

Together, We Can Make the Calumet Region Thrive.

Spanning southeast Chicago, south Cook County and northwest Indiana, the bi-state Calumet region boasts proud and diverse communities, important natural ecosystems and a powerful industrial heritage. Calumet Collaborative fosters a new level of collaboration in sustainable development as the Calumet region builds toward a vibrant future for people, wildlife and business.

Our Focus Areas

To achieve this vision, the Collaborative develops synergies with partners across the region with a focus on:



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Convene partners to design a world-class, inclusive economy that builds on the Calumet region's industrial heritage and supports local business



LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Support the growth of healthy communities and lifestyles and promote places and opportunities that connect people to where they live, work and play



CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Celebrate the Calumet region's proud heritage and elevate its vibrant cultural scene



ENVIRONMENT

Strengthen individual and regional efforts to restore, protect and connect natural areas to improve the quality of land, air and water for people and planet

MISSION

Calumet Collaborative is dedicated to achieving inclusive regional prosperity and improving quality of life by focusing the attention and resources of diverse stakeholders on priorities and on-the-ground work that integrate community, economic, and environmental values and have regional impact.

VISION

The advancement of a thriving Calumet region through transformative sustainable development



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How We Will Get There

Climate resilience and equity are overarching drivers of our work. Core strategic initiatives include:

Drive innovative, regional solutions through collaboration and inclusion to bring former industrial sites back into productive reuse through **Brownfield Redevelopment**

Bring economic opportunity, enhanced quality of life and pride of place through the promotion of cultural heritage assets of the region with the **Calumet National Heritage Area initiative**

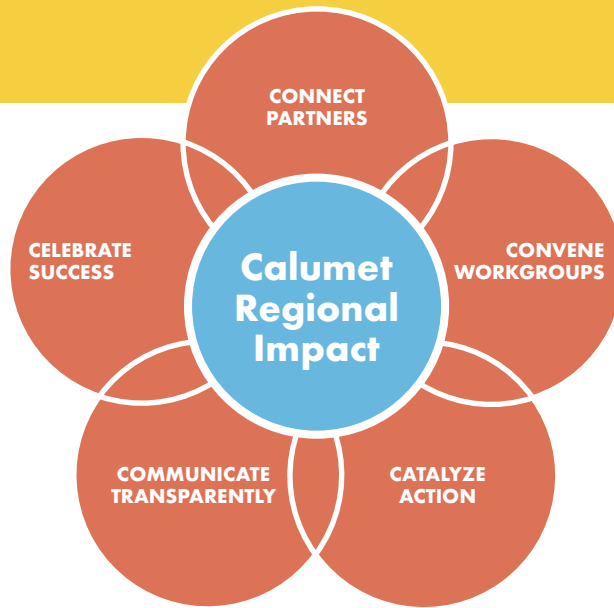
Create opportunities that connect residents to their community, help visitors get around and showcase recreational and cultural activities with **Wayfinding**

Restore, protect and connect natural areas on a regional scale to improve the quality of land, air and water with **Bi-state Conservation**

Our Model

Foster stronger collaboration across agencies, organizations and research institutions —utilizing public private partnership (P3) principles— to leverage resources and provide greater impact than any one organization could achieve on its own

Establish and promote a shared identity for the region and promote its assets



Leverage sustainable development opportunities to compete globally as a unified region

Empower communities and stakeholders by providing pathways to engage and participate in transforming the region

WHO'S INVOLVED?

This bi-state organization is the first to focus on sustainable development as it relates to the interconnected facets of economy, environment and community.

Calumet Collaborative positioned itself with the leadership to take on these challenges. This cross-sectoral collaborative includes lead decision makers from the region's various companies, organizations and community groups.

The Calumet Collaborative Board of Directors includes committed partners from:

- ArcelorMittal
- Calumet College of St. Joseph
- The Chicago Community Trust
- Crown Family Philanthropies
- Far South CDC
- The Field Museum
- Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission
- Shirley Heinze Land Trust

The Calumet Collaborative Advisory Council is made up of 40+ additional regional leaders.

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