

Chapter IX: Consultation and Coordination

Internal Scoping

Internal scoping was conducted by an interdisciplinary team of professionals from Keweenaw National Historical Park, the NPS Midwest Regional Office and members of the consultant team. Interdisciplinary team members met in October 2007 and June 2008 to discuss the purpose and need for the project; various alternatives; potential environmental impacts: past, present, and reasonably foreseeable projects that may have cumulative effects; and possible mitigation measures. The team also gathered background information during the course of their visit. Over the course of the project, NPS and consultant team members have conducted individual site visits to view and evaluate the proposed treatment alternatives.

External Scoping

External public scoping was conducted to inform various stakeholders and the public about the proposal to establish treatments for historic landscapes at Keweenaw National Historical Park and to gather comments about input on the preparation of this CLR / EA. An early meeting with stakeholders was conducted on June 17, 2008 at the Franklin Township Fire Hall at the Quincy Unit. Stakeholders identified issues that should be considered and/or addressed in the CLR / EA including; prioritization of viewsheds and land uses, vegetation management, vehicle and pedestrian access, visitor safety and active interpretation of site features. A public scoping meeting was conducted at the Franklin Township Fire Hall on June 18, 2008. The public offered limited input on issues or direction the CLR / EA should take; however there were several questions related to different landscape elements of the Quincy Unit, the CLR / EA process and project schedule. Following the public scoping meeting, NPS partners and NPS staff led a walking tour of the Historic Industrial Core area.

To publicize the stakeholder and public scoping meetings, a press release was forwarded to local media outlets and a public notice was forwarded to NPS partners and placed in public locations throughout Hancock and Houghton, MI for the public scoping meeting. Individual letters were also sent to NPS partners and other stakeholders inviting them to the stakeholder meeting.

A press release was forwarded to local media outlets to publicize a subsequent public information meeting. The press release resulted in an article in the Daily Mining Gazette and an interview on the local public radio station. Public meeting notices were provided to NPS partners and displayed in public locations throughout Hancock and Houghton, MI. The public information meeting was held in the City of Hancock Council Chambers during the evening of Wednesday March 4, 2009. Thirty-three people attended the public information meeting. To generate discussion, meeting participants viewed pre-decisional landscape treatment concepts. Public discussion ranged from making zoning recommendations in advance of local government to ensuring a quality visitor experience and amenities.

Agency Consultation

In addition to the internal and external scoping, the project team contacted state and federal agencies for information and comments relevant to the proposed action. Agencies contacted included:

Federal

- U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Section 7 coordination letter forwarded to USFWS was dated June 29, 2007. The USFWS responded to the NPS in a letter dated July 17, 2007.

State

- Michigan Natural Features Inventory. The information request letter to MNFI was forwarded in July 2007. The MNFI responded to the NPS on July 11, 2007.
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources. An email request was forwarded to MDNR August 11, 2008. The Michigan DNR responded via email on September 23, 2008.
- Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Early contact with the State Historic Preservation Officer was initiated in 2009. The SHPO received the internal NPS draft of the CLR / EA, which included Chapters 1-6. The SHPO responded with general support for the project in a letter dated February 5, 2009; however the SHPO stated that they will not able to fully respond until the public review CLR / EA is provided.

Federal and State response letters are provided at the end of this chapter.

Cultural Landscape Report / Environmental Assessment Review

To inform the public of the availability for the CLR / EA, the NPS published and distributed a press release to various agencies and members of the public on the park's mailing list, as well as place an ad in the local newspaper. Copies of the CLR / EA will be provided to interested individuals, upon request. Copies of the document are available for review at the CLK Public Library in Calumet, MTU Van Pelt Library and Portage Lake District Library in Houghton, and the Hancock School Public Library in Hancock, Michigan. Other copies are available at Franklin Township, Quincy Township, the City of Hancock, and the NPS website.

