

AGATE BAY INTERPRETATIVE EXHIBITS

PROJECT ID:

306-13-00

YEAR:

1999

GRANTEE:

Lake County Historical Society

COUNTY:

Lake

CATEGORY:

Education and Outreach

GRANT AWARD:

\$15,267

TOTAL PROJECT COST:

\$21,810

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SUMMARY

The Lake County Historical Society developed exhibits for display at the Two Harbors Lighthouse to enhance awareness of the history of Agate Bay. An interactive computer kiosk, poster displays, scale models, and a mural were created on topics ranging from the ore docks to shipwrecks. A curriculum package was also developed and delivered to local schools.



The interactive kiosk features nine programs on subjects including the coal docks, commercial fishing, building a wooden dock, the ore docks, passenger and freight docks, the Edna G. tug, Agate Bay tugs, United States Coast Guard and ship types.

An Iron Port display highlights the vital link Two Harbors' railroads and ore docks played in connecting mines and steel mills, beginning in 1883.



One exhibit features shipwreck stories from the lumber boom era. Hundreds of small ships carried lumber from Agate Bay to Chicago and Buffalo each year from 1895-1910.

