



**COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
of the  
Laurentian Vision Partnership**

**Meeting VI**

Tuesday, March 27, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.  
Iron Range Resources  
Mineland Reclamation Office, Chisholm, MN

**Objective**

To review the status of major activities and actions decided at the January 30, 2007 – Laurentian Vision Partnership Meeting, and prepare the agenda for the May 15, 2007 Laurentian Vision Partnership Quarterly Meeting

<b>WORK GROUP COORDINATOR UPDATES</b>		
<b>A. FACILITATING REGIONAL VISIONING</b>		
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Brochure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final draft is done. Review and comments to Dan Jordan by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Provide contact information to Dan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send final draft out to membership.</li> </ul>
<b>Sub-Regional Meetings and East Range Minorca Charrette Participation</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dan will contact and set dates and then announce all four sub-regional meetings (send out a notice when finalized to all LVP members).</li> <li>Invite all sub-regional groups/their members to participate in the Minorca East Range Charrette. Send the week's agenda and encourage them to attend the Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> outcomes review session.</li> <li>Start with sub-regional meetings on the East Range and Quad Cities if possible</li> <li>Try to have one sub-regional meeting before the Charrette if possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Web Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Web development proposals are due to IRR by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>Mid-April IRR will engage the web master and begin the work. Our web page setup will be part of IRR's web site system. May have LVP web site for review online in July at our summer quarterly meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide brief update on progress at May meeting.</li> <li>Plan to show at the IREA Fall membership meeting. Make a 10-15 minute presentation at that time. Coordinate with Tiffany.</li> <li>Acknowledge in upcoming Range E-View</li> </ul>

<b>WORK GROUP COORDINATOR UPDATES</b>		
<b>B. DELIVERING TOOLS &amp; RESOURCES</b>		
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Mine Map</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present at regional group meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Underground Sewer Network for District Regional Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation made to U.S. Steel on what is being learned in the central range area.</li> <li>• May consider expansion of study to the MinnTac area in the future (LCMR funding could be pursued by MDNR).</li> <li>• Important for today's operating mines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide brief update</li> </ul>
<b>Iron Range GIS Collaborative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARDC USGS request for pilot work was submitted and four projects funded nationally. Awarded a 50,000 matching grant.</li> <li>• Will need to raise the \$50,000 match.</li> <li>• Next step: Organize a Steering Committee to lead and complete funding development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Chell to give overview of application and Pilot Phase at May LVP meeting – 10 minutes.</li> </ul>
<b>Wetlands Banking Policy Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional group recommendations presented to legislative committees this session.</li> <li>• Four funding proposals for inventory banking activities have surfaced.</li> <li>• Federal Clean Water Act – possible changes coming at the national level.</li> <li>• Not just a mining issue. It's a land use development issue that the communities need to address.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five minute update on the legislative process – State &amp; Federal at May LVP meeting – John Chell.</li> <li>• Send out a Committee Briefing Report to LVP members in advance (four proposals and funding alternatives) – John Chell will provide to Dan Jordan.</li> </ul>
<b>Mesabi Iron Range Large Scale Project Maps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor changes made this quarter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request changes at next LVP meeting (routine update request each quarter).</li> </ul>
<b>Minorca East Range Pit Charrette (Mittal Steel)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background work being done by Chris Carlson and the Planning Committee.</li> <li>• Funding is in place.</li> <li>• Good design team has been assembled and being prepped for the event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim will get the schedule from Chris and email to LVP members ASAP (Tim will provide to Shelly).</li> <li>• "Wetland Creation" notion to design team – Tim will bring up.</li> </ul>
<b>Keewatin/Taconite Area Charrette</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest still there. Heard more in past several months about the need to plan.</li> <li>• County comprehensive plan in process and has been brought up.</li> <li>• KeeTac has a new plant manager.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need a letter to the regional sub-groups on the East Range Charrette.</li> </ul>
<b>LVP Training for Engineers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal has been submitted to the Iron Ore Coop (\$85,000 is needed).</li> <li>• Chris Carlson is pursuing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update needed until more is known.</li> </ul>

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<b>C. TARGETING PRIORITY PROJECTS</b>		
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Innovation Grant Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bio-mass was funded for UTAC in the amount of \$51,000.</li> <li>• Chisholm Pit Lake Prototype is working out issues with IRR               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Dan Jordan and Doug Hildebrand are working on this</li> <li>– Expect a future meeting with several Iron Range Resources members</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wind Study approved – this project is in Mountain Iron.</li> </ul>	
<b>2006 Accomplishments – Draft</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need review and comments on the draft accomplishments summary to Dan Jordan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send out with quarterly LVP meeting packet.</li> </ul>

<b>SUB-REGIONAL GROUP UPDATES (NO UPDATE FROM CIRI OR EAST RANGE READINESS)</b>		
<b>GROUP</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Quad Cities – Tiffany Anderson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hwy 53 Corridor Study commissioned               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Dave Salene is preparing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• July meeting presentation?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check to see if a presentation could be made at the July meeting – Tiffany Anderson</li> </ul>
<b>Western Mesabi Planning Board – Doug Learmont</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charrette status remains the same</li> <li>• Comprehensive plans are in progress               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Itasca County</li> <li>– City of Nashwauk</li> <li>– City of Keewatin</li> <li>– City of Taconite</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Canisteo water outflow plan is in place               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Implementation funding is being pursued (\$3.4 million/State &amp; Federal)</li> <li>– Intent is to siphon from the pit to the lake to the river.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide general update in May</li> </ul>

<b>LVP STRATEGIC WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS 2007 – 2010</b>	
<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2003-2005 and 2005-2006 LVP Strategic Plans will be sent out to the LVP membership (discuss at May meeting)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-Committee or Coordinating Committee will work up a Draft Plan for 2007-2010               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Overall strategy with one (1) year Action Plan.</li> <li>– Committee will prepare a draft for the July meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR LAURENTIAN VISION PARTNERSHIP MEETING – MAY 15, 2007</b>		
<b>REPORT/PRESENTATION</b>	<b>PRESENTER/OTHER</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>East Range Charrette</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Carlson and John Koepke</li> <li>• Terry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>GIS Wetlands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Chell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Jordan and Randy Lasky</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Sub-Regional Planning Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Jordan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Iron Mining Association</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new President, Chris Pagel, has been invited to speak in either May or July</li> </ul>	TBD
<b>Handbook/Brochure/Web Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Carlson and John Koepke</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Mining Engineer Training/SME Involvement Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Carlson</li> </ul>	

<b>MEETING NOTICE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice of the meeting will be sent out after the Charrette ends on April 26<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

<b>MEETING PARTICIPANTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anderson, Tiffany</li> </ul>	Eveleth EDA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chell, John</li> </ul>	Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gietzen, Latishe</li> </ul>	Cleveland Cliffs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiti, Brian</li> </ul>	Iron Range Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lasky, Randy</li> </ul>	Northspan Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learmont, Doug</li> </ul>	WMMPB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastika, Tim</li> </ul>	MN DNR Lands & Minerals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkovich, Shelly</li> </ul>	Iron Range Resources