

RIVER ECOLOGY & GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE STEWARDSHIP & VOLUNTEERS WORKING GROUP

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

9:30 – 11 A.M.

9TH FLOOR, ROOM 905

CHICAGO CITY HALL

121 N. LA SALLE STREET

AGENDA

1. Goal discussion – Increase the number and diversity of people engaged as volunteers and stewards to improve the health of the river and adjacent lands
2. Develop opportunities for community engagement
 - a. Identify existing partners and programs focused on volunteers and stewardship
 - b. Develop a map of potential activities
 - c. Identify:
 - i. Other nature-based partners
 - ii. Barriers to participation
 - iii. Habitat needs and gaps
 - iv. Landowners' plans and needs
 - d. Develop a protocol for providing professional assistance
3. NeighborSpace protocols for applications for new open space and in-river sites
4. Use science as the basis to identify priority geographies for stewardship activities and for training volunteers as stewards
5. Match stewardship and volunteer activities with priority geographies
 - a. Develop activities that accommodate a range of volunteer interests, ages and abilities
 - b. Create long-term volunteer plans for priority geographies that communicate the science and impact of the activities to the volunteers and the general public and build toward management of the river as a system
6. Next steps