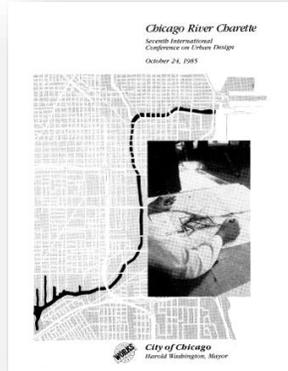


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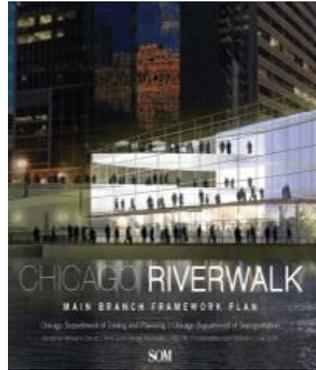
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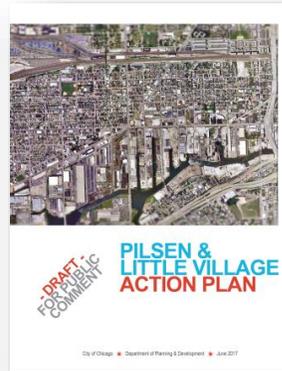
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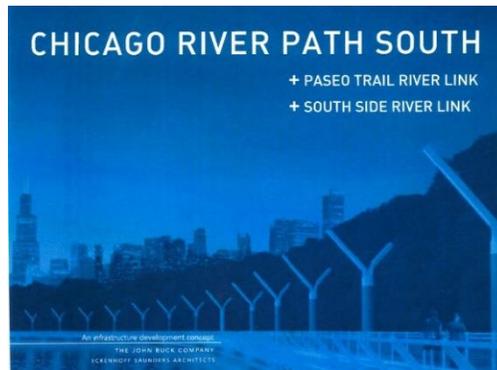
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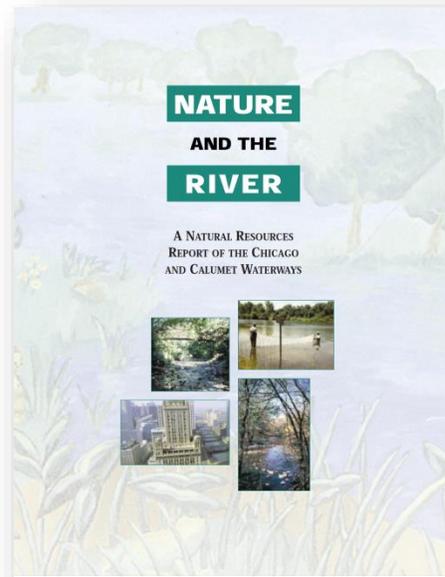
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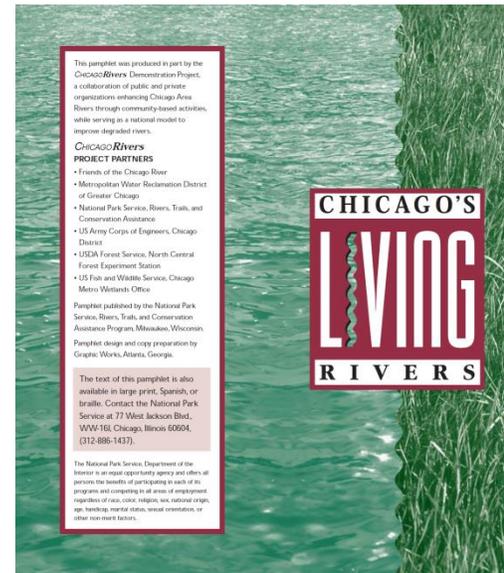
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- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- City of Chicago, Department of Planning & Development
- City of Chicago, Department of Transportation
- Friends of the Chicago River
- Institute of Urban Design
- John Buck Company
- Metropolitan Planning Council
- North River Commission
- South Branch Park Advisory Council
- Upper Illinois Valley Association

