

# River Ecology and Governance Task Force

December 17, 2020 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

# **River Ecology and Governance Task Force**

**Introduction – 2021 Overview**

**Breakout Exercise – Setting Priorities and Goals**

- A. River Restoration and Ecology
- B. Recreation Support and Education
- C. River Project Review
- D. System Plans and the River

**Return to Large Group**

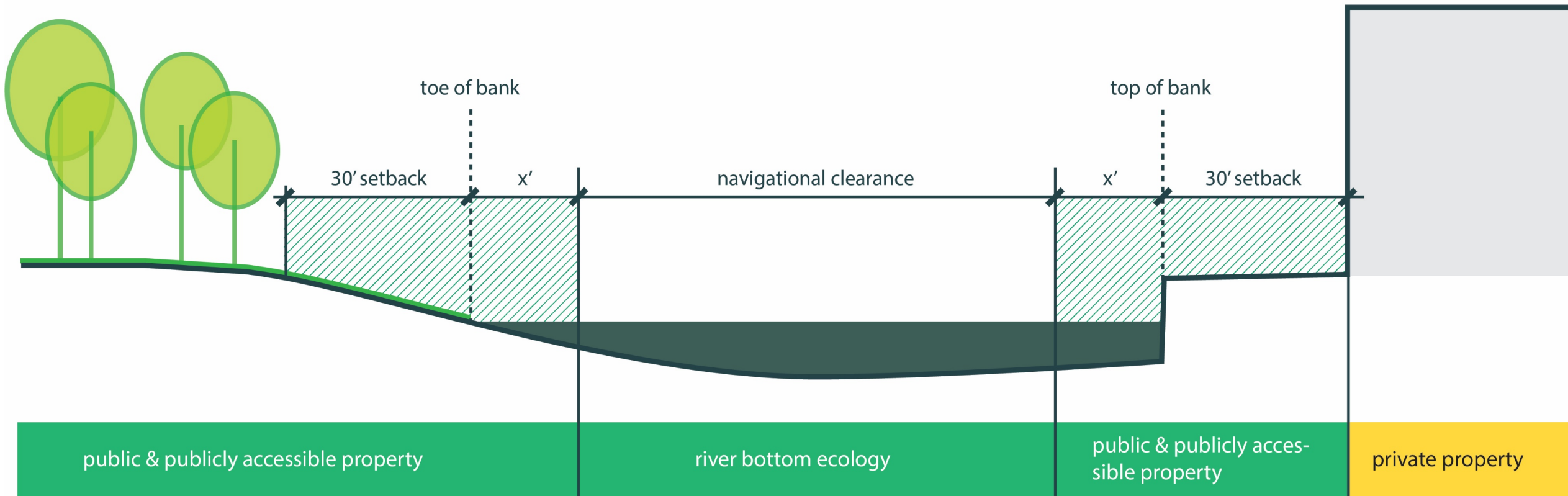
