



**FRIENDS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER**  
**2007 Annual Report**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Chicago River is an incredible asset to the Chicago region. It is home for an increasingly diverse wildlife population. It is our place for sport and recreation — to fish, cycle, paddle, row crew, bird watch, or just wander in natural, open space. The river is a corridor for commerce, carrying tons of bulk commodities every year. It is also the source of new and increased economic vitality as local entrepreneurs take better advantage of this barely discovered yet ubiquitous waterway that was the *raison d'être* for Chicago itself.

To protect and restore this incredible asset, Friends of the Chicago River was established in 1979. Our founders could see through the barriers that others could not. Despite fences, pollution, trash, and neglect, they could tell the Chicago River was worth our attention.

The river has come a long way and we honor the ideals of our founders, while continuing to strive towards our vision for a Chicago River that is a natural, cultural, and economic treasure. We envision a river that is known, loved, used, and protected by the people of the watershed and shared by healthy, native plant and animal communities living in clean water and natural habitats.

In support of these ideals, FY2007 was a year of growth and achievement for Friends of the Chicago River — both internally and externally. In September 2006, we successfully completed Friends' first-ever capital campaign, exceeding our \$1.2 million goal by 12%. We reviewed and re-approved our bylaws ensuring that legal compliance and current best practices are in place. We also finalized a host of board governance tools including a board member recruitment matrix to guide the strategic evolution of Friends' board of directors. The net result was the addition of four new board members whose passion for the river and areas of expertise complement those of our existing directors.

Friends also concentrated on getting the news out about our programs in FY2007 and was recognized for our conservation and stewardship efforts. Friends' McCormick Tribune Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum received a 2007 Chicago Landmark Award for Preservation Excellence in the Interpretation/Education category, presented by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks. Additionally, we received a "Welcome to Downtown" award from Friends of Downtown for adding the McCormick Tribune Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum to Chicago's cultural oasis.

The Bridgehouse Museum itself was the site of a host of river activities including our sold-out second annual Big Fish Ball and the Michigan Avenue Fish Hotel — Friends' pilot habitat project. Throughout the summer and fall of 2006, hundreds of passersby came down from the bridge above to explore this constructed-habitat project and learn about the nearly 70 species of fish that live in the river.

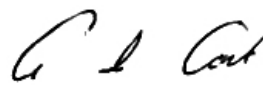
In FY2007 Friends of the Chicago River also held the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Chicago River Summit, co-hosted with Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn. This year was the first year we intentionally set out to engage policy makers and government leaders. We were more than rewarded for our efforts with over 100 participants in the Summit, including presentations by the president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, a senior attorney from Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office, and a report from the Center for Neighborhood Technology. Friends of the Chicago River presented our goals for clean water and the economic benefit of an improved Chicago River.

Although there were many more activities for which we are proud, the final accomplishment we'd like to share was the completion of the design charrette portion of our 25th anniversary design charrette series: "Action Plan for the Chicago River: Getting Specific."

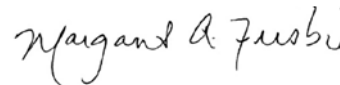
Prompted by the original action plan from a Chicago magazine article in 1979, we identified six essential topics for discussion. We then invited over 50 subject matter experts to help us identify current trends and needs, recommendations for river improvement, and to develop a matrix that outlined the topics: public access, water quality, aquatic habitat, riverbank habitat, riverbank naturalization, and land protection for each stretch of the river. The findings will play a role in Friends' next strategic plan and guide our initiatives for the next 25 years.

Friends is very proud of what we accomplished in FY2007. Our staff is talented and our board is committed. Yet it is not just our board and staff who own this success. It is the volunteers, members, supporters, partners, foundations, businesses, river neighbors, elected officials, government staffers, and you, who support our important mission and share our vision.

Thank you.



Craig Coit  
President  
Friends of the Chicago River



Margaret Frisbie  
Executive Director  
Friends of the Chicago River



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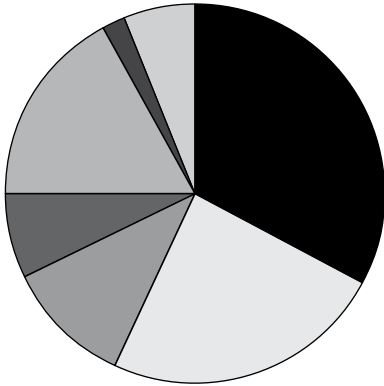
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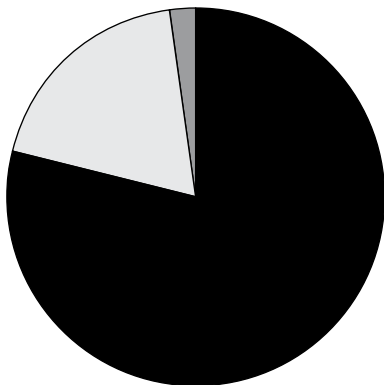
# FY2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

Audited Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the 12 months ending June 30, 2007



## Revenues

● Government	33%	\$471,383
○ Foundation Grants	24%	\$334,917
● Individuals	11%	\$158,593
● Corporations	7%	\$96,312
● Special Events	17%	\$234,302
● Other	2%	\$33,375
○ Net Assets Released from Restriction	6%	\$84,994
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,413,876</b>



## Expenses

● Program	79%	\$1,113,041
○ Fundraising	19%	\$266,263
● Administration	2%	\$30,868
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,410,172</b>

Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	\$871,762
Change in Net Assets	-\$81,292
Change in Endowment	-\$403
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$790,067</b>



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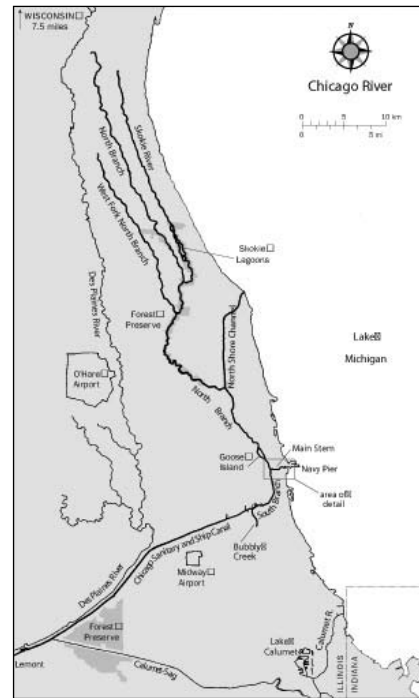
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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission Friends of the Chicago River is to preserve, protect and foster the vitality of the Chicago River for the plant, animal and human communities within its watershed. Friends achieves this mission through three program areas: education programs that foster awareness, involvement, and stewardship ethic; on-the-ground projects that physically improve the quality of the Chicago River; and policy and planning efforts that result in systemic river improvements.

Friends of the Chicago River is a 501 c 3 nonprofit corporation and is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. The governing body of Friends is the board of directors which sets the organization's policies and procedures, controls its fiscal affairs, manages its assets, and oversees the executive director. The executive director is an ex officio voting member of the board of directors and is the principal executive officer of the organization.

## THE CHICAGO RIVER

The Chicago River watershed extends from Lake County to southern Cook County and includes the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and the Cal-Sag Channel. The Chicago River has a fascinating natural and cultural history and has undergone many human modifications from channelization to the reversal of its flow. An increasingly popular recreational resource, the river also supports a diversity of wildlife and economic uses. The Chicago River has played a central role in the development of the Chicago region and continues to do so today as a natural, economic and recreational resource, loved, cherished and used by the people of this region.

**Friends of the Chicago River**

