

# of Dunes Stewardship



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### Chellberg Farm Acquisition

The 1972 acquisition of the Chellberg Farm heralded an era of new environmental and interpretive programs at the park. The 80-acre farm, established in 1869 by Johanna and Anders Chellberg, represents the area's agricultural and Swedish heritage and is the scene of popular community festivals.



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### Superintendent Dale Engquist (left) with Polish Sister Park Director Jerzy Misiak.

For 23 years, Superintendent Dale Engquist has developed partnerships that have fostered better preservation of park resources and improved outreach to the international and local communities. Some of his nontraditional partnerships include a Sister Park in Poland, Kampinos National Park, the Field Station Cooperative Preschool, the Lake County Solid Waste Management District, and the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. He has forged dozens of other partnerships that have enhanced the National Lakeshore's mission.



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### Mount Baldy Beach Nourishment

Battling beach erosion has always been a park priority. In 1974, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began working with the National Lakeshore on beach nourishment at Mount Baldy to mitigate shoreline erosion caused by the Michigan City Harbor structures.



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### Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center

Founded in 1998, the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center stands at the site of the historic Good Fellow Club Youth Camp, built in 1941 by U.S. Steel for employees' children. The learning center immerses students and educators from Indiana and Illinois in a residential program that cultivates stewardship of the environment along the southern shores of Lake Michigan.



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### Expansion Bill Adds Miller Woods

Congress approved Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's first expansion bill in 1976, adding the West Unit and Heron Rookery to the park. Although the 1966 authorizing legislation included only 8,330 acres of land and water, subsequent expansion bills (1976, 1980, 1986, and 1992) have increased the park's size to more than 15,000 acres.



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### New Visitor Center Groundbreaking

The Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission broke ground for the new Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center near State Road 49 and U.S. Highway 20 in Porter in 2005. The new visitor center, a partnership with the National Lakeshore opening in November 2006, will include exhibits, information on the Dunes and Porter County, an auditorium, and a book store.