



## CALUMET HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP

*To identify, preserve and reclaim the natural, historical and recreational heritage of the Calumet region of Illinois and Indiana*

13300 S. Baltimore  
Chicago, Illinois 60633  
(773) 646-0436  
[www.calumetheritage.org](http://www.calumetheritage.org)

**Mission Statement:** To identify, preserve, protect and reclaim the natural, historical, cultural and recreational heritage of the Calumet region of Illinois and Indiana for the purposes of educating and inspiring the public, restoring regional pride, and revitalizing our communities and their interconnectedness."

**History:** The Calumet Heritage Partnership (CHP) is a diverse, bi-state Illinois/Indiana partnership of environmental, cultural and historical organizations and individuals, libraries, educational institutions, municipalities, and governmental agencies. Each partner is committed to celebrating, preserving and protecting the unique cultural and natural heritage of the Calumet region. CHP grew out of a 1998 National Park Service special resource study that highlighted the area's nationally significant natural and cultural resources.

### A Sampling of our Projects:

- Collecting, cleaning and organizing a trove of artifacts, photographs, and documents related to the steel industry; the collection is presently housed at the Pullman Factory.
- Mounting an annual Calumet Heritage Conference each year which shines a light on Calumet region cultural, natural and historical resources through distinguished speakers and innovative field trips.
- Facilitating the feasibility study for a Calumet Region National Heritage Area.

### Calumet Heritage Partnership Board of Directors:

Mark Bouman — President  
Associate Director, Science Action Center, *The Field Museum*; member, *Millennium Reserve Steering Committee*

William Peterman — Vice President  
Professor of Geography (retired),  
*Chicago State University*

Kate Corcoran — Secretary  
Director, Membership and Information Systems,  
*National Medical Library Association*

David Klein — Treasurer  
Past Executive Director, *Calumet Project*,  
a Hammond-based community/labor/religious  
coalition; Webmaster and developer of *Calumet Area League of Women Voters' Campaign Finance Online Project*

Michael Longan — Associate Professor of  
Geography, *Valparaiso University*; webmaster, CHP

Richard Lytle — Local History Librarian, Suzanne G. Long Local History Room, *Hammond Public Library*; Vice President, *Hammond Historical Society*; author

Sherry Meyer — community builder, urban guide, health & policy consultant, *InSites*

Mary Poulsen — Marketing Director,  
*City of Blue Island*

Rod Sellers — Volunteer, *Southeast Chicago Historical Museum*; retired Chicago high school teacher

Tom Shepherd — President, *Southeast Environmental Task Force*, member, *Millennium Reserve Steering Committee*; past President, *Pullman Civic Organization*

Tiffany Tolbert — Director, *Indiana Landmarks Northwest Field Office*

**Past Calumet Heritage Partnership Conferences and Host Sites:**

(held alternately in Indiana and Illinois)

---

- 2014 Art and Heritage: The Making of the Calumet (South Shore Arts)
- 2013 Network Calumet: A Heritage Resources Journey (Pullman State Historic Site)
- 2012 A Calumet Heritage Area Revisited (Indiana Dunes Visitors Center)
- 2011 Satellite Cities: The Role of the Industrial Suburbs in the Heritage of the Calumet Region (Blue Island, IL)
- 2010 Heritage of Industry, Community and Diversity in the Calumet Region (Valparaiso University)
- 2009 Calumet Regionalism: Past and Future (Chicago State University)
- 2008 Calumet Crossroads: Changes and Challenges in Regional Transportation (Indiana University Northwest)
- 2007 Beyond Artifacts: The Living Element in Industrial Heritage Areas (Chicago State University)
- 2006 Visions for the Calumet (Valparaiso University)
- 2005 Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: State of Steel (Chicago State University)
- 2004 Landscapes, Landmarks, Linkages (Purdue University Calumet)
- 2003 - No conference held -
- 2002 Transitions: Changes in the Calumet Region (Chicago State University)
- 2001 Rails & Tales, Celebrating our Railroad Heritage (Indiana University Northwest)
- 2000 Celebrating the Calumet Region (South Suburban College)
- 1999 Calumet 101 (Calumet College of St. Joseph)

For more information on about the Calumet Heritage Partnership  
and how you can participate, visit our website at [www.calumetheritage.org](http://www.calumetheritage.org) and like us on Facebook