From Vision to Construction

The completion of this visioning process marks the end of the first of many steps in a two stage process of planning and development for the Evanston Lakefront, as illustrated by the diagram above. Stage One of the process, the master planning stage, establishes guiding principles and policies that will guide all future lakefront development through planning, implementation and stewardship.

The second stage of lakefront planning and development involves the construction of new or improvement of existing lakefront assets, all of which reflect the principles and policies established during the master planning process. In Stage Two, funded projects undergo detailed design development and lakefront improvements are bid and constructed.

This comprehensive two-stage approach to lakefront planning and development will help ensure that lakefront improvements are integrated with the complex and long-term needs of the public lakefront, and reflect a community based vision for the lakefront. Each step of the process is described in detail on the following pages.
Community Outreach Process

- Community Engagement Process
  - Visioning Sessions
  - City Departmental Meetings
  - Individual Stakeholder Meetings
  - Public Workshops
    - September 19, 2007
    - September 20, 2007
    - October 4, 2007
    - October 30, 2007
    - November 1, 2007
    - November 8, 2007
    - November 15, 2007

- Public Notice and Outreach
  - Quarterly City of Evanston “Highlights” sent to each Evanston household
  - Notices and Coverage in the Evanston Roundtable
  - Notice in the City of Evanston Arts and Recreation Issue to each household
  - Coverage in the Evanston Review
  - NPR Public Radio Coverage
  - E-mail to over 200 organizations and Downtown Evanston Planning list serve
  - Flyers placed and posted at all city buildings
  - Various phone calls and e-mails prior to each community presentation
Lakefront Master Plan

City Council
Planning and Development Committee
- Review and Discussion: January 14, 2008
- Review and Discussion: January 22, 2008
- Plan Adopted: January 28, 2008

NORTH SECTION
Lighthouse Park
Lincoln Street Overlook

CENTRAL SECTION
Northwestern to Lee Street

SOUTH SECTION
Clark Square
South Boulevard
Lakefront Vision and Master Plan

Master Plan Adopted by City Council: January 28, 2008

Multiple Construction Projects Based off Master Plan
Lakefront Trail Project

- 1st Project Spawned from Master Plan
- Limits: Northwestern to Lee Street ONLY
- Preliminary Engineering / Due Diligence
  - Determine and Mitigate any Environmental, Noise, Social, Historical Impacts
  - Schematic Design
  - Public Involvement (This Meeting Only)
- Bicycle Path and Pedestrian Trail
- Design Development and Preparation of Construction Plans to Follow

Current Status: Preliminary Design

Construction Begins Fall 2009 (TENTATIVE)
Lakefront Trail – Bicycle Path

- Primarily For Bikes with Some Shared Use Areas
- Low Speed for Recreational Biking
- 12 Feet Wide
- 2 Foot Clear on Either Side
- Asphalt Paved
- Lighting being Evaluated
Lakefront Trail – Walking Path

- 6 Feet Wide
- 2 Foot Clear on Either Side
- Crushed Natural Compacted Gravel (no limestone) or Portland Cement Concrete
- Lighting being Evaluated for Highlighted Areas Only
- Workout Stations to be Relocated
Light Pollution

- Wasted Energy
- Loss of “the Night”
- Interferes With:
  - Stargazing
  - Nocturnal Animals
  - Plant Development

Images from Chicago Wilderness Magazine
The “Dark Skies” Concept

Traditional Light Fixture
- Inefficient Lighting
- High Glare
- Light Trespass
- Light Source Highly Visible From a Distance

Full Cut-off Light Fixture
- Lights ONLY the Area That Should Be Lit
- MUCH Less Glare
- Dark Sky Maintained
- Light Source Not Visible From a Distance

Images from Chicago Wilderness Magazine
Lighting

- Full Cutoff to Reduce Light Pollution
- Same Fixture Used at Lovelace & Lawson Parks for Continuity Within Park System and Ease of Maintenance
- Several Different Pole and Mounting Options Available
- LED Lighting Being Evaluated
  - New Technology
  - Up to 50% less power consumption than traditional lights
  - Can burn 5 times longer than traditional bulbs
Site Furnishings

We need your help

- Select “Families” of Bench and Trash Receptacle Site Furnishings
- Choose One Family that you prefer for the General Lakefront Area
- Choose One Family that you prefer for Special Areas on the Lakefront (like the Lagoon Area)

Choose Based on **Style Only** and Select Material Preference
Furnishings – General Lakefront

FAMILY A
Available in Recycled Wood, Metal, or Composite
Furnishings – General Lakefront

FAMILY B
Available in Recycled Wood or Metal
Furnishings – General Lakefront

FAMILY C
Available in Recycled Wood, Metal, or Composite
Furnishings – Special Areas

FAMILY A
Available in Recycled Wood, Metal, or Composite
Furnishings – Special Areas

FAMILY B
Available in Recycled Metal
Furnishings – Special Areas

FAMILY C
Available in Recycled Wood, Metal, or Composite
Other Furnishings

- Recycling Bins
- Water Fountains
- Bicycle Racks
Thank you for your participation and input tonight.