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**What  
would it  
look like  
if...**

1000's of homes and businesses  
had a simple, direct, friendly way to  
voluntarily recognize Indigenous  
land?

To say thank you - every year - for  
where we live and work?





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We all reside on Indigenous Territory

We want to try **something different.**

Private property, small businesses  
& events recognizing Indigenous  
land?

Quietly revolutionary (we hope).



# We are all here to stay; but our belonging can be based on reciprocity



Reciprocity and First Nations across BC are working together to set up Indigenous-owned **Reciprocity Trusts**.

Reciprocity payments collected from homeowners, renters and business-owners in B.C. are deposited straight into the relevant Regional Reciprocity Trust.

Reciprocity Nations receive revenue based on allocations agreed upon in Reciprocity Trust Agreements and decide how to use their allocated funds based on a set of Nation-determined priorities.



Reciprocity Payments are based on the **1% model**.

For **homeowners**, the total recommended payment is equal to approximately 1% of your property taxes per month (12% of your annual property tax).

For **renters**, the recommended payment is equivalent to 1% of your monthly rent.

For **business owners**, we follow the 1% Pledge which commits 1% of profits, shares, time and/or product.

# Douglas Treaties: Rental Agreements?

“In return for the **use** of meadow lands and open prairie tracts of Saanich...[the newcomers] would pay...a fee...

understood by us all to be

**payable each year...**

...We all understood that similar gifts would be made each year,

**what is now called rent.”**

— Chief David Latasse  
1934

# The Money Case

**The property value of homes has doubled over the past 15 years.**

Every year, on July 1st, we pay property taxes to our municipality knowing that none of that value is returned to the First Nations whose traditional lands we live on.

We recognize that residential development and private property ownership remain a major impact to Indigenous wellbeing and that our governments won't touch private property in reconciliation processes.

That means it's up to each of us to uphold a form of reciprocity that was committed to in the Douglas Treaties: making annual rent payments to the Indigenous Nations whose lands we live and work on.

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# Homeowner Scenario



## Welcome to Craig's home.

(Craig is Reciprocity's founder 😊)

Craig's property is assessed at **\$940,000**

Craig's property taxes are **\$4,100**

So Craig contributes **\$492**  
( $\$4,100 \times 1\% \times 12$ ) to the South Island  
Reciprocity Trust

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# Financial Scenario

Financials are driven mainly by population, house price, participation rate (critical), % calculation of Reciprocity payment

*Assuming 5% of 170,000 houses (8,500) participate, with a \$800k average home value, 12% of annual property tax as a basis for payment, and 10% Reciprocity costs.*

In this scenario, annual  
Indigenous revenue from private  
property = **\$3,825,000** net

