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YALE UNION BUILDING *Land Bio*

We should never forget that the Portland Metropolitan Area and the land on which the Yale Union Building stands, indeed this entire area of the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette rivers, is the traditional homeland and fishing and gathering range of tribes throughout the region. Its wealth of resources sustained Indigenous people who lived here both year-round and seasonally. These tribes have honored protected, and stewarded these resources for thousands of years and continue to do so today. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the peoples who have cared for it since time immemorial. This calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we all call home.*

We also honor and acknowledge the creek/water source that runs through the YU building basement. The creek ran due west between present day Belmont and Taylor streets.

FACTS ABOUT THE BUILDING

- The Yale Union building is located along the southern border of the Buckman neighborhood of Southeast Portland. It was built in 1908 and added on to in 1927 and 1929, and occupies a half city block.
- It consists of 36,000 gross/31,000 rentable square feet on two floors, with partial basement and partial mezzanine, plus a small 11-space parking lot.
- It was a commercial laundry until 1959, and became an auto fabric manufacturing facility from then until 2006.
- The building is constructed of unreinforced masonry. It has several unique features and was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 2007 in recognition of its women's labor movement history.
- The building title has a covenant that its use be restricted to serving the arts, and is key to the partnership between YU and NACF. YU wishes to maintain its mission for the arts even as it dissolves and transfers ownership.
- The YU Building is valued at an estimated \$5 million

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