River Ecology and Governance Task Force 09/12/2023 3 pm to 4:30 pm

AGENDA

3:00 pm Welcome and Introductions Please say "hello" in the chat.

3:05 pm Task Force Goals and Objectives Refinement *Small Group Discussions:*

- Goal #2: Review current policies and create recommendations to strengthen them
- Goal #4: Develop criteria to prioritize projects for identified funding opportunities

Questions:

Goal #2: For which policies should the Task Force review and develop joint recommendations?

Goal #4: What sources of funds are out there? How can we organize/ how are we organizing around funding opportunities? What scale of projects are we/should we be focusing on?

3:30 pm Our Great Rivers Progress

Making space for updates and information sharing about how we are continuing to advance the goals of the Our Great Rivers vision. The focus for this meeting is on coordinated prevention of water pollution and real-time water quality information. Speakers include:

- John Quail, Friends of the Chicago River, NPDES Permits and WMO
- Andrew Billing, Stormwater Permit Review
- Alaina Harkness, / Kalindi Parikh, Current, H2NOW

4:10 pm Updates: Government Partners and Working Groups

- Chicago Waterways Restoration Framework Plan Release
- System Plans and Development Review Working Groups

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

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