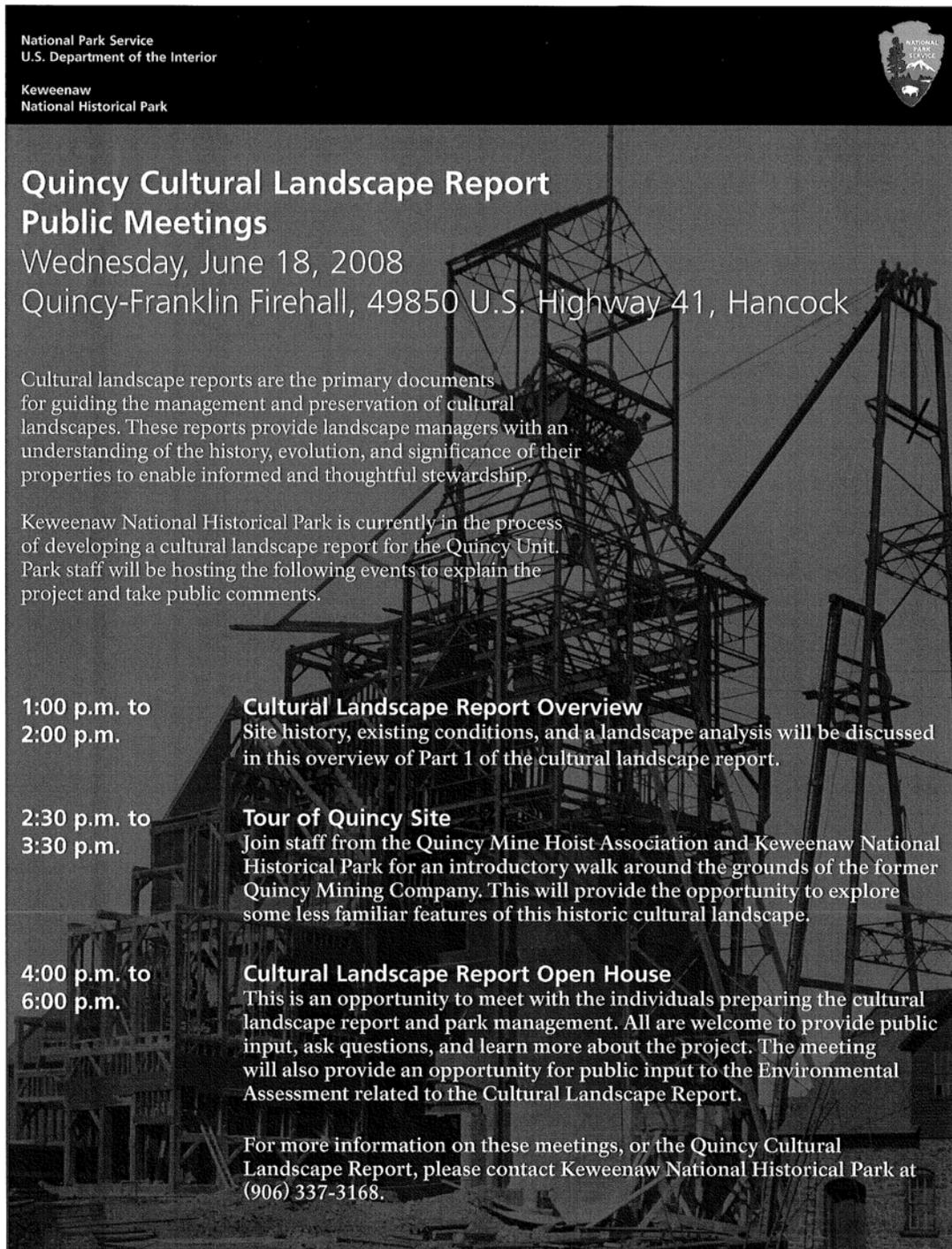
The CLR / EA is subject to a 30-day public review and comment period. During this time, the public is encouraged to submit their written comments to the NPS address provided below:

CLR / EA Comments

ATTN: Tom Baker, Management Assistant
Keweenaw National Historical Park
25970 Red Jacket Road
Calumet, MI 49913

Another option for public comment is to access the NPS website for Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) at parkplanning.nps.gov and choose Keweenaw National Historical Park to provide comments on the CLR/EA. Following the close of the comment period, all

public comments will be reviewed and analyzed, prior to the release of a decision document. In response to internal NPS and public review, the NPS will make appropriate changes to the CLR / EA as needed.



