River Ecology and Governance Task Force 12/05/2023 3 pm to 4:30 pm

AGENDA

3:00 pm Welcome and Introductions

Please say "hello" in the chat.

3:05 pm Revised Task Force Goals and Work Plan 2024 - 2025

Report on key takeaways from September discussions on short-term goals along with a proposal on what the Task Force should focus over the next two years.

Proposed Goals 2024 – 2025:

- Goal #1: Review current policies and create recommendations to strengthen them
- Goal #2: Inform near-term planning opportunities to advance collective priorities
- Goal #3: Develop criteria to prioritize projects for identified funding opportunities
- Goal #4: Ensure process for development reviews is followed and continues to improve new riverfront developments

3:30 pm Working Group 2023 Outcomes: System Plans and Development Review

During 2023, the System Plans Working Group met to catalogue issues and challenges, data, plans, and opportunities for each section of the Chicago River with the goal of providing developers with additional information to supplement current design guidelines. The Development Review Working Group reviewed projects along the Chicago and Calumet River and developed a guide to provide developers in advance of the review. Learn more about the outcomes from each of the working groups and next steps for 2024.

3:50 pm Government-led River Focused Projects 2024

Task Force government partners are leading some key planning initiatives and projects in 2024. Opportunity to learn more about these projects and how the Task Force can participate and advise in the coming year. Two projects will be presented

- Calumet Design Guidelines and Land Use Update
- Chicago River Edge Access Study

4:20 pm Update: Sustainable Development Policy

The Department of Planning and Development will provide an update on its Sustainable Development Policy. The update includes a new focus on Chicago's rivers. DPD will explain where they are in the process and next steps for review and implementation of the policy.

4:30 pm Adjourn and 2024 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