The Chicago River

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Chicago 1500-1830

Potawatomi
Lake and River

Prairie

Birds and Butterflies

Clean Water and Fish

Forest

Bison, Deer, and Coyote

Rabbit, Raccoon, and Woodchuck

Beaver, Otter, and Muskrat

Squash and Corn

Canoe
Chicago 1830-1880

- People
- Industry
- Commerce
- City
- Fuel
- Farms and Livestock

Chicago 1880-1940

- Sewage
- Sickness
- Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (1900)
- River Reversed
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- Bigger and Busier City
- No More Nature?
- Forest Preserves
- Dunes
- Forests and Prairies

Chicago 1940-2013

Big City
Barges
Canoes

Walking and Birding
Quiet Listening
Cleaning-up Trash
Planting Plants
A Beautiful Place