

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
Calumet Needs Assessment Survey	Finished end of 2018	Presented survey results and November advisory council meeting and held a group discussion on potential solutions to challenges identified by the survey.	These solutions guide 2019 work for the conservation work group.
Volunteer Management	Ongoing	There is a need for stronger stewardship strategy and volunteer management. Connect with Calumet Stewardship Initiative on programming calendar and Calumet Outdoor Series.	Help plan and promote Calumet Outdoor series - it is a good entry point for stewardship of the region. Calendar developed for the Calumet Heritage Area can include volunteer opportunities.
Grant Database & Grant Writing Workshop and/or Guide	Ongoing	A resource that identifies and communicates grant opportunities in the region, combined with a resource that improves grant writing, will increase the quality of grants in the region and address the funding issues identified in the conservation survey.	Identifying the top 10-15 grant opportunities in the Calumet region to reach out to funders and get their perspective on what makes a successful grant. Will incorporate into the project's output.

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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