



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



500 block of N Parkside Ave

WEST SIDE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Columbus Park. The Garfield Park Conservatory. Douglas Park. The West Side Planning Area is home to many popular places to visit in Chicago. It is also home to 229,000 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 West Side Planning Area is bounded generally by W Addison St to the north, W Grand Ave to the south, the METRA Union Pacific Northwest railroad line to the east and the METRA Milwaukee District/North Line tracks to the west. It contains parts of 11 wards, 19 neighborhoods, and five community areas. Residents enjoy 81 parks, send their children to 114 local schools, and are served by 11 CTA train stops and six METRA stops throughout the Planning Area.

Compared with Chicago's 16 Planning Areas, the West Side has the 4th largest population and is the 7th largest area in terms of size. Its largest land uses are residential (23%) and industrial (20%). At least five previous plans have been completed since 2000 in the area.

But the West Side Planning Area is much more than facts and figures. This is where some of the city's earliest and strongest not-for-profit development corporations - such as Bethel New Life and the Lawndale Christian Development Corporation - were established and where some of the most important



Multi-unit building, Washington Blvd & Central Ave

events of the Civil Rights Movement took place. New investments have recently taken place in the planning area such as: George Washington College Prep along W Franklin Boulevard, a new Breakthrough Urban Ministries Multiplex along W Carroll St. On W 16th St and Franklin Blvd where Dr. Martin Luther King lived two more projects have been developed: Dr. King Legacy Apartments and the MLK Fair Housing exhibition center in Austin.

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

Several smaller areas offer significant opportunities, and therefore 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

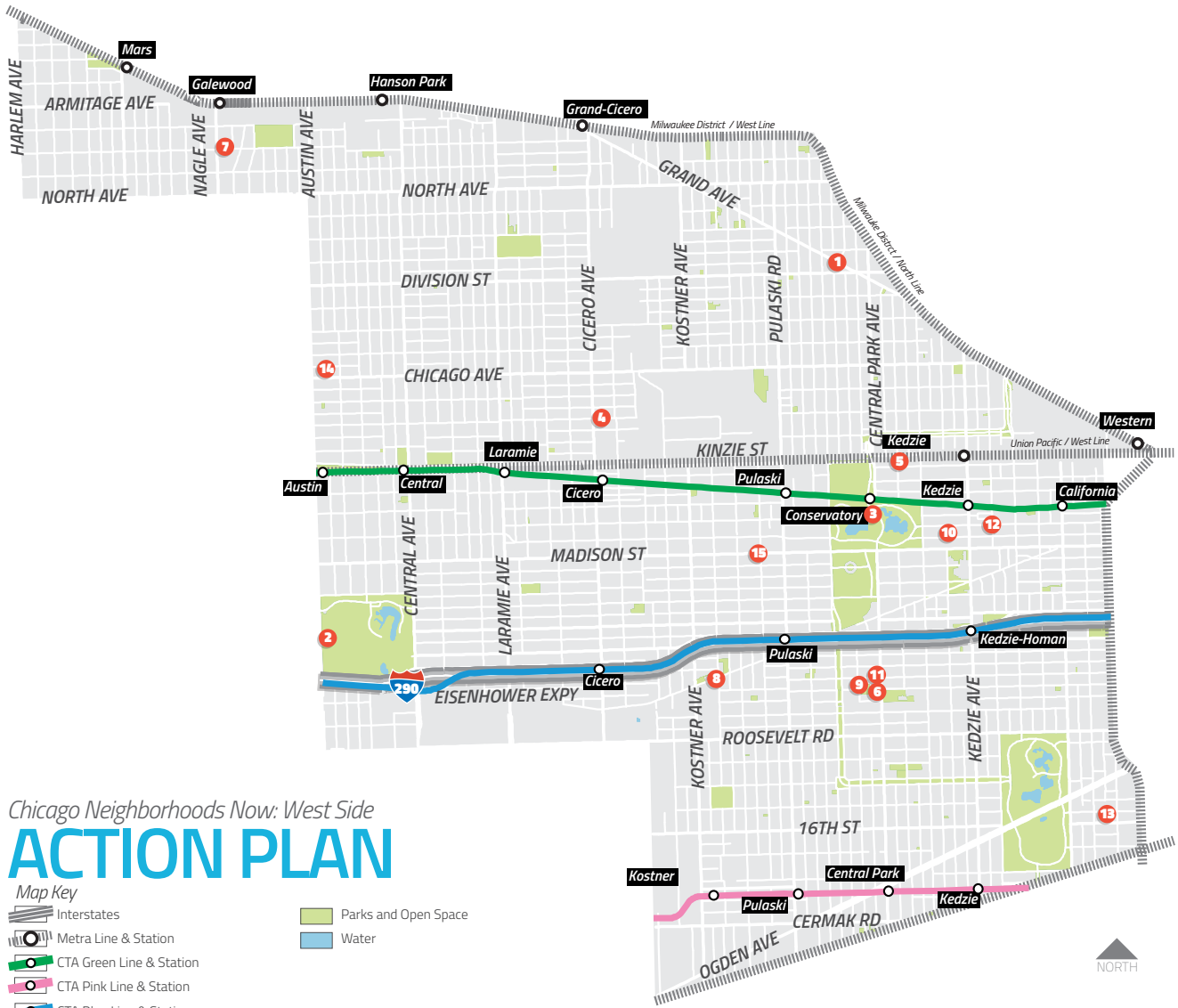


By the Hand Boys & Girls Club, Central Ave & Lake St

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 West Side neighborhoods to improve this Action Plan over time.





Chicago Neighborhoods Now: West Side ACTION PLAN

Map Key

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

Illustrative Priority Projects

- 1** Grand Avenue: Pulaski to Chicago - Major Street Reconstruction
- 2** Columbus Park*
- 3** Garfield Gold Dome - Major building rehab.
- 4** Ohio Park*
- 5** Saint Louis Park*
- 6** YOUmedia Renovations: Legler Library
- 7** Lovett Elementary School
- 8** Sumner Math & Science Community Academy
- 9** Sears Roebuck and Co. District Landmark Designation
- 10** Large Lots East Garfield
- 11** Homan Square Phase VI
- 12** St. Stephen AME Church Negotiated Sale
- 13** Film District
- 14** West Chicago Ave, African American Heritage Streetscape Study
- 15** Madison St. Commercial Revitalization Business Plan
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Concentration Areas

- A** Concentration Area "A" TBD
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*Future Chicago Plays Playground Renovation

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