River Ecology and Governance Task Force
12/06/2022
3 pm to 4:30 pm

AGENDA

3:00 pm   **Welcome and Introductions**
Please say "hello" in the chat.

3:02 pm   **Task Force Goals**
Refresher on what we are advancing together as a Task Force

3:05 pm   **Project Updates and Discussion**
There are a couple of significant initiatives that have been advanced this year. Rivers Task Force partners will provide brief updates and open the floor to questions.

- Bubbly Creek Restoration
- Research: Bulkhead Shorelines and Biodiversity
- South Branch Parks River Edge Access Study

3:45 pm   **Small Group Workshop: Sustainable Development Policy Rivers Edge Policy Updates**
The City's Sustainable Development Policy is being revised with some additions that include strategies for addressing rivers and riverfronts. The Task Force will discuss some questions about these changes in small groups.

Discussion Questions
- Are there opportunities or ideas that we've discussed as a Task Force that are missing from this list that should be included?

- Are there ways to improve and refine the proposed content of the policy updates?

- How can we ensure that the spirit of these updates is followed by developers in a way that is truly beneficial to the river system? Are there resources that can be provided including additional definitions, descriptions, and examples to help direct developer implementation?

4:15 pm   **2022 Look Back, 2023 Look Forward**
Accomplishments in 2022 and planning for 2023.

4:25 pm   **End of Year Survey**
Are we getting it right? If yes, great. If not, how do we need to realign?

4:30 pm   **2023 Upcoming Meeting Dates + Adjourn**

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