

Friends of the Chicago River



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Sponsors Help Make Chicago River Day a Win for People, Plants, and Animals

CHICAGO—Chicago River Day annually draws thousands of volunteers across the region to collect litter and help beautify the region, with invaluable assistance from many generous sponsors.

Since the first Chicago River Day in 1992, tons of trash have been removed from the waterway, improving the Chicago River system not just esthetically but also making it safer and healthier for people, plants and animals. Sponsors underwrite the cost of this massive effort and, in many cases, provide volunteers from their staff to work cleanup locations along the 156-mile river system.

"Friends' Chicago River Day consistently impresses me with the thousands of volunteers that join rain or shine. With over 60 locations, everyone has an opportunity to help be a unique part of the Chicago River," said Steve Solomon, vice president, Corporate Relations, for Exelon, Chicago River Day's presenting sponsor.

"Exelon employees always come out and volunteer at Chicago River Day and participate in other activities like canoe trips, River Action Days, and tours at the McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum!" he said.

"RBC is honored to support Chicago River Day both this year and for the past five consecutive years," said Jacqueline Moore, associate general counsel at RBC Capital Markets. "At RBC, our purpose is to help our clients thrive and our communities prosper. As part of this commitment, we are proud to partner together to preserve one of the world's greatest metropolitan rivers and address water challenges."

Anne Vela-Wagner, Executive Director, Mars Wrigley Foundation, said, "Mars Wrigley Confectionery is proud to continue its long-standing support of Chicago River Day and Friends of the Chicago River. In our hometown of Chicago, the river is a precious natural resource and we appreciate our partnership to make it cleaner and more accessible for all."

Friends of the Chicago River would like to express sincere thanks to this year's generous sponsors.

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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 10,000 members, volunteers, and online advocates, Friends works to make the river healthier and more accessible, while building awareness of the benefits that a clean, healthy river can bring to communities across the watershed.

Friends of the Chicago River is working to make the Chicago River one of the world's greatest metropolitan rivers. For more information on Friends of the Chicago River, please visit our website: www.chicagoriver.org.