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Quincy Cultural Landscape Report Public Meetings

Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Quincy-Franklin Firehall, 49850 U.S. Highway 41, Hancock

Cultural landscape reports are the primary documents for guiding the management and preservation of cultural landscapes. These reports provide landscape managers with an understanding of the history, evolution, and significance of their properties to enable informed and thoughtful stewardship.

Keweenaw National Historical Park is currently in the process of developing a cultural landscape report for the Quincy Unit. Park staff will be hosting the following events to explain the project and take public comments.

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Cultural Landscape Report Overview**
Site history, existing conditions, and a landscape analysis will be discussed in this overview of Part 1 of the cultural landscape report.

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Tour of Quincy Site**
Join staff from the Quincy Mine Hoist Association and Keweenaw National Historical Park for an introductory walk around the grounds of the former Quincy Mining Company. This will provide the opportunity to explore some less familiar features of this historic cultural landscape.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Cultural Landscape Report Open House**
This is an opportunity to meet with the individuals preparing the cultural landscape report and park management. All are welcome to provide public input, ask questions, and learn more about the project. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for public input to the Environmental Assessment related to the Cultural Landscape Report.

For more information on these meetings, or the Quincy Cultural Landscape Report, please contact Keweenaw National Historical Park at (906) 337-3168.

Quincy Unit Cultural Landscape Report / Environmental Assessment



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Johnson/KEWE/NPS@NPS, Daniel A Brown/KEWE/NPS@NPS, Ellen
Subject: Keweenaw NHP Press Release

For IMMEDIATE and Tuesday, June 17, 2008 Release
Digital files are attached for your convenience.

Contact: Tom Baker, Management Assistant
Phone: (906) 337-1104 ext. 131

Or Contact: Steve DeLong, Landscape Architect
Phone: (906) 337-1104 ext. 122

Park Invites Public - Seeks Input on CLR

(Calumet, MI) Keweenaw National Historical Park (NHP) invites the public to a presentation of Part One of the "Quincy Cultural Landscape Report and Environmental Assessment" (CLR/EA) at the Quincy-Franklin Firehall on Quincy Hill (US-41) on Wednesday, June 18 from 1:00-2:00 P.M. The informational meeting will be followed by a tour of the Quincy site, hosted by the Quincy Mine Hoist Association from 2:30-3:30 P.M., and a CLR Open House back at the Quincy-Franklin Firehall from 4:00-6:00 P.M.

The presentation will provide an overview of the CLR, which contains historic research and documentation of the Quincy landscape over time; inventory and mapping of existing conditions; and an analysis of landscape character and integrity. This report is the result of a collaborative effort by park staff and a consulting team from Quinn Evans | Architects and Woolpert, LLC.

The public is invited to join staff from the park and the Quincy Mine Hoist Association for a tour of the Quincy site, which will provide an opportunity to explore some less familiar features of this historic cultural landscape.

The Open House will provide an opportunity for public input. Environmental assessment, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, is an important component of this project, and one where public input is of high value to the process. Environmental assessment considers the effect and impact of any action on the overall human environment, including the natural, built, tribal, economic, and social environments. The careful consideration of treatment alternatives will lead the way to a recommended treatment plan, which will guide National Park Service efforts in the Quincy area well into the future. Public involvement is important to the success of this project.

The project team welcomes discussion and comments from all interested parties. Please contact Keweenaw NHP Landscape Architect Steve DeLong, ASLA at 337-1104 x 122 if you wish to know more about the CLR/EA effort, or if you have information to share regarding the history or management of the Quincy Unit. The park looks forward to public participation at the meetings.



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Thanks for helping to spread the word!

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Quincy Cultural Landscape Report Public Meeting Wednesday, March 4, 2009 City of Hancock Council Chambers 399 Quincy Street, Hancock

Cultural landscape reports provide park managers with an understanding of the history, evolution, and historical significance of historic landscapes. They foster informed and thoughtful management and preservation of these properties. And they recommend future treatment of a historic landscape.

