

# Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

A not-for-profit organization and land trust

Working across state boundaries to enhance the Wolf Lake Watershed



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## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) received support totaling \$5,625 from three community partners this summer. It received grants from the Legacy Foundation of Lake County, Indiana Humanities and the city of Hammond.

“AWLI provides public programs throughout the year and these grants will help us continue this effort into 2018,” Michael Boos, executive director of AWLI, remarked. “All three have supported us in the past and AWLI appreciates their continued generosity.”

The Legacy Foundation agreed to AWLI’s full request of \$3,100 for the support of six events, all free to the public, held from July 2017 to July 2018. This grant provided \$500 for the Active Living Faire, which took place at the Environmental Education Center in Hammond on Sept. 30, and \$500 for the ongoing “Calumet Revisited: A Monthly Forum on the Calumet Region.”

Future amounts will go toward the Greening of the Arts Tour on Oct. 14 and the Greening of the Arts Reception on Oct. 20 which opens the Show. The Show will extend to Dec. 8. Other events funded are the Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee meeting on Nov. 3, the Winter Wonderland at Wolf Lake Festival on Jan. 13 and the Wolf Lake Bi-state Wetlands, Wind and Water Festival on May 26-27.

Indiana Humanities agreed to AWLI’s full request of \$1,925 for support of seven evenings in its “Calumet Revisited” speakers’ series from November to next October. The series, cosponsored also by Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ), focuses on the rich cultural and environmental history of the Calumet Region. These seven presentations will focus on history or other humanities-related aspects of this region’s heritage.

Some of the upcoming presentations funded by this grant include a Nov. 7 presentation about the Southeast Chicago Historical Society by its executive director, Rod Sellers, and a Dec. 5 presentation of “Calumet College: 1970s Struggles and Beyond” by Walter Skiba, associate professor of arts and humanities. All presentations will begin at 5 p.m. in Room 265 of CCSJ.

The city of Hammond agreed to the full request of \$600 to cosponsor the Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting on Nov. 3. This meeting, with the theme “Envisioning Tomorrow,” will bring together property managers, representatives of public agencies and other stakeholders

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to discuss ongoing and proposed projects to enhance the Wolf Lake Watershed.

Besides the Legacy Foundation and the city of Hammond, cosponsors of this meeting include AWLI, CCSJ and the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant. ArcelorMittal has also donated \$1,000.

The Greening of the Arts tour on Oct. 14 will start at Calumet College's Bernard Gallery at 8:30 a.m. A car caravan will then visit other art galleries in Northwest Indiana and Southeast Chicago.

AWLI, headquartered at CCSJ, is a non-profit organization and land trust seeking to promote and enhance the Wolf Lake Watershed.

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