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WATERFRONT ALLIANCE PRESENTS BREAKING NEWS ON BREAKWATERS, A WEDG® (WATERFRONT EDGE DESIGN GUIDELINES) WEBINAR

Learn how the latest WEDG Verified Project Met Design Standards
The Illinois Beach State Park Shoreline Stabilization Project earned the WEDG® (Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines) Verification status from Waterfront Alliance under Version 3.0. WEDG is the gold standard for resilient, ecological, and accessible design. Join the discussion to learn about the park and how it met the rigorous standards. Hear from the project team and Waterfront Alliance's Chief Waterfront Design Officer, Joseph Sutkowi.

- Wednesday, April 17, 2024
- 11am-12pm CT | 12pm-1pm ET
- Virtual Zoom Webinar
- Registration: https://bit.ly/3PJhK2t

Speakers
- Maarten Kluijver, PE, Coastal Engineer, Moffatt & Nichol
- Heidi Natura, PLA, FASLA, Principal & CEO, Living Habitats LLC
- Ben Koepsell, PE, Senior Manager, Michels Construction, Inc.
- Laura Verden, PLA, Regional Landscape Architect, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

About the Illinois Beach State Park Shoreline Stabilization Project
This project is notable as it is the 14th WEDG Verified project, the first to be verified under WEDG Version 3.0, and the first freshwater project to achieve the rigorous standards of WEDG in resilience, ecology, and access. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Capital Development Board with design team Moffatt & Nichol designed stone breakwaters to reduce the erosion of the beach, and contracting lead Michels is implementing the design. Habitat design lead Living Habitats LLC creatively incorporated habitat in the breakwaters for several avian and aquatic species like Caspian, common terns, mudpuppies, and yellow perch. The project maintains beautiful views from the beach for park goers and restores an eroded trail connection that will improve pedestrian pathways.