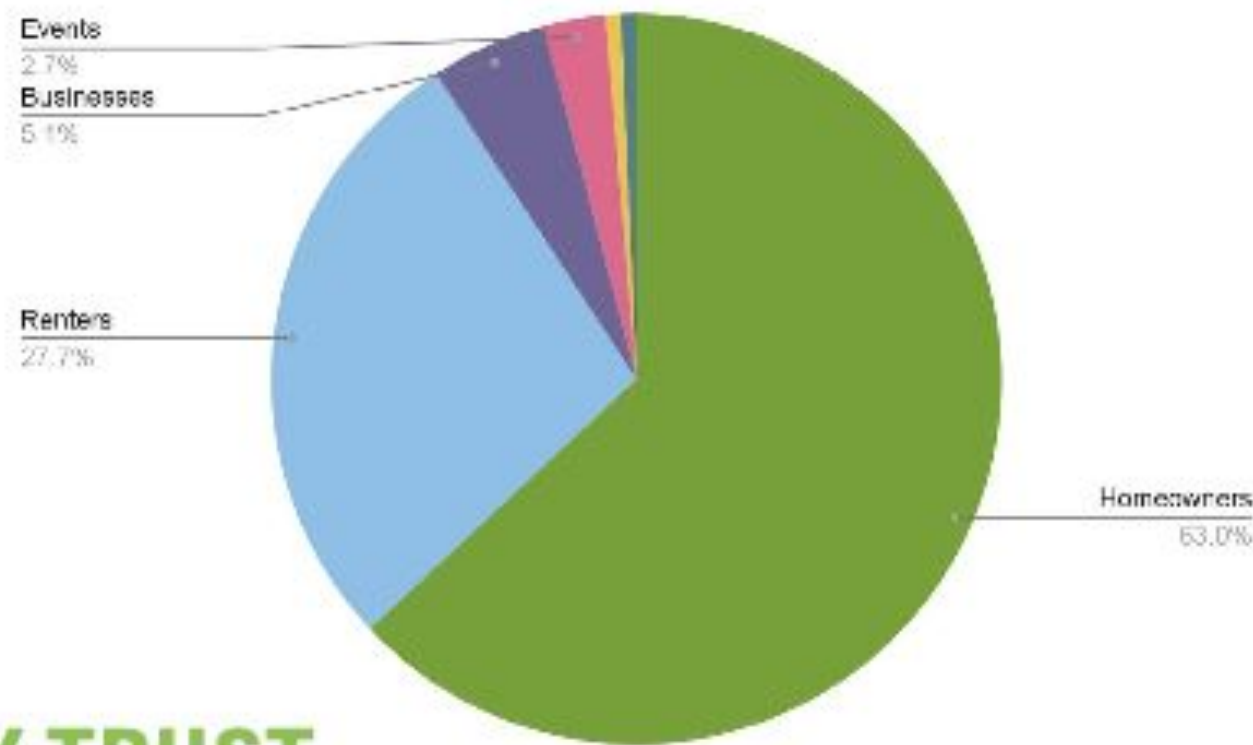


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**290**  
contributors

**IN THE SOUTH ISLAND  
INDIGENOUS RECIPROCITY TRUST**

total contributions: **\$166,993.73**  
*2023: \$60,173.88 + 2024: \$106,819.85*



# Reciprocity Map



1-2 year property