Keweenaw National Historical Park is developing a cultural landscape report for the Quincy Unit, including Quincy Hill, and to a lesser degree, the Quincy Smelter. Park staff will be hosting a public meeting to discuss the project with the public.

7:00 p.m. to
8:30 p.m.

Public Meeting

This meeting will present an overview of preliminary landscape treatment alternatives and provide an opportunity to discuss suggestions, preferences, and concerns. All are welcome to attend, ask questions, provide comments, and learn about the project. The meeting will also be an opportunity to comment on the forthcoming Environmental Assessment of the treatment alternatives.

For more information on this meeting, or the Quincy Cultural Landscape Report, please contact Keweenaw National Historical Park at (906) 337-3168 or visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/kewe.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

July 17, 2007

Mr. David Dister
Woolpert, Inc.
1910 Pine Street, Ste. 420
St. Louis, MO 63130-2254

Re: Endangered Species List Request, Proposed Keweenaw National Historic Park-Quincy Unit Project, Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Dister:

Thank you for your June 29, 2007 request for information regarding federally listed and proposed threatened and endangered species, candidate species, or critical habitat near the proposed project. Your request and this response are made pursuant to section 7 of Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). You are conducting an ecological assessment for the park.

Your photo of the project location indicates this is a partially undeveloped, forested site. However, most of it is developed. You should determine whether the undeveloped portions of the site may be suitable for Canada lynx, and/or whether lynx may be affected. If you determine the site is not suitable, or that lynx are not present at the site, or that lynx would not be affected by this proposed project, you may conclude section 7 consultation without further contact with this office. If Canada lynx may be affected, further contact with us would be warranted.

Please refer to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Endangered Species Assessment website, www.mcgi.state.mi.us/esa and contact Ms. Lori Sargent at sargenl2@michigan.gov for information regarding the protection of threatened and endangered species under State law. State law may require a permit in advance of any work that could potentially damage, destroy or displace state-listed species.

For future endangered and threatened species list requests and consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, refer to our new endangered species, section 7 consultation and technical assistance website, located at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/angered/section7/s7process/index.htm>. Information about the website is attached.

We appreciate your concern for endangered and threatened species. Any questions can be directed to Tameka Dandridge of this office at Tameka_Dandridge@fws.gov or 517/351-8315.

cc: MDNR-Wildlife Division, Lansing, MI (Attn: Lori Sargent)



Enclosed is the data requested from Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI). This information is a list of Element Occurrences (EO) at the section level. The sections contain the centroid of the EO. In some cases, the extent of an animal's range or a community type may extend past the section containing the centroid.

This information is the best available regarding elements tracked by MNFI. This list, however, is not a definitive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of the natural features in any given locality. Plant and animal populations and natural communities change with time. Also, not every site has been specifically surveyed. Therefore, the information provided should not be regarded as a complete statement on the occurrence of special natural features of the area in question.

The recipient(s) of the information services understand that state endangered and threatened species are protected under state law (Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 365, Endangered Species Protection). Any questions, observations, new findings, violations or clearance of project activities should be conducted with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. Contact Lori Sargent or Todd Hogrefe at (517) 373-1263. The recipient(s) of the information services understand that federally endangered and threatened species are protected under federal law (Endangered Species Act of 1973). Any questions, observations, new findings, violations or clearance of project activities should be conducted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in East Lansing. Their phone number is (517) 351-2555. Recipients of the information are responsible for ensuring the protection of protected species and obtaining proper clearance before project activities begin.



Michigan Natural Features Inventory

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This information is used to guide conservation and land management activities. Some of the element records are historical. While this information may not be important for regulatory purposes, it is important for management and restoration purposes and for scientific use.

