

River Ecology and Governance Task Force

09/13/22:

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**

Refresher on what we are advancing together as a Task Force

3:10 pm **Case Study Presentations: How does a riverfront project happen?**

Our third case study will focus on the Cogle Foods development as we briefly present how it was implemented with an emphasis on milestones, processes, and community engagement.

3:30 pm **Reflections on Case Studies and Development Reviews**

Several themes have emerged through development reviews and the exploration of case studies. We will break into three groups to discuss themes around a series of questions:

Interpretation and Application of Design Guidelines

- Do these projects strike the right balance of Nature, Recreation and Connectivity? Is one emphasized over the other? What are the results and are there ways to improve this? Are there limitations to the guidelines regarding long-term operations and programming? Are there regulations that stifle innovative use of the river edge?*

River Edge Transitions

- Should there be different requirements and application of the guidelines based on land use? Do the Design Guideline character zones allow for this differentiation or does there need to be a more nuanced approach? When/Where should public access be required in river edge setbacks? How should different land uses (especially industrial) consider future river edge setback public access?*

Community Engagement and Incorporation of Input

- Are there ways that the community input process could be more robust in the Planned Development process? How can the Task Force ensure it has a better understanding of the community input that has been received prior to the review? Should the Task Force review comments emphasize the need for broader community input?*

4:15 pm **Working Group Updates**

Update on development review and system plans working groups.

4:25 pm **Planning and Project Updates**

Updates from partners and ways to engage.

4:30 pm **Upcoming Meeting Dates + Adjourn**

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