

Chicago Area Waterway System Recreational Access Points and Proposed Uses



Canoe and Kayak Access From Water Trail Plan

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- ★ Established
- ★ Unimproved Launch

Additional Launch Sites Not Listed in the Water Trail Plan

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Proposed Aquatic Life Uses

- CAWS Aquatic Life Use A
- CAWS and Brandon Pool Aquatic Life Use B
- Upper Dresden Island Pool Aquatic Life Use

Proposed Recreational Uses

- Incidental Contact Recreational Use
- Non-recreational Use
- Non-contact Recreational Use

Points of Interest

- Bridge
- Lock
- MWRD Water Reclamation Plant
- Marina
- Midwest Generation Power Plant
- Industrial Discharger
- Pumping Station
- Turning Basin

Data Sources:

Waterways from the USGS National Hydrography Dataset, scale 1:100,000

County Boundaries from Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission's Digital Map of the Region, scale 1:24,000

Canoe and Kayak Access from the Water Trail Plan from Northeastern Illinois Water Trails Map Summary Brochure, 2007 and updated through communication with site owners, scale 1:100,000

Additional Launch Sites Not Listed in the Water Trail Plan and marinas digitized from:

- Inventory of Public Access Locations along the Chicago Area Waterway System, IEPA Attachment No. L to the Statement of Reasons for R08-09, digitized at Openlands using Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission's Major Roads layer from the Digital Map of the Region and IEPA's location descriptions to place dock and canoe launch points
- Friends of the Chicago River boat trip on 7/16/08 for verification of launch locations, Friends marked locations of launches seen on the trip on US Army Corps of Engineers maps of the waterways, scale 1 inch = 1000 feet and locations were digitized at Openlands using Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission's Major Roads layer from the Digital Map of the Region to place the points.
- Personal communication with Friends of the Chicago River regarding access locations of which they are aware were digitized at Openlands using Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission's Major Roads layer from the Digital Map of the Region to place the points

Points of Interest digitized at Openlands using IEPA Attachments to the Statement of Reasons for R08-09 No I: Chicago Area Waterway System and Des Plaines River UAA Segments, and No. H: Proposed Recreational Use Designation

Proposed Recreational and Aquatic Life Use Designations digitized at Openlands from IEPA Statement of Reasons for R08-09, pp. 26-30, and IEPA Attachments H: Proposed Recreational Use Designation and Proposed Aquatic Life Use Designation and I: Chicago Area Waterway System and Des Plaines River UAA Segments

Map Created at Openlands August 4, 2008

Openlands' testimony (Laura Barghusen), "Attachment A" for R08-09, "Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations for the Chicago Area Waterway System and Lower Des Plaines River."

