

Press Release

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Cook County Historical Societies Alliance Study Update

The Cook County historical societies of Schroeder, Tofte, Gunflint Trail, and Grand Marais have partnered to work on collaboration and to explore options for continued success in our respective areas of responsibility.

Since beginning this endeavor, we have chosen Superior Design + Planning. With their guidance we have completed Phase I: establishing a mutual understanding and chose “consensus decision-making process” as how we will conduct our meetings. This process helps us to agree upon our core vision and values.

In Phase II, each organization shared planning documents and financial information - as well as documents detailing culture, programing, and programs. From this collection, a Findings Report from which we could better understand the collaborative partnership options and possible benefits.

We are presently entering Phase III where we will discuss and finalize scenarios with the goal of forming a continuum of options and decision criteria. From here, we will have progress to scenario selection, as well as any needed operational and implementation planning.

This process and opportunity are so timely for all of us. We all recognize and acknowledge the responsibility of each of our organizations to preserve history – inclusive of all peoples, cultures, and time periods – for future generations.