

River Ecology and Governance Task Force

09/17/2024

3 pm to 4:30 pm

AGENDA

3:00 pm Welcome and Introductions

Please say "hello" in the chat.

3:05 pm Task Force Short-Term Objectives and Short-term Goals

Review of the objectives and short-term goals for 2024 – 2025.

3:07 pm Calumet Land Use and Design Guidelines Update

The Department of Planning and Development and its consultant team will provide an overview of the Calumet Land Use and Design Guidelines project, including schedule, phasing, and their engagement plan.

3:27 pm Government Partner Projects Update

Task Force government partners are leading some key planning initiatives and projects in 2024. This meeting will feature more detailed updates on ongoing work.

3:42 pm Community Projects Updates: Calumet River and Chicago River's South Branch

Two projects, one on the Calumet River and one on the South Branch of the Chicago River, have recently hit major milestones. Learn more about two projects that are planning to transform spaces along Chicago's waterways. Featuring Kate Eakin, McKinley Park Development Council, Jack Rocha, UIC Great Cities Institute, and Ben Helphand, Neighbor Space.

4:15 pm Working Groups

Update on the activities of the Task Force's three working groups: System Plans, Development Review, and River Assets.

4:27 pm Project Challenges Check-In

Time allotted at the end of quarterly meetings for Task Force members to complete a Google Form if they have River project-related questions for government Task Force partners.

4:30 pm Adjourn and Upcoming Task Force Meeting Dates

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