

North Branch

Framework & Design Guidelines Checklist

Goal 1: Maintain the North Branch Industrial Corridor as an Important Economic Engine and Vital Job Center within the City of Chicago		
<p>Principle 1.1: Allow mixed-use development in appropriate locations with provisions for affordable housing and publicly accessible open space.</p>	Proposed project sub-area	% of land dedicated to employment
	<input type="checkbox"/> North <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> South	
	Is the proposed development consistent with the overlay uses and regulations identified in the North Branch Framework?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Principle 1.2: Facilitate business expansion and relocation to elsewhere within Chicago’s Industrial Corridor</p>	Are any existing businesses re-locating/transitioning as part of proposed project?	If so, please identify
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
<p>Principle 1.3: Support a well-designed urban environment through comprehensive design guidelines that attract technology, research, and advanced manufacturing companies to the corridor to co-exist with existing companies.</p>	See guideline checklist below.	See guideline checklist below.
<p>Principle 1.4: Through the public planned development review process, support density and height to encourage mixed-use developments that provide high-quality, publicly accessible open spaces for both passive & recreational use, and non-vehicular transportation improvements</p>	Please refer to Goal 2 & 3 for more details.	
<p>Principle 1.5: Encourage uses and design decisions along the Chicago River that encourage waterfront access and</p>	Is the proposed development adjacent to the Chicago River?	If so, what are the proposed uses along the river? Please refer to Goal 3 for more details.

public activities by workers, neighbors and visitors.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 1.6: Promote partnerships to provide job readiness in the information and technology, manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors	n/a	n/a
Goal 1: Design Guidelines		
Urban Design to Support Goal 1	Street Connectivity: Does the proposal consider extending or connecting adjacent streets? Please provide a site plan for further review identifying street network.	Walkable Scale Blocks: Does the proposal subdivide large parcels into a network of blocks that are pedestrian-scaled and walkable? Please provide a site plan for review identifying block structure.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Urban Character & Authenticity	Are any of the character buildings/structures identified in the Framework plan within the boundaries of the proposal?	If so, how are they being preserved and enhanced?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Building Setbacks on Streets	Are a majority of buildings located along front property lines with primary facades and entrances abutting sidewalks?	Are parking, loading and vehicular circulation areas located to minimize their visibility?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Design the Site to Form Open Space	Does the proposal frame existing or planned open spaces?	Does the proposal assure that sunlight to the river corridor is achieved for approximately 6 hours per day? Please provide a sun study for further review.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

	Is the proposal consistent with site design and massing principles #1-#6? Please provide an aerial massing diagram to demonstrate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Goal 2: Provide Better Access for all Transportation Modes

Principle 2.1: Improve Traffic Circulation through Strategic Reconfiguration Projects for Existing Roadways	Is the project proposing roadway reconfigurations or significant access points to/from existing roadways?	If so, please provide plans and a traffic study for further review.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 2.2: Manage traffic and improve circulation by supporting Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) plans for enhanced bus service in and around the corridor	Is the project proposing bus bypass lanes, or other enhanced bus amenities?	If so, please describe?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 2.3: Implement technology to more effectively manage vehicular traffic and improve circulation	Are any new signals being proposed as part of this project?	If so, please coordinate with CDOT.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 2.4: Improve access to existing transit by improving connectivity an experience for walking and biking	How will the proposal provide new bike and pedestrian connections, reduce traffic and noise exposure and provide shelter and lighting?	Please provide a site plan showing proposed connections and amenities.
Principle 2.5: Manage vehicular traffic and improve circulation by considering increased multi-modal connections in new developments	Are any existing streets or pedestrian bridges being extended or connected?	Please provide a traffic study and site plan showing proposed improvements.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 2.6: Assess feasibility of a north-south transitway	Is the proposal site adjacent to a potential transitway alignment?	If so, please describe how the proposal is planning to accommodate the alignment

		and/or access to the potential transitway.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 2.7: Promote private partnerships to coordinate traffic management options	What traffic management strategies are being considered as part of the proposal?	

Goal 2: Design Guidelines		
Urban Design and Best Practices to Support Goal 2	Which of the following does the proposal consider and substantially address?	Please describe how.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Street Hierarchy <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Access <input type="checkbox"/> Riverfront Setback <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian River Access	
	Is the proposal site adjacent to an identified right-of-way connection or a walkshed connectivity point identified in the North Branch Framework?	If so, how is the project accommodating these connections?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Improve connectivity and the experience for walking, biking and public transit to the existing transit network	Is the proposal site adjacent to an identified Enhanced Walking Street, Enhanced Multi-modal Street or the North Branch Transitway?	If so, how is the proposal accommodating these or proposing to improve these?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Manage vehicular traffic and improve circulation by considering increased connections	Is the proposal site adjacent to potential bike route or bridge connections identified in the North Branch Framework?	If so, how is the proposal accommodating these or proposing to improve these?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Promote private partnerships to coordinate traffic management options	Which zone is the proposed project in?	Does it substantially achieve the recommendations from the Design Guidelines? If not, why?

		And what other strategies are being considered?
	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
	Is the proposal site adjacent to a potential water taxi stop?	If so, how is access being accommodated in the proposal?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Goal 3: Build Upon the North Branch Industrial Corridor's Unique Natural and Built Environment		
Principle 3.1: Integrate a variety of open spaces that are available year-round, designed for a range of ages and abilities, and enhance the health of the community and workforce.	Is open space are being provided on-site? If so, how many acres?	Please describe how open space(s) will be programmed.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 3.2: Continue the improvements of the riverfront for pedestrians, bicycles and connecting to existing trails	Is the proposed development providing access to the river?	Typical cross section setback dimension
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 3.3: Connect the North Branch Loop Trail to the 606 with an active park near the intersection	Is the proposed development adjacent to the potential North Branch Loop Trail/606 intersection?	If so, please describe how the proposal will accommodate the potential trail connection & open space. Please provide a site plan for review.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 3.4: Enhance local waterways for people, fish, birds and other wildlife through strategic habitat restoration and creation efforts	Is the proposed project adjacent to the North Ave. turning basin?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 3.5: Create not less than 10 acres of publicly accessible open spaces within	Is one of the potential sites for recreational fields within the proposed development's	If so, how if the proposal accommodating a potential recreational field? Please

Planned Developments for sports and recreational activities	boundaries?	provide an acreage.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principle 3.6: Encourage community associations, recreational organizations and institutions to engage their constituents with the river	n/a	

Goal 3: Design Guidelines		
Urban Design and Best Practices to Support Goal 3	Does the proposal provide a minimum 30' setback?	What is the typical setback dimension proposed?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Continue the improvement of the riverfront for people biking and walking and connect the River Trail to existing trails	What type of multi-use trail configuration will the proposed development provide?	
Access Points	Does the proposed development provide access points in highly visible and strategically locations? Please provide a site/landscape plan for review.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Underbridge Connections	Does the proposed development require an underbridge connection in order to create a connection to the river trail?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Lookouts and Gathering Spaces	Will the proposed development provide any scenic overlooks or gathering spaces? Please provide a site/landscape plan for review.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Enhance local waterways for people, fish, birds and other wildlife through strategic habitat restoration and creation efforts	Please describe the strategies being implemented to accomplish the guideline. Please provide a site/landscape plan for review.	
Vegetation and Biodiversity	Please describe the strategies being implemented to accomplish the	

	guidelines. Please provide a site/landscape plan for review.
Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Management	Please describe the green infrastructure and stormwater management strategies being implemented within the proposed development.
Bird-Friendly Design	Please describe the bird-friendly design strategies being implemented within the proposed development.