



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



W 81st St between S Wentworth Ave and S Yale Ave

## SOUTH SIDE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Auburn Park’s lagoons. The Major Taylor Trail. Trinity and Saint Sabina. The South Side Planning Area is home to many popular places to visit in Chicago. It is also home to 141,000 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 South Side Planning Area is generally bounded by W 49th St, the Dan Ryan Expressway, W 87th St, and S Western Ave. It contains parts of ten wards and ten community areas. Residents enjoy 62 open spaces, send their children to 108 local schools, and travel throughout the region from one of nine transit stops throughout the Planning Area. The South Side Planning Area has the city’s most used CTA train station at 95th St, and the second most used bus line on 79th St. It’s largest land use is residential (53%). At least four previous plans have been completed since 2000 in the area.

But the South Side Planning Area is much more than facts and figures. This is where committed families have held on to their neighborhoods, homes, and blocks through the toughest times. Where W 79th St bustles with shoppers and commuters at some of the longest operating African-American owned businesses in the city, and where Kusanya Café draws in the neighborhood for coffee and discussion.

## 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:

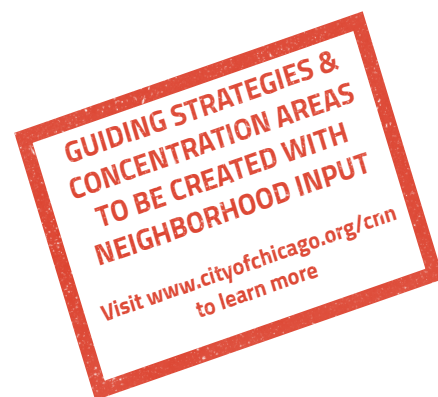
1. Guiding Strategy #1
2. Guiding Strategy #2
3. Guiding Strategy #3

## 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 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 the South Side Planning Area to improve this Action Plan over time.



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**ACTION PLAN**



Map Key

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

Priority Projects

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| <b>1</b> CREATE Grade Separation Project - 95th/Eggleston | <b>14</b> Artwork at 87th Red Line Station |
| <b>2</b> Woodson Regional Library Renovation              | <b>15</b> Anaerobic Digester               |
| <b>3</b> Lindblom Artificial Turf and Running Track       | <b>16</b> TBD                              |
| <b>4</b> Marshfield Park                                  | <b>17</b> TBD                              |
| <b>5</b> William Ogden Park                               | <b>18</b> TBD                              |
| <b>6</b> Joseph Robichaux                                 | <b>19</b> TBD                              |
| <b>7</b> Clarence Wagner Park                             | <b>20</b> TBD                              |
| <b>8</b> Wallace Park                                     | <b>21</b> TBD                              |
| <b>9</b> Randolph - Playlots                              | <b>22</b> TBD                              |
| <b>10</b> Wentworth (At Altgeld bldg) - Playlots          | <b>23</b> TBD                              |
| <b>11</b> Whole Foods Redevelopment                       | <b>24</b> TBD                              |
| <b>12</b> Auburn Park METRA Station                       | <b>25</b> TBD                              |
| <b>13</b> 95th Street Terminal Improvement Project        | <b>26</b> TBD                              |
|   | <b>27</b> TBD                              |
|   | <b>28</b> TBD                              |
|   | <b>29</b> TBD                              |
|   | <b>30</b> TBD                              |

Concentration Areas

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

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