CREATING A CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA
ONE CONNECTED, BI-STATE REGION FRAMED BY TWO NATIONAL PARKS

Calumet Region

Proposed Calumet National Heritage Area

Pullman National Monument

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative
WHAT IS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA?

- Designated by Congress where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important story
- Public-private partnerships (*NHAs do not affect private property rights*)
- Grassroots, community-driven approach to heritage conservation, community revitalization, and economic development
- Lived-in landscapes
- 49 NHAs in the US; the first created in 1984
WHAT COULD A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DO?

• Showcase the region’s assets through “branding” and enhancing bi-state way-finding

• Stimulate economic development—a recent study concludes that every $1.00 of federal investment to a NHA generates $5.50

• Cultivate environmental and cultural preservation

• Foster education and stewardship of natural and cultural resources

• Create a process for bi-state dialogue and management
CALUMET NHA FEASIBILITY STUDY UNDERWAY

With guidelines from the National Park Service, the feasibility study process identifies:

• Nationally significant stories and resources, and the boundary that encompasses them

• The management and coordination of the NHA to meet regional goals and priorities
HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

Calumet Heritage Partnership
Identifying, protecting, and preserving the natural, cultural, and recreational heritage of the Calumet region of Illinois and Indiana

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The Calumet Heritage Partnership is a diverse, bi-state 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 heritage of the Calumet region.

Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative News
The Calumet Heritage Partnership has initiated a feasibility study to create a National Heritage Area. According to the National Park Service, National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are regions "designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape."

For more information see our National Heritage Area Feasibility Study page. For the latest news see Feasibility Study Update Newsletter Number 5 released January 2016.

Brief Report on Findings from Public Comment Meetings
On October 21-22 and 24, 2015, as part of the 16th Annual Calumet Heritage Conference, the public was invited to comment on key section drafts of the feasibility study to create a National Heritage Area for the Calumet region. What did we learn from your input? How will the comments and suggestions be used to inform the full feasibility study? Review the report by clicking on the link below: Report on Public Comment Meetings -- Calumet NHA

What is most nationally significant about the Calumet Region?
The 16th Annual Calumet Heritage Conference which took place in October allowed participants to share comments on drafts of key elements of the feasibility study. If you did not have a chance to attend you now have an opportunity to review the work completed to date that was presented as part of the conference.

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