

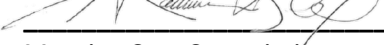


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**Re:** 2022 Annual Report on the MOA for Projects in Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

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In accordance with Section IV - Schedule, Monitoring and Reporting of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) related to projects in Jackson Park in Chicago, Illinois, which was finalized in December 2020, we submit the attached Annual Report on the eight (8) mitigation measures outlined in the MOA.

The city is pleased to report that measure I.B Field Documentation was completed in January 2021 and measures I.D Interpretive Plan for Jackson Park and I.G Design Review for the East End of the Midway Plaisance are both underway. We also report that all projects are currently on schedule per Attachment C of the MOA and confirm that the City has not encountered any problems, disputes, or objections in our efforts to carry out the terms of the MOA. Please see the attached *Annual Report on Progress of the Jackson Park MOA Mitigation Measures, October 13, 2022* which illustrates the City's progress implementing the mitigation measures in Jackson Park.

Please contact Todd Wyatt at 312-744-9145 if you have any questions or need for additional information.

2022 Annual Report on Progress of the Jackson Park MOA Mitigation Measures

10/13/2022

Type	Measure	MOA description	Target Schedule per MOA Attachment "C"	Tentative Phasing	Tentative Start	Status	
Research and Documentation	I.A	<b>Updated NRHP Documentation</b>	CDOT and the Chicago Park District in consultation with the Illinois SHPO will prepare an updated nomination of the Jackson Park Historic Landscape District and Midway Plaisance to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The updated nomination will conform to the current standards for nominations to the NRHP and will be available to the public in digital form once final. The updated nomination will be prepared by or under the supervision of individuals who meet the relevant Secretary of the Interior's (SOI) Professional Qualification Standards for history or architectural history (48 Fed. Reg. 44738- 44739, Sept. 29, 1983).	Submission of the updated nomination to Illinois SHPO: to be submitted by the end of 2025	N/A	2024	Pending
	I.B	<b>Field Documentation</b>	CDOT and the Chicago Park District will prepare photographs and drawings documenting existing conditions on (a) the 19.3-acre site planned for the OPC, (b) the east end of the Midway Plaisance, and (c) the areas planned for traffic improvements in Jackson Park. The work will be prepared consistent with the Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) guidelines for an existing conditions plan, vegetative plan, field photographs keyed to a site plan, and aerial photographs. The work will be prepared by or under the supervision of individuals who meet the relevant SOI Professional Qualification Standards for history or historic landscape architecture (62 Fed. Reg. 33720-33721, June 20, 1997).	Final portfolio of documentation: to be completed by the end of 2021	N/A	N/A	<b>Completed January 2021.</b> The City closely collaborated with the IL SHPO to complete the Field Documentation Report for Portions of Jackson Park and the Midway Plaisance during the winter of 2020. An approval letter from IDNR to the SHPO dated January 21, 2021 concurred that the field documentation report was acceptable and fulfilled the MOA requirement.
	I.C	<b>Cultural Landscape Report</b>	CDOT and the Chicago Park District, in consultation with the SHPO, will prepare Part 1 (site history, existing conditions, and analysis/evaluation) and Part 2 (long-term preservation strategy) of a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for Jackson Park, consistent with federal guidance for cultural landscape reports in: Robert R. Page, Cathy A. Gilbert, and Susan A. Dolan, A Guide to Cultural Landscape Reports: Contents, Process, and Techniques (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, Park Historic Structures and Cultural Landscapes Program, 1998). The CLR will assemble and analyze pertinent historic documentation and will provide recommendations for the long-term management of Jackson Park based on significance, existing condition, and use, taking into consideration all changes to Jackson Park that are proposed as part of the undertaking. The work on the CLR will be prepared by or under the supervision of individuals who meet the relevant SOI Professional Qualification Standards and are experienced in cultural landscape identification and evaluation and in the application of the SOI Standards for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes.	Final Cultural Landscape Report: to be submitted by 2024	Part 1 (site history, existing conditions, and analysis/evaluation)  Part 2 (long-term preservation strategy)	2023  2023	Scope development is underway, with RFP issuance targeted for 2023.  Scope development is underway, with RFP issuance targeted for 2023.
Interpretation	I.D	<b>Interpretive Materials</b>	CDOT and the Chicago Park District will develop and implement a plan (the plan) to install interpretive materials or carry out programs to commemorate and present the cultural and natural historical contributions of Jackson Park and its use by South Side residents. The plan for interpretive materials may encompass different formats for interpretation such as a digital program components and interpretive displays. The draft plan will be created in consultation with Consulting Parties, local museums, community groups, schools and universities, to determine the appropriate content, format, and locations for interpretive materials. The draft plan will be made available for 45-day review and comment by signatories, invited signatories, and concurring parties to this MOA. CDOT and Chicago Park District will prepare and provide a comment/response document summarizing the comments received. In light of these comments, CDOT and Chicago Park District will prepare the final plan and provide it to signatories, invited signatories, and concurring parties to this MOA before implementing the final plan.	Draft plan for interpretive materials: to be initiated in 2021	Phase 1: Project initiation	N/A	Project planning and community engagement are underway.
					Phase 2: Draft plan creation and review	2022-2023	Project planning and community engagement are underway.
					Phase 3: Implementation	2024	Pending

