

RIVER ECOLOGY & GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE SCIENCE & DESIGN WORKING GROUP

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

9 – 10:30 A.M.

10TH FLOOR, ROOM 1003-A
CHICAGO CITY HALL
121 N. LA SALLE STREET

Questions to consider prior to Friday's meeting:

- *What past research has your organization done that can contribute to this conversation?*
- *Who are your experts on staff who should be involved in this conversation going forward?*

AGENDA

1. What do we know?
 - a. Catalog existing studies and scientific data
 - b. Identify information gaps
 - c. Where have wetlands been created?
 - d. US Army Corps of Engineers opportunity
2. Science as the basis for design
 - a. Review and seek alignment with current research
 - b. Review progress by local scientists
3. Developing a working system that stakeholders can access
 - a. Nature Conservancy's *Chicago Greenprint*
 - b. Friends of the River's public *Land Natural Area Assessment*
 - c. Department of Planning & Development's river trail and bank assessment
4. Formalizing a review process for 30-foot setback and water edge zone
5. Tying our work into the larger mission
 - a. *Transforming Chicago's unique waterway system into a thriving and ecologically integrated natural asset, capable of accommodating the needs of people... [to] aspire to, and to realize no later than 2040, inland waterways in Chicago that are inviting, productive and living, that support wildlife instream and on their banks, and that contribute to our city's resiliency*
6. Next steps