



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 17th 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.



The Marquette Plan supports the bi-state effort of the Calumet Heritage Partnership to establish a Calumet National Heritage Area. The Calumet National Heritage Area Feasibility Study is a priority project of the Millennium Reserve.



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