

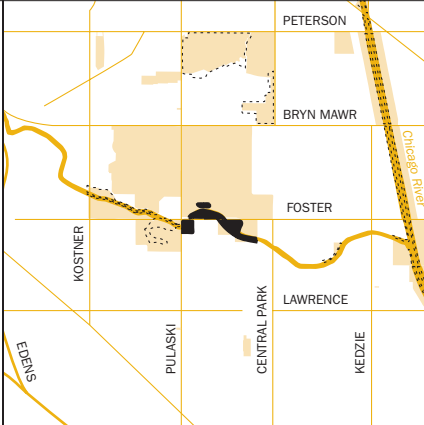
GOMPERS PARK—EXPANSION AND EUGENE FIELD PARK

In 2003, the Chicago Park District purchased two sites to expand Gompers Park (site 29, p. 57) east of Pulaski Avenue. Both are critical to the protection of a continuous greenway along the North Branch of the Chicago River.

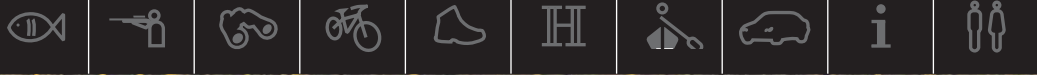
One is located at the southeast corner of Foster and Pulaski **1 2 3**. Nothing is on site yet but a gravel lot (on the west side of the Chicago River), a dense cover of weedy trees and brush with chicory and white sweet clover (on the east side of the river), a fence and the river edge.

Another expansion site is north of Foster, on the south side of the river. This surplus land for the Bohemian National Cemetery **4 5** has a storage building, and the grounds are mowed. Black-crowned night herons and kingfishers frequent the pond located on the opposite bank **7**.

Further downstream, south of Foster Avenue, Eugene Field Park flanks either side of the river **8 9**; the two sides are connected by a foot bridge. No natural area restoration has been conducted here, but the portions of the park fronting along the river provide additional shoreline habitat.



Gompers Park—Expansion and Eugene Field Park



ADDRESS 4222 W Foster Ave
 OWNER Cemetery, Chicago Park District
 ACREAGE 9.61

HABITATS
1 4 6 8 Riparian/Water Edge
2 3 5 9 Potential Habitat
7 Aquatic

DIRECTIONS The expansion site south of Foster can be viewed from the parking lot of the Harmony Nursing and Rehabilitation Center just east of Pulaski along Foster. For Eugene Field Park, park on Avers south of Foster. Take footbridge near the Eugene Field Cultural Center to the other bank. For Bohemian National Cemetery, use the entrance on the east side of Pulaski north of to Foster.

