



# Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative

## CREATING A CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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.

Calumet Heritage  
Partnership

The Field  
Museum

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.



The Marquette Plan

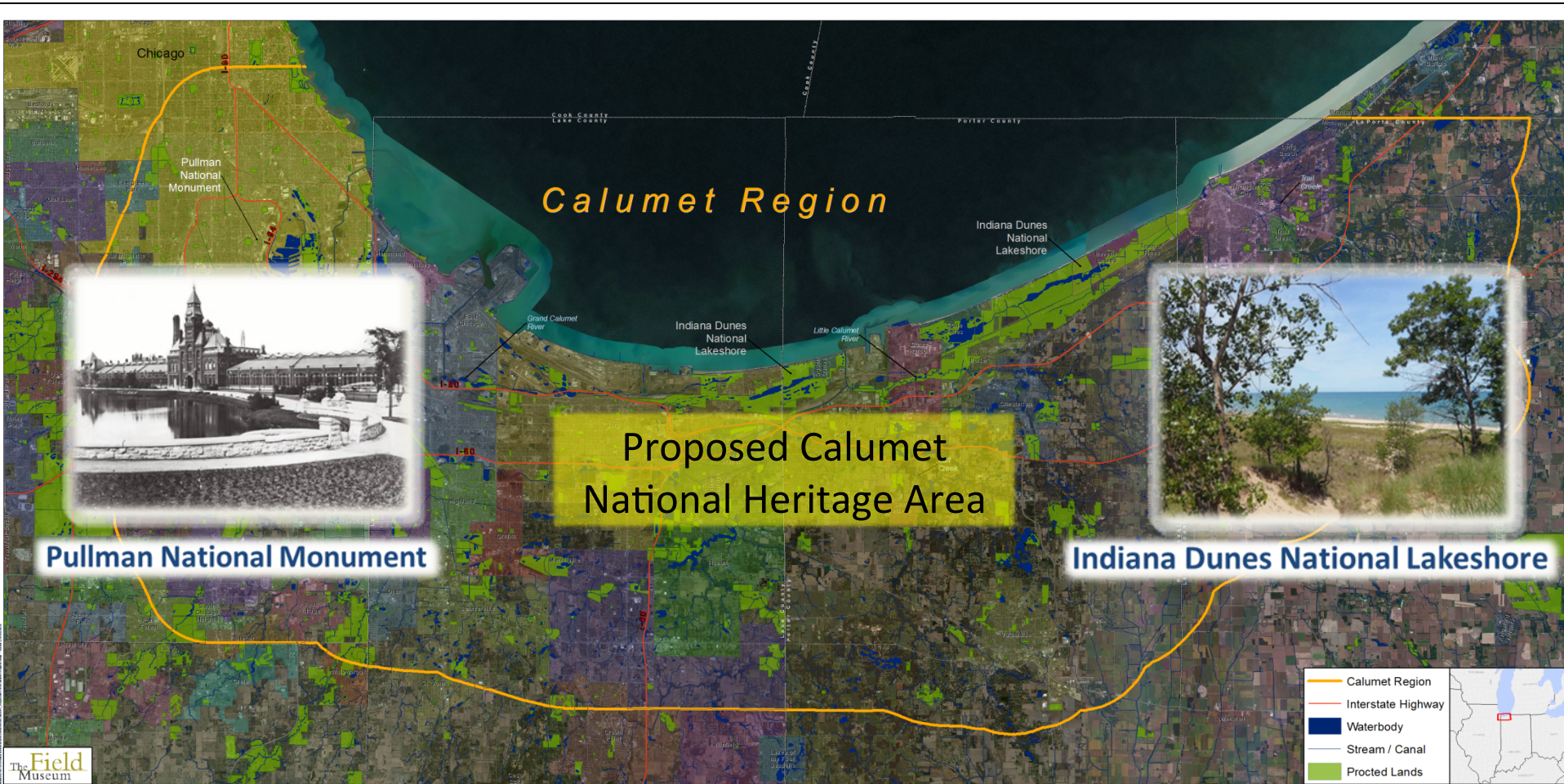
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# WHAT IS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA?

- Designated by Congress where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important story
- Public-private partnerships (*NHAs do not affect private property rights*)
- Grassroots, community-driven approach to heritage conservation, community revitalization, and economic development
- Lived-in landscapes
- 49 NHAs in the US; the first created in 1984



# WHAT COULD A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DO?

- Showcase the region's assets through “branding” and enhancing bi-state *way-finding*
- Stimulate *economic development*—a recent study concludes that every \$1.00 of federal investment to a NHA generates \$5.50
- Cultivate environmental and cultural *preservation*
- Foster *education* and *stewardship* of natural and cultural resources
- Create a process for bi-state *dialogue* and management





# CALUMET NHA FEASIBILITY STUDY UNDERWAY

With guidelines from the National Park Service, the feasibility study process identifies:

- Nationally significant stories and resources, and the boundary that encompasses them
- The management and coordination of the NHA to meet regional goals and priorities



# HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

## CALUMET HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP

Identifying, protecting, and preserving the natural, cultural, and recreational heritage of the Calumet region of Illinois and Indiana

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The Calumet Heritage Partnership is a diverse, bi-state partnership of environmental, cultural and historical organizations and individuals, libraries, educational institutions, municipalities, and governmental agencies. Each partner is committed to celebrating, preserving and protecting the unique heritage of the Calumet region.



### Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative

#### Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative News

The Calumet Heritage Partnership has initiated a feasibility study to create a National Heritage Area. According to the National Park Service, National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are regions "designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape."



For more information see our [National Heritage Area Feasibility Study](#) page. For the latest news see [Feasibility Study Update Newsletter Number 5](#) released January 2016.

#### [Feasibility Study \(PDF\)](#)

#### What is most nationally significant about the Calumet Region?

The [16th Annual Calumet Heritage Conference](#) which took place in October allowed participants to share comments on drafts of key elements of the feasibility study. If you did not have a chance to attend you now have an opportunity to review the work completed to date that was presented as part of the conference.

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