The following codes are used for the Federal and State status:

Federal Status:

C = Candidate - species being considered for federal status
LE = Listed endangered
LT = Listed threatened
LELT = Listed endangered in part of the range, threatened in a different part.
PE = Proposed endangered
PT = Proposed threatened
PS = Partial status - status in only a portion of the range

State status:

E = Endangered (Legally protected)
T = Threatened (Legally protected)
SC = Special Concern (Rare or status uncertain; not legally protected)
X = Presumed extirpated (Legally threatened if rediscovered)

For questions about MNFI and the data, contact Ed Schools, MNFI, (517) 373-0798, or schoolse@michigan.gov

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Hancock Quadrangle - 4708825

Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observed	Federal Status	State Status	Element Category	TOWN	RANGE	SECTION
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Douglas's Hawthorn	2001-06-08		SC	Plant	55N	34W	26
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	1996	LT,PDL	T	Animal	55N	34W	12

Chassell Quadrangle - 4708815

Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observed	Federal Status	State Status	Element Category	TOWN	RANGE	SECTION
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Douglas's Hawthorn	1950-06-13		SC	Plant	54N	34W	1
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Douglas's Hawthorn	1959-06-30		SC	Plant	55N	34W	35

From: Lori Sargent [mailto:sargentl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tue 9/23/2008 1:55 PM
To: DiMisa, Joe
Subject: T&E Species Review

Dear Mr. Di Misa:

RE: Threatened/endangered species review for Keewenaw National Historical Park, Quincy Unit

The location of the proposed project was checked against known localities for rare species and unique natural features, which are recorded in a statewide database. This continuously updated database is a comprehensive source of information on Michigan's endangered, threatened and special concern species, exemplary natural communities and other unique natural features. Records in the database indicate that a qualified observer has documented the presence of special natural features at a site. The absence of records may mean that a site has not been surveyed. The only way to obtain a definitive statement on the presence of rare species is to have a competent biologist perform a field survey.

Under Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 365, Endangered Species Protection, "a person shall not take, possess, transport, ... fish, plants, and wildlife indigenous to the state and determined to be endangered or threatened," unless first receiving an Endangered Species Permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. Responsibility to protect endangered and threatened species is not limited to the list below. Other species may be present that have not been recorded in the database.

The presence of threatened or endangered species does not preclude activities or development, but may require alterations in the project plan. Special concern species are not protected under endangered species legislation, but recommendations regarding their protection may be provided. Protection of special concern species will help prevent them from declining to the point of being listed as threatened or endangered in the future.

The following is a summary of the results for the project in Houghton County.

The following list includes unique features that are known to occur on or near the site(s) and may be impacted by the project.

common name	status	scientific
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Douglas' hawthorn	special concern	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>
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Douglas's hawthorn inhabits borders of woods, often in rocky woodlands and on rock summits, also in thickets on sand dunes and shores. This is a tall shrub, Michigan's only *Crataegus* with dark blue-black fruit, easy to recognize when mature. Flowering occurs in May, fruiting in August and September. Special concern species are not protected under endangered species legislation, but they are considered to be rare in Michigan.

In summary, the project site may include suitable habitat for the above listed species. Potential impacts might include direct destruction of species and disturbance of critical habitat.

NOTE: An e-mail will get a quicker response from me than voicemail in most cases

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DR. WILLIAM ANDERSON
DIRECTOR

February 5, 2009

JAMES CORLESS
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RE: ER-930564 Keweenaw National Historical Park draft Cultural Landscape Report & Environmental Assessment (CLR/EA), Hancock, Houghton County (NPS)

Dear Mr. Corless:

We have reviewed the draft *Quincy Mine Historic Landscape Cultural Landscape Report/Environmental Assessment*. We concur in the report's general Quincy Unit landscape treatment guidelines. We are not in a position to fully evaluate the several alternative treatment plans for the historic industrial core but support the general concepts that buildings and ruins be stabilized, waste rock piles be left intact, historic views be preserved, and new development – particularly along US-41 and atop the Quincy Hill – be controlled to the degree possible through all the methodologies proposed in the report.

We support the Keweenaw National Historical Park's plans to investigate, document, and protect archaeological resources. We agree that the intent to conduct an archaeological survey of the Quincy Unit and prepare an Archaeological Overview for the park are important steps in that process.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is not the office of record for this **undertaking**. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. If the scope of work changes in any way, or if artifacts or bones are discovered, please notify this office immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Grennell, Environmental Review Specialist, at (517) 335-2721 or by email at ER@michigan.gov. **Please reference our project number in all communication with this office regarding this undertaking.** Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Officer

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