

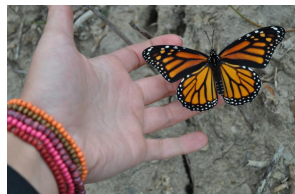
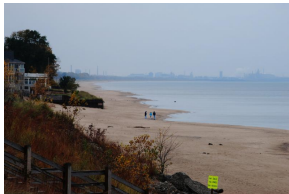
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# Environmental Heritage in the Calumet Region

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## Community Conversations



**Environmental stewards, conservationists, land managers, activists, and Calumet residents -- this gathering is for you!**

From the wetlands of Lake Calumet to the dune and swale of the Indiana Dunes National Park, the Calumet region is home to some of the most fragile and biodiverse habitats on the planet. Do you help to care for the greenspaces and wilderness areas that make up the region? Are you a nature enthusiast who enjoys seeing a sand hill crane or a lady slipper orchid? Do you advocate for reducing the impact of pollution in your neighborhood? Then come share your reflections on caring for and appreciating nature in the region. We're interested in hearing about how you connect with nature, what nature means to you, and how you would like to see it represented in a future Calumet National Heritage Area.

**Thursday, April 23, 2015\***

**5:30-7:30 pm**

**Meadowbrook Conservation Center  
and Preserve**

**Shirley Heinze Land Trust  
109 West 700 North  
Valparaiso, IN 46385**

**-OR-**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015\***

**3:30-5:30 pm**

**Vodak-East Side Branch  
Chicago Public Library  
3710 East 106th Street  
Chicago, IL 60617**

***Please bring a photo or an object that tells a story about your relationship to nature in the Calumet region. We will use these to start the conversation, so come ready to share!***

**About Community Conversations:** These community conversations are being hosted by The Field Museum in collaboration with the Calumet Heritage Partnership

to identify themes that can be used to interpret the region to residents and visitors. Insights from the conversations will inform the National Park Service Feasibility Study for a Calumet National Heritage Area. This set of environmental heritage conversations is the fourth in a series of community discussions about how the region's heritage can help to build its future. Upcoming topics will include the region's cultural and recreational resources.

**Register for the Calumet Summit:** Preliminary results from the community conversations will be shared and discussed on May 12-13, 2015, at the Calumet Summit, a bi-state gathering of environmental, governmental, business, non-profit, educational, and community groups coming together to discuss regional priorities. Click [here](#) to register for the Summit.  
Calumet Summit sponsor:



**About a Calumet National Heritage Area:** Across the country, National Heritage Area designations have helped to benefit local communities and landscapes. Learn more at [www.nps.gov/heritageareas/](http://www.nps.gov/heritageareas/) and [www.nationalheritageareas.us/](http://www.nationalheritageareas.us/).

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