



# Environmental Change and the Endurance of Neshnabé Water Ethics

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In this presentation, Elan Pochedley addresses how Potawatomi and Ojibwe understandings of environmental ethics and respectful relationships with waters have been expressed across generations throughout the Great Lakes region. This talk investigates how the Neshnabék have navigated imposed environmental changes within their respective traditional territories. In addressing how settler colonial worldviews and water-use ethics have led to large-scale transformations of numerous aquatic ecosystems (as demonstrated through U.S. federal laws, industrial development, damming/drainage practices, and wetland alterations), this presentation addresses Potawatomi and Ojibwe responses to these impositions and associated impacts on their lifeways. While focusing on moments of conflict between the Neshnabék and actors/governments/businesses that have threatened the health of these waters (and the other-than-human relatives relying on these environments), this presentation discusses how sustainable future relationships with waters have been envisioned and enacted by Neshnabé nations and people across time.