

Catch up on ICA-USA Winter Initiatives & Upcoming Events



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Spotlight



The Coastal Reserve, Top of the Hill Historical Area/Quincy Walk was the starting destination.

Cultivating Community in Uptown's Coast

ICA-USA fosters and supports community-led initiatives in many locales around Chicago, the U.S. and the globe. The community closest to home is Uptown, a vibrant neighborhood that is home to ICA's headquarters, ICA GreenRise.

ICA has had several programmatic initiatives in Uptown throughout the years, but likely none as interdisciplinary as its current project, *Out and About Uptown's Coast*. Supported by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, *Out and About Uptown's Coast* is an environmental education series that aims to engage Uptown's residents, workers, and visitors through nine participatory learning sessions addressing the many connections between sustainability the the coast.

The series uses ICA's popular education based methods to produce transformative and engaging curriculum. The design was written to meet the audience where they are at and link it back to Uptown's coast. Each session delves into the history of Uptown's coast as it relates to different

content areas, shares a current initiative, and finishes with an experiential learning component, often a neighborhood walk. ICA staff partners with local experts to present in the different topic areas and lead the tours. Highlights from the four sessions from July through October are listed below.

Cycling Uptown
Representatives from Divvy and the Active Transportation Alliance presented on bike infrastructure, opportunities to provide feedback into future bike infrastructure, and bike safety. The group walked along US Bike Route 37 to the site of the proposed Lakeshore Trail separation. The night ended with test rides on Divvy bikes!

Underutilized Community Spaces
Pulling together seemingly unrelated topics from Full Moon Fire Jam, the International Dark Skies Association, and the Lincoln Park Honeybee Grove, attendees reflected how utility of a space is determined. The night sky was showcased as a massive underutilized space due to light pollution. The evening coastal walk highlighted creatively used

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