

Morgan Shoal Project Update



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PROJECT 22703: CHICAGO SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT
45TH STREET TO 51ST STREET (MORGAN SHOAL)
REVETMENT RECONSTRUCTION

June 24, 2025 @ Kennicott Park Fieldhouse
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM



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01 Meeting Objectives

- **We Heard**
- **We Listened**
- **We Understood**

02 Public Engagement Recap

- **Public Engagements To Date:**

- **Community Update #1** – February 22, 2024
- **Community Update #2** – March 21, 2024
- **Community Update #3** – April 25, 2024
- **Site Visit/Walk-Through with Residents** – June 5, 2024
- **Community Open House Update #4** – June 20, 2024
- **Community Update #5** – June 22, 2024
- **Community Update #6** – June 24, 2025



03 Community Engagement Input – Under Review

• Per Open House Update – June 20, 2024

Addition of benches
and more bicycle
racks.

Use only rounded
stone at pebble
beach.

Add salvaged
limestone blocks at
pebble beach.

Include natural areas
at 51st street.

Salvage and preserve
more carved
limestone.

Expand proposed
natural areas at 47th
street.

Add ADA
accessibility to
pebble beach.

Increase height of
stepped revetment
at pebble beach

04 What We Heard – Pebble Beach

Community Suggestions and Ideas:

- Salvage and reuse existing pebble material
- Ensure pebble material is smooth and rounded
- Provide ADA accessibility
- Preserve the 'secluded' feel of pebble beach
- Reduce the height of the breakwater
- Ensure new structures do not encroach on Morgan Shoal

04 What We Heard – Natural Areas

Community Suggestions and Ideas:

- Preserve 'wild' feel of natural areas
- More dune, savanna, and prairie areas
- Less traditional lawn space where possible

04 What We Heard – Revetment & Limestone Blocks

Community Suggestions and Ideas:

- Increase quantity of limestone salvage
- More bike racks and places to sit along the project area

05 Next Steps – Suggestions & Ideas + NEPA & NHPA Processes

Suggestions and Ideas:

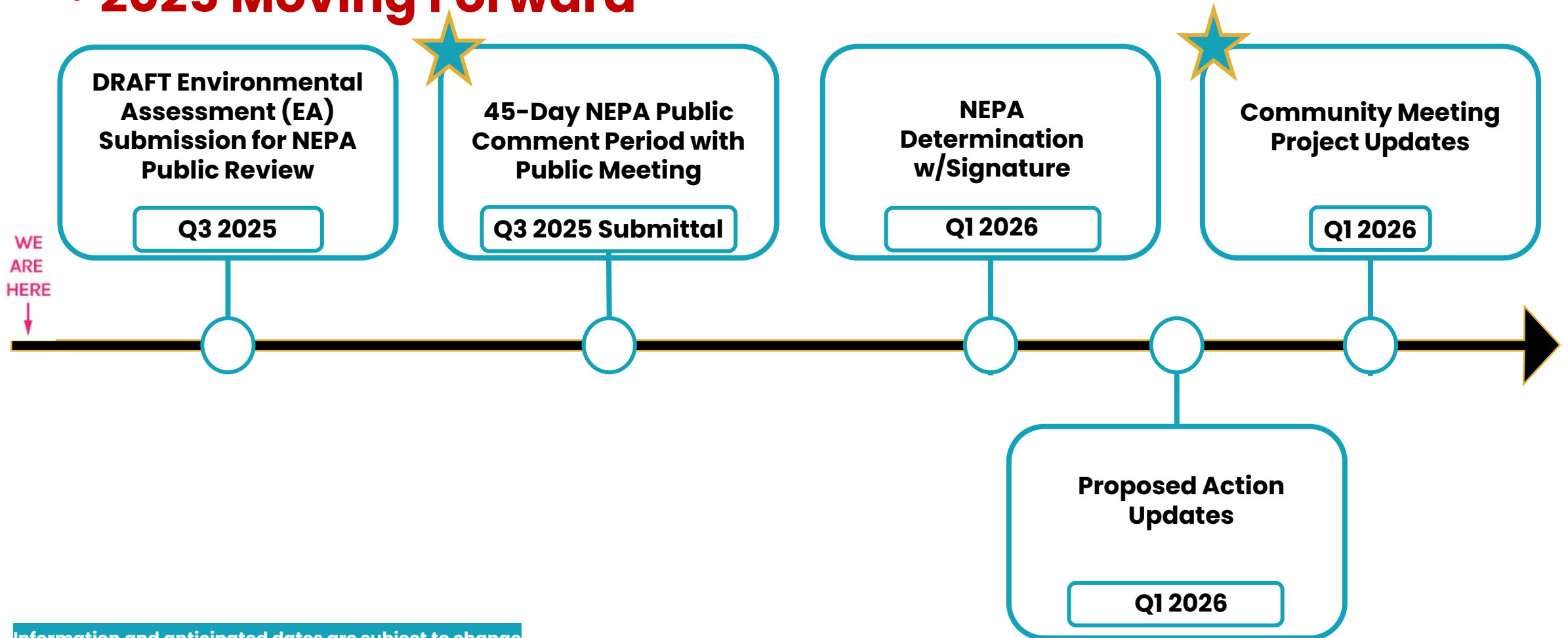
- “What we heard” from the community is under review.
- Additional opportunities upcoming per the NEPA and NHPA processes for public input.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA):

- NEPA and NHPA Processes.
- Proposed Action and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (DRAFT SEA) to be issued this summer with the public comment period.
- The DRAFT SEA evaluates potential impacts to environmental and cultural resources under NEPA and NHPA.
- Final Action Plan & SEA issued after consideration of public comments and consultation concluded under NEPA & NHPA.

06 Anticipated Schedule

• 2025 Moving Forward



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07 USACE's Reference Websites

USACE Referenced Websites:

- **USACE – Chicago Shoreline**

- <http://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/Display/Article/3639363/chicago-shoreline/>

- **USACE – Chicago Shoreline General Reevaluation Report:**

- <http://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/Article/3639415/chicago-shoreline-general-reevaluation-report/>

- **USACE – Morgan Shoal**

- <http://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/Article/4112328/morgan-shoal/>

- **USACE – NEPA SEA Public Notice:**

- <http://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/News/Project-Documents-Notices-Public-Review/Category/24681/chicago/>

- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

- <http://www.epa.gov/nepa>
- <https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/get-involved/citizens-guide-to-nepa-2021.pdf>

- **National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)**

- <https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties/section-106-process/introduction-section-106>

Q&A Thank You

We appreciate the active participation and care for the project.

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