



FDDC Executive Director, Matthew Lewis presenting at the Wabanaki Cultural Tourism Summit (Sept. 2024)

## Facilitating Community & Economic Development

### Challenge:

- Limited Wabanaki Tribal capacity for economic development, including cultural tourism.
- Needed facilitation and capacity building support
- State agencies sought efficient partner to elevate Wabanaki culture through targeted funding.

### FDDC Solution & Impact:

- Action: Led stakeholder-driven strategic planning.
- Outcome: Developed a comprehensive cultural tourism strategic plan with clear goals and initiatives, promoting community engagement and economic growth.