Calumet National Heritage Area Feasibility Study
Regional Support

A total of 77 organizations, business entities, governmental officials, and subject matter experts submitted letters in support of the Calumet region’s national significance and its designation as a National Heritage Area. Below is a listing of letters received at the time of publication. A complete list is available at CalumetHeritage.org.

Legislative Offices
- Congresswoman Robin Kelly, 2nd District, Illinois
- Congressman Peter J. Visclosky, 1st District, Indiana

Regional Organizations
- Calumet Collaborative
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
- Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant
- Northwest Indiana Restoration Monitoring Inventory (NIRMI)
- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
- South Shore Clean Cities
- The Wetlands Initiative

Local Government
- Chicago Park District
- City of Blue Island
- City of Gary, Green Urbanism Division
- City of Michigan City
- Forest Preserves of Cook County
- Gary Historic Preservation Commission
- Lake County Parks
- Sanitary District of Michigan City
- South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
- Town of Ogden Dunes
- Village of Dolton
- Village of Homewood Heritage Committee
- Village of Park Forest

Businesses, Media, and Economic Development Organizations
- Calumet Area Industrial Commission
- City Forest Products, LLC
- Indiana Dunes Tourism
- Lakeshore Public Media
- Mortar Net Solutions
● Doug Ross, *The Times of Northwest Indiana*
● The Antero Group

**Philanthropic Foundations**
● Ford Hangar Foundation
● Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation
● Legacy Foundation

**Colleges and Universities**
● Calumet College of St. Joseph
● Indiana University Northwest, Calumet Regional Archives
● Prairie State College
● Purdue University Northwest
● South Metro Higher Ed Consortium
● University of Chicago, Program on Global Environment
● Valparaiso University

**National Organizations**
● *Kiwanis Club of Chicago Heights*
● League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region
● League of Women Voters of La Porte County
● National Parks Conservation Association
● The Nature Conservancy
● Urban League of Northwest Indiana
● Wild Ones, Gibson Woods Chapter #38

**Historical, Cultural, Recreational, and Environmental Organizations**
● Alliance for the Great Lakes
● Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative
● Blue Island Historical Society
● Cedar Lake Historical Association
● Dunes Learning Center
● Friends of Big Marsh
● Friends of the Forest Preserves
● Gary Historical & Cultural Society, Inc.
● Hammond Public Library’s Local History Room
● Historical Society of Ogden Dunes
● Homewood Historical Society
● Landmarks Illinois (LPCI)
● Lansing Historical Society
● National A. Philip Randolph Porter Museum
● Northwest Indiana Steel Heritage Project
- Openlands
- Save the Dunes
- Shirley Heinze Land Trust
- Spotlighting Southeast Chicago and Northwest Indiana
- South Shore Arts
- South Shore Trails
- South Suburban Heritage Association
- Southeast Chicago Historical Society
- Thornton Historical Society
- United Urban Network

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