

Some Lessons Learned...

1. The ecology of the Calumet Region remains at risk.
2. Nevertheless, lots of good things are happening and a number of emerging opportunities are available to us.
3. Given the multi-dimensional and dynamic nature of the various challenges and opportunities that have been addressed, comprehensive, cross-jurisdictional planning is essential.
4. Too few adults are engaged or even aware of key issues pertaining to ecology. Given this, children are the key to the true development of an environmental ethic.
5. The community may be important, but parochialism is a serious impediment to progress. Community action needs to be informed by a regional focus and an abiding commitment to the region as a whole.
6. We need to employ as many alternative lenses as possible.
7. Given this, more “boundary-spanners” are needed.

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8. Although much valuable, region-specific research is underway, there's a need to connect it more effectively with decision-making across a broad range of domains and activities.
9. Connections between researchers and those who implement strategies are important as well.
10. Certain environmentally-sensitive economic development opportunities may be appropriate for the Calumet Region. The time to act with respect to these opportunities is now, however.
11. Emerging social media may have great potential, but if you weren't "born digital," hire a young person who knows what he or she is doing.