Protecting Our Water Resources for a Sustainable Future

Founded in 1979, Friends of the Chicago River is an award winning nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve and protect the Chicago River system for people, plants, and animals. With over 6,000 members, volunteers, and online advocates, Friends works to make the river greener and more accessible, while building awareness of the benefits that a clean, healthy river can bring to communities across the watershed. Friends' decades' long advocacy has resulted in many major victories including securing new water quality standards that protect people and wildlife, a regional commitment to dam removal that will make the river safer for paddlers and allow natural aquatic species migration, and river-sensitive developments all along the 156-mile river system.

For more information on Friends of the Chicago River, its McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum, and the Chicago River, please visit: www.chicagoriver.org.

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