<b>Rehabilitation</b>	<b>I.E</b>	<b>English Stone Comfort Station</b>	CDOT and the Chicago Park District will prepare a Historic Structures Report (HSR) for the English Stone Comfort Station and will rehabilitate it in light of the recommendation from the HSR. The English Stone Comfort Station is located on the western perimeter of Jackson Park. The recommendation provided in the HSR will be consistent with applicable SOI Standards for Rehabilitation (36 C.F.R. § 68.3(b)). The HSR and future rehabilitation design will be provided to the Illinois SHPO for 45-day review and comment. CDOT and Chicago Park District will prepare and provide a comment/response document summarizing the comments received and will finalize the HSR and rehabilitation design in light of comments. The HSR and the final rehabilitation design will be performed by or under the direction of individuals meeting the SOI Professional Qualification Standards for historic architects (48 Fed. Reg. 44739, Sept. 29, 1983).	Final Historic Structures Report: to be submitted by the end of 2023	Phase 1: historic structures report	2023	Scope development is underway, with RFP issuance targeted for 2023.
				Rehabilitation work: to be initiated following approval of the Historic Structures Report and rehabilitation design	Phase 2: rehabilitation	2024	Pending
	<b>I.F</b>	<b>Statue of the Republic</b>	CDOT and the Chicago Park District will prepare a conservation assessment and rehabilitation plan for the Statue of the Republic and will implement the rehabilitation in phases. The Statue of the Republic is located at the intersection of East Hayes Drive and South Richards Drive in Jackson Park. The rehabilitation plan will be consistent with applicable SOI Standards for Rehabilitation (36 C.F.R. 68.3(b)). The draft rehabilitation plan will be provided to the Illinois SHPO for 45-day review and comment. CDOT and Chicago Park District will prepare and provide a comment/response document summarizing the comments received and will finalize the documents in light of comments. The assessment, plan, and rehabilitation will be performed by or under the direction of professional objects conservators with experience in applying the SOI Standards for Rehabilitation and conserving outdoor statues.	Final conservation assessment and proposed rehabilitation plan: to be submitted by the end of 2023	Phase 1: Conservation Assessment	2023	Scope development is underway, with RFP issuance targeted for 2023.
				Rehabilitation work: to be initiated following approval of the conservation assessment and proposed rehabilitation plan	Phase 2: Rehabilitation	2024	Pending
<b>Design Review</b>	<b>I.G</b>	<b>Design Review for the East End of the Midway Plaisance</b>	CDOT and the Chicago Park District plan modifications to the east end of the Midway Plaisance consistent with SOI Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties with respect to standards 9 and 10, which address compatible new additions. CDOT and the Chicago Park District will provide the draft design for 45-day review and comment by the public and signatories, invited signatories, and concurring parties to this MOA concerning landscaping features and other character-defining elements of the design. In furtherance of the City's responsibilities under UPARR, the final design for the east end of the Midway Plaisance will include new play area features whose ultimate selection will be made by the City after seeking public comment and consultation with the NPS on the final play-area design options from the Chicago Park District. CDOT and the Chicago Park District will prepare and implement a final design in light of comments concerning the draft design and the play area features.	Input on the draft design from the public, signatories, invited signatories and concurring parties, and public input on the play area features: to be completed by 2022	N/A	2021	The Park District continues to engage with the community and stakeholders during the design review of the improvements proposed to the East end of the Midway Plaisance. The 45-day consulting party review period was conducted between July 8, 2022 and August 22, 2022. Following the comment period, the 4th community meeting was conducted on October 6, 2022. As a next step, the Park District will update the plans to reflect community input and engage the NPS and the Illinois SHPO for review of final design options. The project is on track to complete the review process by the end of 2022.

Planting Review	L.H	<b>Review of Planting Plans for Required Tree Replacement</b>	CDOT and the Chicago Park District will ensure that planting plans detailing the species and placement of native plantings required in the GLFER mitigation areas are consistent with the original GLFER approval. USACE will be provided the final plans for review consistent with Section 408.	Submission of planting plans: prior to planting of related replacement plants	N/A	2021/2022	The Park District is reviewing the landscape restoration plan (65% drawings) that includes tree (re)placement, new natural areas to mitigate for lost GLFER areas, and restoration of dunes/berms and GLFER areas impacted by construction. The Park District continues to work with the historic landscape consultant to provide comments and edits to the plan that will be necessary before work proceeds. The Park District estimates that the project will be bid sometime in 2023.
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