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RIVER RESEARCH

Friends of the Chicago River

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

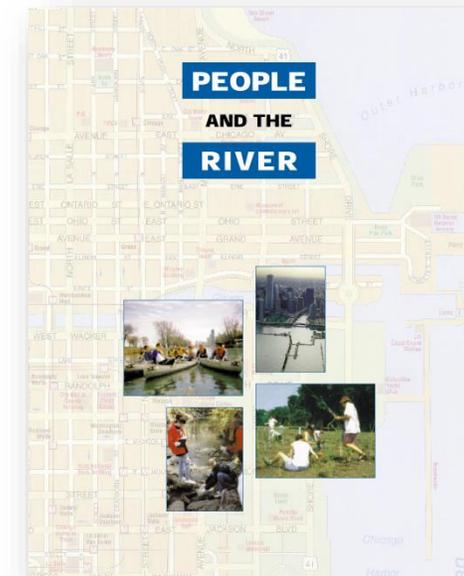
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Assistance

US Army Corp of Engineers, Chicago District

USDA Forest Service, North Central Forest Experiment Station

US Fish and Wildlife Service, Chicago Metro Wetlands Office



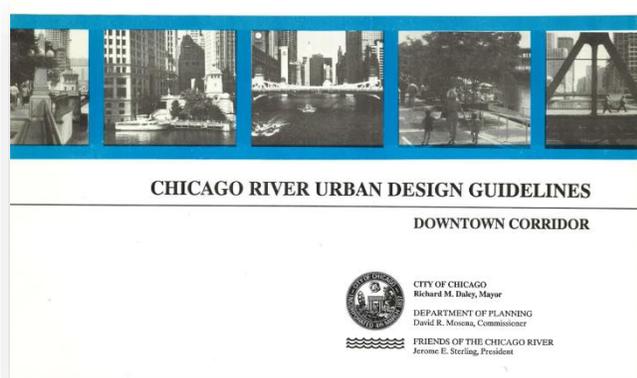
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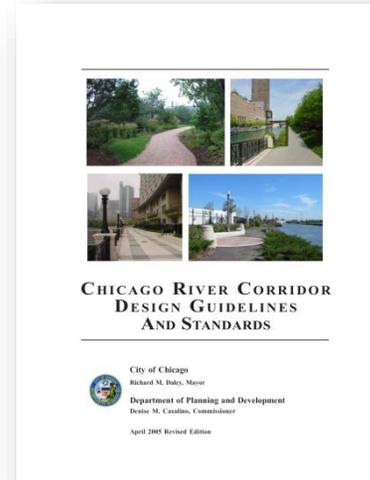
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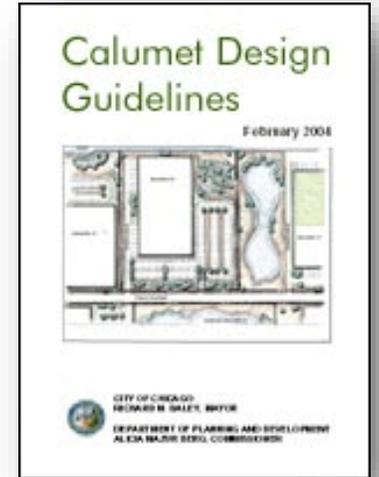
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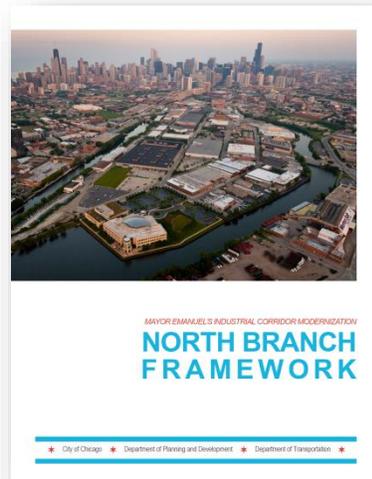
