**Goal 1:** **Empower Native population of Grand Rapids to know who they are, where they have been, and where they are going**

* *important so that Natives raised in urban areas understand benefits of their experience*

Objectives:

 1) Collect oral histories/stories: connecting generations, healing, getting

2) Identify existing primary resources, documents, photographs, etc. and promote access to these materials

3) Demonstrate cultural/tribal continuities and resilience (important for reaffirmation as well as for individuals/communities/families)

**Goal 2: Educate non-Natives about native experience in Michigan, contemporary as well as historical**

Objectives:

 1) Develop educational materials including:

 a) yr 5: a book (w/interactive DVD, for general audience)

 b) yr 5: film

 c) yr. 2-4: curricular materials (priority = postsecondary) for full integration across the curriculum

 d) yr. 3-4: scholarly article(s) and/or book chapters,

 e) yr. 2-5: presentations at scholarly conferences (may be ongoing)

2) Develop a community-service and/or community engaged learning course

3) Advocate for the development of a program, minor or major in Native American Studies

4) Host a conference focusing on the urban native experience, teaching about the urban Native experience

5) Educate the community about how to preserve their own history

**Goal 3: Preserve documentation and make these resources accessible to the communities that generated them, as well as to educators, students, and future generations**

Objectives:

1) Establish and model best practices for informed consent and preservation/access

2) Create an annotated guide to local resources related to the urban Native experience

3) Find an institution to host the digital files (GVSU?)

4) Host a university community event highlighting special archival pieces that have not been seen for a long time

5) Work with smaller community repositories to help develop greater capacity within their institutions

[[[[need to clearly define what community members want access to]]]]

**Goal 4: Fostering community between the university and the urban Native population**

* *integrity and accountability*
* *mutual benefit*
* *shared meaning and understanding*
* *building trust*

Objectives:

1) Carefully document project process and make these materials publicly accessible

2) Facilitate a needs assessment in the GR Native American community as the basis for a community-based service project defined by a need in the Native community

3) Secure storage