



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Chatham, S Champlain Ave



South Shore, E 71st St



Burnside, S University Ave



Bronzeville Children's Museum, S Stony Island Ave

## GREATER STONY ISLAND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South Shore Cultural Center. Bronzeville Children's Museum. Rainbow Beach. The Greater Stony Island Planning Area is home to many popular destinations to visit in Chicago. It is also home to 172,000 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 Greater Stony Island Planning Area is generally bounded by 67th Street, Lake Michigan, 103rd Street, and the Dan Ryan Expressway. It contains parts of eight wards, eleven neighborhoods, and eleven community areas. Residents enjoy 49 open spaces, send their children to 81 schools, and are served by 18 transit stops throughout the Planning Area. Compared with Chicago's 16 Planning Areas, Greater Stony Island has the third lowest industrial space vacancy rate. Its largest land uses are residential (54%) and available land (14%). At least three previous plans have been completed since 2000 in the area.

But the Greater Stony Island Planning Area is much more than facts and figures. This is where the Gary Comer Youth Center offers programming for children; where artists are turning old buildings into artistic beauty; and where Chicagoans throughout the far south side converge at 95th St to connect to downtown.

### 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 pose particular challenges and 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 W Boundary Street to E Boundary Street

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

- C. Concentration Area "C" from N Boundary Street to S Boundary Street, and from W Boundary Street to E 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 Greater Calumet neighborhoods to improve this Action Plan over time.





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Map Key

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

Concentration Areas

- A** Concentration Area "A"  
TBD
- B** Concentration Area "B"  
TBD
- C** Concentration Area "C"  
TBD

Illustrative Priority Projects

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| 1 Stony Island Arts Bank   | 14 TBD |
| 2 Jeffery Towers Affordable Housing Rehabilitation                     | 15 TBD |
| 3 Rainbow Beach Chicago Plays Playground Renovation                    | 16 TBD |
| 4 Ruggles School New Air Conditioning                                  | 17 TBD |
| 5 South Chicago Ave Complete Streets Project 67th St to 79th St        | 18 TBD |
| 6 Heros School Playlot   | 19 TBD |
| 7 95th Street Terminal Improvement Project                             | 20 TBD |
| 8 Dixon Park Chicago Plays Playground Renovation and Site Improvements | 21 TBD |
| 9 Chicago Vocational Career Academy Renovations                        | 22 TBD |
| 10 Bowen School Manufacturing & Welding Lab Renovation                 | 23 TBD |
| 11 TBD   | 24 TBD |
| 12 TBD   | 25 TBD |
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