**Closure - Next Steps**

# How we started

## Public & Publicly Accessible Property & the River Bottom

## Private Property (Coordination Role)

- Area of Focus
- Area for Coordination



# Public & Publicly Accessible Property & the River Bottom



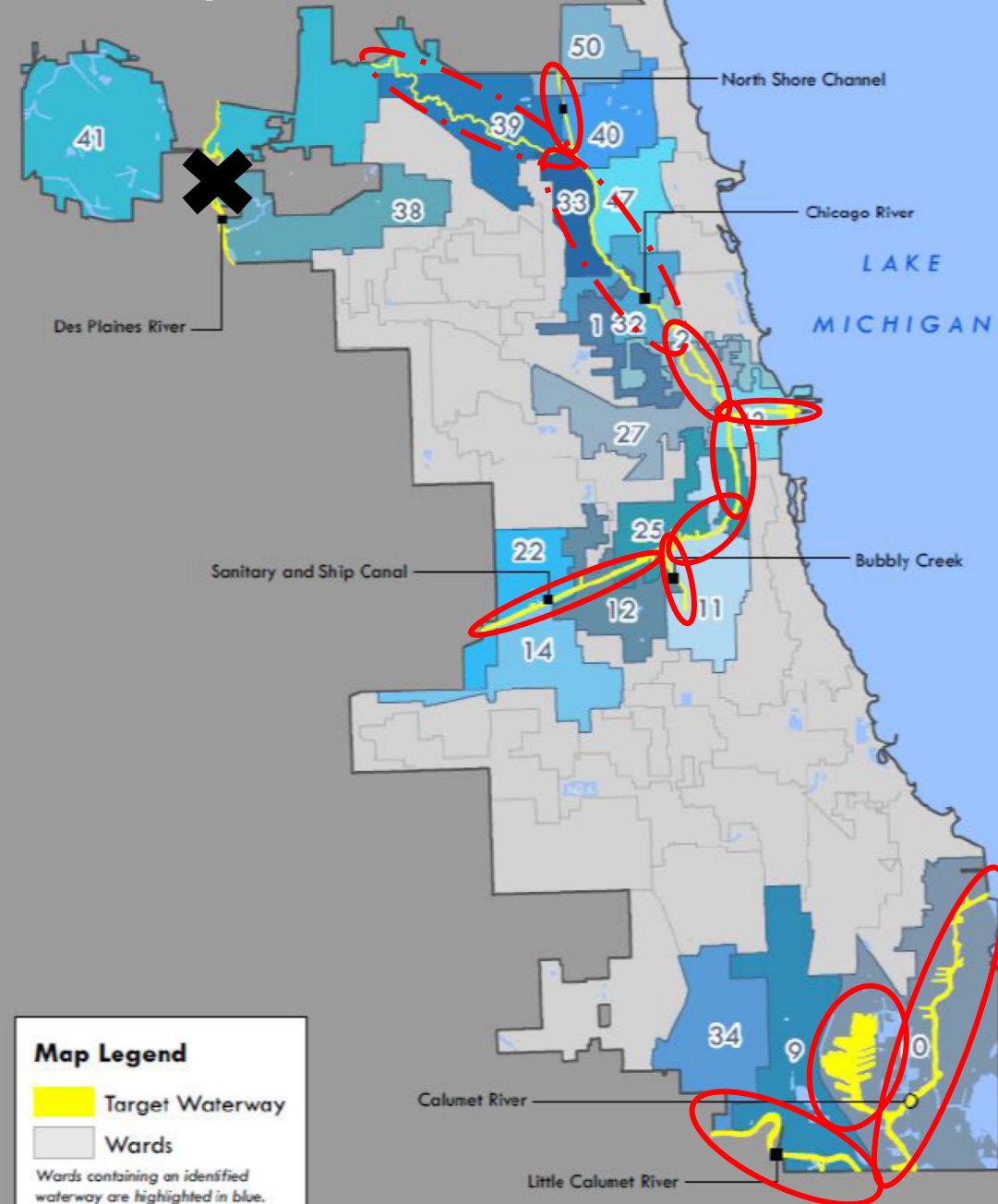
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

City, Chicago Park District, Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and USACE have all entered into an agreement for a *Planning Assistance for States (PAS) Study* a federal planning program related to the management of water resources.