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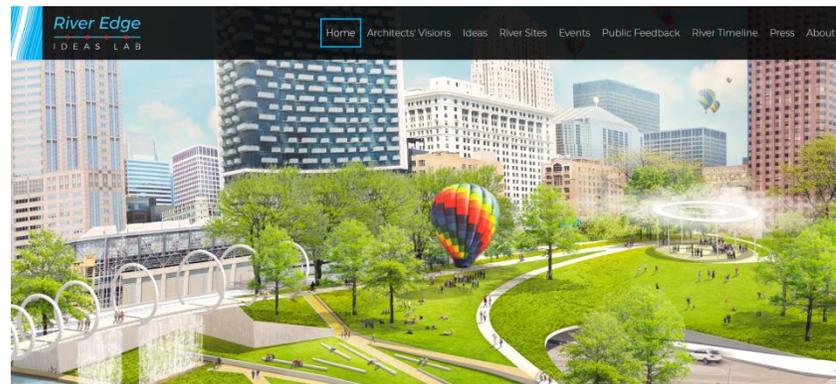
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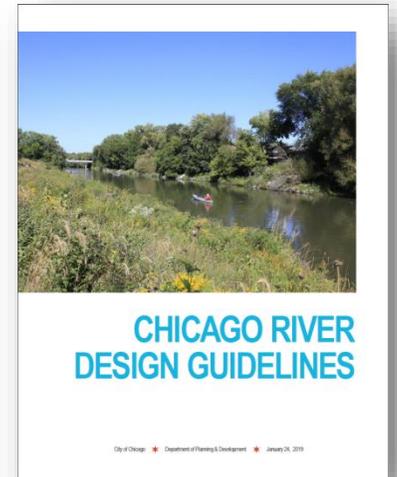
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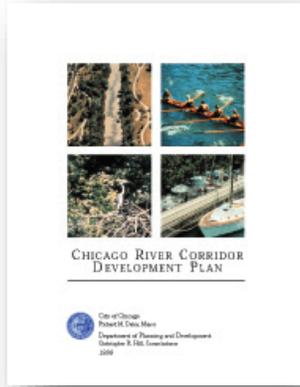
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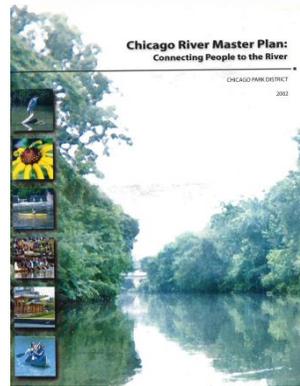
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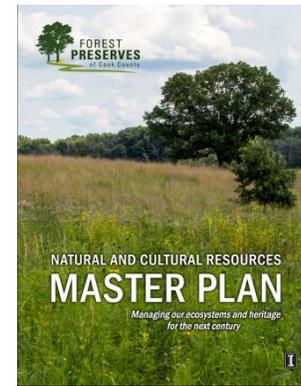
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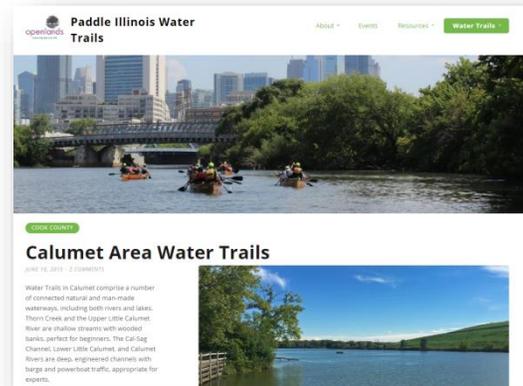
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Our Great Rivers: Chicago's Next Frontier
Ongoing



