

## River Ecology and Governance Task Force

09/14/21

3 pm to 4:30 pm

### AGENDA

**3:00 pm Welcome and Introductions**

*Please say "hello" in the chat.*

**3:05 pm Input Survey**

- Future meeting scheduling
- Partner-led information presentations

**3:10 pm River Projects Feedback Session**

*Presentation and input session on projects advancing to the proposal round for funding from the Chicago Community Trust's Our Great Rivers grant program. A feedback survey will be provided for each project as well.*

**3:50 pm System Plans Working Group Check-In and Discussion**

*Feedback consensus exercise on draft [principles and themes](#) and continued discussion around key questions.*

Discussion Questions (if time permits):

- How to ensure that all government entities are actively engaged in advancing these principles, policies and practices?
- How do you reconcile active/working river edges with goals for recreation, habitat connectivity, public health, and equity?

**4:15 pm PAS Study Workshop Next Steps and Feedback**

- How is input being used? How does the PAS study fit into the federal process? (Army Corps)
- Feedback on improvement to PAS input sessions? (DPD)

**4:25 pm Project Status, Updates and Support Needed**

*Projects that need input and/or Task Force member support*

- Development Working Group (DPD)
- Research Grant Opportunity (Austin Happel, Shedd Aquarium)

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

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### 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