

## River Ecology and Governance Task Force

06/6/2023

3 pm to 4:30 pm

### AGENDA

**3:00 pm**      **Welcome and Introductions**

*Please say "hello" in the chat.*

**3:05 pm**      **Task Force Goals and Objectives**

*Review goals and objectives of the Task Force, survey results and discuss what new short-term goals should be added through 2025.*

**3:25 pm**      **Our Great Rivers Progress**

*Making space for updates and information sharing about how we are continuing to advance the goals of the Our Great Rivers vision. The focus for this meeting is on access related improvements including goals around Continuous Riverfront Trails and Easy Access from all Neighborhoods. Speakers include:*

- *Keith Privett, Chicago Department of Transportation*
- *Tim Gustafson, Epstein*
- *Kate Eakin and Michael Naughton, McKinley Park Development Council*

**4:10 pm**      **IEPA Triennial Review of the State's Water Quality Standards**

*The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is seeking input on what to prioritize for its triennial Water Quality Standards review. This review occurs every three years required by section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act and is an opportunity to revise or develop water quality standard or related guidance for Illinois surface waters. Learn more about the process and how to participate. Speakers include:*

- *John Quail, Friends of the Chicago River*

**4:25 pm**      **Chonkosaurus**

*The snapping turtle that became an internet and news sensation. Let's briefly touch on what that means about wildlife, Chicago River water quality, and restoration.*

**4:30 pm**      **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