

## 97 Previous Winners of the Chicago River Blue Awards

### 2025

#### Blue Ribbon

- Robbins Heritage Park and Midlothian Creek Restoration Project  
*The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)*

#### Silver Ribbon

- Lockport Prairie and Prairie Bluff Ecosystem Restoration Project  
*Forest Preserve District of Will County, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC.*

#### Green Ribbon

- Talbot Avenue Drainage Improvement Project  
*Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Lake County, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, and Lake County Health Department*
- “Natural shorelines support greater diversity and abundances of fishes in Chicago’s waterways”  
*John G. Shedd Aquarium & Illinois Department of Natural Resources*
- University of Chicago Campus South Walk  
*The University of Chicago, Site Design Group, TERRA Engineering, Turner Construction Company*
- Supporting Chicago River education and access at River Park  
*Chicago Park District*

### 2024

#### Blue Ribbon

- Vote Yes for Clean Air, Clean Water, and Wildlife Habitat  
*The Vote Yes Steering Committee: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Trust for Public Land, Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Garden, Illinois Environmental Council, The Nature Conservancy, Openlands, Henrietta Saunders*

#### Silver Ribbon

- Chicago Waterways Restoration Framework Plan  
*United States Army Corps of Engineers, City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Forest Preserves of Cook County*

#### Green Ribbon

- Skokie River Streambank Stabilization Project  
*Skokie Consolidated Drainage District, V3 Companies, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity*
- Pine Street Streambank Stabilization & Open Space Project  
*Village of Glenview, ENCAP, Inc., Baxter & Woodman, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency*
- 1229 W Concord  
*Sterling Bay, site design group, J.P. Morgan, Harrison Street, Bank OZK, Gensler, Power Construction, V3 Companies*
- Winchester Avenue Green Infrastructure & Flood Reduction Project,

## Calumet Park

*Antero Group, Village of Calumet Park, Robinson Engineering, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Cook County, Greenprint Partners, Center for Neighborhood Technology, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency*

### - Rio de Bienvenida/River of Welcome

*Artists: Delilah Salgado, Cynthia Weiss, Citlalli Trujillo & Dr. Rachel Havrelock from the UIC Freshwater Lab, Chicago Public Art Group, E(art)H Chicago, Builders Initiative, Illinois Arts Council, and University of Illinois System Presidential Initiative for the Arts & Humanities*

### - The Prairie Boat Gathering Space

*Prairie Boat Community Curatorial Committee, Artist: Christine Perri, Imani Village, Chicago Park District, Forest Preserves of Cook County, Field Museum, Openlands, Illinois Department of Natural Resources: Coastal Management Program, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Walder Foundation*

## 2023

### Blue Ribbon

### - The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Increasing Green Infrastructure in the Little Calumet River Watershed

*The Village of Alsip and the Morton Arboretum*

### Silver Ribbon

### - Palos and Sag Valley Forest Preserves Restoration

*Forest Preserves of Cook County*

### - Omni Ecosystems HQ Rooftop

*Omni Ecosystems*

### Green Ribbon

### - Pekny Park Green Infrastructure

*Riverdale Park District*

### - Cogle Foods Headquarters

*Cogle Foods Company*

### - The Meadow at the Old Post Office

*601W Companies LLC*

### - The Preserve of Highland Park

*Park District of Highland Park*

## 2022

### Blue Ribbon

### - Ford Calumet Environmental Center

*Chicago Park District*

### Silver Ribbon

### - The Wild Mile Floating Park, Learning Platform

*Urban Rivers*

### - African American Heritage Water Trail

*Openlands*

### Green Ribbon

### - Wolf Point East

*Bit Wolf Point East Investors LLC*

- Wetlands Restoration and Preservation Plan  
*Lake County Stormwater Management Commission*
- Lincoln Village Pedestrian Bridge  
*Chicago Department of Transportation*
- Riverview Bridge and Trail Connection  
*Chicago Department of Transportation*
- Natalie Creek Flood Control Project  
*Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*

## 2021

### Blue Ribbon

- The Forge: Lemont Quarries

## 2020

### Blue Ribbon

- RainReady Program  
*Center for Neighborhood Technology*

### Silver Ribbon

- Chicago Riverwalk East Reconstruction  
*City of Chicago Department of Assets, Information and Services*
- Greenest Region Compact  
*Metropolitan Mayors Caucus*
- Southbank Riverwalk  
*Lendlease*

### Green Ribbon

- Odyssey Chicago River  
*Hornblower Cruises and Events*
- Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan  
*Forest Preserves of Cook County*
- North Street Permeable Paving  
*Village of Tinley Park*
- Bubbly Creek Riverfront Restoration Project  
*Amberleaf Cabinetry*

## 2019

### Blue Ribbon

- Former Mayor Rahm Emanuel

### Silver Ribbon

- The Wild Mile Plan  
*City of Chicago, SOM, Urban Rivers, and partners*
- South Side Soap Box  
*Method Soap, Heitman Architects, and William McDonough + Partners*
- North Branch Dam Removal  
*US Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago Park District, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*

- REI Lincoln Park  
*REI Co-op and R2 Companies*
- Lathrop Homes Redevelopment  
*Related Midwest, Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation, and Heartland Housing*