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RIVER SYSTEMS PLANS

Active Transportation Alliance
City of Chicago, Department of Planning and Development
Chicago Community Trust
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Friends of the Chicago River
Metropolitan Planning Council
Openlands

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COLLECTIVE VISION

THE VISION

By 2040, Chicago's rivers will be inviting, productive and living, providing everyone with opportunities to find or create their own place, their own experience and their own community on our rivers.

Our rivers will invite us to engage in stewardship, recreation and work.

Our rivers will connect people to nature, in the city and beyond, and function as thriving ecosystems.

Our rivers will be the best of us, where communities, habitats and businesses prosper together.

Ultimately, our rivers will define us, rivaling the lakefront in our hearts and minds, and become a key source of pride for metropolitan Chicago.



GREAT RIVERS



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**

The Executive Order directs the following governmental entities to collaborate to develop a working structure and common goals:

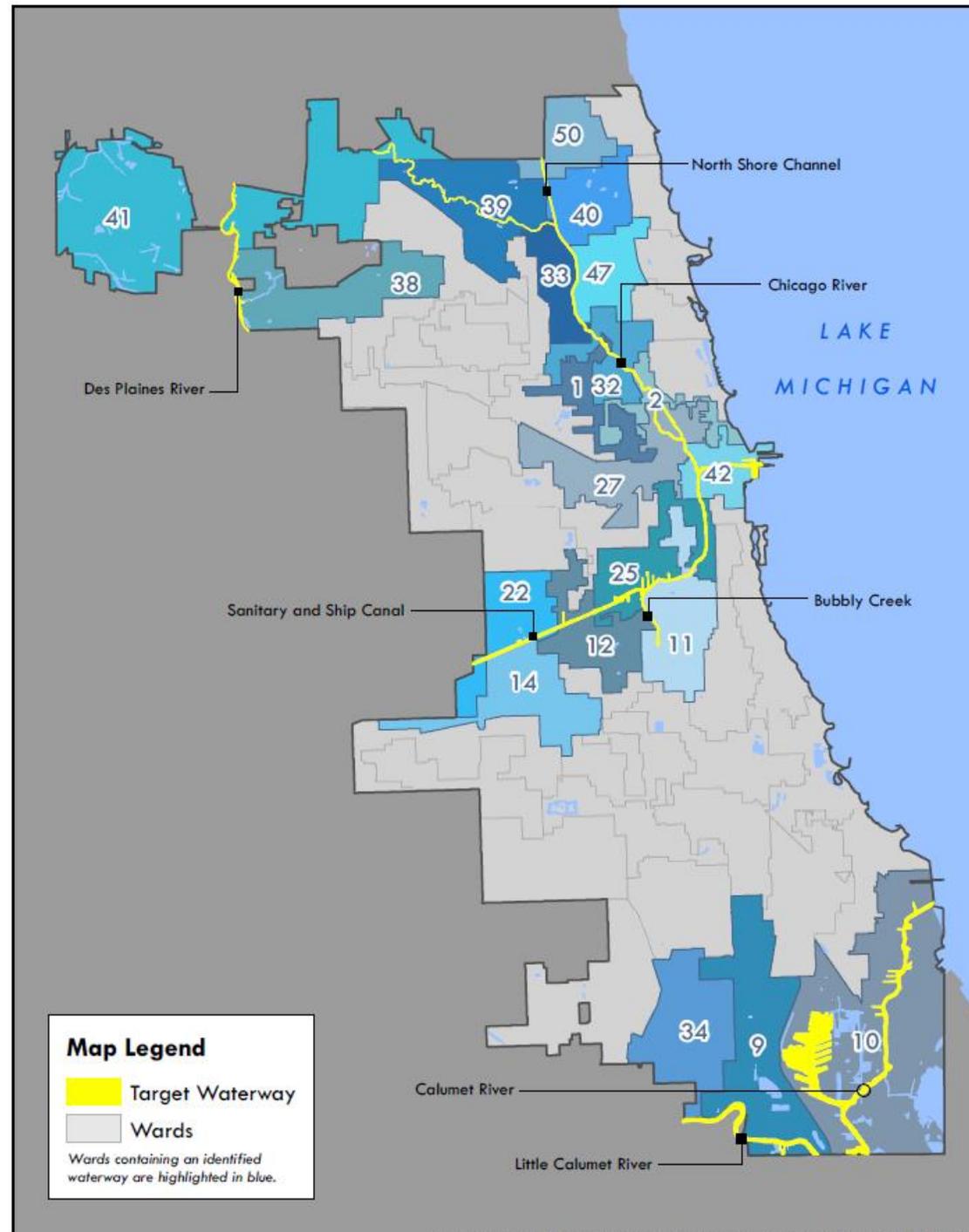
- **City of Chicago**
- **Chicago Parks District**
- **Forest Preserves of Cook County**
- **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD)**

Overarching goals to achieve:

1. Initiate a coordinating structure
2. Identify new opportunities to invest and involve communities in the river
3. Develop a long-term structure for stewardship and maintenance and identify fundraising opportunities

