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The Last Four Miles: Completing Chicago's Lakefront Parks

In accordance with Daniel Burnham's vision of a lakefront connected by pathways and open to the people, the architects set out to finish what was long ago started: Chicago's lakefront park and pathway. They focus on the northern- and southern-most ends—from Hollywood Beach to the edge of Evanston, and from 71st Street to Calumet Park. Jurors saw the plan as "important as a continuation of century-long progress to make the lakefront accessible as an open space and to help [surrounding] neighborhoods." The architects, according to their project statement, have created "a continuous lakefront park and path system, animal and plant habitats, beaches, peninsulas creating sheltered lagoons, active and passive recreation, and improved access."

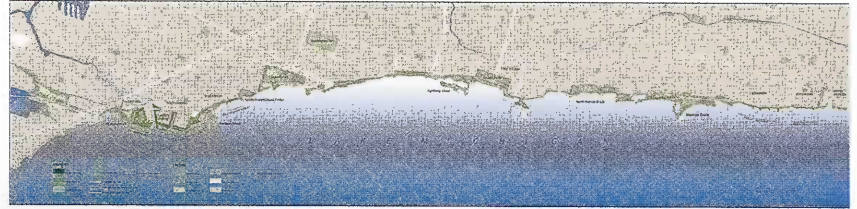
Image: courtesy of the firms

Chicago

Architects: BauerLatoza Studio, Topografis, Solomon Cordwell Buenz, Greene & Proppe Design

Client: Friends of the Parks

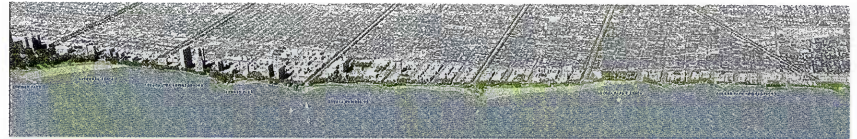
Consultants: AECOM (engineering)



THE LAST FOUR MILES: COMPLETING CHICAGO'S PUBLIC LAKEFRONT
OVERALL PLAN: CHICAGO LAKEFRONT



AERIAL VIEW OF THE PROPOSED SOUTHERN REACH, FROM THE EAST



AERIAL VIEW OF THE PROPOSED NORTHERN REACH, FROM THE EAST

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Harold Ickes Homes Redevelopment

The architects went beyond aesthetic improvements when redesigning eight residential buildings that are part of the Chicago Housing Authority's properties. The jurors commended the plan's "comprehensive sustainable approach to buildings and landscape." New building envelopes counter the heat island effect; native plantings improve the local habitat and improve community morale.

Image: DeStefano Partners

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Architect: DeStefano Partners

Client: Chicago Housing Authority

Consultants: Atelier Ten (environmental engineers)

