

This draft project compilation is a work in progress. If your organization has been engaged in the Calumet region, please let us know! Send us the name of the organization, project title(s) and indicate which categories the work falls under. Send the information, along with any comments, critiques or suggestions to Mike Siola, Calumet Environmental Resource Center, at bsmfs@csu.edu or call 773-995-2964.

DRAFT CW Member projects in the Calumet Region						
CW Organization	Project work	Project category				
	These projects have been compiled from among the 178 members of CW that have been or currently are working in the Calumet region. Projects have been categorized according to CW teams. For a complete list of CW members go to http://www.chicagowilderness.org/coalition/members/index.cfm	Education/Communication	Sustainability	Science	Natural Resources Management	Advocacy
Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative	Coordinates regular meetings related to Wolf Lake	x	x			x
Audubon - Chicago Region	Conduct birding events in area	x				
Bird Conservation Network		x				
Calumet Ecological Park Association	working to preserve natural lands of the Lake Calumet area and NW IN, highlight historical aspects and revitalize economy	x	x			x
Calumet Environmental Resource Center		x				
Center for Neighborhood Technology			x			
Chicago Ornithological Society	Conduct birding events in area	x				
Chicago Park District						
Chicago State University	Lake Calumet Partnership 2002: Chicago State University Community Teaching and Research Prairie Garden: three acres of a former industrial site will be converted into a prairie habitat and research garden on the CSU campus.	x		x		

City of Chicago, Dept. of Environment	Lake Calumet Partnership 2002: Hydrological Improvements to the Calumet Area: to improve the hydrology of the wetlands in the Lake Calumet region, including Indian Ridge Marsh, Big Marsh, Heron Pond, Deadstick Pond, the Lake Calumet North Turning Basin and the Lake Calumet Conservation Area. Calumet Area Ecological Management Strategy coordination with various partners to develop plans and priorities and data gaps for the Calumet area open spaces. Ecotoxicology Roundtable to develop ecological screening mechanism to protect ecological health during site planning and rehabilitation. Site planning for Hegewisch Marsh, Van Vlissingen Prairie and Indian Ridge Marsh. Purple loosestrife control project. Ford Calumet Environmental Center. Biodiversity Blitz project with various partners. Site investigations (Phase I, Phase II, wetland delineations) on various Calumet properties. Hydrologic Master Plan Phase II - Water and Sediment Quality project. Calumet Government Working Group meeting coordination. Part of Calumet Stewardship Initiative - design/print/coordinate Events Listing.	Science		x			
Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy							
CorLands/Openlands			x				
Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest	In 2002, helped stop proposed development of 1000-slip boat marina in Lake Calumet					x	
Field Museum	Mighty Acorns programs; Journey through Calumet (the US Forest Service funded the FM's Center for Cultural Understanding & Change) an asset mapping project. Plan and coordinate Calumet Stewardship Day each May. Doug Stotz- bird inventories. Bioblitz coordination. Inventory of plants at Hegewisch Marsh. Other CW funded projects include: Sustainable Calumet Network; NW IN Mighty Acorns Program.	x					
Forest Preserve District of Cook County	Manage habitat restoration work at Green Lake Savanna, Sand Ridge Nature Preserve, Cal City Prairie, Powderhorn Lake. Participate in education programs including Mighty Acorns, Preserve Keepers Corps (high schools) and other projects including Sand Ridge Boardwalk (bird observation), signed the Burnham Trail, new signage at Eggers and Powderhorn and completed the Burnham Greenway forest preserve district segment.	x			x		
Friends of the Chicago River	participate in the Calumet Stewardship Initiative and have done some outreach work there. Would like to do more.	x					

Lake Michigan Federation	Work on advocacy, community outreach and open space planning initiatives in Calumet. Work with Prince Charitable Trust and the Southeast Environmental Task Force to do community outreach open space planning along the Calumet River Corridor. Are interested in working on opening up Lake Calumet to the public and doing habitat restoration there. Have provided capacity building to the Wolf Lake Initiative. Working on the Marquette project. Expressed need for updated scientific data on Lake Calumet.	x	x				x	
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago	Monitor water levels at Deadstick Pond; participate in Government Working Group							
Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission	March 2004, NIPC awarded a Full Circle Grant to the Lake Calumet Region (SETF) for part of a neighborhood mapping and planning project. This grant equips organizations with a web-based mapping tool (Parcel Pointer) and the visioning tool Paint the Region. NIPC and Openlands also have created the Greenways Plan, as well as the Water Trails plan that includes the Calumet Water Trail .			x				
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission								
Northwestern Indiana Forum Foundation								
Openlands Project	worked with NIPC on the Greenway project; extensive work with Boy Scouts at Hyde Lake Wetlands, conducted TreeKeepers, community gardening program involved in Calumet	x						
Purdue University Calumet	Young Choic has done research around Wolf Lake; Ed Pierson has outreached to Calumet jr. highschool kids for an education program in engineering and the sciences held at Purdue University; Purdue would like to do more science education programs targeting primarily high school age kids.	x			x			
Save the Dunes Conservation Fund	Save the Dunes has some land holdings in the area, but no current projects. Interested in participating in future if there is a role for them to play.	x				x		
Shirley Heinze Land Trust								
Sierra Club	Lake Calumet Wetlands Project						x	

