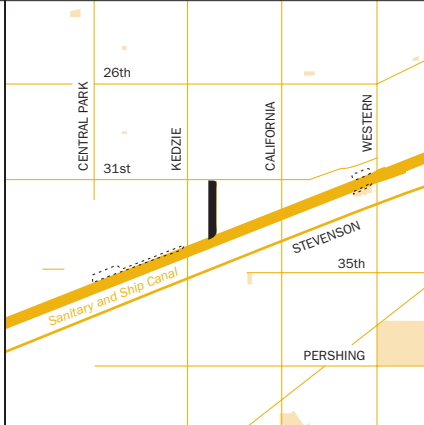


COLLATERAL CHANNEL

This old channel of the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal is mostly unused at this point, though the City continues to store barges here. Approximately a quarter-mile in length and 100 feet wide, the channel's banks are steep sheets of concrete and metal.

Providing a terraced area to access the river, providing walking and bike trails, and setting aside Collateral Channel as a place that's off the main channel and is safe for non-motorized boats would be a recreational boon to the neighborhood as well as a boost for nature and wildlife.

Ecological restoration will be an ambitious but important undertaking here. Little Village, the neighborhood surrounding Collateral Channel, is one of the regions in the city that is least served in terms of parks and open space. (This is determined by taking acres of open space compared to numbers of people in a given area.)



Collateral Channel



ADDRESS 3100 S Albany Ave
OWNER Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
ACREAGE 5.34

HABITATS
1 Potential Habitat

DIRECTIONS Collateral Channel is two blocks east of Kedzie on the south side of 31st Street. Parking is available on the north side of the street in the vacant lot.

