




# Native American Heritage Month



A time to acknowledge and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories and contributions of Native people.

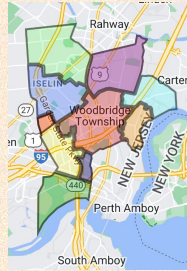
This November, **Woodbridge HS** will begin our journey to educate our school community about local indigenous tribes, native land, notable figures, as well as the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present.



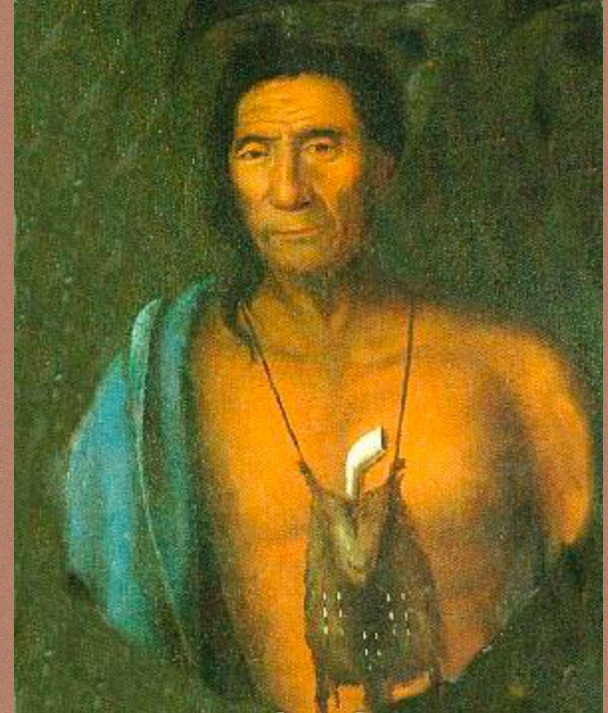


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## Lenape Tribe



YOU  
ARE  
HERE



Lenape Tribe Chief, Tishcohan,  
commissioned by John Penn. William  
Penn's son.

# ► What is Land Acknowledgement?

Land acknowledgment is a simple, powerful way of showing respect, and a step toward correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture and toward inviting and honoring the truth.

\*\*United States Department of Arts & Culture





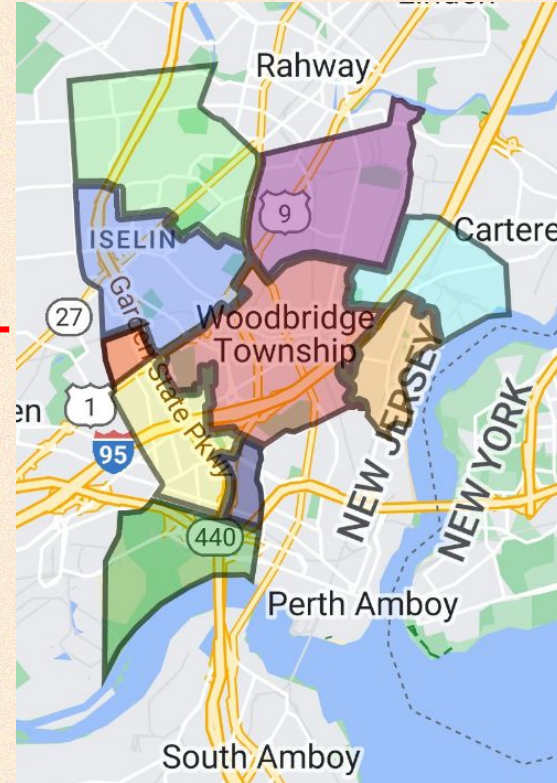
# Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Woodbridge High School community at-large recognizes the land on which we live, learn, work, and gather is the unceded territory of the Lenni Lenape People. We wholeheartedly embrace the responsibility this places on us to:

- treat this land and community with respect
- continue to learn about our local and regional traditions and history
- honor the past, present and future presence of the Lenni Lenape communities around us.

\*\*WHS Diversity Council & DEI Club





# ► Native American Trails in Central NJ

This map details the Assunpink Trail which goes from the lower left on the Delaware River and continues northward, crosses the Raritan River and heads for Staten Island.