3-10 year property



10+ year property



Reciprocity Business



Rental Property

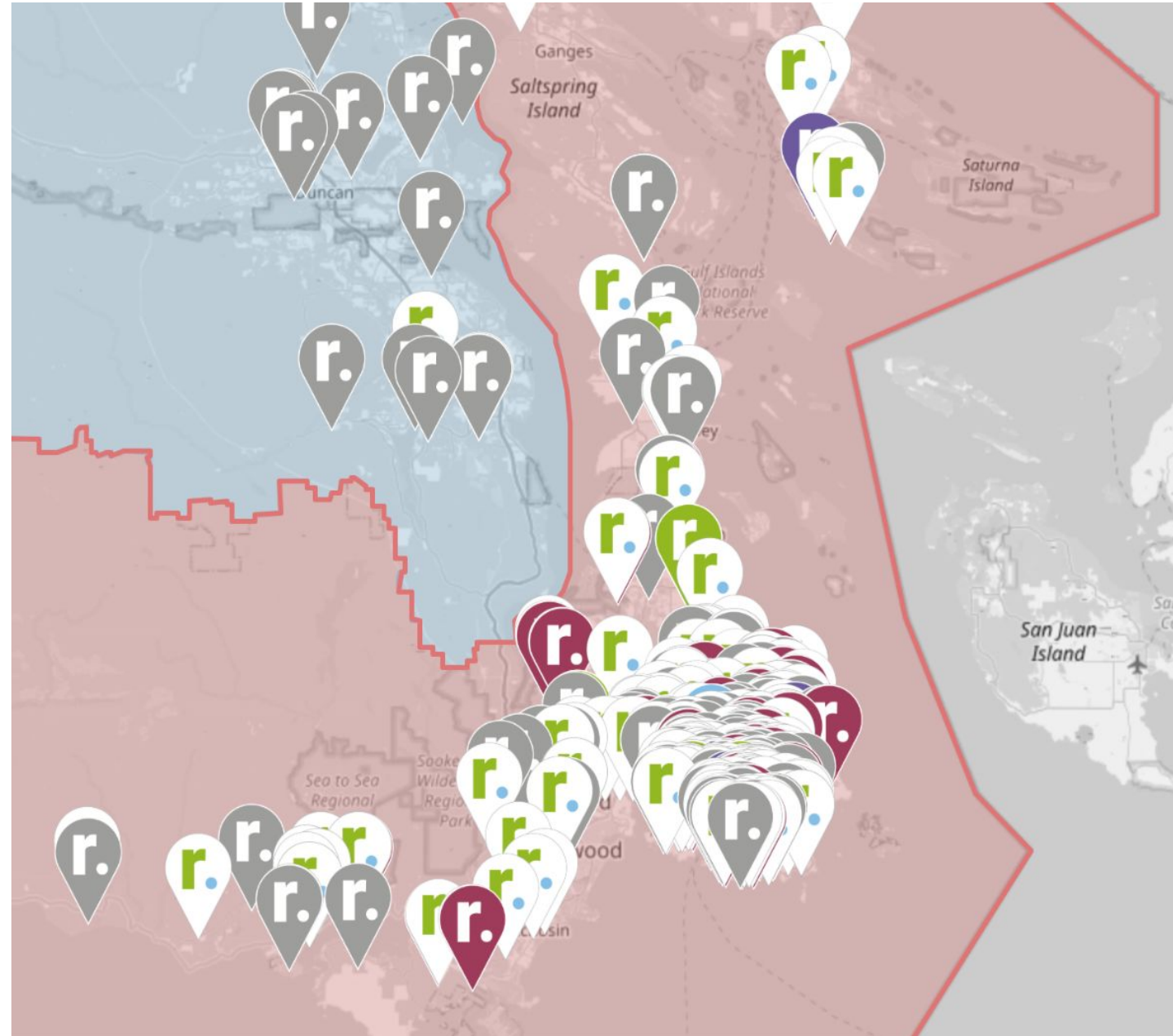


Pledges

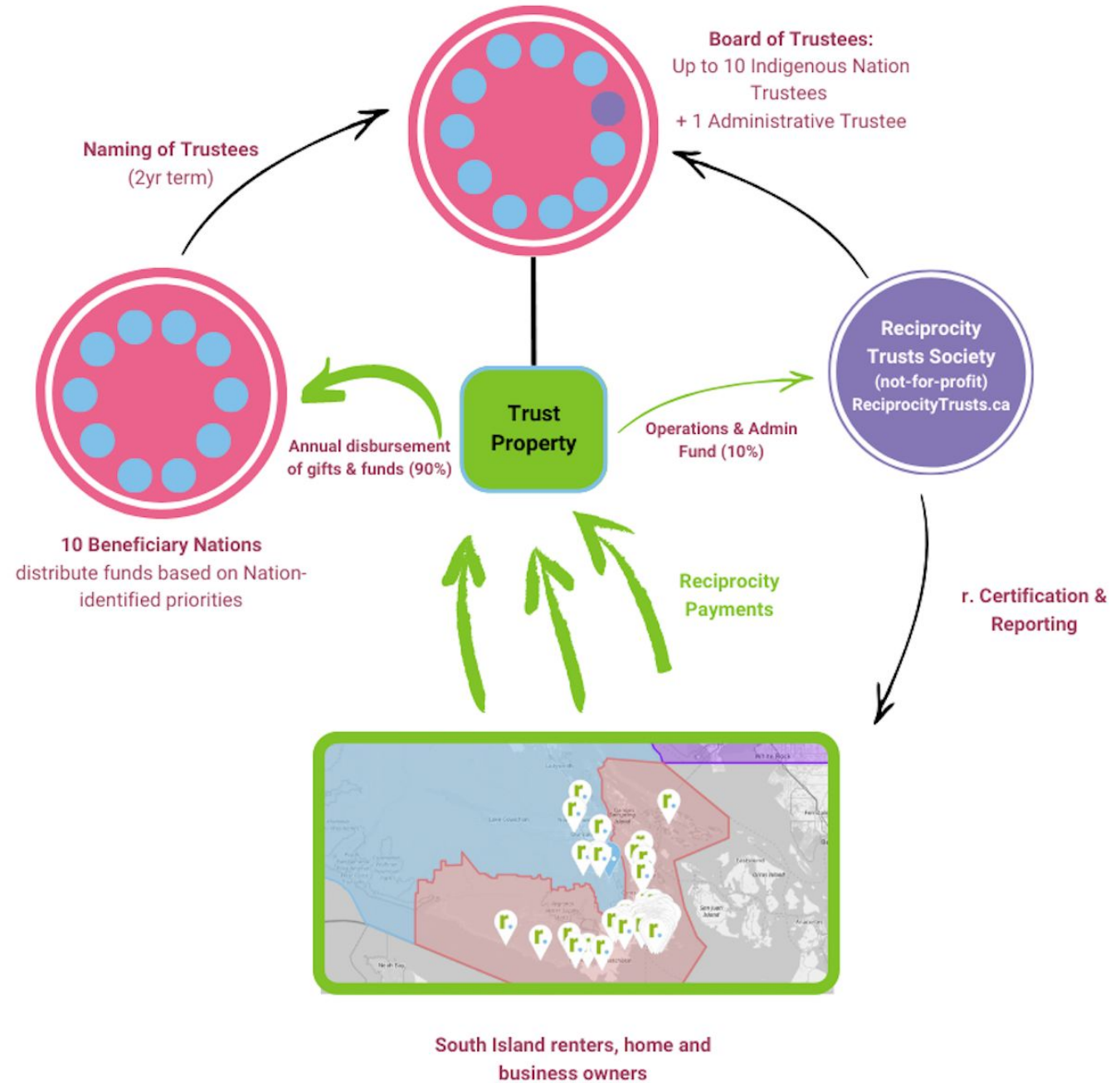
The grey pins show pledges, while the coloured pins show properties and businesses that are actively making reciprocity payments.

