

SAVE THE POINT

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Introduction to the Report of the Promontory Point Mediator.

The Mediator's Report was researched and written by Jamie Kalven, an independent mediator, and Wayne Brunzell, an independent engineer. Mr. Kalven was hired as mediator in the dispute over the preservation of the limestone revetment at Promontory Point. Mr. Brunzell is his technical consultant. The Point is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a national historic resource. But it is threatened by the Chicago Shoreline Project, a federal highway protection project administered by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) with the local sponsorship of the Chicago Park District (CPD) and the Chicago Department of Environment (DOE). Park users and local community members oppose the demolition of the Point's limestone revetment and favor repair and preservation. Community members formed the Community Task Force for Promontory Point (CTF) in January 2001 to represent this view.

Over two years later, with the project stalled, Mr. Kalven was hired by mutual agreement of all parties. He worked with the parties for six months, from August 5, 2003 to January 28, 2004. The costs of the mediation were split between the CTF and the City. Mediator's reports on the meetings, as well as a PDF version of the Mediator's Report, are posted at <http://thepoint.invisibleinstitute.com>. The mediation meetings