



Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative

CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE NO. 8

Welcome to the eighth 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](#).



Feasibility Study Report Highlighted at Calumet Heritage Conference

A four-year process to create a Calumet National Heritage Area entered its final phase at the *17th Annual Calumet Heritage Conference* on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at Lake Etta County Park in Gary, Indiana. The conference focused on the final presentation and open discussion of the feasibility study findings to create a National Heritage Area for the bi-state Calumet region. The findings were presented by Dr. Mark Bouman, President of Calumet Heritage Partnership and Chicago Region Program Director at The Field Museum. Special highlights from the film documentary *Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability* were shown and presented by author Dr. Kenneth Schoon and producers Tom Desch and Pat Wisniewski. The afternoon portion of the conference featured guided tours by Calumet Heritage Partnership's board members that explored their "favorite places around the region" with a hike to the beach at Cowles Bog and a journey along the region's three major rivers.

Were you unable to attend this year's conference?

Watch the video footage of the final presentation of feasibility study findings [here](#). View the photo gallery on CHP's Facebook page [here](#).

What did we learn?

Feedback received from attendees was favorable. The following comments give a flavor of what we learned:

1. *What is the one thing you liked about what you heard today?*

- "the use of heritage as an economic driver"
- "excited to see the outstanding effort to identify, group, honor and celebrate the Calumet region"

2. *Do you have any questions or concerns about the proposed feasibility study?*

- "if there's no recognition as a NHA, what alternative steps can be taken" and "what happens to this awesome network/study"
- "keep engaging residents, tour groups, and businesses to our area"

3. *Do you have any other comments?*

- "more about current relationship between industry and conservation as it relates to sustainability"
- "would like to see this become more consciously recognized in minority communities"

To review additional feedback received from conference participants, click [here](#).

What's next?

The input received from the conference will be used to inform the full feasibility study that the public will be able to review and comment online during a 30-day period (projected live date: 12/04/16). Hard copies will be made available at select locations within the Calumet region. Locations TBD.

For more information about the Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative visit [Calumet Heritage Partnership's Website](#).

Get Involved

Looking for ways to stay engaged in the Calumet NHA effort?

- **Review, comment and share** the full feasibility study online (projected live date: 12/4)
- **Become an ambassador!** Here are some [tools](#) to help us inform, educate and build support for the Calumet NHA.
- **Pledge** your support online by clicking [here](#)
- **Join** our social media campaign through [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

Can't find what you are looking for? Contact Madeleine Tudor at mtudor@fieldmuseum.org.

Become a Member

Join the Calumet Heritage Partnership

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.

- **Become a member** online by clicking [here](#)
- **Attend** the annual members meeting at the end of January
- **Volunteer** at upcoming CHP events
- **Participate** in the planning/implementation of future pilot projects

Want to find out more about the organization or other ways to get involved? Contact Vice-President, IL Sherry Meyer at sherry.meyer@att.net.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Calumet Heritage makes region news!

Just in case you missed pre/post conference media coverage, here are a few articles and radio segments to catch up on.

- [Calumet Heritage Area promoters say "now is the moment"](#), *NWI Times*, November 1, 2016
- [Feasibility Study on Calumet National Heritage Area Review on Saturday](#) Lakeshore Public Radio's Regionally Speaking, October 24, 2016
- [Dr. Mark Bouman on Calumet National Heritage Area](#) Region News Team, October 20, 2016
- [Heritage area discussions ongoing in Porter County](#) Chicago Tribune, September 29, 2016



CHP EVENTS

Calumet's Industrial Heritage: Works by Kathy Los-Rathburn and Matthew Kaplan



Encore Event | 2016 Calumet Heritage Event Series

Exhibit: September 30 - January 7

Location: South Shore Arts Crown Point Gallery | 123 North Main Street | Crown Point, IN 46307

Hours: Open Wednesday thru Saturday 12-4 PM

The Calumet Heritage Partnership continues its 2016 Calumet Heritage Event Series with an encore exhibit at South Shore Arts' Crown Point Gallery featuring two local artists who capture the complex beauty and nature of the region's industrial landscape in watercolor paintings and photographs. Called Calumet's Industrial Heritage: Works by Kathy Los-Rathburn and Matthew Kaplan, the exhibit is a collaboration between the Calumet Heritage Partnership and **South Shore Arts**. It runs from September 30th - January 7, 2016. The Crown Point Gallery is located at 123 North Main Street in Crown Point, Indiana.

The Calumet Heritage Partnership seeks to preserve the Calumet region's bi-state industrial heritage and promote its natural, cultural and recreational features. The Partnership is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. It is working to create the Calumet National Heritage Area.

For more information visit CHP's [Events Page](#) or [Facebook](#).

AROUND THE REGION

Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability

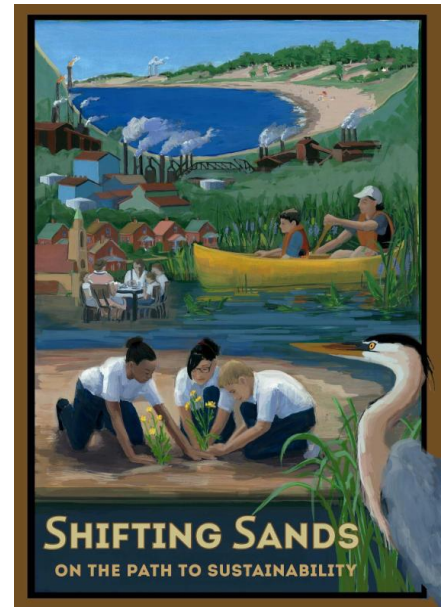
Still haven't seen the film?

Don't miss out! Be sure to check out the upcoming film screenings listed below:

- November 21st - 12:00PM - Indiana Garden Club at Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN
- December 7th - Time TBD - Two Rivers Coalition, Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, MI

Shifting Sands tells the compelling story of the creation of the Indiana Dunes State Park and National Lakeshore, from its early designation as the birthplace of ecological science in North America, to the creation of one of the largest industrial hubs in the world, and finally as a model toward a more sustainable future in terms of the environment, economy and communities along the south shore of Lake Michigan.

For more information about the film visit shiftingsandsmovie.com.



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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