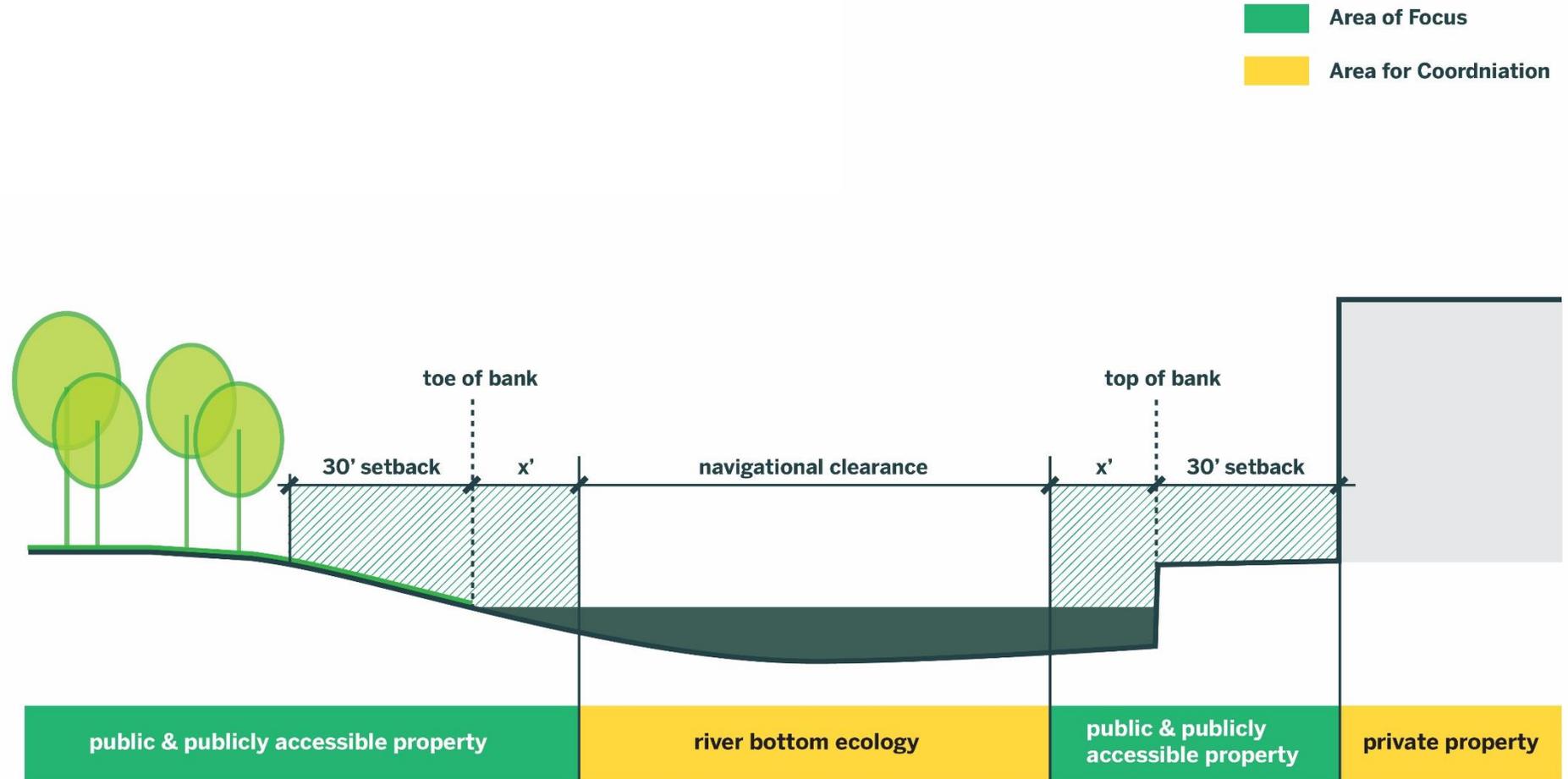
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IDENTIFIED WATERWAYS, WARDS & COMMUNITIES



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AREA OF FOCUS & COORDINATION



