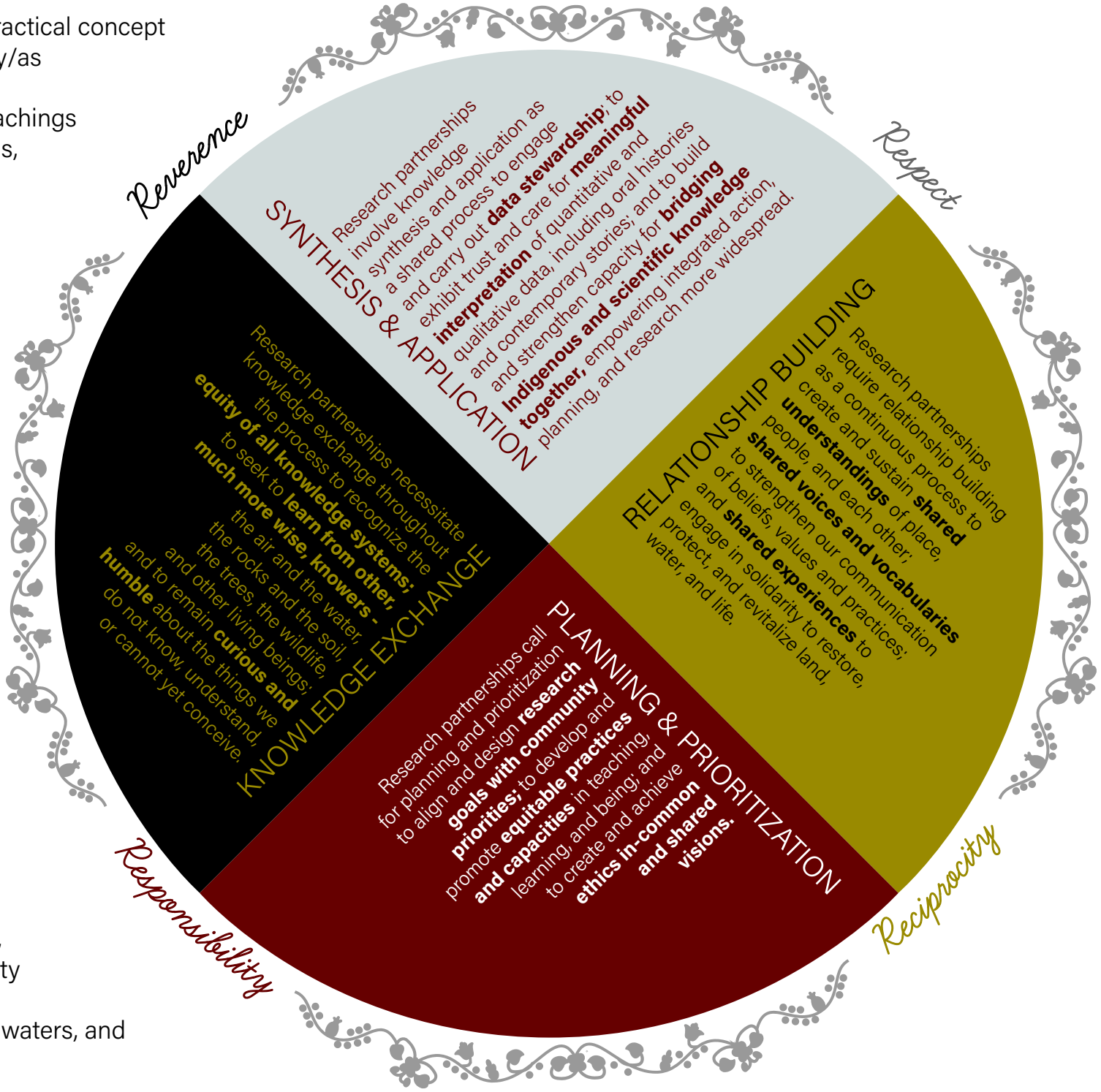
The Medicine Wheel is a practical concept to illustrate guidance with/by/as research partners – it is an interconnected system of teachings relating to seasons, directions, elements, and the cyclical nature of life.

Beginning in the East and moving clockwise, it **aims for balance** between and among time, space, and all beings, a balance that is sustained when we **ask for permission** and **receive consent.**

Research partnerships with/by/as the Community **demonstrate respect** for each other's differences, **honor reciprocity** for each other's actions, **exemplify responsibility** for individual, organizational and community commitments, and **express reverence** for shared lands, waters, and all living beings.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

To learn more about relationship building with the KBIC, please explore our KBIC Website for information about our community and events, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission's Treaty Rights and Educational Materials, and our Natural Resources Department website on Who We Are, the Community Calendar and ways you can Get Involved in our community.

PLANNING & PRIORITIZATION

To learn more about planning and prioritization with the KBIC, please explore the KBIC Departments and Government webpages, and the Natural Resources Department website's Environmental and Natural Resources Programs, Knowledge Center and Sustainability and Sovereignty Priorities.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

To learn more about knowledge exchange with the KBIC, please explore the KBIC Departments and Government webpages, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission's Reports, Educational Materials, and Maps, and the Natural Resources Department website's Knowledge Center and Ojibwa Culture Sustainability & Cultural Sovereignty.

SYNTHESIS & APPLICATION

To learn more about analysis and synthesis with the KBIC, please explore the KBIC Government webpage, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission's Reports and Maps, and the Natural Resources Department website's Knowledge Sustainability & Sovereignty, Knowledge Center, and Partnerships.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) is the successor in interest of the L'Anse and Ontonagon Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and signatories to the 1842 Treaty with the Chippewa (7 Stat. 591) and the 1854 Treaty with the Chippewa (10 Stat. 1109). We are an Anishinaabe Ojibwa tribe; we are the oldest federally recognized tribe, and retain the largest land base, in the State of Michigan. We are dedicated to the long-term protection of natural resources and the preservation of Ojibwa culture – this dedication has contributed to our people's survival and resiliency for many generations.

Research partnerships are crucial to our relationships with the lands and waters, and especially for **honoring responsibilities** to all living and nonliving beings who call this place home and have done so since time immemorial. We know partnerships as **reciprocal teaching and learning and shared experiences** with one another, an accountability that fosters **progress towards shared goals**. This is a living document, open to adaptations, revisions, and other modifications that may arise in response to changes in our landscape and community as well as our partners.

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Guidance for Research Partnerships with/by/as the **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**

This document describes **responsibilities and expectations** associated with collaborative, participatory and community-engaged research.

Strengthening research partnerships is a priority in our community, and we also know that working together contributes to the resiliency of our shared communities, landscapes, and future.