



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Statue of The Republic,
Jackson Park



Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S Lake Shore Dr



Victory Monument,
E 35th St and S King Dr

BRONZEVILLE / SOUTH LAKEFRONT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Museum of Science and Industry. The DuSable Museum of African American History. Washington and Jackson Parks. The Bronzeville / South Lakefront Planning Area is home to many popular places to visit in Chicago. It is also home to 127,300 residents who live in a collection of distinct neighborhoods. **The strategies and priority projects articulated in this Action Plan will help to make these neighborhoods even more vibrant.**

The Bronzeville / South Lakefront Planning Area is generally bounded by the Stevenson Expy to the north, the Dan Ryan Expy to the west, 67th St to the south and Lake Michigan to the east. It contains parts of four wards, eleven neighborhoods, and seven community areas. Two of the oldest and most renowned Chicago post-secondary institutions, the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) and the University of Chicago, are located in the area. These institutions, along with the University of Chicago Medical Center, are among the area's largest employers.

Residents enjoy 70 parks and open spaces, send their children to 69 schools, and travel throughout the region from one of 19 area transit stops.

Among Chicago's 16 Planning Areas, the Bronzeville / South Lakefront Planning Area has the fifth highest proportion of residents living within a half-mile of transit and the fifth highest proportion of housing in the form of multifamily units. Its largest land uses are residential (31%) and open space

(26%). At least twelve previous plans have been completed since 2000, three of which have been approved by the Chicago Plan Commission.

But the Bronzeville / South Lakefront Planning Area is much more than facts and figures. This is the traditional heart of the African-American community in Chicago, where the Great Migration's cultural impact found expression in the poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks, the blues of Muddy Waters and Willie Dixon, and the jazz solos of Louis Armstrong. It is where the World's Fair of 1893 took place, where President Obama lives, and where housing at every price point can be found. Here you can visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House or walk down miles of beautiful lakefront.

GUIDING STRATEGIES

This Action Plan contains Priority Projects that are either in progress or in development such that they can be reasonably completed within five years, with more projects to be added as the Action Plan continues to grow. These investments will be guided by the following strategies:

1. Guiding Strategy #1
2. Guiding Strategy #2
3. Guiding Strategy #3

CONCENTRATION AREAS

Smaller areas that offer significant opportunities will be the subject of further careful planning and action in the coming months:

A. Concentration Area "A" from N Boundary Street to S Boundary Street, and from E Boundary Street to W Boundary Street

B. Concentration Area "B" from N Boundary Street to S Boundary Street, and from E Boundary Street to W Boundary Street

C. Concentration Area "C" from N Boundary Street to S Boundary Street, and from E Boundary Street to W Boundary Street

The City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development will continue to work with aldermen, other City departments and sister agencies, community leaders, investors, and – most importantly – the dedicated residents of the Bronzeville / South Lakefront Planning Area to improve this Action Plan over time.



ACTION PLAN

Map Key

- Interstates
- Metra Line & Station
- CTA Red Line & Station
- CTA Green Line & Station
- Parks and Open Space
- Water

Illustrative Priority Projects

- 1** Michael Reese Site RFP for Master Developer
- 2** 35th St Bike & Pedestrian Bridge Reconstruction
- 3** Park Boulevard Phase 2B
- 4** Bronzeville Mariano's Market
- 5** Quad Communitas Art & Recreation Center
- 6** 41st St Bike & Pedestrian Bridge Construction
- 7** Bronzeville Heritage/Black Migration District Planning
- 8** Rosenwald Courts Apartments
- 9** Xs Tennis Facility
- 10** Houston Park Playground Renovation
- 11** City Hyde Park/Whole Foods Mixed-Use Development
- 12** MetroSquash Facility
- 13** The Burnham Senior Apartments
- 14** Cottage Grove Green Line Station Platform Extension
- 15** 63rd & Cottage Grove Market Demand Study
- 16** Jackson Park Ecosystem Restoration
- 17** Potential Presidential Library Planning
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- 19** To Be Determined
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Concentration Areas

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