

Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative

CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE NO. 6

Welcome to the sixth issue of the Calumet National Heritage Area Feasibility Study Update. This newsletter provides updates on the progress of a Feasibility Study to establish a Calumet National Heritage Area. Additionally, it helps identify ways in which you can participate in the study process, and keep you abreast on related activities in the Calumet region. For further information about the Feasibility Study and the Calumet Heritage Partnership visit the [CHP website](#).

[The Calumet Heritage Partnership](#) and [The Field Museum](#), together are leading the ongoing effort to create a Calumet National Heritage Area. What is a National Heritage Area? What can a National Heritage Area do for our region? Watch this 6-minute video titled [Creating a Calumet National Heritage Area](#) to find out!

Help Us Spread the Word

We are committed to increasing public awareness and participation in the feasibility study process to create a Calumet National Heritage Area -- but we could use a little help from our friends.

We are *very* excited about this effort. And *you* should be too! Please consider joining our campaign by helping us with any or all of the following:

- Share this [Video](#) at your next community meeting
- Invite us to speak at an upcoming event - complete [Online Form](#)
- Like us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow us on [Twitter](#)



- Forward this email to others in your network that might be interested in learning more about the Calumet NHA Initiative

Next Steps

The final round of public comments will take place in June/July. Drafted themes, boundary, resources and management structure will be presented to the public. Dates, times and locations TBD. The feasibility study will be submitted to the National Park Service for review this Summer. Upon recommendation from the National Park Service, it is our hope that the bill to designate the Calumet region a National Heritage Area be introduced into legislation come Fall 2016.

For more information about the Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative visit

[Calumet Heritage Partnership's Website](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability - Documentary Film Screening & Panel Discussion

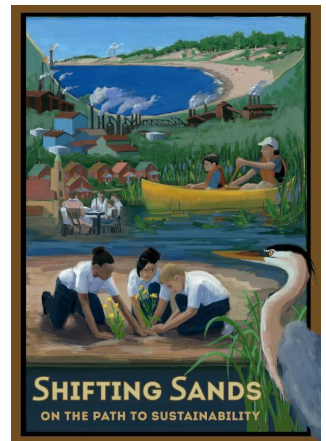
Don't miss a special film screening and panel discussion at The Field Museum! Saturday, May 7, 2016, 10am - 12pm

Field Museum Collections will be on display from 9:30am - 12:30pm

Location: James Simpson Theater, The Field Museum
1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL.

This event is **FREE** and open to the public. [Register Here](#)

Please enter The Field Museum through the West Entrance (between Lake Shore Drive and The Field Museum). Paid parking is available in the Soldier Field North Garage.



Join the filmmakers, local experts, and Field Museum scientists to explore the role of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and other nationally significant sites in activating heritage for sustainability in the bi-state Calumet region. Learn more about Field Museum collections from the region -- and efforts to create a Calumet National Heritage Area. For more information visit the [Event Page](#).

The documentary will explore the diverse ecosystem, journeys through the epic history, illustrate the controversial economic and environmental struggles of the past and explore a new way of thinking about our natural world in tandem with our economy. The results of this journey are gathering unique partnerships and showing movement toward wide scale restoration and sustainability of this unique Great Lake Region. Want a sneak peak of the film? [Watch the Shifting Sands Trailer](#).

SAVE THE DATE

2016 Calumet Heritage Partnership Event Series

Explore the Calumet region with engaging events throughout the year!

Calumet Rail Excursion | Spring | June 11, 2016

A narrated outing aboard the South Shore Line between Chicago and LaPorte County | exploring Hudson Lake, Hesston and Michigan City

Paddle the Calumet | Summer | July 30, 2016

A kayak + canoe paddle trip along the Calumet River | see south Chicago as no one has seen it before | well.. except for tugboat captains!

Bike the Calumet | Autumn | early October 2016

A weekend bicycle ride from downtown Chicago to the Indiana Dunes | nearly exclusively on paved trails | with overnight camping at the Indiana Dunes State Park

Check back for more updates on the event series by visiting [Calumet Heritage Partnership's Webpage](#).

