

Unveiling of the Marker

The unveiling of a marker for this unifying project was done on November 1st, 2008 in the presence of provincial and local invited guests. Various faith representatives from First Nations, Baha'i, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism said prayers at the occasion for the successful initiation and completion of the project.



What Next?

At the project site, the ground has been leveled and the marker has been installed on the boulder. The project committee will initiate the fund raising efforts in fall 2009 and hopes to complete and present the project to the people in two years.



Thank you

The Designated Sacred Space Project Committee thanks SaskCulture, Sask Lotteries, Craik RM Council and Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan for their contributions.

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Designated Sacred Space Project Craik SK Canada



A joint undertaking of
Multi-Faith Saskatchewan Inc.
and
Craik Sustainable Living Project
Craik, Saskatchewan

History

To explore the establishment of a sacred site in the Arm River Valley, about thirty five members of the Three Rivers Trail Association, and Multi-Faith Saskatchewan met at the Birding Site Lookout on a hot summer day near Craik in July 2007. The gathering decided to proceed and the meeting concluded with prayers from different faiths.



Prayers

Searching for the Site

During the fall of 2007, five different sites in Arm River Valley and its surrounding area were considered. Keeping in mind many factors such as locality, accessibility, security and manageability of the site, it was decided to locate the Sacred Space Project adjacent to the Craik Eco-Centre over looking the scenic valley. Also Craik Sustainable Living Project and Multi-Faith Saskatchewan Inc. decided to undertake the project jointly. In 2008, it was decided to rename the project as "Designated Sacred Space" project.



Location

Why This Project?

It is a known fact that we all are connected and interdependent. To achieve sustainability for present and future generations, we need to be mindful of how we take care of our Mother Earth. Scriptures of all the world faiths have directions on how to take care of our planet. With increasing Canadian diversity, it was thought appropriate to have a sacred site where messages of unity in diversity, interdependence, and interconnectedness are highlighted and thereby providing a touchstone for all faiths.

What is This Project?

The project will provide a memorial depicting unifying quotes from different faiths. For sustainability, Care of the Earth pillars with faith and cultural messages shall be installed around the memorial. The project will provide a location where visitors passing through Louis Riel Trail could relax, learn, reflect, pray and meditate in the peaceful and natural environment of the Arm River Valley in Craik, Saskatchewan.



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