

Consideration of the dedication of the Muskegon Nature Preserve in LaPorte and Porter County

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 23 acre property that is located in Lake Michigan, approximately 1,000 feet off-shore. The SS Muskegon operated as a wooden American passenger and package freight vessel. It burned down on October 6, 1910 off the coast of Michigan City, Indiana in LaPorte County, Indiana. On April 26, 1989 the remains of the Muskegon were listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The preserve is established to preserve the Lake Michigan natural area and the associated cultural values embodied by the Muskegon shipwreck. The preserve boundary includes the shipwreck and associated debris field and will serve to promote understanding and appreciation of cultural values by the people of the State of Indiana. The debris field and the remains of the ship lie in 32 feet of water, debris includes machinery and gears from the engine. This shipwreck tells an important story about past events by providing information regarding our economic, technological, and cultural history, and gives insight into early survival on the Great Lakes.

It is owned by the Division of Nature Preserves, Indiana Department of Natural Resources and under the administration of Division of Nature Preserves.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

Muskegon Shipwreck Nature Preserve

County: Porter and LaPorte

Size: 23.00 acres

NRC Exhibit A

USGS Quad Map: Michigan City West

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