Moccasin Identifier Project
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If we, as First Nations People, don’t get a marker on the ground today, we will be lost Forever.
How will they ever know about us?

How will they recognize whose land they’re on?

How will they know us as we live today?
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Sites that are significant to us:
- Indian Reserves (as we live and know today)
- Ancestral villages (where we once lived)
- Burial grounds (at ancestral sites / areas)
- Sacred sites (gatherings, spiritual places)
- Medicine sites
Significant Sites

- Trails
- Summer/Winter camps
- Hunting / Fishing / Gathering / Harvesting sites

Almost always along the waterways
What We’ve Done To Date

- Promoted the idea of some type of marker or plaque be placed on sites that have been ploughed up, dug up, paved over, built over
- Further Research – use sites that have produced archaeological evidence that our people were present
- Come up with the idea of a moccasin as a symbol to recognize their existence /identity
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Area Identified as our Traditional Territory
Linked with and Friends & Teachers in the Toronto Area – Catherine Watt suggested a marker

Researched at The Bata Shoe Museum which has a magnificent collection and exhibition of shoes from the entire world with over half being indigenous (www.batashoemuseum.ca)

We come up with these designs as shown
Turned into a stencil
Guelph – banners
Ontario Place – new park entrance
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The First Nation is preparing implementation across the territory and plans to meet with Ministry of Education to have this become a province wide initiative. You can help.

- suggest sites where the symbol could be painted
- research your own office location, give input on stories, write a lesson plan for your area, identify significant sites and areas

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