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INITIAL OPERATING STRUCTURE



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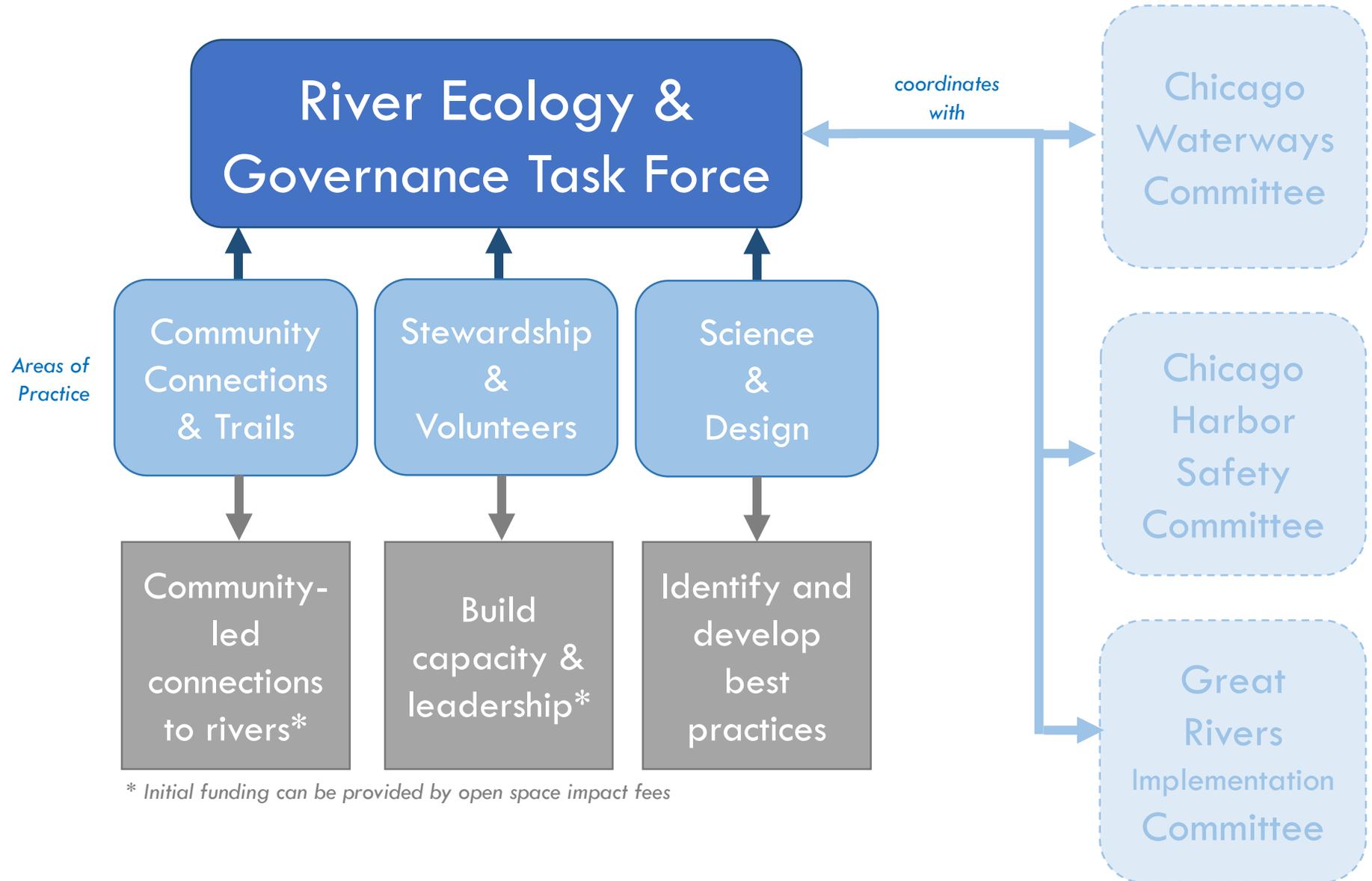
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* Initial funding can be provided by open space impact fees

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**AREAS OF
PRACTICE:
CHAIRS**

Community
Connections
& Trails

Rev. Randall Blakey
Near North Unity

John Buck
The John Buck Company

Stewardship
&
Volunteers

Margaret Frisbee
Friends of the Chicago River

Arnold Randall
Forest Preserve of Cook County

Science
&
Design

Phil Enquist
SOM (retired)

Debra Shore
MWRD

NEXT STEPS

- **Sign up for an Area of Practice working group today**
- Each working group to meet once in the next month
- Reconvene in late April (Earth Day?)
- Background and materials will be available on DPD site
DPD will send out follow-up email with details