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Maggie Daley Park Ice Ribbon
Making the most of cold Chicago winters

Location
Maggie Daley Park,
337 East Randolph St.

Size
Quarter-mile-long ice ribbon

Construction completed
2014

**Start of Enwave
chilled-water service**
2014

Unique features
Winds through a rolling landscape
unlike typical civic ice rinks, creating
a multisensory activity that is
integrated into the landscape.

Owner/Developer
Chicago Park District

Landscape architect
Michael Van
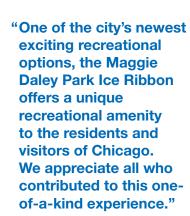Valkenburgh Associates Inc.

Family-friendly

Winter in downtown Chicago is now even more fun – no matter the weather – thanks to the new ice-skating ribbon that opened in December 2014 at Maggie Daley Park. The ice ribbon is an integral part of transforming the sites of Daley Bicentennial Plaza into a continuous public landscape and destination on the Chicago lakefront. Enwave Chicago's ice-based cooling system helped produce and will continue to help maintain the ribbon's ice.

The seasonal ice-skating ribbon loops through a grove of evergreens. At a quarter-mile-long, it is twice the length of a lap around a traditional skating rink. Admission is free, with places on site to rent ice skates and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. The ribbon has been quite a hit with Chicago residents and visitors alike.

In the summer, the ribbon becomes a paved path that can be used for other activities like roller skating and allows access to other park amenities such as a rock climbing wall, children's enchanted forest and play garden. The new 20-acre $60 million park was named after former Mayor Richard M. Daley's late wife, Maggie.

Enwave Chicago extended its chilled-water piping network east along Randolph Street to reach the park, where it will also cool the field house in the summer. Thanks to Enwave Chicago's chilled-water service, the Chicago Park District was able to avoid placing and trying to hide large cooling towers in the park, which enhanced the area's aesthetics and eliminated equipment noise and vibration.

"One of the city's newest exciting recreational options, the Maggie Daley Park Ice Ribbon offers a unique recreational amenity to the residents and visitors of Chicago. We appreciate all who contributed to this one-of-a-kind experience."

– Michael Kelly, Superintendent and CEO of the Chicago Park District.

Courtesy Chicago Parks District.