**Green Ribbon**

- McDonald's Chicago Flagship  
*Ross Barney Architects*
- CH Robinson Building  
*Sterling Bay Companies*

**2018**

**Blue Ribbon**

- Eleanor Street Boathouse  
*Chicago Park District and Studio Gang*

**Silver Ribbon**

- Argyle Shared Streets  
*Chicago Department of Transportation and Site Design Group*
- Canal Shores Ecological Restoration Master Plan  
*Canal Shores Golf Club*

**Green Ribbon**

- River Point  
*Hines and Epstein*
- Eugene Field and Gompers Park Riffle Complex  
*US Army Corps of Engineers and Chicago Park District*
- Metropolitan Brewing Tap Room at Rockwell on the River  
*Prairie Management & Development, Inc. and Metropolitan Brewing*

**2017**

**Blue Ribbon**

- Chicago Riverwalk  
*City of Chicago and Ross Barney Architects*

**Silver Ribbon**

- Wolf Point West  
*BIT Wolf Point West Investors LLC*

**Green Ribbon**

- Riverline  
*Perkins + Will*
- Wescott Park Stormwater Storage Facility  
*Village of Northbrook*
- Calumet & Southeast Chicago Lakefront Region Wayfinding Concept  
*The Lakota Group*
- Calumet Corridor RainReady Plan  
*The Center for Neighborhood Technology*

**2016**

**Blue Ribbon**

- Horner Park Ecological Restoration

*United States Army Corps of Engineers*

**Silver Ribbon**

- Downtown Glenview Streambank Stabilization  
*Village of Glenview*
- 150 N. Riverside  
*Riverside Investment and Development*
- Chicago Riverwalk (Phase II)  
*Ross Barney Architects*

**Green Ribbon**

- New City  
*Structured Development*
- The Cal-Sag Trail (Western Portion)  
*Forest Preserves of Cook County*
- Hydrology Improvements at Big Marsh  
*Structured Development*
- Disinfection at O'Brien and Calumet WRP,  
Opening of Thornton Reservoir  
*Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*
- Chicago Botanic Garden North Lake Shoreline Restoration Project  
*Chicago Botanic Garden*

**2015**

**Blue Ribbon**

- The Joy Garden at Northside College Preparatory High School  
*Urban Habitat Chicago*

**Silver Ribbon**

- Eugene Field Park Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration  
*ENCAP, Inc.*

**Green Ribbon**

- Albany Park Branch Library  
*Public Building Commission of Chicago*
- Maggie Daley Park  
*Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc and the Chicago Park District*

**2014**

**Blue Ribbon**

- Ping Tom Memorial Park Boathouse  
*Johnson & Lee, site design, ltd., and Chicago Park District*

**Silver Ribbon**

- Space to Grow: Greening Chicago Schoolyards  
*Chicago Public Schools, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and City of Chicago Department of Water Management*
- Ping Tom Memorial Park Fieldhouse  
*Public Building Commission of Chicago*

**Green Ribbon**

- WMS Boathouse at Clark Park

*Studio Gang Architects*

**2013**

**Blue Ribbon**

- The Slotnick Residence  
*Kipnis Architecture + Planning*

**Silver Ribbon**

- Riverbank Restoration  
*WRD Environmental*
- Engine Company 16  
*Public Building Commission of Chicago*

**Green Ribbon**

- Pilson's Sustainable Streetscape,  
*Alderman Daniel S. Solis, 25<sup>th</sup> Ward, and the Chicago Department of Transportation  
Streetscape and Sustainable Design Program*
- McGrath Acura Redevelopment  
*Terra Consulting Group, LTD.*
- Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy  
*Public Building Commission of Chicago*

**2012**

**Blue Ribbon**

- Center on Halsted  
*Gensler*

**Silver Ribbon**

- The Ogden International School of Chicago  
*Public Building Commission of Chicago*

**Green Ribbon**

- Roscoe Village Retreat  
*Prassas Landscape Studio LLC*
- West Ridge Elementary School  
*Muller+Muller, Ltd.*
- Chicago Public Library New Branch Prototypes  
*Lohan Anderson, LLC*

**2011**

**Blue Ribbon**

- Lake Riverdale Sustainable Master Plan  
*South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association*

**Silver Ribbon**

- Riverbank Restoration  
*Riverbank Neighbors*

**Green Ribbon**

- Loyola Academy Munz Campus: Landfill to Living Laboratory  
*Loyola Academy*
- Harms Woods Wetland and Stream Restoration Project

*Friends of the Forest Preserves*

- Ping Tom Park: North River Edge Development  
*Chicago Park District*

**2010**

**Blue Ribbon**

- Richard M. Daley, Mayor, City of Chicago

**Silver Ribbon**

- West Fork Corridor Habitat Project  
*Village of Glenview*
- Whole Foods Market Lincoln Park  
*Wolff Landscape Architecture*

**Green Ribbon**

- Fay's Point  
*Fay's Point LLC and OKW Architects*
- Chicago Main Branch Riverwalk  
*Ross Barney Architects*
- Chicago Riverwalk Main Branch Framework Plan  
*Skidmore, Owings & Merrill*