

CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTION PLAN REPORT

LAST UPDATED DECEMBER 2024

The Interdepartmental Environmental Working Justice Work Group ("Interdepartmental EJ Work Group") was formed in March 2023 by the Department of Environment (formerly the Office of Climate and Environmental Equity) and the Department of Public Health to ensure that all City departments are working together to promote environmental justice by identifying and addressing inequities.

An Executive Order (2023-3) formalized the Interdepartmental EJ Work Group to lead and contribute to the Citywide EJ Strategy going forward. This report satisfies the City's commitment under the Executive Order to "publish a report by December 31, 2023, and on an annual basis thereafter, to share updates on progress towards goals in the EJ Action Plan." The City will provide the next update in December 2025.

Department of Fleet and Facility Management (2FM)						
EJ Strategy	Action Steps	Original	Q4 2023		2024	
		Estimated	Status	Brief Description of Progress/Plans	Status	Brief Description of Progress/Plans
Utilize historical environmental review data from the Vacant Lot Reduction Program to prioritize additional investigation and potential sampling of City-owned vacant lots in environmental justice communities.	Complete historical review along with QA/QC work	1/31/24	In Progress	All lots received historical review by end of 2022. QA/QC underway.	Complete	All 10,054 lots provided by DPD were reviewed for historical environmental conditions. 65% are located in environmental justice communities.
	Add environmental justice communities GIS layer to prioritize activities.	Early 2023	Complete			
	Update EJ GIS layer after CDPH CIA completion	Early 2023	Complete			
	Establish draft Impact Measure data collection, monitoring, and reporting		Not Started	TBD after meeting with Environmental Equity Working Group	In Progress	A brief discussion was included in the meeting with the Environmental Equity Working Group. Follow-up is needed to finalize draft indicators: 1. Level of participation at meetings 2. Measure participation scores to ensure targeted Community Areas are participating 3. Number of lots assessed and the amount of money spent 4. Number of lots remediated or fenced and the amount spent.
	Engage Environmental Equity Working Group to obtain guidance on community engagement content/timing		Not Started	The City has narrowed down the list of sensor platform requirements for consideration based on input from EJ groups, the EPA, academia, and discussions with other cities like London, England. After evaluating options, having PM2.5 and NO2 sensors, running on reliable solar powered batteries, and communicating through cellular technology, with the opportunity for adding other sensing capabilities in the future with an established monitoring platform is needed, but discussions on gathering requirements are ongoing.	Complete	Meeting was held on May 16, 2024. A follow-up survey is planned.
	Approximately 5,000 lots require additional environmental work, of which approximately 100 have been identified as high risk in EJ areas. Conduct work, reporting, and engagement		In Progress	Aldermanic notifications of sampling and field work is now standard procedure for EHS.	Not started	734 of the 5,000 lots were reviewed as of 11/1/2024. Approximately 57% are located in environmental justice communities. 2FM has a 2025 goal to increase reviews in environmental justice communities to 75%.
Complete additional investigation and sampling funded through CRP (end of bond program)	12/31/25	In Progress	EHS engaged U.S. EPA to assess ~40 high risk parcels in environmental justice communities. Reports are being received and reviewed.	In Progress	\$182,625, or 72%, of \$254,061 spent on sampling was in environmental justice communities.	

Department of Transportation						
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Commercial Truck Fleet Electrification	Relaunch program and incentives to encourage greater commercial fleet uptake in the region. Re-design incentives for EV chargers due to Buy America restrictions.	Ongoing	In Progress	Drafting RFP for program administrator & working on funding agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).	Ongoing	Submitted rescope program preagreement documents to IDOT for EV charging incentives. Developed U.S. EPA Community Change Grant application to refund Drive Clean Truck to issue E-truck vouchers and support local community-led engagement efforts. Awarded \$3.8M U.S. EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act grant to electrify 10 CDOT bucket trucks that will operate in 10 CDOT work districts (6 through 15) selected for their environmental justice characteristics, including high levels of diesel particulate exposure.
Encouraging eTOD – implementing the Connected Communities' Ordinance: Support the creation of a regional Traffic Demand Management (TDM) program to reduce traffic congestion and its environmental impacts, incentivize the use of public transit and bikes, and reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips. CDOT will publicly share analysis on the impact of TDM initiatives.	TDM - Participate in Connected Communities Working Group Process Review TDM - Develop rules and review with DPD	Ongoing	In Progress	Review of all TOD projects for compliance with the TDM requirements in the Connecting Communities ordinance are underway. Guidelines currently implemented are being evaluated to transition to the rulemaking process in 2024.	Ongoing	Released TDM guidelines and posted approved TDM projects to CDOT Plan Review Committee webpage (https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdot/supp_info/cdot-plan-review.html). Complete end-of-year review of all approved TDM Studies and Memos to compile results and analyze for improvement to the review process.
Enforce CDOT's portion of the Air Quality Ordinance	Review traffic studies and verify that trip generation is accurate	Ongoing	In Progress	Review of all projects subject to the Air Quality Ordinance are underway.	Ongoing	Continue to review projects subject to the Air Quality Ordinance. Working with CDPH to collaborate on the evaluation of the Air Quality Ordinance as it pertains to CDOT's involvement and depth of review for Air Quality projects' traffic impact studies.
Asphalt contracts - CDOT and DPS to implement new procedures for City's asphalt contracts	Limit maximum awards per vendor, distribute burden to larger geographic area, ensure vendors submit emissions control implementation plan, enforce blue smoke control system is installed and operating by 4/1/2025	Complete	Complete	Contracts have been awarded; All three vendors have submitted their Emissions Control Implementation Plan and the City is reviewing their submittals. MAT Asphalt is underway with their blue smoke control system upgrades, since they were working with CDPH independently of CDOT HMA Commodity contract to upgrade their plant controls.	Ongoing	The Emission Control Implementation Plans for the three Asphalt Commodity Contract vendors have been reviewed and approved. The blue smoke control systems have been fully installed and are currently operational at 2 of the 3 asphalt plants. The remaining vendor is scheduled to complete installation of their system during the Winter 2024/2025 after the asphalt plant is shut down at the end of construction paving season in December.
Implement Southwest Industrial Corridor Transportation Study (SWICTS)	- Develop freight-impact reducing street design toolkit - Use truck restrictions - Manage truck parking and idling - Expand the 311 system for truck complaints - Incorporate emission reduction goals into transportation planning and programming - Establish freight health metrics (CDPH)	Ongoing	In Progress	The City has narrowed down the list of sensor platform requirements for consideration based on input from EJ groups, the EPA, academia, and discussions with other cities like London, England. After evaluating options, having PM2.5 and NO2 sensors, running on reliable solar powered batteries, and communicating through cellular technology, with the opportunity for adding other sensing capabilities in the future with an established monitoring platform is needed, but discussions on gathering requirements are ongoing.	Complete	SWICTS study is in final stages of review for public release. Per study recommendations, CDOT is working with other City Departments to pursue potential opportunities to reduce negative impacts of trucks in 12 key aspects: - Freight-Impact Reducing Street Design - Truck Routing and Restrictions - Truck Parking and Idling - Air Quality Zoning Ordinance (AQZO) and Sustainable Development Policies - 311 System - Cumulative Impacts Assessment - Emissions Reduction Goals in Transportation Planning and Programming - Freight Health Metrics - Community Engagement - Cross-Agency Data Sharing - Air Quality Monitoring
CDOT street design projects - consider EJ communities in the design and implementation of pedestrian and bike safety infrastructure	Bike network planning in Brighton Park, Gage Park, McKinley Park, Little Village, and Marshall Square	Ongoing	In Progress	Develop a connected neighborhood bike network in the Brighton Park, Gage Park, and McKinley Park neighborhoods. Conducted extensive bilingual (English/Spanish) engagement during 2023, working with a dozen community-based organizations, attending 20 community events, hosting multiple learn-to-ride events, and receiving nearly 400 online survey responses. Designs are now underway for priority projects identified in partnership with the Neighborhood Taskforce, and installations will begin in 2024. Starting in 2022, CDOT worked with neighborhood partners and community-based organizations in Little Village and Marshall Square to identify and begin implementing a connected neighborhood bike network. In 2023, CDOT installed 4.5 miles of neighborhood greenways. Designs are underway for additional projects to be installed in 2024.	Not started	In 2024, CDOT implemented the area's first Neighborhood Greenway cycling route on Rockwell between 35th and 48th. The new route connects residents to both Shields Elementary School and the new Chicago Park District Community Campus. Additionally, CDOT partnered with the 12th ward to host a very successful community meeting to review designs for protected bike lanes and pedestrian improvements on S. Kedzie and Archer Avenues. Implementation for these two corridors is anticipated in 2025. Pedestrian safety infrastructure was implemented at Kelley High School near California and Archer Avenues and Columbia Explorers Academy on S. Kedzie Avenue. Improvements at the schools included a raised crosswalk, curb extensions, and reduced speed limits. This summer, CDOT also completed protected bike lanes and a raised crosswalk in front of Saucedo Elementary School in the Little Village community. The Saucedo infrastructure improvements are connected to the development of a comprehensive cycling network that began implementation in 2022.
Low Carbon and Affordable Micromobility Ensure access to shared bikes and scooters in EJ communities from micromobility providers	Continue to uphold and enforce service level agreements and rules	Ongoing	In Progress	Work is ongoing. CDOT & BACP initiated multiple rounds of enforcement with scooter licenses to ensure continued access in EJ communities. Instituted new, more robust Service Level Agreements with Divvy system contractor.	Ongoing	Work is ongoing. CDOT & BACP initiated multiple rounds of enforcement with scooter licenses to ensure continued access in EJ communities. Instituted new, more robust Service Level Agreements with Divvy system contractor. Divvy has a goal of 4 stations per square mile to increase access - in particular for classic bikes in EJ communities.
Deepen CDOT's relationships with residents	- Chicago Mobility Collaborative (CMC) meetings hosted quarterly in different neighborhoods across the city - CDOT Streets Are for Everybody Ambassadors prioritize outreach in mobility and economic hardship communities - Continue to incorporate financial compensation for community group participation into CDOT project budgets	Ongoing	Complete	Four CMC meetings this year (McKinley Park, Hamilton Park, Riis Park, and Hubbard Elementary). Additional community engagement work on project basis. SAFE Ambassadors prioritize programming in high MOBECC communities (Annual linked report here). Some examples of compensation for community groups (CMC has provided compensation for the leadership table. Provided gift cards for focus group participation around station expansions)	Complete	Three CMC meetings were convened this year (Pui Tak Center in Chinatown, Douglas Park in North Lawndale, and Olive-Harvey College in Pullman). SAFE Ambassadors prioritized programming and collaborations in high Mobility and Economic Hardship Index (MOBECC) communities (annual report to be published by end of 2024 at https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdot/supp_info/safe-ambassadors.html). Identified community partners to receive stipends for their commitment through an engagement process in Pilsen for El Paseo.
Arterial tree planting, landscape and median maintenance	Continue to plant at least 5,000 trees per year using tree canopy data to target EJ communities where possible	Ongoing	Complete	CDOT arterial tree planting program planted over 6,000 trees in 2023. 78% of trees were planted in EJ communities based on tree canopy data.	Complete	CDOT arterial tree planting program planted over 5,300 trees in 2024. 64% of new trees were planted in the 56 community areas identified as highest and high vulnerability region for tree planting generated by the Chicago Region Trees Initiative through LIDAR analysis. Since 2022, this contributes to the overall 76% of trees planted in these priority community areas.
Greencorps Chicago provides green job training for individuals with barriers to employment, including returning citizens.	Continue to recruit from EJ communities and focus vacant lot rehabilitation in EJ communities.	Annual program	Complete	Greencorps recruited 65 new trainees (individuals with barriers to employment) in 2023, including individuals from historically-disinvested and/or EJ communities. 32 trainees honored at graduation on December 14, 2023.	Complete	Greencorps recruited 57 individuals with barriers to employment in 2024, including individuals from historically-disinvested and/or EJ communities. 39 trainees were honored at the 2024 graduation. Greencorps also trained 161 youth from EJ communities at 8 CPS schools in summer 2024.
Install green alleys to mitigate flooding impacts	CDOT's goal is to install an alley per year in each ward, and to use additional Chicago Recovery Plan (CRP) funding to prioritize additional installations in communities of higher economic and mobility hardship.	Ongoing	In Progress	Constructed 33 alleys in 2023; goal for 2024 is 60 alleys. For CRP funded alleys, awaiting contract issuance for RFP to find contractor to build additional alleys.	Ongoing	On track to complete goal of 60 alleys in 2024, and depending on procurement timelines, expect to issue contract for additional alleys in early 2025.

Department of Procurement Services

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EJ Strategy

Action Steps

DPS intends to work with the Office of Climate and Environmental Equity (OCEE), the Department of Law (DOL), and Department of Public Health (CDPH) to issue a collective memorandum to User Departments. The memorandum would require User Departments to identify projects that could possess an environmental impact in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods (EJN). User Departments would work internally and collaborate with OCEE and DOL when developing scopes of work. Along with the memo, User Departments will be provided a checklist, compiled by DPS, OCEE, CDPH, and DOL, that will include a list of environmental-related questions. If the department answers “yes” to any of the questions, they will be required to convene a meeting with OCEE, DOL, CDPH, and DPS to determine what, if any, new requirements should be included in their scope of work, prior to advertising the solicitation. The objective is to ensure that projects that could pose an environmental threat or concern to an EJN have the necessary language and requirements for contractors to adhere to, to mitigate any potential hazards.

Work with DOE, CDPH, and DOL to develop a memorandum and checklist for User Departments

Q1 2024

In Progress

DPS met with OCEE (now DOE) on 11/16 to discuss the strategy and address any questions that the OCEE had. The takeaway from the meeting was that OCEE would review other municipalities and share research with DPS.

In Progress

A meeting with DPS, DOE, and CDPH was held on November 21st to discuss and coordinate this strategy and outline a plan of action. Departments plan to continue to work on a checklist and solicit feedback from a subset of User Departments on the tool in 2025.

As bid specifications are submitted to DPS, ensure if a project has been deemed to have an environmental impact, all necessary steps have been followed, prior to advertisement

Q2 2024

Not Started

Contingent upon completion of the first Action Step.

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Department of Buildings						
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Implement and continue to improve new process for environmentally complex demolitions, which includes strong provisions for public participation.	Draft, publish, and implement new process for environmentally complex demolitions.	Q4 2022	Complete			
	Conduct community notification for environmentally complex demolitions as required by the new process, with a focus on engagement of EJ Neighborhood organizations.	Q4 2022	In Progress			
	Seek input from the EEWG and other EJ Neighborhood organizations on community notification practices and continue to refine as needed.	Q4 2023	Departmental update pending; expected to be provided in 2024			

Department of Public Health						
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Environmental Dashboard: Make environmental data, including air quality information and cumulative impact indicators, available through publicly accessible website(s) and dashboard(s).	Publish bulk storage air quality and meteorological data in the City's Open Data Portal.	Q1 2024	In Progress	Datasets have received internal approval from CDPH, Mayor's Office, AIS (now 2FM), Chief Data Officer, and Dept of Law. Dataset tables are set up, just finishing up final data preparation to data portal.	In Progress	This work is currently on hold until CDPH and City's Dept. of Technology and Innovation (DTI) can figure out a method to collect this data electronically and convert it into a usable dataset. Data is currently being collected via spreadsheets and needs to be compiled into a format that can be ingested by EnviroSuite. The Environmental Engineer working on this left City employment, and there is currently a hiring freeze.
	Develop system to allow real-time ingestion of fence line air quality and meteorological data from regulated facilities.	12/31/23	Completed	Waiting for regulated facilities to start uploading data.		
	Work with the Environmental Equity Working Group and/or any formally approved community advisory body to co-develop the content and format of data tools to ensure that they can be readily used and understood.	3/31/24	In Progress	Developing workplan for community engagement with CIA CEWG, DMWG, and EEWG	In Progress	Tetra Tech's contract expired in 2023. CDPH has been working to execute the extension of this contract. There was a delay in execution due to City's ARPA audit and the master consulting contract with Tetra Tech is currently being extended. CDPH's contract with Tetra Tech cannot be executed until the master consulting contract is in place. CDPH is waiting on Notice to Proceed (NTP) from the Department of Procurement Services to start this work back up.
	Develop GIS portal to display and distribute emissions inventory data and other environmental data such as air sensor and meteorological data.	12/31/25	In Progress	Tetra Tech is working on creating GIS platform in City instance and developing beta version of Data Dashboard, Chicago EJ Index will be first rollout of data	In Progress	CDPH is awaiting contract extension execution to continue this work. Delay in execution due to ARPA audit and master consulting contract with Tetra Tech is currently being extended. CDPH is waiting on Notice to Proceed from the Department of Procurement Services. Before work had to stop with Tetra Tech, a beta version of the dashboard was being built using the City's ArcGIS platform.
Community Air Monitoring: Expand the City's community air monitoring network to increase the concentration of fence-line monitors and community sensors in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods. This network will be co-developed with organizations representing Environmental Justice Neighborhoods.	Inventory past air quality data collection efforts in Chicago and other jurisdictions; evaluate hardware, software, and data processing options; identify best practices in community co-ownership and management of monitoring strategies; consider sensor location, installation, maintenance, QA/QC; develop recommendations for Chicago's air monitoring network.	Q1 2024	In Progress	The City has narrowed down the list of sensor platform requirements for consideration based on input from EJ groups, the EPA, academia, and discussions with other cities like London, England. After evaluating options, having PM2.5 and NO2 sensors, running on reliable solar powered batteries, and communicating through cellular technology, with the opportunity for adding other sensing capabilities in the future with an established monitoring platform is needed, but discussions on gathering requirements are ongoing. The City is also collaborating with the University of Illinois at Chicago to complement the above planning with their strategy development for an air sensor network. The strategy aims to ensure fair and effective distribution and management of sensors, guarantee quality data and accessibility, and establish a data governance structure.	Complete	See cell below for outcomes of this strategy.
	Procure and deploy sensors; pilot a program to directly fund community organizations for co-governance over the community air monitoring network and data, including air sensor siting.	Q1 2024	In Progress	Under a current planning grant with The Partnership for Healthy Cities, CDPH, CNT, and CEJN will draft a preliminary plan for residents, community organizations, and other partners to provide input and finalize before beginning the process of procuring sensors and developing a co-governance plan.	In Progress	Completed purchase of over 150 Clarity 5-Node monitors (cellular and solar) and delivery. Currently unpacking, assembling, charging, and testing monitors. CDPH is working with U.S. EPA, IL EPA, and Cook County Sustainability to co-locate 3 Clarity monitors across 5 different FRM sites to calibrate the sensors. After calibration, the rest of the sensors will be calibrated and ready for deployment. A contract has been secured for installation onto CDOT's streetlight poles when they receive instruction on location from the Community Air Monitoring Governance Board. CDOT and CDPH Memorandum of Understanding is in progress for installation. Illinois Public Health Institute has been contracted to serve as oversight for development of the Community Air Monitoring Governance Board ("Board"). Healthy Chicago Equity Zone regional leads have signed contract and are currently identifying community organizations from their regions to serve on Board.
	Organize existing data sources and create a unified, public-facing platform to support data analysis, visualization, and community-driven decision-making.	Q4 2024	In Progress	Tetra Tech is working on creating GIS platform in City instance and developing beta version of Data Dashboard, Chicago EJ Index will be first rollout of data	Not Started	Clarity sensors come with their own dashboard. The Board will decide on how to publish/disseminate this dashboard, once the sensors are deployed and calibrated.
Community Engagement: Continue to provide residents of EJ Neighborhoods with notice and increased opportunity to participate in decision-making.	Pursue strategies to secure sustainable funding for the network, which may include increasing permit fees and/or requiring companies to fund fence-line monitors as a condition of their permits.	2028	Not Started	Existing funding will last 5 years based on current cost projections.	Not Started	Funding for Community Air Monitoring is covered until January 2030.
	Continue to update website, apply public engagement guidelines, and maintain email-based notification system.	Ongoing	In Progress	We continue to implement as appropriate.	In Progress	CDPH continues to implement as needed.
	Develop and implement data collection strategy (e.g., surveys, tracking tools) to monitor and report on the effectiveness of community engagement activities.	Q3 2023	Completed	Utilized for CIA release in September		
	Work with the Environmental Equity Working Group and/or any formally approved community advisory body to solicit feedback on CDPH's existing engagement strategies and to identify opportunities for continued improvement, applying lessons learned through the Cumulative Impact Assessment process.	Q4 2024	In Progress	Had initial conversations with DOE re. introducing this topic to EEWG	In Progress	CDPH's Community Engagement staff person moved to a different position. Currently, there is no capacity at CDPH to work with EEWG to formally collect feedback and make large-scale improvements (if necessary based on feedback). CDPH continues to accept ad hoc feedback and make improvements to our current process as needed.
	Formalize process for seeking community input in new CDPH rulemaking, building on the approach taken for Bulk Material Rules.	Q4 2024	In Progress	Created an outline of process to be shared with CDPH internally and then with EEWG in 2024	In Progress	Waiting to onboard new environmental attorney. Once this position is filled, work to formalize the community input process can commence. CDPH is currently following the model established for Bulk Material Rules.
Develop a public training (such as a webinar or video recording) as another way for people to learn about our public engagement processes and guidance.	Q1 2025	Not Started	To be completed once formal community engagement process is established and approved by EEWG	Not Started	CDPH's Community Engagement staff person moved to a different position. Currently, there is no capacity at CDPH to work with EEWG and/or any formally approved community advisory body to formalize a community engagement process and develop a training for the public. CDPH continues to update our Community Environmental Information page and send out information via our environmental email list with updates.	

Emissions Inventory: Develop an electronic emission inventory collection tool to ensure up-to-date accounting of all emission sources and controls at permitted facilities.	Adopted rules for the annual collection of emissions inventory data from aggregate reprocessing facilities.	2023	Completed			
	Piloting ESR's Survey 123 application to collect spatially enabled data from aggregate reprocessing facilities and publishing data to ARCGIS Online.	2024	In Progress	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work	In Progress	CDPH is awaiting contract extension execution to continue this work. Delay in execution due to ARPA audit and master consulting contract with Tetra Tech is currently being extended. CDPH is waiting on Notice to Proceed from the Department of Procurement Services. Before work had to stop with Tetra Tech, a template had been drafted by Tetra Tech.
	Adoption of permit conditions or rules to require larger facilities (Class A1, A2, and B Air Certificate of Operation (COO)) to submit emissions inventory data annually.	2025	Not Started	To be completed once emissions inventory tool is in place	Not Started	Once environmental attorney position is filled and the emissions inventory tool is complete, the attorney can begin to draft permit conditions/rules.
	Adoption of permit conditions or rules to require small facilities (Class C COO) to submit emissions inventory data annually.	2027	Not Started	To be completed once emissions inventory tool is in place	Not Started	Once environmental attorney position is filled and the emissions inventory tool is complete, the attorney can begin to draft permit conditions/rules.
	Provide online tool for community to report apparent data inconsistencies or refer non-reporting facilities to CDPH. Provide training to community on the use of the tool.	2026	Not Started	To be completed once emissions inventory tool is in place and regulated facilities are reporting data	Not Started	This strategy has been revised such that once the emissions inventory tool is in place, collecting data and information is being published. CDPH will create an online form or email to receive comments and questions about the data.
Enforcement in EJ Areas: Update guidelines for inspection and enforcement activities to prioritize Consequential Facilities located in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods.	Evaluate past 10 years of inspection activities.	Q2 2024	In Progress	Review and cleaning of inspection dataset is ongoing	In Progress	CDPH is awaiting contract extension execution with Tetra Tech to continue this work. Delay in execution due to ARPA audit and master consulting contract with Tetra Tech is currently being extended. CDPH is waiting on Notice to Proceed from the Department of Procurement Services. Before work had to stop with Tetra Tech, inspection data was under review as well as a review of peer jurisdiction practices.
	Review peer jurisdiction inspection practices as well as local, state and federal regulatory requirements and practices, and determine if there are any opportunities to enhance inspection and enforcement activities.	Q2 2024	In Progress	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work	In Progress	
	Create policy regarding how EJ community location for facilities will be considered during penalty recommendation phase.	Q4 2024	Not Started	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Part of Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making	Not Started	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Part of Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making
	Draft recommendations for inspection frequency of facilities permitted by CDPH or investigated by CDPH in response to citizen complaints with specific consideration of proximity to EJ communities, requirements of Chicago Municipal Code, IL and federal regulatory requirements, historical pattern of violations, and evidence-based best practices.	Q2 2024	Not Started	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Part of Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making	Not Started	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Part of Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making
	Share recommendations with public for review and feedback.	Q3 2024	Not Started	Guidelines will be shared with public when drafted	Not Started	Guidelines will be shared with public when drafted
	Update inspection policies and procedures and provide training to staff.	Q2 2024	In Progress	Updates to some policies and procedures have been drafted, awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Part of Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making	In Progress	Updates to some policies and procedures have been drafted, awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Part of Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making
	Develop data collection and dissemination processes for operational metrics (e.g., inspections, violations, etc.).	Q2 2024	In Progress	Draft metrics have been developed, need to follow up with staff and IT to determine feasibility and potential to automate using DEPI database	In Progress	Draft metrics have been developed, need to follow up with staff and IT to determine feasibility and potential to automate using DEPI database. Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Part of Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making
Permit Conditions: Develop standard and special conditions to attach to air quality pollution control permits (AQCP) and certificates of operation (COO), beginning with Consequential Facilities which may impact EJ Neighborhoods.	Draft standard and special conditions based on Illinois Administrative Code and Chicago Municipal Code.	Q4 2024	In Progress	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Tetra Tech has drafted a set standard and special conditions -waiting for Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making to finalize for public review	In Progress	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work and environmental attorney position to be filled; Tetra Tech has drafted a set standard and special conditions -waiting for Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making to finalize for public review
	Draft matrix correlating the applicability of the special conditions developed to a facility's Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code, equipment, air pollution control devices and IL, EPA permit type and COO classification.	Q4 2024	In Progress	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract to continue this work; Tetra Tech has drafted a set standard and special conditions -waiting for Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making to finalize for public review	In Progress	Awaiting extension of Tetra Tech contract and environmental attorney position to be filled to continue this work. Tetra Tech has drafted a set standard and special conditions -waiting for Cumulative Impact & EJ ordinance and rule-making to finalize for public review
	Publish standard and special conditions, and matrix for public review and comment.	Q1 2025	Not Started	Standard and special conditions and matrix will be posted for public comment when ready	Not Started	Standard and special conditions and matrix will be posted for public comment when ready
	Finalize standard and special conditions and matrix.	Q2 2025	Not Started	Standard and special conditions and matrix will be finalized following public comment	Not Started	Standard and special conditions and matrix will be finalized following public comment
Realtime Air Dispersion Model: Develop tools such as real-time air dispersion modeling that assist in the identification of pollution sources impacting local air quality. Such tools enhance compliance monitoring of certain facilities and aid in the investigation of air quality complaints.	Continue piloting EnviroSuite platform through: • Modeling of all Consequential Facilities (large recyclers, waste transfer stations, rock crushers) for PM10 or PM2.5, and certain gases • Evaluation of modeled versus observed (from monitors) concentrations • Utilization of trajectory and dispersion modeling for complaint inspections and proactive mitigation (e.g., notifications and inspection scheduling) • Send risk reports associated with predicted meteorological dispersion data to regulated facilities and communities • Obtain confirmation/feedback on risk reports from regulated facilities and the community • Explore public access to real-time modeling data	2025	In Progress	CDPH continued to pilot EnviroSuite's platform in 2023, including: • The real-time modeling of all Consequential Facilities (large recyclers, waste transfer stations, rock crushers) for PM10 • The ingestion of real-time weather and air sensor data • Created visualizations like pollution roses and source apportionment charts to analyze both observed and modeled data. In 2024, CDPH will continue to improve the EnviroSuite application including: • Better representation of sources such as accounting for work shifts at individual facilities; • Entry of all substantive pollution source in the city; more streamlined ingestion of emissions inventory data; • Creation of ad-hoc reports through Power BI; • Creation of facility-specific risk reports; and • Improve trajectory modeling reports for use by inspectors.	In Progress	This work is currently on hold until CDPH can hire an environmental engineer to continue this work. Previous engineer left City employment.
	Install weather stations to improve modeling accuracy.	2024	In Progress	Four weather stations were installed in Chicago Park District locations as of November 2023. CDPH will install four additional weather stations in 2024 to expand coverage throughout the entire City.		
	Full deployment of EnviroSuite or similar platform to support permitting and inspections of facilities, and help inform rule-making and other policies. CDPH will provide access to air dispersion model to the extent possible. At a minimum, contextualized modeling results and reports will be published in the environmental dashboard and/or open data portal.	2026	Not Started		Not Started	This work can begin once EnviroSuite pilot is complete.
	Create proposed CDPH rulemaking agenda, with list of proposed new rules and amendments, timeline, and responsible parties, etc.	Q1 2024	In Progress	Rulemaking agenda has been drafted, needs to be put into a survey for community members to respond to	In Progress	This work is on hold until the environmental attorney position is filled.
Strengthened Industry Rules: Create new and updated industry-specific operational rules, building on prior recent regulations for large recyclers, rock crushers, and bulk material facilities, which include strong provisions for public participation.	Publish proposed rulemaking agenda on CDPH website and seek community feedback regarding prioritization and other ideas.	Q1 2024	Not Started	Once survey is completed, will work with Community Engagement and Communications to post online and send out email alert asking for community feedback	Not Started	Once survey is completed, will work with Community Engagement and Communications to post online and send out email alert asking for community feedback.
	With input from EWG, develop/update policies to guide stakeholder meetings with affected industry representatives and community groups to share draft rules and receive early feedback, either before or in conjunction with written comment period.	Q4 2024	Not Started	See Community Engagement strategies	Not Started	See Community Engagement strategies
Transparent Complaint Tracking: Implement a process to provide more detail to enable tracking the City's response to non-emergency complaints including those related to odor, dust, and air pollution.	Integrate IPS1 and 311 Salesforce systems.	Q4 2024	In Progress	CDPH completed required project application with AIS (now 2FM); held meeting with AIS and CDPH to discuss funding for project. This project is on AIS's project list for 2024.	In Progress	DTI has de-prioritized this project due to operational needs. CDPH is waiting for DTI to be able to continue this work.
	Work with Salesforce to create feature to send notification of outcome of complaint to complainant.	Q4 2024	Not Started	To be done as part of integration of IPS11 and Salesforce	Not Started	To be done as part of integration of IPS11 and Salesforce
	Update fields in Data Portal to include outcome of complaint in the Complaint database.	Q4 2024	Not Started	To be done as part of integration of IPS11 and Salesforce	Not Started	To be done as part of integration of IPS11 and Salesforce
	Conduct assessment of 311 fields completed by OEMC operators (phone complaints) and complainants (311 app or online).	Q1 2024	Not Started		Complete	Assessment done and shared with 311.
	Based on assessment, make recommendations to OEMC and Salesforce regarding 311 processes and system.	Q2 2024	Not Started		Complete	CDPH made recommendations to OEMC and Salesforce. One recommendation has been implemented thus far. CDPH now has the option to select "Not CDPH authority" so complainant knows that their complaint needs to be re-submitted to a different department. The vast majority of these complaints that are assigned as "Not CDPH authority" are noise complaints, and should be directed to CPD via 911, not submitted to 311. Noise complaints typically include loud music, fireworks, dog barking, etc.
	Update 311 one-pager to reflect any findings from assessment and consider other community outreach modalities to reach consumers regarding 311 best practices.	Q2 2024	Not Started		No Longer Needed	Since only one recommendation has been implemented, and complainants have always been able to check the status of their complaint, no update to the 311 one-pager is needed.
Environmentally Complex Demolitions: Implement and continue to improve new process for environmentally complex demolitions, which includes strong provisions for public participation.	Draft, publish, and implement new process for environmentally complex demolitions.	Q4 2022	Completed			
	Conduct community notification for environmentally complex demolitions as required by the new process, with a focus on engagement of EJ neighborhood organizations. Seek input from the EWG and other EJ Neighborhood organizations on community notification practices and continue to refine as needed.	Q4 2024	Not Started	See Community Engagement strategies	Not Started	See Community Engagement strategies

Department of Housing						
EJ Strategy	Action Steps	Original	Q4 2023		2024	
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Implement enhanced process for evaluation of proposed sites for multifamily developments, including the evaluation of environmental justice risks, in coordination with related departments.	Create, implement, test, and revise environmental justice screening questions on DOH's application for multifamily financing; use screening question data to inform project selection.	2025	In Progress	Staff piloted an initial round of evaluation questions related to environmental justice (flood risks, extreme heat concerns, general hazards) in the 2023 QAP application for proposed multi-family sites. Staff's review of responses to this initial round of additional questions indicated needed revisions. DOH will continue to improve on these screening questions in future biannual updates to the multifamily financing application.	In Progress	Staff is currently developing a proposed approach to the 2025 QAP. The drafting of the QAP will provide the department with the next relevant opportunity to update how we collect and evaluate relevant environmental justice screening criteria.
Implement enhanced design review process for multifamily developments to better protect residents and local communities from environmental justice risks including pollution, flooding, extreme heat, shade access, green space access, and major freight routes.	Enhance existing environmental clearance and design review processes to better incorporate and address community environmental justice concerns.	2025	Not Started	Appropriate staff members will be convened in Q1 2024.	In Progress	Staff is currently convening a steering committee of external participants to provide input to rewriting DOH's Architectural and Technical Standards Manual (ATSM), which is where design standards are established. A new ATSM will be published in 2025.
Deepen DOH's commitment to dismantling residential segregation by increasing housing choice for low-income Chicagoans. Continue to pursue a "both/and" strategy that promotes development of high-quality housing and amenities in disinvested areas, and affordable housing in amenity-rich areas.	Continue to utilize & grow the Chicago Housing Trust to expand affordable homeownership opportunities in all neighborhoods.	Ongoing	In Progress	Staff are working presently to identify strategies for supporting/expanding the Chicago Housing Trust in 2024 and beyond.	In Progress	Staff are working presently to identify strategies for supporting/expanding the Chicago Housing Trust in 2024 and beyond.
	Continue to expand and support affordable (including extremely low-income (<30% AMI)) housing options throughout the city using all available financing sources	Ongoing	In Progress	Continue to select, underwrite, and fund affordable housing development using low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC) and other financial tools to provide low-income housing options in all 77 neighborhoods.	In Progress	Continue to select, underwrite, and fund affordable housing development using low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC) and other financial tools to provide low-income housing options in all 77 neighborhoods.
	Launch a decarbonization and energy efficiency program to support the climate resilience of low-income homeowners, decrease energy burden, and reduce Chicago's overall carbon footprint.	2025	In Progress	The City has narrowed down the list of sensor platform requirements for consideration based on input from EJ groups, the EPA, academia, and discussions with other cities like London, England. After evaluating options, having PM2.5 and NO2 sensors, running on reliable solar powered batteries, and communicating through cellular technology, with the opportunity for adding other sensing capabilities in the future with an established monitoring platform is needed, but discussions on gathering requirements are ongoing.	Complete	DOH has launched Green Homes Chicago, a new single-family retrofit program that funds whole-home electrification and weatherization measures in low- and medium-income households. Program work is just kicking off and is expected to produce substantial outcomes in 2025 and future years.
	Invest resources in Chicago's Affordable Requirements Ordinance (ARO) to create additional on-site affordable housing units in high income and gentrifying areas and monitor ARO program conditions	Ongoing	In Progress	Additional staff hired in 2023 to expand program capacity. DOH will continue to implement ARO using expanded staff capacity to facilitate development and monitoring of ARO units. DOH will also continue to seek to use TIF funds where available to incentivize affordability above the ARO requirement.	Not started	DOH is continuing to invest in the ARO, and is currently seeking to fill the Program Director vacancy created earlier this year. DOH has also continued to advance a series of TIF-supported adaptive reuse projects that will result in greater than-ARO affordability.
Fund organizations to provide city-wide capacity building related to climate resiliency, environmental justice, housing, and transit equity	DOH will increase capacity for future contracts with delegate agencies to collaborate on the department's environmental justice commitments	Ongoing	In Progress	DOH staff is working to understand the existing environmental justice knowledge base and capabilities for its delegate agencies. DOH will then use the TACIT program and other tools to help delegate agencies expand their knowledge and capabilities around environmental justice needs through speaker series events.	In Progress	Based on budget constraints DOH has been refocused on streamlining delegate agency performance and matching delegate agencies with best available funding sources. Capacity to collaborate on EJ commitments will continue to be evaluated.
Continue to pursue policy and public investment strategies that promote denser, transit-oriented residential development to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicle transportation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Continue to finance dense multifamily affordable housing and mixed-use developments in transit-served locations (TSLs).	Ongoing	In Progress	Review of 2023 QAP applications presently in progress, announcements expected in early 2024. In the coming year DOH will begin drafting the next QAP, which will continue to prioritize equitable transit-oriented developments (eTODs).	In Progress	DOH's 2025 QAP is expected to include some priority sites for redevelopment, many or all of which will be TSLs.
	Continue to use anti-demolition surcharge to protect existing affordable housing stock in Pilsen and areas adjacent to the Bloomingdale Trail (also known as "The 606")	Ongoing	In Progress	In 2024, staff will develop a performance mechanism to track success of the anti-demolition surcharge. Staff will track progress, manage data collection, and make necessary updates to this program as it evolves.	In Progress	The anti-demolition surcharge ordinance was substantially expanded this year, including a wider geography, higher demolition fees, and instituting a tenant opportunity to purchase program.
	Promote increased density on existing residential property through the Additional Dwelling Units (ADU) Ordinance pilot	May 1, 2024 (ADU pilot completion date)	In Progress	The ADU Ordinance passed by City Council in Dec. 2020 allowed for ADU construction in five community areas during the pilot period. Data from the pilot will be analyzed in Q3 and Q4 2024.	In Progress	A report on the ADU pilot was published and presented to Council at a subject matter hearing in June 2024. Legislation to expand the ADU program was introduced and has been considered but not yet passed.
Deepen DOH's commitment to engaging community in housing issues, including involving communities in critical conversations about housing development, affordability, gentrification, and neighborhood investment.	Create and leverage high-quality, sustainable engagement tools (i.e., Outreach Form, SharePoint site, consulting model) so Chicago residents, including and especially those in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods, are deeply and frequently engaged.	Ongoing	In Progress	Staff is working toward more sustainable engagement mechanisms, including the use of Outreach forms, Sharepoint, HOME/renter's rights booklets, etc. to increase availability of information and engagement opportunities with people throughout the city.	In Progress	DOH has expanded staffing under the Community Engagement and Racial Equity Bureau from 2 to 4 equity officers, substantially increasing capacity for community engagement.
	Create and promote opportunities for various communities affected by environmental justice concerns to provide input to DOH and help shape future policy development.	Ongoing	In Progress	Staff hosted a series of engagement opportunities throughout the city for people with lived experience of homelessness in Q1, Q2, and Q3 of 2023. Staff will continue to engage Chicagoans, especially low income Chicagoans and those living in predominantly low income and environmental justice communities, to maintain and deepen DOH's understanding of Chicagoans' housing needs and concerns.	In Progress	DOH has expanded staffing under the Community Engagement and Racial Equity Bureau from 2 to 4 equity officers, substantially increasing capacity for community engagement.

Department of Streets and Sanitation

EJ Strategy	Action Steps	Original		Q4 2023		2024	
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Review requirements and enforcement of the Chicago Landscape Ordinance, and expand/revise the Landscape Ordinance to include more rigorous landscaping/environmental protection requirements for industrial properties, while also re-examining the current requirements for all properties covered by the ordinance to ensure green space is included whenever possible.	Respond to notifications of zoning noncompliance of dead or missing trees and request by letter the property owner come into compliance.	Ongoing	In Progress	Enforcement is currently reactive and do not have resources to proactively survey and require compliance of existing zoning jobs.	In Progress	Working with CDOT, Zoning, and Openlands representative board member to review the current specification of the Ordinance and the enforcement process, as well as current municipal ordinances. The Urban Forestry Advisory Board (UFAB) has also established a subcommittee to review the zoning ordinance and recommend revisions to increase the scope of landscaping and improve review and enforcement.	
Work with the Department of Water Management to find long-term solutions to maintaining and installing water management infrastructure without requiring the removal of mature trees.	Review DWM projects and make recommendations for tree preservation.	Ongoing	In Progress	DWM added recommended use of trenchless technology in detailed specifications subject to contractor voluntary implementation.	In Progress		
Expand residential organic collection & waste diversion programming. Food scrap composting is an increasingly popular activity across the City of Chicago. It helps divert waste from landfills that are as a rule located in rural, economically distressed areas, which means that those landfills can be operated longer before reaching capacity.	Research and procure backyard compost bins from a local organization that provides economic opportunity in the form of workforce training, procure compost bins suitable for drop-off and curbside collection.	Spring 2024 for backyard compost bin distribution. Backyard bins and curbside carts procured in 2023.	In Progress	Sourcing backyard compost bins locally proved prohibitively expensive due to labor and the cost of using salvaged wood and other reclaimed materials. Plastic bins similar to what the DOE once distributed were procured and those bins are in storage and ready for distribution in 2024. An initial order of curbside compost carts was also procured and is in storage at a DSS facility, with some of the carts already in use for the Food Scrap Drop-Off program.	In Progress	DSS launched the project on October 21, with a website and sign-up form for residents, as well as a press release from the Mayor's Office that was also coordinated with DOE. Every ward has received an initial allocation of 20 free compost bins to eligible residents. If the number of requests exceeds the number of bins available per ward, names will be added to a waiting list, and residents will be notified by email if more bins become available.	
	Collaborate on compost educational programming with/for the community garden communities that are part of the NRDC and NeighborSpace pilot.	Fall 2023	Complete	DSS worked with NeighborSpace, UI Extension, and the Institute for Local Self Reliance to provide both in-person composting workshops as well as a webinar for the community garden leaders.	Update	DePaul produced a draft research report in 2024 and is in dialogue with project partners. When final report is complete this will formally conclude all components of the pilot project. The bins will remain at the community gardens for continued usage.	
	Create a roll-out plan including education and outreach related to new drop-off and curbside collection programs, as well as the improvement of ongoing yard waste pickups.	Fall 2023 (drop-offs), ongoing (yard waste)	Complete	The City has narrowed down the list of sensor platform requirements for consideration based on input from EJ groups, the EPA, academia, and discussions with other cities like London, England. After evaluating options, having PM2.5 and NO2 sensors, running on reliable solar powered batteries, and communicating through cellular technology, with the opportunity for adding other sensing capabilities in the future with an established monitoring platform is needed, but discussions on gathering requirements are ongoing.	Complete	DSS added 5 additional drop-off sites in 2024 in March and August, bringing the total number of sites up to 20. As of October 28, 2024, there were over 5,700 registered households. DSS continues to actively monitor the sites for contamination (very little has been seen so far). DSS also applied for a USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction grant in Sept. 2024, with the guidance and collaboration of the Mayor's Office. The grant would provide funding for an education and outreach campaign to reduce food waste citywide, as well as direct resources to the communities surrounding drop-off sites where DSS would like to boost participation.	
Develop a Plan to Implement Commercial Waste Franchise Zoning. With a franchise zone system, municipalities establish assigned areas and then create (semi-) exclusive long-term contracts with a hauler(s) within each zone. The haulers are typically selected through a bidding process, where haulers provide the municipalities with collection services details and options. Municipalities typically require haulers to abide by stringent regulations that promote a reduced	Engage CDOT on viability and timetable for a traffic study. Engage CDPH, DPD, other interested City collaborators on the merits and challenges of the system. Finding elected representatives who are interested will also be critical; the new chair of the Solid Waste and Sanitation Committee in City Council might be a helpful ally.	2025-2028	In Progress	DSS' 2022 Mayoral Fellow conducted a preliminary best practices study, engaging CDOT still TBD.	Not started	DSS is still working with CDOT on traffic study planning.	
Pass Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Packaging and Paper Products legislation for Illinois. Since 2022 DSS has been collaborating on an EPR bill for Illinois with Solid Waste Agency staff from Northern Cook County, Lake County, Du Page County. The legislation would require manufacturers of packaging and paper products either to reimburse or to provide curbside recycling programs for every community and qualifying agency in the state with more than 1,500 residents.	Form working group from regional solid waste agencies, hire consultant from PSI in order to produce initial draft of EPR legislation, engage stakeholder groups (trade associations, environmental advocates, etc.) for feedback.	2023	Complete	EPR Core team established and continuing to meet regularly.			
	Find sponsors and introduce legislation in Springfield.	2023	Complete	Working group followed Maryland example and broke legislation into two parts, with phase 1 (SB 1555) renamed as the Statewide Needs Assessment Act.			
	EPR legislation goes into effect.	2023-2025	In Progress	Completed: IL EPA creates an Advisory Council and is contracting the Prairie Research Institute to conduct the needs assessment. In progress: EPR Core Group working with numerous stakeholders to find common ground for the phase 2 passage and implementation of the EPR program, timeline TBD for when municipalities to be reimbursed for their curbside recycling costs	Update	Following the passage of SB1555, the IL EPA established a Needs Assessment Advisory Council, which is tasked with making formal recommendations to the Illinois EPA to conduct a Needs Assessment study. The Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation serves on this council, representing the City of Chicago. The findings of this study will determine the second phase of this EPR program. When fully implemented in 2026, this legislation will provide curbside recycling to all communities in Illinois with over 1,500 residents. Households serviced by DSS, facilities of the Chicago Park District, and Chicago Public Schools Blue Cart recycling programs will have their collection service expenses fully reimbursed.	

Department of Planning and Development						
EJ Strategy	Action Steps	Original	Q4 2023		2024	
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Update zoning regulations, such as the alteration or elimination of permitted-by-right or special use status for manufacturing, recycling, waste-related, and other intensive industrial land uses in Commercial, Manufacturing, and Planned Manufacturing zoning districts.	Develop revised zoning language	Q1 2025	In Progress	Modification of allowed zoning uses to eliminate by-right establishment of certain designated industrially intensive uses.	Ongoing	Discussions with City departments and other interested parties are occurring as needed and are ongoing to determine possibility, scope, and timing of any potential changes.
DPD will work with a group of informed stakeholders including Local Industrial Retention Initiative (LIRI) delegate agencies, industrial businesses, community organizations, environmental justice organizations, and others to propose amendments to the Industrial Corridor System Fund Ordinance (MCC 16-8-010) to provide that any funds generated by development in "conversion corridors" for use in "receiving corridors" shall be used to mitigate environmental impacts from existing and new industrial developments, and to prioritize funds for use in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods.	Engage relevant stakeholders and develop appropriate fee strategies	Ongoing	Not Started	DPD is working to identify relevant stakeholders; once stakeholders are identified and engaged, conversations surrounding potential amendments can commence.	Ongoing	DPD is exploring options for potential modifications. Will start having discussions with groups engaged in planning for the Calumet Area and Armitage Industrial Corridor.
DPD will work with local stakeholders, including residents, industrial business owners, environmental justice and community organizations, and others to develop and submit to the Chicago Plan Commission proposed updates to the Calumet Design Guidelines, which are site guidelines adopted by Chicago Plan Commission in 2004. DPD will begin reviewing the Calumet guidelines for an update beginning in September 2023, which will include a robust engagement process, with a focus on addressing the negative impacts of air and noise pollution, using the U.S. EPA's research on vegetative barriers as a starting point. After completion of the Calumet guidelines, DPD commits to developing an approach for site guidelines for other industrial corridors that the CIA identifies as being located in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods.	Release Task Order Request to contract with engagement-focused consultant team	11/17/23	Complete	Task order released; responses due Dec 22, 2023. Contract expected to be in place early 2024		
	Develop engagement plan with Local Industrial Retention Initiative, Calumet Area Industrial Commission, and environmental justice/ community organizations (led by Alliance for the Great Lakes)	Q3 2024	In Progress	Initial discussions underway	Completed and released for review in September 2024 for review by CCP and CAIC.	Draft engagement plan has been developed with input from Calumet Connect Partnership (CCP) and Calumet Area Industrial Commission (CAIC). A community kickoff event is planned for January 2025. DPD and team will hold topical focus group meetings and this will be followed by a series of working group meetings to begin discussing existing conditions and developing draft plan recommendations.
	Draft preferred design guidelines	Q4 2025	Not Started	The City has narrowed down the list of sensor platform requirements for consideration based on input from EJ groups, the EPA, academia, and discussions with other cities like London, England. After evaluating options, having PM2.5 and NO2 sensors, running on reliable solar powered batteries, and communicating through cellular technology, with the opportunity for adding other sensing capabilities in the future with an established monitoring platform is needed, but discussions on gathering requirements are ongoing.	Complete	
	Draft final design guidelines	Q4 2026	Not yet started	Draft guidelines to be refined with further engagement and outreach throughout 2026	Not started	
DPD will initiate a review of its community engagement standards for planned developments as an implementation step for the recently adopted We Will Chicago citywide framework plan. This review process will include updates to internal checklists, materials required of applicants, and possible enhancement to notices for public meetings. Per MCC 17-8-0903, all planned developments going forward need to be consistent with the goals and objectives of We Will Chicago. After completing the review process through the We Will Chicago framework, DPD will commit to putting forward a proposal for community engagement and updated materials available for public comment.	Assess existing Departmental practices and national best practices	Q4 2023	Completed	Review of existing Planned Development review processes and peer cities' best practices completed		
	Seek contract with civic technology consultant to build out public-facing development review web assets	Ongoing	Commenced in December 2023	Scope development underway	Ongoing	Ordinance adopted June 2024 (02024-0008352) to authorize a master consulting agreement with DataMade for development of digital tools for development processes.
DPD will continue to maintain dedicated webpages for the Industrial Corridor Modernization, the City's Sustainable Development Policy, Chicago Plan Commission, and other land use planning initiatives.	Continue to update dedicated webpages	Ongoing	In Progress	Existing websites will continue to be updated and maintained to provide public-facing information on key initiatives, policies, and procedures.	Ongoing	Calumet Area Land Use Plan and Design Guidelines Update and Armitage Industrial Corridor Framework Plan websites created. Chicago Sustainable Development Policy website updated with revised policy and additional resources.
DPD will update the Chicago Sustainable Development Policy to account for changes in development codes and building technologies, and to align with local climate and decarbonization goals. The policy update will include new and revised strategies to help improve environmental performance and mitigate negative impacts of industrial projects on surrounding communities—such as renewable energy, vegetative buffers, and electrification of commercial fleets.	Solicit feedback from public on existing policy strategies and desires for policy updates	Ongoing	In Progress	Stakeholder engagement underway; comments being compiled and synthesized	Completed	
	Develop and release draft Policy Update	Ongoing	In Progress	Policy update draft underway; DPD to incorporate additional public input	Completed Q3 2024	Policy draft was released for public comment on April 15, 2024 and finalized in July 2024 for publication.

Department of Water Management						
EJ Strategy	Action Steps	Original	Q4 2023		2024	
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Stormwater Management Regional Solution - Area 4: The department's focus regarding stormwater management has begun to include the Area 4 regional stormwater solution. This project will include an extension of MWRD Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) tunnel system as well as over 60 miles of local sewer improvement projects to alleviate overburdened sewers during storm events. The Area 4 sewer service area is bound by 87th St to the north, City limits to the south, west and east. This project will address quality of life by reducing flood risk and weather related stress that have negative health impacts.	Develop and scope Phase II for Area 4 Project	Q3 2024	In progress	Project design plans are required to be developed through a professional engineering contract.	In progress	The preliminary design for the Far Southside Overflow Tunnel Project (formerly known as the "Area 4 Project") has recently been completed. This project includes a deep tunnel approximately 9.7 miles long with a finished diameter of 20 feet. Work is now advancing to the final design phase, incorporating a range of mitigation strategies to enhance the region's ability to manage increased stormwater and reduce basement flooding. The project is expected to bring significant benefits to communities such as Chatham, Avalon Park, Roseland, Pullman, and their surrounding areas.
	Community Outreach	Q4 2024	Pending Phase II	Community outreach will be part of the Phase II design scope.	Pending Phase II	Community outreach will be part of the Phase II design scope.
Equity Lead Service Line Replacements: The department has an annual goal of conducting 600 free lead service line replacements per year under the equity program. This program is for low-income residents only who are 80% or below AMI, and is funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The department will work with aldermen and community organizations to notify residents who may qualify for the program, in addition to doing mail stuffers with water utility bills.	Continued outreach to encourage more applications to bring more residents into the program.	Q4 2023 and Ongoing	Met applicant metric for 2023	In-person LSLR briefings with Aldermen and their staff regarding the program. Continued outreach at community meetings and events in prioritized neighborhoods to encourage applicants.	Ongoing	Continue outreach for more program awareness and to encourage more qualified residents to apply. Continue in-person LSLR briefings with Aldermanic staff regarding the program. Continue outreach at community meetings and events citywide but with a focus in prioritized neighborhoods for program awareness and to encourage qualified residents to apply.
Daycares Lead Service Line Replacements: As part of the department's Racial Equity Budget Goal, DWM will conduct 120-150 free lead service line replacements in licensed daycare facilities that are located in: Austin, Englewood, North Lawndale, Chatham, or Roseland or that are in blocks that have been identified as community safety blocks.	Continue direct outreach to qualified daycares. Extend outreach to community groups and nonprofits in the childcare arena. Expand prioritized neighborhoods to reach more daycares.	Q4 2023 and Ongoing	Met action steps for 2023	Sent letters and emails to licensed daycares in prioritized areas. Connected with several nonprofits in the childcare arena for additional outreach to prioritized daycares in their areas. Expanded prioritized neighborhoods.	Ongoing	Outreach continued via letters and emails to licensed daycares in prioritized areas and to nonprofits in the childcare arena. Expanded prioritized neighborhoods. Participated in several community events for childcare providers.