Underway now through 2021

**Task Force will play crucial role in engagement efforts.**

## DRAFT Proposed Reaches



# Private Property

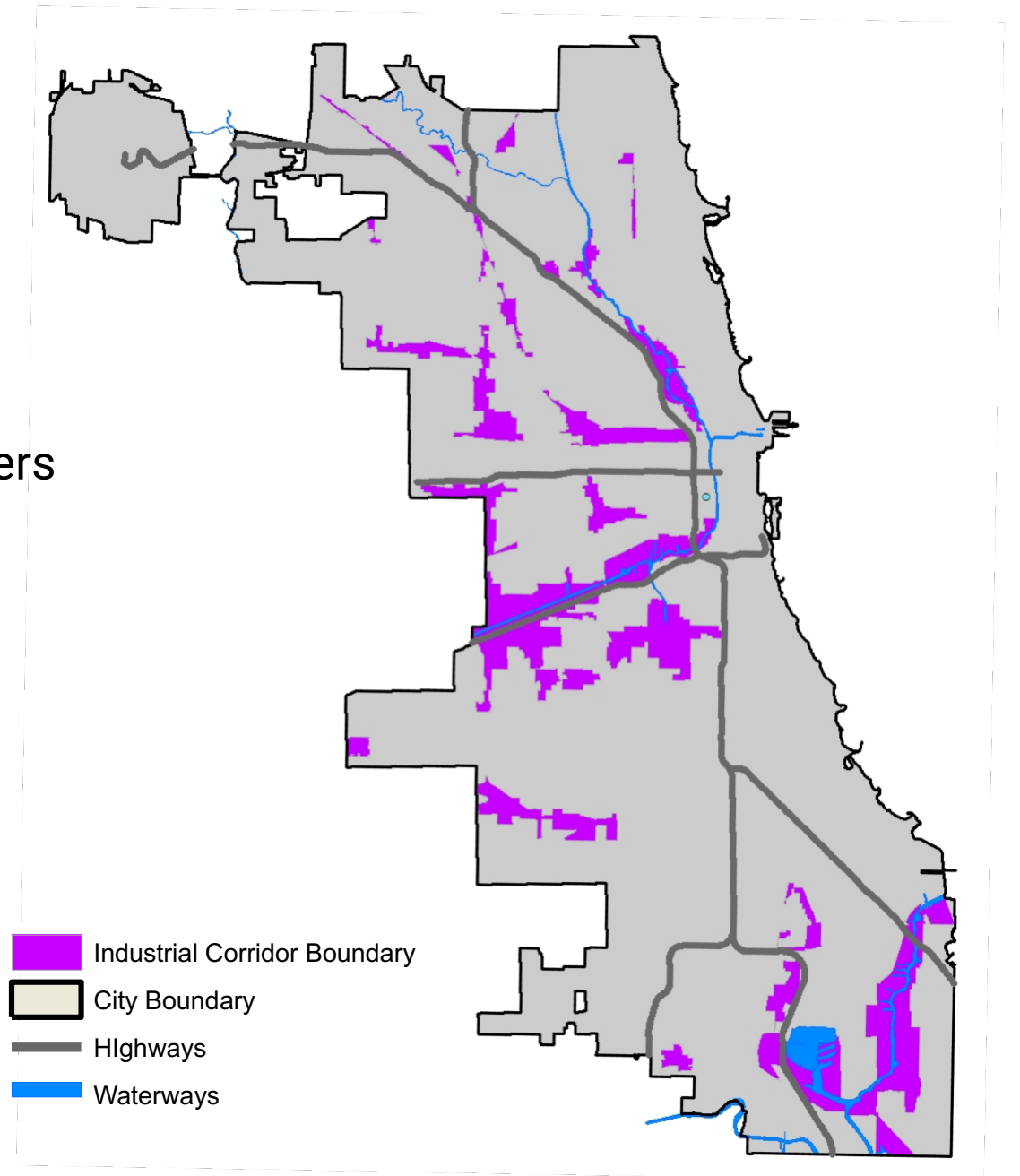
Continuously review 30-foot setback for new river developments across the City

