This trail provides entrance to the river’s edge. A small footpath leads to a dock that could be used as a canoe launch, though it requires a steep descent from street level to water’s edge.

Above the trail in the area near the entrance is a large open mowed area that could conceivably be restored. At the time of this printing, no seeding or planting had been done in this area.

The trail was established in 1999 with help from Friends of the Chicago River. The area was cleared of garbage, and brush was cut. Jimmy Thomas was a resident at Lathrop Homes, the public housing complex adjacent to the site; he was involved in the original planning for the river trail.

The river walk from Leavitt to Diversey and Damen Avenue was completed in 2004. It provides access to Jimmy Thomas Nature Trail.

**Jimmy Thomas Nature Trail**

**ADDRESS**

2800 N Leavitt St

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**HABITATS**

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Riparian/Water Edge

**DIRECTIONS**

Turn north on Leavitt off of Diversey Avenue; park near 2815 N. Leavitt Avenue.