding goals are met, specific space will be allocated for the following:

- Gymnasium/Community space
- Child daycare center
- Classroom/ Library/ Computer center
- Elders center
- Kitchen
- Bathrooms/Locker rooms
- Front Entry & Mechanical room

NEED....

The Wampanoag community is presently unable to provide needed services because of the lack of suitable space either near or on-reservation.



The nearest public facilities that offer daycare, recreation and/or elders services are all located more than 15 miles from the Wampanoag reservation and as a result, are difficult to access for many tribal members. The current Wampanoag administration building has some community space available but it is too small to comfortably accommodate more than 100 people at any one time, preventing gatherings of more than a small percentage of the tribe's 1000+ members. The WCC will allow the tribe to address all of these concerns.

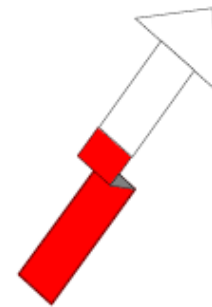
The entire island community and other Indian tribes throughout the New England region will also benefit from the presence of the WCC, as it will host cultural, educational, and recreational activities; meetings; performances and powwows.



LOCATION

The WCC will be located on tribal trust lands in close proximity to both the tribe's offices (where health, social and educational services are now administered) and the tribal neighborhood (consisting of 33 low and moderate-income housing units), allowing coordination of activities in the facility and creating a central meeting place for community life. This location allows for easy foot access for Tribal residents.

FUNDING NEEDS



To date, the Wampanoag Tribe has raised contributions totaling over \$900,000. Sources of support include the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the US Air Force Reserves, which has provided much of the labor needed in the project. The Tribe has set a goal to raise an additional \$1,000,000 to complete the project in 2007.



Contributions can be sent to:
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