Need plans for industrial corridors adjacent to the rivers

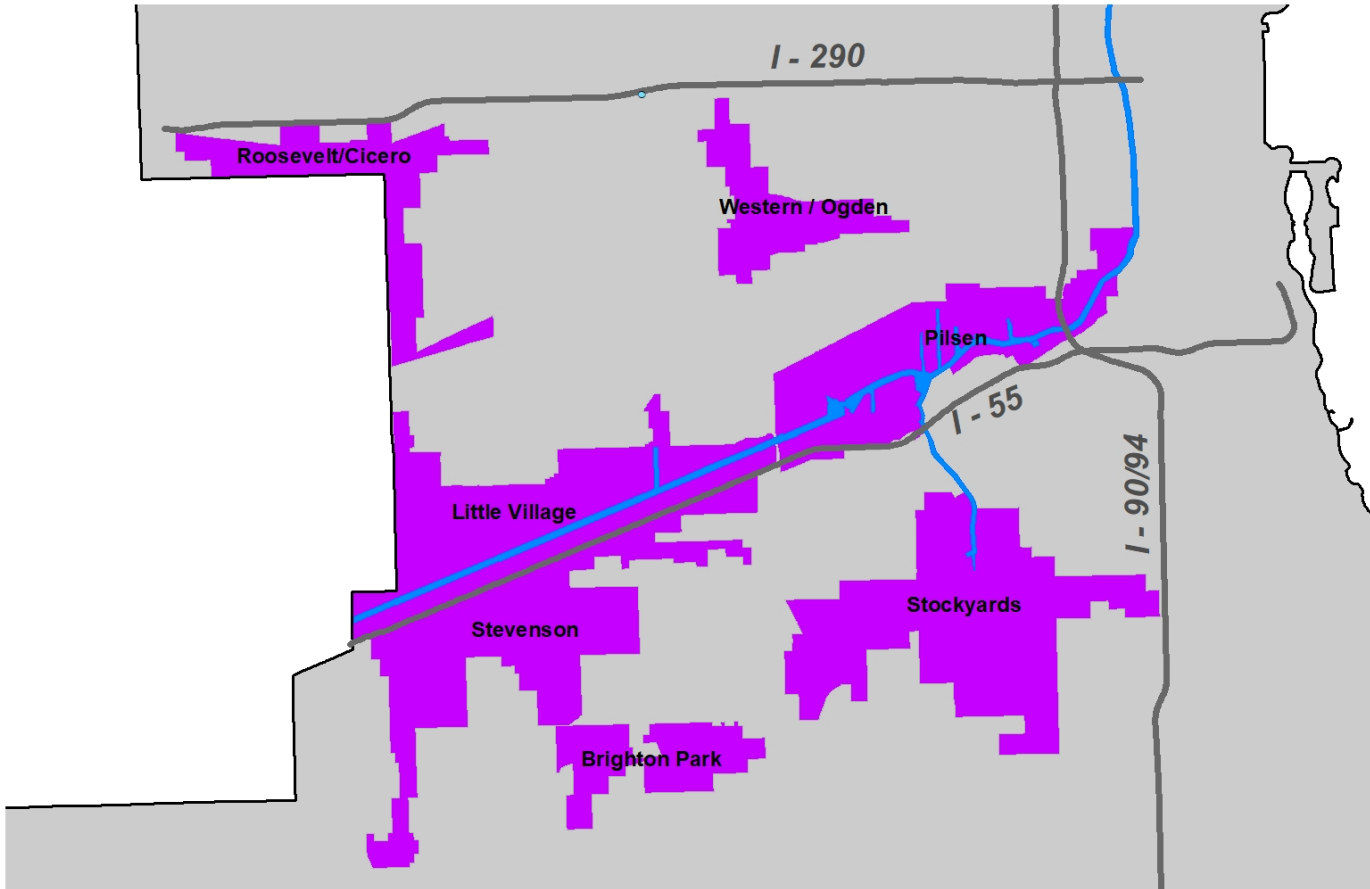
Initiating in 2021:

Far South Industrial Corridor (Calumet River)

