

Calumet Collaborative Conservation Initiative Dashboard



What, How, & Measuring Success

What: Advance integrated bi-state conservation strategies so residents and visitors can connect to and enjoy natural areas and recreation.

How: Advance land and wildlife conservation while restoring and/or maintaining biodiversity and high-quality habitat. Connect and convene partners to bring conservation to areas not previously covered in conservation planning efforts.

Metrics

Coming 2019

Project

Dates

Tasks and Progress

Next Steps

Conservation
Action Planning in
Northwest Indiana

April -
October
2018

Released the [Calumet Land Acquisition & Habitat Restoration Plan report](#) in October 2018. [Fact sheets](#) on each gap area also created as public outreach tools.

Will continue to distribute fact sheets to engage partners as necessary.

Calumet Needs
Assessment Survey

Current - Q1
2019

Presented [survey results](#) and November advisory council meeting and held a group discussion on potential solutions to challenges identified by the survey. These solutions can guide 2019 work for the conservation work group.

Conservation work group to meet week of January 7th to decide which potential solutions are the best ones to pursue, and will update advisory council in February 2019 meeting.

Ecological
Assessment Tool

Q1 2019

Started engaging in conversations about taking a leadership role in this project. Project features ecological assessments in Gary, Indiana and is part of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

Determine if Calumet Collaborative has the time and capacity to take a leadership role in this process.

Partners

Alliance for the Great Lakes, Audubon, Chicago Park District, City of Gary, Field Museum, Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Graft Tree Care, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Coastal Program, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDNR) Coastal Program and Division of Nature Preserves, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Lake County Parks, LaPorte County Parks, MPC National Parks Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA), Nisource, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), Openlands, Porter County Parks, Pullman National Monument, REI, Save the Dunes, Shirley Heinze Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, The Wetlands Initiative, US Fish and Wildlife, US Forest Service, US Geological Survey (USGS)

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