

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
- Spotighting 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

Subject Matter Experts

- Robert J. Boklund, MSES, La Porte County Conservation Trust
- Michael Innis-Jimenez, Ph. D., University of Alabama
- Ann Durkin Keating, Ph.D., North Central College
- S. Paul O'Hara, Ph. D., Xavier University
- Kenneth J. Schoon, Ph. D., Indiana University Northwest (Emeritus)
- Christine J. Walley, Ph. D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology