HOW TO REDISEIGN AN AMERICAN METROPOlis:
Water, Transportation, and Land Use in the *Notre Dame Plan of Chicago 2109*

A Luncheon Lecture featuring Professor Philip Bess

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**SYNOPSIS**

Daniel Burnham’s 1909 *Plan of Chicago* was one of the last efforts (perhaps the greatest) to employ classical principles of architectural, landscape and urban design in and for and at the scale of a rapidly expanding modern industrial metropolitan region. Though Burnham’s classical humanist sensibilities are often downplayed by contemporary admirers more admiring of his environmental and civic sensibilities, modern metropolitan Chicago to its detriment has turned away from all three. *The Notre Dame Plan of Chicago 2109* picks up where Burnham’s Plan left off, critiquing contemporary Chicago and proposing for it a 100-year vision comparable in scale and scope — and also showing how the long tradition of classical humanist urbanism speaks directly to contemporary concerns for better human stewardship of nature, and for making cities, towns, villages, and hamlets both economically and environmentally sustainable.

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