

Laurentian Vision Partnership

Meeting XXVIII Report

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Iron Range Resources, Mineland Reclamation Office
Chisholm, MN



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Meeting Objectives

The Facilitator reviewed the past meeting results, next steps and highlighted meeting objectives and the agenda for today's meeting.

Review and agreement on the Laurentian Partnership organization purpose, operational priorities, structure and support systems. Specific objectives include:

- 1) *Review and concur* on proposed name change, vision, mission and goals
- 2) *Finalize* operational framework and support roles and responsibilities
 - Organizational chart
 - Facilitator
 - Iron Range Resources staff
 - Partners
- 3) *Hear* progress reports from Work Groups and Regional Groups

Meeting Summary

Participant Introductions and Agenda Review

The meeting opened with a welcome to the new and former participants around the table and everybody introduced themselves by sharing their names, role and reasons for joining the Laurentian Vision Partnership meeting.

Organizational Name, Purpose and Goals

At the previous Laurentian Vision Partnership (LVP) meeting, partners expressed the need to review and clarify the vision, mission and goals of this initiative. Iron Range Resources staff and Facilitator prepared and reviewed a proposed draft vision, mission, goals and priority action areas statement, with the following developed and adopted after considerable discussion and input by the partnership.

Vision Statement

"Transforming pits and piles to living lakes and landscapes...our legacy for the future."

Mission Statement

The Laurentian Partnership will serve as a cooperative forum to mutually benefit both public and private interests by envisioning and promoting productive post mining landscapes.

Organizational Goals

The goals of the Laurentian Vision Partnership are to support local communities, mining companies and other agencies and organizations in:

- *Preserving* lands to sustain current and future mining
- *Promoting* landscape options for post mining uses
- *Identifying* and discussing new development opportunities
- *Providing* the tools to achieve these goals

Roles and Responsibilities

The partners also discussed their roles and responsibilities as members. A worksheet was emailed in advance of the meeting for discussion. It was agreed that the Facilitator will re-email the three (3) questions and partners will respond back to him. He will compile a summary of results, specifically, resources and expectations to share at our next meeting.

Work Group Reports

Individual work group representatives provided the following reports and next steps.

Action Areas	Work Group Priorities	Work Group Members	Next Steps
Facilitate Regional Visioning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and Implement an Iron Range Communication Strategy 	Marlene Pospeck, <i>Convener</i> Tim Pastika Doug Learmont John Koepke, <i>Primer/Handbook</i> Joe Scipioni,	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marlene Pospeck is the new Interim Convener of this work group. Joe Scipioni will continue to serve as a work group member.
Deliver Tools and Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update mineland map. Proposal to begin a Charrette at Mittal Steel USA Minorca Mine area. 	Marty Vadis, <i>Convener</i> Tim Pastika Dennis Hendricks Pete VanDelinder Doug Learmont Tom Gardner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Inland/Isplat mine expansion in process. EAW – coming out shortly. EIS – out next year. Couple of months away from planning the Charrette. Expect to have a Charrette in October. Preparations will begin in July (10th or 12th) –cost \$7,000 for preliminary meetings. Resources: preliminary work & Charette total = \$60-\$70,000 cash & in-kind. Local coordinator is needed Which sub-group will be the lead – Quad Cities or East Range?
Target Priority Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Met with WMMPB to discuss LVP and Iron Range Resources reclamation. Other sub-regional group formation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convince Biwabik & McKinley to join Readiness Group Quad Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forum planned w/speakers to discuss LVP (Virginia 7/19, 1-3 P.M., IRCC) to 	Ray Svatos, <i>Convener</i> Dan Jordan Doug Hildenbrand Doug Learmont Barry Lesar Delyle Pankratz Marlene Pospeck Tim Pastika Vickei Tuskan Randy Lasky Tiffany Anderson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ray & Randy will meet with Biwabik, McKinley and Biwabik Township Set up a process for sub-regional groups to prioritize, propose and coordinate charrette/land design projects on an ongoing basis <p>(See Appendix A)</p>

	provide info, current projects, interests in an ongoing group		
	4. Keewatin Council Meeting attended by Joe Scipioni, re: possible Charrette		

GIS Presentation by Iron Range Resources/ARDC

Dave Yapel, GIS Specialist, with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC), presented the results of a GIS assessment completed by ARDC/Iron Range Resources for Iron Range communities. The purpose was to learn about current GIS capabilities and data resources, as well as interest in use of GIS as a multi-faceted tool.

Assessment Outcomes

- All communities interviewed, only two have systematic GIS systems:
 - Hibbing
 - Grand Rapids
- No comprehensive, seamless data layer system exists across the Iron Range
- Need a coordinating structure to provide:
 - Access to data
 - Maintenance of data
 - Technical assistance and utilization/applications
- “Collaborative Effort Next Step”
- Asking for:
 - Comments from LVP on the report
 - Offered to attend the sub-regional meetings to discuss the outcomes and next steps
 - Need more feedback by holding 1-2 workshops/seminars in the next 3-6 months
 - o Ideas on people to invite – others?

Project Updates

John Koepke, University of Minnesota, provided an update on the Primer and Handbook project; the new communication and education tools being developed.

Action Areas	Next Steps
Primer/Handbook	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contract finalized, work will be done by August 31st 2. Will incorporate information from actions today in the materials. 3. Communication device/tool to use for Charrette Planning and other ongoing communication. 4. Will also go on web site. 5. Handbook – how to use LVP and the Charrette process, target the October Charrette.

Sub-Regional Group Updates

Representatives of the Central Iron Range Initiative (Doug Hildenbrandt) and East Range Readiness Committee (Marlene Pospeck) reported on recent sub-regional group activities.

Sub-Regional Group	Current Projects
CIRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LCMR budget being committed• Bonding \$1.7 million approved (narrow interpretation issue), maybe reduced re: mapping, sanitary sewer district, hydrology
East Range Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Forum in Eveleth, June 22nd, 5-8 P.M.• Project updates• Expect EIS processes – looking at one scoping

Next Partnership Meeting

The next Laurentian Partnership meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14th, from 9:00 A.M. to Noon at Iron Range Resources Offices in Eveleth.

Proposed Agenda is as follows:

Laurentian Partnership
Quad Cities Forum
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Laurentian Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday, July 19, 2005
Mesabi Range Community & Technical College
Lecture Hall
RM C175

1 - 3 pm

"Past, Present & Future"

Panelists

John Koepke, Department of Landscape Architecture
University of Minnesota
Laurentian Vision Charrette

Jeff Hammerline, United Taconite
Operations

Dennis Johnson, Minnesota Department of Transportation
Capital Projects

Minnesota Power

Ray Svatos, Iron Range Resources
Mineland Reclamation

Marty Vadis, Department of Natural Resources
Lands and Minerals Division
Future Mining Lands