

River Ecology and Governance Task Force

12/07/21

3 pm to 4:30 pm

AGENDA

3:00 pm **Welcome and Introductions**

Please say "hello" in the chat.

3:05 pm **End of Year Survey**

- How are you feeling about the Task Force?
- Any improvements for 2022?

3:10 pm **Working Group Check-In and Discussion**

System Plans Working Group Check-In and Discussion (Jam Board)

The System Plans Working Group has created a set of [draft principles and themes](#). The group is now working through some key questions to determine the types of policies to pursue for better planning for rivers and riverfronts as well as the strategies to develop and promote ideas.

Discussion Question: [Jam Board](#)

- How do we engage with local community organizations and residents about these principles and how they can be enacted in different parts of the river and on different sites? What are some strategies the Working Group could pursue in 2022?

3:35 pm **Development Review Working Group Check-in and Discussion (Jam Board)**

The Development Review Working Group has been working through creating a set format and structure to review new river-adjacent development projects.

Discussion Question: [Jam Board](#)

- How can these review processes incorporate the draft principles that have been created by the System Plans Working Group?

3:55 pm **Partner Led Presentation**

Information from government or community partner

- Friends of the Chicago River

4:15 pm **2022 Priority Projects + Topics**

Projects that are active and proposed topics for Task Force meetings

4:30 pm **Proposed 2022 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