Dam removal on North Branch of Chicago River to clear way for boaters and wildlife

**WHO:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Chicago Park District, Friends of the Chicago River, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**WHAT:** Project partners will mark the beginning of demolition work to remove the four-foot high concrete North Branch Dam and other improvements at the convergence of the North Branch of the Chicago River and North Shore Channel.

**WHERE:** 5099 N. Albany Ave., Chicago - Along the west bank of the North Branch at River Park, near the intersection of Carmen and Albany Avenues.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 2 p.m.

Officials with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (USACE), Chicago Park District, Friends of the Chicago River, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and City of Chicago will mark the first phase of improvements to the confluence of the North Branch of the Chicago River and North Shore Channel surrounding River Park.

In support of the USACE’s River Riparian and Habitat Project, work in and along the waterways will be broken down into multiple phases, starting with the restoration of approximately one acre of stream bed. The North Branch Dam and other concrete within the channel will be removed and riffles, step pools, cobbles, gravels and sands will be installed.

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