Black River Harbor, MI  
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PROJECT PARTNER: Ottawa National Forest

PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION:
Originating in Wisconsin, the Black River flows through forested areas of large pine, hemlock and hardwood trees. The river has a series of scenic waterfalls as it drops in elevation to meet Lake Superior, the site of our project. Located at this terminus of the river on the western side of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula is the Black River Harbor, which features a pavilion constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC. The CCC was a New Deal public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 in the United States for unemployed, unmarried men from relief families. Passing by the project site is the North Country National Scenic Trail, which when completed will be the longest hiking trail in the country. As one of the only Lake Superior access points in the area, the Black River Harbor provides access to excellent fishing (ever had fresh walleye?), and boating is a prime summertime activity.

WHAT: The pavilion and generator building were both in need of maintenance work so they could continue to be resources to forest and lake visitors. In order to preserve these structures, volunteers worked with HistoriCorps field staff to learn new skills, including:
- Rehabilitating pavilion chimney
- Installing fire-safety features
- Removing and replacing non-historic building elements
- Repairing window and door frames
- Restaining and repainting structures

**WHERE:** Black River Harbor Pavilion, Ottawa National Forest, MI (map)
Nearest town: Ironwood, MI

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