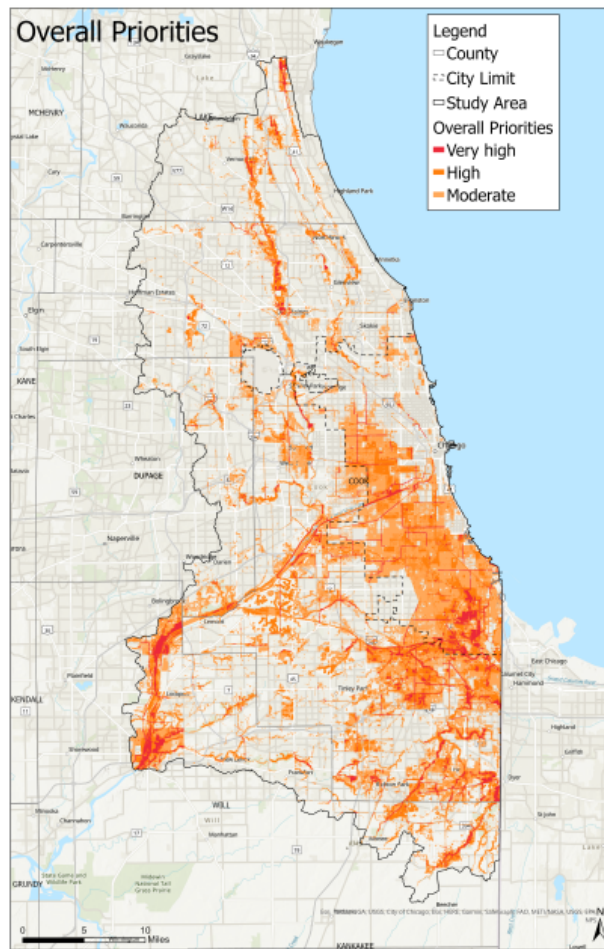


Chicago River Summit 2023



March 8, 2023

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: 410 N Michigan Ave. (details provided in confirmation email)

Ticket price: \$75.00

Lunch provided

This March, the Chicago River Summit: *Greater Chicago Natural Solutions Tool: A Watershed Approach* publicly launches the Natural Solutions Tool (<https://www.chicagoriver.org/programs/public-policy-and-planning/natural-solutions-tool>). The Natural Solutions Tool is an innovative, multi-benefit project prioritization tool designed to catalyze strategic green infrastructure projects. A key feature of this new and powerful online-mapping tool includes parcel prioritization – at the neighborhood level – that will drive investments in green infrastructure to areas of the Chicago-Calumet River watershed with the greatest need and opportunity, harnessing the power of nature to achieve multiple social, environmental, and economic benefits within communities – equitably.

The creation of the Natural Solutions Tool is the result of a vision for increased strategic and collaborative watershed-wide investments in nature-based solutions led by the Greater Chicago Watershed Alliance (<https://www.chicagoriver.org/programs/public-policy-and-planning/greater-chicago-watershed-alliance>), which Friends of the Chicago River first convened in 2020.

The Natural Solutions Tool uses in-depth, mapped data to identify the most powerful locations for green infrastructure expansion and improvement. The tool will allow users to find parcels that meet certain characteristics where green infrastructure is most suitable, as well as to compare climate, public health, and equity information to address complex environmental challenges.

It is essential our region’s leaders integrate this critical decision making tool and put it in the hands of frontline communities. Join us as national and local experts demonstrate how the Natural Solutions Tool can build healthy, climate resilient communities.

Speakers include:

Dr. Jeff Opperman, World Wildlife Fund (<https://www.worldwildlife.org/>)

Taj Schottland, Trust for Public Land (<https://www.tpl.org/>)

Dr. Teresa Horton, Northwestern University (<https://www.northwestern.edu/>)

Lina Velasco, Community Development Director for Richmond, CA (<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/>)

Raed Mansour, City of Chicago, Department of Public Health, Director of Environmental Innovation

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