



Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative

16TH ANNUAL CALUMET HERITAGE CONFERENCE

The National Significance of the Calumet Region

Thank You 16th Annual Calumet Heritage Conference Participants!

Thank you to everyone who attended the *16th Annual Calumet Heritage Conference*. Nearly 100 people contributed to rich discussions about the region's heritage, shared feedback on key sections of the feasibility study, and enjoyed a day-long tour of the bi-state region.

This year's conference offered four opportunities for the public to comment on key sections of the feasibility study to create a Calumet National Heritage Area: proposed themes, resources, goals, and study area boundary. We're grateful to the Vodak-East Side Public Library, South Suburban College, East Chicago Public Library, and Michigan City's City Hall for hosting the public meetings.

In true Calumet Heritage Partnership tradition, the conference culminated in a Grand Tour of the Calumet Region that highlighted a combination of more well-known sites and hidden gems that showcase the national significance of the region from the [Pullman National Monument](#) to the [Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore](#). Paul Labus from [The Nature Conservancy](#), and David Peterson Jr. and Dr. Lyn Hughes from the [National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum](#) provided valuable insights into some of the unique natural and cultural resources situated within the Calumet region. [Click here to view photos on Facebook](#)

Whether you participated in the Public Comment Meetings or joined us for the Grand Tour of the Calumet Region, we appreciate your continued interest, support, and valuable feedback on the Calumet National Heritage Area feasibility study. The Calumet Heritage Partnership's goals for the establishment of a Calumet National Heritage Area were enriched by the discussions that took place throughout the conference, and your invaluable comments will inform the full feasibility study draft to be presented in Spring 2016.

For more information about the Calumet National Heritage Area Feasibility Study initiative, visit [Calumet Heritage Partnership's Website](#) and [Follow Us on Facebook](#). Watch for a brief report on the results from the public commentary to be



Grand Calumet River Area of
Concern Restoration Hammond,
Indiana

Online Comment Period Open until November 30th!



Public meeting participants discuss the heritage resources of the Calumet region

If you were unable to be part of this year's conference but would still like to comment on the proposed Calumet National Heritage Area feasibility study sections, now is your chance!

Click the button below to share your comments on the proposed key themes that describe the national significance of the Calumet region, the natural and cultural resources that embody those themes, the study area boundary, and statements of regional goals and priorities. We want to hear from you!

[***Share Your Comments!***](#)

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.

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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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