

Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences

Challenges and Innovation in Civil and Environmental Engineering

Chicago's Tunnel and Reservoir Project (TARP)

The Deep Tunnel – Past, Present, and Future

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Chicago's Tunnel and Reservoir Project (TARP) is one of the largest civil works projects in the world, specifically intended to address health and safety issues, inconvenience and economic loss caused by pollution and flooding due to combined sewer overflows. The project was conceived in the early 1970's and has been constructed in stages over the subsequent nearly 40 years, with work still ongoing today. This presentation will be a brief history and perspective of the project including a discussion of what the project is, why it was built, what has been completed, how it has worked, challenges, problems, solutions, measures of success and what remains to be done.



Tea, coffee, pastries and an opportunity to meet the speaker will take place at 5:30pm in the CE/GEOS office-conference room, Fitzpatrick 156