Agenda

I. Welcome and Introduction
II. End of Year Survey
III. Working Group Check-in and Discussions
IV. Partner Led Presentation by Friends of the Chicago River
V. 2022 Priority Projects + Topics
VI. Proposed 2022 Meeting Dates + Adjourn
End of Year Survey
Task Force Objectives

Transforming Chicago’s unique waterway system into a **thriving and ecologically integrated natural asset**, capable of accommodating the needs of people, requires **coordinated planning**, investment and management.

Aspire to, and realize no later than 2040, inland waterways in Chicago that are **inviting, productive and living**, that **support wildlife in-stream and on their banks**, and that **contribute to our city’s resiliency**.
Short-Term Goals: 2021 - 2022

1. Create principles for a system-wide and neighborhood focused approach to Chicago’s waterways
   a. Adoption of principles by government partners participating on Steering Committee

2. Review current policies and create recommendations to strengthen
Short-Term Goals: 2021 - 2022

3. Inform near-term planning opportunities to advance collective priorities
   a. We Will Chicago
   b. CDOT Access Study
   c. USACE PAS Restoration Framework Plan
   d. Industrial Corridor Modernization Process

4. Develop criteria to prioritize projects for identified funding opportunities

5. Standardize process for reviewing riverfront development projects
Working Group Check-In and Discussion
Working Structure for 2021 - 2022

System Plans (Working Group)

Task Force (Steering Committee)

Development Reviews (Working Group)
System Plans
Working Group
System Plans Working Group

- Participated in five working meetings
- Co-created a set of Draft Principles and Themes to guide land use and development
- Determining policy focus and next steps for 2022
Discussion Question

• How do we engage with local community organizations and residents about these principles and how they can be enacted in different parts of the river and on different sites? What are some strategies the Working Group could pursue in 2022?

Jam Board
Development Review Working Group
Development Review Working Group

- Participated in 6 reviews
- Developed and piloted a standard review form based on Design Guidelines
- Structured a format for reviews and providing comments to the development team
- Working on making process more transparent publicly and feedback loops
Development Review Group Process

REGTF Development Review

DPD Preliminary Review
Formal Application Filing
DPD & Other Dept. Review
Developers Present to Community
Public Notification of Plan Commission
Applicant respond to comments
Plan Commission Meeting
Committee on Zoning
City Council Final Vote
Project is Approved
Discussion Question

• How can these review processes incorporate the *draft principles and themes* that have been created by the System Plans Working Group? Are there additional questions that should be asked? Can the principles be provided in advance to the developer team? Other strategies?

*Jam Board*

*Draft Review Form*
Partner Led Presentation
+ Discussion
2022 Priority Projects + Topics
Chicago Dept. of Planning + Development

- We Will Chicago citywide plan
- Southwest Industrial Corridor support services (with CDOT)
- Far South Industrial Corridor planning (with CDOT)
- PAS next steps (with other government stakeholders)
Chicago Dept. of Transportation

• Citywide River Edge Access Study

• South Branch Parks Access Study (with Park District)

• Riverwalk Extension

• Southwest Industrial Corridor support services (with DPD)

• Far South Industrial Corridor planning (with DPD)
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

- Chicago Area Waterway System Phosphorus Assessment and Reduction Plan
- H2NOW Collaboration
- Green Infrastructure
- Streambank Stabilization Projects
Chicago Park District

- North Branch Park projects (recreation/restoration)
- Work at Hegewisch, Big Marsh, Whitford, and Indian Ridge around trails / eco-recreation infrastructure
- Deadstick Pond restoration
- SEPA station restoration
- Mittal Woods
Quarterly Topics for Presentation + Discussion

• Planning and zoning regulations, processes, permits, and decisions (local, state, federal)

• Community engagement in riverfront planning efforts

• Funding for riverfront projects (local, state, federal)
Proposed 2022 Meeting Dates + Adjourn
Jan, Feb, March
• REGTF March 9
• ACOE & Local government meetings
• Development Review March 18

April, May, June
• System Plan Working Group May 25
• REGTF June 8
• ACOE & Local government meetings
• Development Review June 29

July, August, September
• Development Review July 20, August 3, September 7
• System Plan Working Group August 16
• PAS Workshops August 24, August 31, September 28
• REGTF September 14

October, November, December
• Development Review October 5
• System Plans Working Group October 7, November 3, December 1
• PAS Workshop October 12
• SWIC Workshop November 29
• REGTF December 7
Proposed 2022 Task Force Meeting Dates

- March 15: 3 pm to 4:30
- June 7: 3 pm to 4:30
- September 13: 3 pm to 4:30
- December 6: 3 pm to 4:30

Upcoming Proposed Workshops

- We Will Chicago Meeting-in-a-Box
  - January 20: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm