Calumet National Heritage Area Feasibility Study Regional Support (April 2018)

A total of 79 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

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

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
- Chicago Southland Convention & Visitor’s Bureau
- 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
• Calumet Ecological Park Association
• 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

Subject Matter Experts
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• 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