

## PROJECT PROFILE

**Project Name:**  
Chicago Riverwalk Restoration

**Project Customer:**  
Chicago Department of  
Transportation

**Project Partners:**  
Sasaki  
Walsh Construction

**Project Location:**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Martin EcoSystems Product:**  
BioHaven® Floating Islands

**Application:**  
Habitat Restoration and  
Beautification



## Application Summary

The section of the Chicago River located downtown was once a meandering marshy stream until it was transformed into an industrial channel. Over the last decade, the role of the river has been evolving with the Chicago Riverwalk project—an initiative to reclaim the Chicago River for the ecological, recreational and economic benefit of the city. BioHaven® Floating Islands were incorporated as “Floating Gardens” into the Jetty Room of the new Riverwalk Restoration.

## Solution

Martin Ecosystems installed BioHaven® Floating Islands to provide a health habitat for the Chicago River’s diverse native fish population, as well as educational and recreational opportunities for visitors to observe and interact with the aquatic ecosystem.

The Floating Islands were incased in a frame of stainless steel and anchored by stainless steel pylons which allowed the Floating Islands to fluctuate 8’ vertically with the changing river elevations.

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