MEDIA COVERAGE

Calumet NHA Initiative is making headlines!

It's no surprise that the Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative is making headlines in local news! The Calumet community is eager to learn more about National Heritage Areas and how this designation could benefit our bi-state region.

The Calumet NHA Initiative was featured in two local newspapers: The Times of Northwest Indiana and the Chicago Tribune. *Read the full articles here:* [Proposed heritage area could get boost in 2016](#), [Calumet region could get national designation](#). Both came on the heels of a presentation given by Mark Bouman, President of Calumet Heritage Partnership and Chicago Region Program Director for The Field Museum. In February, Bouman addressed the Executive Board of Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission and other stakeholders about the effort to create a National Heritage Area for the Calumet region. [Watch NIRPC presentation](#)



The Calumet NHA Initiative was also highlighted as one of many efforts that can have a positive impact on the future of our region. Read about what Ty Warner, Executive Director of NIRPC has to say about this in the article [HERE](#).

And just in case you missed the Lakeshore Focus episode featuring the Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative, here it is - [Lakeshore Focus - Calumet Heritage Project](#)

AROUND THE REGION

Calumet's Industrial Heritage Exhibition

Calumet Heritage Partnership kicked off its 2016 Event Series with the opening of *Calumet's Industrial Heritage Exhibition*.

Over 100 ++ attendees came out to admire the work of two local artists, Kathy Los-Rathburn and Matthew Kaplan, who shared their watercolor paintings and photographs that capture the unique beauty of our region's industrial landscape. The artist reception was held at South Shore Art's Substation No. 9 in Hammond. Did you miss the art exhibit? Don't worry this one will be traveling to another South Shore Arts location and will feature community engagement events for teachers, youth and members of the local community!

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Celebrating Regional Heritage

This past February 19th marked the first "holiday" celebration for the region.

The holiday now known as "219 day", named after Northwest Indiana's area code and created by Hammond, Indiana Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. The one-of-a-kind event was held at the Hammond Civic Center drawing thousands from around the region. The event featured local foods as well as White Castle sliders, live music, stand up comedy, beer from 18th Street Brewery, 3 Floyds Brewing, Wildrose Brewing, and Byway Brewing, and of course giant Region Rats! The celebration was overall a success and exemplified #regionpride!

For a list of future events visit [City of Hammond's Events Page](#).



Mayor McDermott and CHP Vice President Sherry Meyer

Steel on the Lakeshore

Explore the Region's history with steel - for better and worse. [Lakeshore Public Radio's](#) Steel on the Lakeshore stories include features, updates on the struggling industry, and what the future holds for a once dominant industry in Northwest Indiana.



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Check out these episodes:

Black Steelworkers: Their Lives and Views - [Listen Here](#)

A Hard Time in the Mills - [Listen Here](#)

For a complete list of programs visit [Lakeshore Public Media](#).

2016 CHP Board of Directors

Calumet Heritage Partnership welcomes three new board members in 2016! Jason Berry joins CHP as the Deputy Director of Community Development for the City of Blue Island, as well as La'Kisha Girder, Deputy Director of Planning for the City of Gary and David Holmberg, EHS Director at the Calumet Industrial Commission. CHP is pleased to have them as part of the organization and looks forward to their participation and contributions to the Board of Directors.

Officers: Mark Bouman, President, Michael Longan, Vice-President, Illinois, Sherry Meyer, Vice-President, Indiana, Karen Brozynski, Secretary, David Klein, Treasurer

Board Members: Jason Berry, John Cain Kate Corcoran, La'Kisha Girder, David Holmberg, William Peterman, Diane Pugh, Thomas Shepherd, Tiffany Tolbert

Thank you to past board members *Heath Carter, Richard Lytle and Mary Poulsen* for your dedication and service to Calumet Heritage Partnership.

[Read Board of Director Biographies](#)

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.



The Marquette Plan

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