

## **NEWS FROM NIRPC**

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### **Marquette Action Plan Available for Public Comment**

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is releasing the Marquette Action Plan for a 30 day public comment period. The comment period will begin May 30, 2018 and end on June 28, 2018. The Marquette Action Plan builds on The Marquette Plan, a comprehensive and collaborative vision for guiding future decision-making across all of Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline, an area that holds a tremendous amount of opportunities and challenges.

The Action Plan identifies land across Northwest Indiana's shoreline that may feasibly be transformed into new publicly-accessible areas for conservation, recreation, amenities, and livable communities, if it were made available for that purpose. The Marquette Action Plan looks beyond traditional property conversion and defines different categories of access across the lakefront, and identifies a means for accommodating those different uses on a region-wide level. Funding for this project was provided in part by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Lake Michigan Coastal Program, and the Regional Development Authority.

The document is available for review on the NIRPC website at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org). Requests for alternative formats may be directed to Mary Thorne by calling 219-763-6060, ext. 131, or by email at [mthorne@nirpc.org](mailto:mthorne@nirpc.org). TTY users may use the Relay Indiana service by calling 711 or 800-743-3333. Comments can be submitted until June 28, 2018 by 2:00 pm in the following ways:

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- United States Postal Service: NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368

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