Southeast Environmental Task Force	Good Neighbor Dialogues with 12+ industries, includes promotion of sustainable business practices, clean diesel initiative, greening of industrial properties, and more; East Side/Cal. River Industrial Corridor dust study; Chicago's Steel Heritage Project: gathering a wide range of partners to promote clean-up and adaptive reuse of Acme Coke Plant site; Lake Calumet Vision committee: Promoting appropriate planning for the lake and its shores; Calumet Corridor Vision/NIPC Full Circle mapping project: gathering wide range of data to be used for planning recreational, tourism, and open space development; Indian Ridge marsh black-crowned night heron study in partnership with USDA FS; advocating for permanent landfill moratorium and sustainable waste management strategies, includes gathering the 15 organizations Citizens for Landfill Alternatives partnership; Lake Calumet Ecosystem Partnership - chair steering committee, outreach committee; environmental education programming in two highschools through classroom and club activities, toxics to treasures tours; administer regional office for Calumet Initiative.	x	x	x		x	
The Nature Conservancy - IL Chapter							
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Taltree Arboretum & Gardens							
Thorn Creek Audubon Society							
University of Illinois				x			
US Army Corps of Engineers	Jean Sellar mentioned that the Corps has designated Calumet a "special area management" site and that there have been numerous mitigation projects. One mitigation projects, years ago, was near Lake Calumet (Mike Maholic of Corps was the project coordinator for Lake Calumet). Jean mentioned that it would be interesting to do a study of Lake Cal. now to assess how the area is doing. The Corps has also engaged in flood control projects, ecosystem restoration (mostly streambank) on both the Grand Calumet and Little Calumet rivers and they are part of the Great Lakes Watershed ecosystem restoration project.			x			

US Dept. of Energy, Argonne National Laboratory							
US EPA - Great Lakes National Program Office	Funded grants for Purple Loosestrife Project (DOE), Bioblitz (DOE), Cluster Site analysis (DOE), participate in Calumet Government Working Group. Also: Supplemental Environmental Projects, Lake Calumet Ecosystem Partnership meetings. Superfund group working on Cluster Site.			x			
US EPA - Region 5	see above						
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Part of Calumet Government Working Group. Collaborated on Amphibian and Reptile Study with IDNR. Involved in projects that require extensive collaboration.			x			
USDA Forest Service	Have committed tremendous resources to the Calumet area and participated in many projects (with many partners!) including: "Aligning Social & Ecological Drivers of Urban Landscape Change: The Calumet Urban Riparian Area"; "Indian Creek Rehabilitation"; "Calumet Ecological Management Strategy (EMS)"; Environmental Factors Influencing Recreation Choice in Post-Industrial Landscapes"; "User Group Perceptions, Attitudes and Uses of Open Sapce in the Calumet Region"; "Impacts of Human Activity on Black-crowned Night Herons"; "Mapping Social Assets in the Lake Calumet Region"; "Special Places in the Calumet Region"; "Phased Phytoremediation Strategy to Protect Indian Ridge Marsh"; "A Multi-Objective Decision-making Tool for the Redevelopment of the Calumet Region"; "Calumet Area Integrated Database"; "Calumet Angler Study".						
USDI National Park Service	Calumet Ecological Park Feasibility Study, 1998. the NPS conducted a study to: 1. determine "the suitability of establishing a park", 2. looked at "the long term future use of the Lake Calumet area" and 3. examined "Ways in which Calumet Ecological Park would..."benefit and enhance...cultural, historical, and natural resources of the Lake Calumet area and northwest Indiana." Dunes Educator Institutes - professional development credits. Draws in teachers from northwest Indiana, as well as South Chicago. Teacher Training Hub initiative - partnering with universities and non-formal educators to facilitate a NW IN teacher training hub and coordinating professional development opportunities.	x	x	x			

The Wetlands Initiative	in 1997, the Wetlands Initiative created "Stakeholders in the Natural Areas and Wetlands of the Lake Calumet Region, Chicago, IL", a directory of organizations, agencies and public elected officials. It includes a description of the activities of those organizations in Calumet, as well as contact info.	x						
Other Resources								
Calumet Integrated Research Database	Searchable database of research papers and publications involving calumet region							
Center for Cultural Change and Understanding	Asset Based Mapping Project at Field Museum							
Marquette Project Working Group	developing a comprehensive plan to reclaim Indiana's lakefront							
Calumet Stewardship Initiative	This initiative is a coalition of numerous local, regional and state organizations and agencies providing conservation education programs in the Calumet region. Call (312)744-5959 for more information.							