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CORRECTING THE RECORD
Jackson Park Litigation did not end with the District Court Ruling
Protect Our Parks releases statement to set the record straight

While to be sure yesterday's judgment concludes the matter before the district court in favor of the defendants in the Jackson Park litigation, that is only part of the story.

Before yesterday's judgment - by stipulation - the Plaintiffs had no way to compel the courts to reexamine the decisions on many issues and decisions made by the district court. With the entry of this decision, an appeal can proceed based on several major legal issues now ripe for appeal to the Seventh Circuit and, if necessary, by the Supreme Court.

Three such issues involve, for example: (1) whether the entire project, with its transfers of public property to a private party, violates the requirements of the public trust doctrine; (2) whether the parties to the transfer of Jackson Park land to the Foundation met the limiting terms of a privately negotiated deal designed to provide cover for the public to private transfer at issue; (3) whether the decisions in regards to the project's compliance with well-established federal and local environmental and historical protection requirements are clearly erroneous.

In seeking justice, Plaintiffs have long sought to appeal numerous erroneous earlier decisions. However, those efforts were stymied by the district court until this order disposing of the entire matter.

We continue to believe that all our positions will be vindicated either in the Seventh Circuit or the Supreme Court.

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For a more in-depth understanding of the issues on the merits, see also: <https://tinyurl.com/4t9v7nxt>.