Explore the map at

<https://reciprocitytrusts.ca/reciprocity-map>



# Admin Structure



# Tsawout First Nation

Tsawout First Nation allocated the 2023 funds to assist with the ongoing operating costs associated with their new big house. “What better purpose than to hold up all of our people in the longhouse. There’s no better investment”, said Tsawout Chief Pelkey.



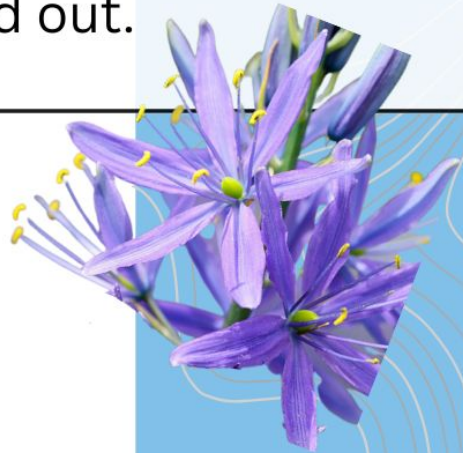
# T'Sou-ke First Nation

T'Sou-ke First Nation used their 2023 Trust funds to help address household food insecurity amongst their members by way of providing increased access to food with grocery store gift cards.



# Songhees First Nation

Songhees First Nation put 2023 funds towards enhancing underfunded youth/elder mentorship programs that help address barriers for youth to join (or re-join) the workforce. The program is centered around the principle of providing a hand up, not a hand out.

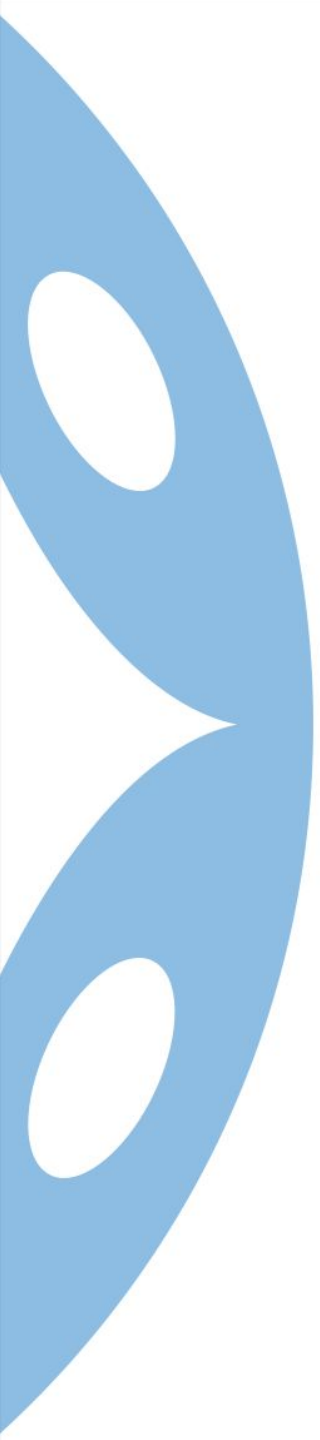


# Sci'aneu First Nation

Sci'aneu First Nation supported over 30 young members' to go on the Youth Canoe Journey to Puyallup. "The youth journey is an opportunity for elders to impart their knowledge, for adults to guide and support, and for our youth to step confidently into roles of leadership."

(Puyallip Tribe 2024)





**We hope you'll join us in building new relationships to restore the ecological and cultural health of the places we all call home.**

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**Thank you for your time.  
We hope you'll have questions.**

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