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Planning Branch  
Planning, Programs and Project Management

Dear Recipient:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is releasing for public review a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the effects associated with a proposed shoreline protection project located in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The Chicago Department of Transportation and the Chicago Park District partnered with USACE to address ongoing shoreline erosion and coastal storm damage that affects parkland, threatens the stability of DuSable Lake Shore Drive, and risks vehicular safety during storm events along the Morgan Shoal corridor. The Chicago Public Building Commission has been leading the design process. The proposed project area is located along Lake Michigan between 45<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Streets as shown in Enclosure 1.

The Draft SEA considers two alternatives to address ongoing erosion and coastal storm risk in the project area. The preferred alternative includes replacement of failing revetment structures along the Morgan Shoal corridor. Proposed coastal structures include a combination of a rubble mound and dynamic revetment, underwater breakwater, salvaged stepped limestone blocks, and transitional stepped concrete and sheet pile revetment at the existing 51<sup>st</sup> Street structure. The preferred alternative also includes the addition of up to 7 acres of new parkland that would enhance connectivity and recreation, promote natural and nature-based features for ecological function, and reduce flooding and erosion.

The 45-day public review period will be held from September 10, 2025, through October 25, 2025. As part of the public review period, USACE would appreciate any comments or concerns associated with the proposed action. The Draft SEA is available at: <https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/News/Project-Documents-Notices-Public-Review/Category/24681/chicago/>

A Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been prepared to accompany the Draft SEA. The Draft FONSI concludes that the preferred alternative does not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Following the public review period and USACE review of comments received, the District Engineer will make a final decision regarding the necessity of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed action. Based on the preliminary analyses completed to date, it does not appear that the preferred alternative will result in significant impacts which would require the preparation of an EIS.

Comments regarding the proposed action may be submitted via email, mail, comment form or through a crowd source tool. Enclosure 2 is a list of state and federal agencies, tribal nations, elected officials, and interested parties receiving this request.

Emailed comments should be sent to [morganshoalnepa@usace.army.mil](mailto:morganshoalnepa@usace.army.mil). Mailed comments should be sent to the attention of Ms. Samantha Belcik, Biologist, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604.

A comment form and crowd source tool can be accessed on the project webpage at: <https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/Article/4112328/morgan-shoal/>.

All comments should be postmarked or emailed by October 25, 2025.

A public meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for interested parties to provide comments in person. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 5:30 PM at Kennicott Park Fieldhouse, 4434 S Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653.

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Enclosures

1 – Project Map

2 – Distribution List

## Enclosure 1 – Project Map



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