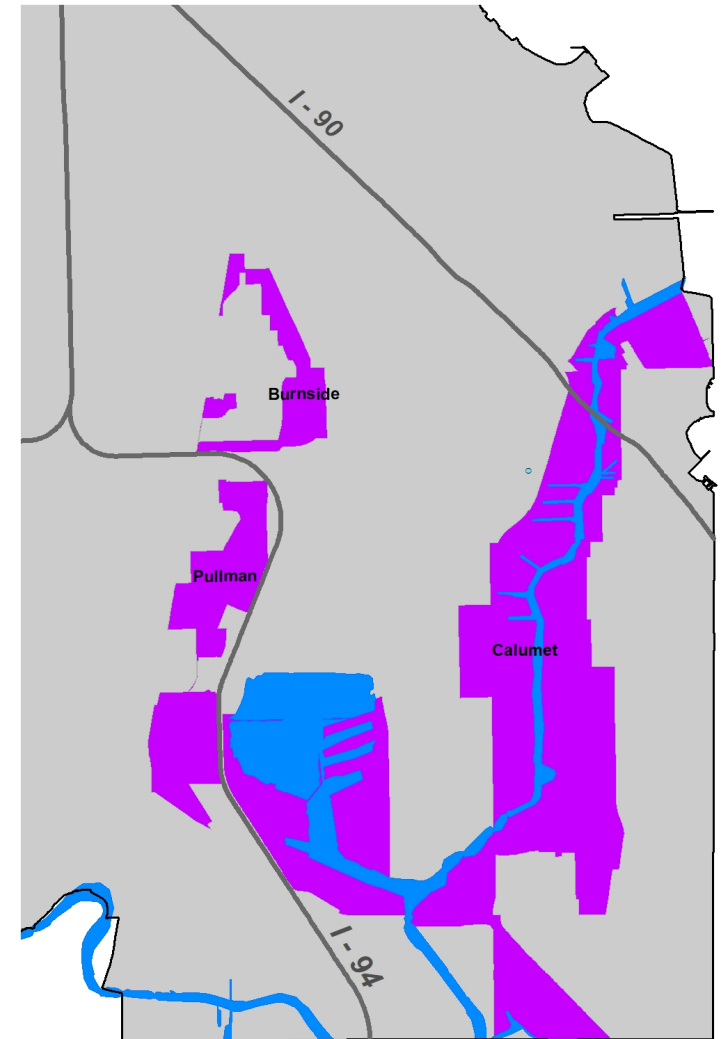
I-55 Industrial Corridor (Sanitary and Shipping Canal)



## I-55 Industrial Corridor



## Far South Industrial Corridor



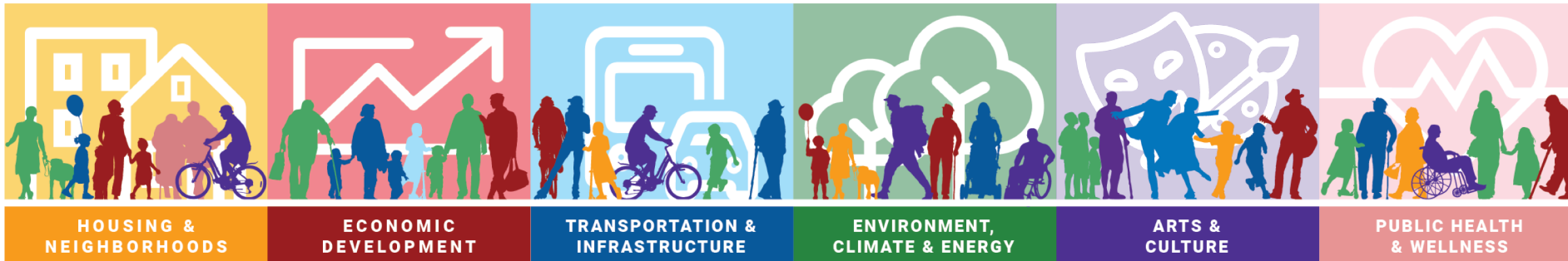
# We Will Chicago

Three-year planning initiative to encourage neighborhood growth and vibrancy while addressing social and economic inequities.

Ballot Initiative: 88% of voters agreed with **Equity**, **Diversity**, and **Resilience** as founding principles

Pre-Planning – August through December 2020

Developing 2021 workplan for Chicago Plan  
Commission update in January to explore 6 pillars  
(below) the principles and engagement



# Today's Discussion

Build on previous collaboration and success

Input from meeting notice has been used to organize potential focus areas and member priorities for discussion

## **Small Group Exercise (four groups):**

River Restoration and Ecology

Recreation Support and Education

River Project Review

System Plans and the River

## **Questions:**

Goals and priorities: define topic and key considerations

Additional tools and resources

Success metric and timeframe