\*\*The Story of New Jersey Civil Boundaries 1202-1968 by John P. Snyder





# Local and National Recognition

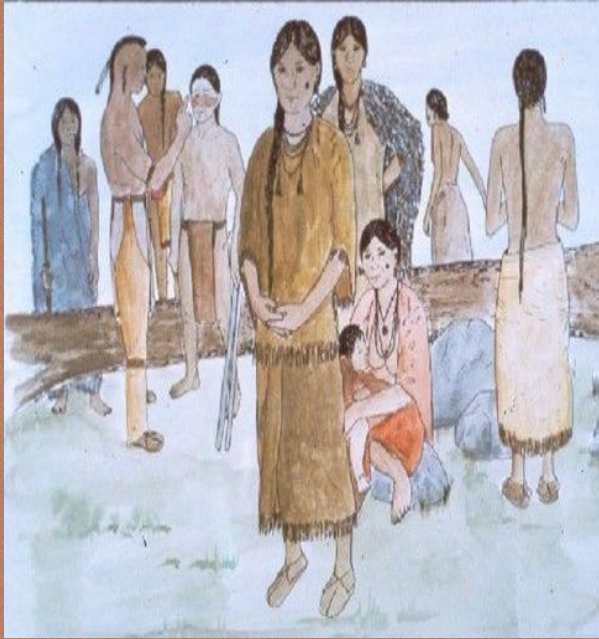


The **Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Indian Tribe** is a recognized American Indian Tribe by the **State of New Jersey** through both concurrent legislative resolution (S.C.R. 1982 No.73) and through state statute (N.J.P.L. 1995 c. 295; N.J.S. 52:16A-53 et. seq).

The **Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Indian Tribe** has permanent seats on the **New Jersey State Commission on American Indian Affairs** and are a voting member nation of the **National Congress of American Indians**.

<https://nanticoke-lenape.info/community.htm>





**The Lenape Occupied  
two-thirds of New Jersey,  
Including Central Jersey**

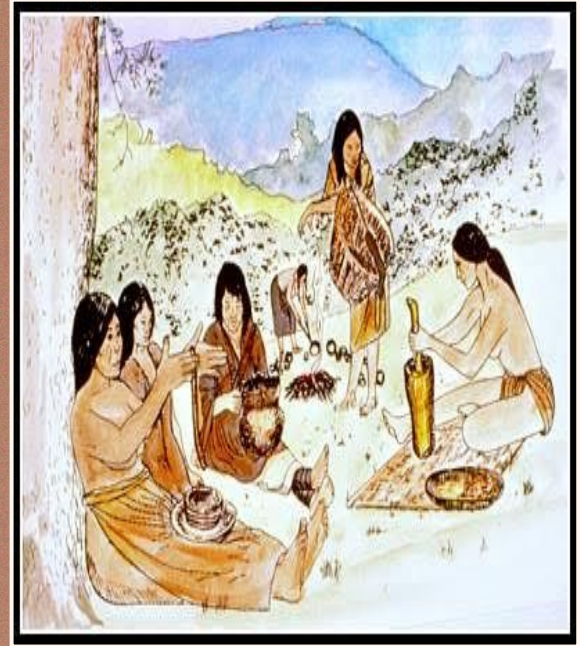
**Those who lived along the  
Raritan River in central  
Jersey were called the  
Raritans**



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The Lenape worshiped one God, and believed in additional spirits referred to as the Manetu.

They held ceremonies around honoring good Manetu and driving out evil Manetu.





“My name is George Stonefish. I am a Delaware Lenape, on my mother's side, from the Moravian of the Thames First Nation in southern Ontario. On my father's side, I am a Chippewa from the St. Isabella/St. Rosa Reservation in Michigan. I was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. I’m a native New Yorker in the truest sense.”

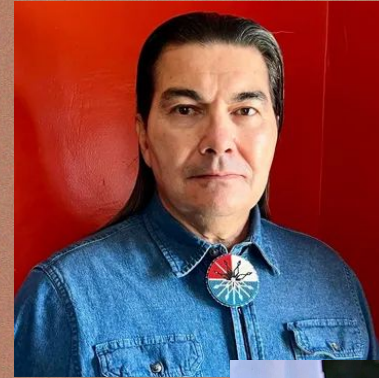


**—George Stonefish**



Curtis Zunigha, is an enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the modern-day descendants of the Indigenous people of Lenapehoking. He served his tribe and Indian Country for nearly 40 years including being elected Chief (1994-98) and Cultural Director (2017-2022). Zunigha is also the Co-Director of the Lenape Center, a US Air Force veteran, and member of the Lenape Veterans Color Guard.

**Curtis Zunigha**





A direct line descendent of notable Lenape leaders, Joe Baker is co-founder, executive director of Lenape Center in Manhattan, and an artist, educator, and curator who has been working in the field of Native Arts for the past 30 years. Baker is an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of Social Work in New York, and was recently Visiting Professor of Museum Studies at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In partnership with Farm Hub in the Hudson River Valley, Baker and Lenape Center are championing the return of ancestral seeds in the homeland through a seed rematriation project.



**Joe Baker**





Joann Schedler was born in 1946 on the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation in Wisconsin. She is an enrolled member of the Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Band and a former member of the Stockbridge- Munsee Tribal Council. Joann Schedler's ancestors lived along the Hudson at the time of Henry Hudson's North American voyage. Jo Ann Schedler is also a retired Major in the United States Army Reserve.

► **Joann Schedler**



Brent Michael Davids is an internationally celebrated composer, and a music warrior for native equity and parity, especially in concert music where there is little indigenous influence. Davids is co-director of the Lenape Center in Manhattan, and is enrolled in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Davids places Native voices front and center. He co-founded the renowned Native American Composer Apprentice Project (NACAP) with the Grand Canyon Music Festival, championing indigenous youth to compose their own music.

► **Brent Michael Davids**

