

# The Road to Heritage Area Designation

## THE PAST

- 1980 **Lake Calumet Study Committee formed**  
Purpose is to combat threats to Lake Calumet wetlands
- 1992 **Lake Calumet Study Committee proposes a Lake Calumet Ecological (National) Park**
- 1993 **CEPA—the Lake Calumet Ecological Park Association is formed**  
Works to have National Park Service (NPS) conduct feasibility study for Park
- 1998 **NPS conducts a feasibility study for a Lake Calumet Ecological Park**  
Rejects Park proposal but suggests National Heritage Area designation might be appropriate
- 1998 **Bi-State Calumet Heritage Partnership (CHP) is formed with NPS assistance**  
Purpose is to pursue creation of a Calumet National Heritage Area
- 1999 **First annual CHP conference is held**
- 2000 **First Calumet Summit is held**
- 2001 **CSI —the Calumet Stewardship Initiative is formed**
- 2004 **CHP reorganizes**  
Restarts efforts to create a Calumet National Heritage Area
- 2011 **Field Museum partners with CHP**
- 2013 **Millennium Reserve names Calumet National Heritage Area a “priority project”**  
CHP announces (at its annual conference) it will undertake a National Heritage Area Feasibility Study  
Phase 3 of the Marquette Plan includes the Calumet National Heritage Area Effort

## THE STUDY

- 2013 Oct–2014 Jun **Planning for the Feasibility Study is undertaken**
- 2014 Jun **Feasibility Study officially begins**
  - Community Conversations
  - Resource Inventory initiated
  - Existing plans for the region identified and reviewed
- 2015 Jan **Working Group and Task Forces created** to identify important themes, resources, and regional priorities
- Feb **Pullman designated as a National Monument**
- May **Calumet Summit focuses on a National Heritage Area proposal**
- July **Work on Themes, boundaries, and resource inventory**
  - Theme Task Force meets and develops proposal
    - Themes proposal reviewed by panel of experts
  - Working group proposes boundaries
  - Resource inventory progresses

## THE PRESENT

2015 Oct **YOU ARE HERE—Public Meetings to review themes, boundaries, and resource inventory**

## NEXT STEPS

- 2015 Nov–2016 Apr **Revisions of themes boundaries and resources** (based on public comments)  
**Propose alternative coordinating/management structures** for the Heritage Area  
**Finalize resource inventory**, select final themes and boundaries
- 2016 Apr–2016 July **Second Set of Public Meetings** on themes, boundaries, resources, and management structure  
**Select coordinating/management structure and entities**  
**Build support** among public officials and other key regional stakeholders  
**Prepare draft Feasibility Study** for NPS and public review
- 2016 July **Final revisions of Feasibility Study document**

## THE GOAL

**Submit document to NPS for formal review**

## THE FUTURE

**Congress designates a Calumet National Heritage Area**  
**Management Plan prepared**  
**Calumet National Heritage Area acts to address regional goals and priorities**



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