MPC hosted the virtual event, *Activated Rivers, Stronger Communities: Stories from our region’s waterways*, on May 28, 2020. This event highlighted the success and challenges of community groups in creating riverfront projects along the Chicago River South Branch, Calumet River and Des Plaines River.

This event had more than 90 attendees and included a poll, prior to the hearing from the panelists and speakers. The poll included questions about whether attendees use their rivers and how they like to enjoy them. Each question allowed participants to select more than one answer. The poll received 51 responses. The following pages include the questions asked and their accompanying responses.
1. Which part of the Chicago River system do you live near or recreate on?

- I do not currently live near or recreate on Chicago's rivers
- Sanitary Ship Canal
- Little Calumet River
- Calumet River
- Des Plaines River
- South Branch Chicago River
- Main Stem Chicago River
- North Branch Chicago River

Poll Results (multi-select, 51 responses)
2. How do you enjoy the river currently?

- I do not currently enjoy river based activities.
- Fishing
- Participate in stewardship and clean-up activities
- Bike along the riverfront
- Walk along the riverfront
- Dine, drink or shop near the river
- Participate in community events and cultural activities
- Canoe, kayaking and boating
3. What are some challenges to having safe and active river uses?

- There are no challenges. I think it is great as it is.
- Unclear of ownership and whether areas are open to public
- Lack of trails for walking, biking
- Lack of programming and activities
- River is not clean, water quality is poor
- Not enough lighting or amenities like benches and trash cans
- Unclear river access points
- River and land uses preclude activities (industrial uses, barge traffic)

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