



# Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative

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## Review of Participant Feedback on Calumet National Heritage Area Feasibility Study Findings

On October 29, 2016, as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Calumet Heritage Conference, the public was invited to the final presentation of the findings of a feasibility study to create a Calumet National Heritage Area. Participants' questions and comments are summarized below.

### Review of Participants Feedback

Question 1: What is the one thing you liked about what you heard today?

Top four themes in responses:

- 1) Great to have come this far (a few with overtone of "about time");
- 2) Value of bi-state nature;
- 3) Glad that capacity is developing;
- 4) Happy that valued aspects of heritage are included.

Question 2: Do you have any questions or concerns about the proposed feasibility study?

Top four themes in responses:

- 1) What are regional benefits/impacts going to be, especially economic?
- 2) What will tangible presence on the ground of the Heritage Area look like? Will there be key elements like education, trails, centers, etc.)?
- 3) How representative is this proposal of the whole region socially and culturally?
- 4) How are you disseminating and listening?

Question 3: Do you have any other comments?

Aggregation of other comments:

- 1) Racial representation needs to be in the process (not just in content).
- 2) How can we (orgs and individuals) support the effort?
- 3) Are you communicating what the heritage area will not do?
- 4) What about Lake Michigan as part of the story?
- 5) The initiative needs a film to convey your vision.
- 6) How can you include more folks in the process?
- 7) What about the petering out of specific steel heritage site efforts that failed (not sure which of the efforts is being referenced)?
- 8) Trails infrastructure is in position to be used right away to grow regional trails further and promote regional awareness.

### Next Steps

The feedback received from the conference will inform the full feasibility study, which the public will be able to review and comment online during a 30-day period (projected live date: 12/04/2016). Hard copies will be made available at select locations within the Calumet region. Locations TBD.

The Calumet Heritage Partnership is a bi-state non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the unique heritage of the Calumet region. The Field Museum is a partner of the Calumet Heritage Partnership. Together, they lead the feasibility study to designate the region as a Calumet National Heritage Area.

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