

2024 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

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INTRODUCTION

The "Project Highlights" booklet is an overview of Department of Planning and Development (DPD) projects that were either initiated or completed between January and December of 2024

The featured projects are just a portion of DPD's accomplishments, but they collectively represent the wide variety of transformative community development initiatives under Mayor Brandon Johnson to foster a more equitable and sustainable Chicago. Each project was accomplished through the hard work of staff in partnership with elected officials, businesses, community leaders, private developers and other partners.

In my first full year as commissioner, DPD shepherded more than \$11 billion in new projects through the Plan Commission process, outpacing the totals for 2022 and 2023 combined. Our small, medium and large grant programs meanwhile allocated more than \$400 million toward more than 600 business development projects, supporting \$1.7 billion in private investment across the city.

DPD staff looks forward to implementing many other improvements for a more equitable Chicago in the year to come.

Sincerely,

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Ciere Boatright, Commissioner

Department of Planning and Development

Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park

8080 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive

Community Area: South Chicago

Status: Approved

Approved by City Council in December, the 420-acre Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park will be anchored by one of the world's most advanced quantum computers and cooling facilities. Being developed by Related and CRG and expected to generate thousands of jobs through partnerships with local colleges, the \$5.6 billion project will include bird-friendly design and landscaping.

DPD Assistance:

- Class 8 MICRO property tax incentive
- \$5 million bond financing
- Planned Development designation







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Advocate Hospital

8101 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive

Community Area: South Chicago

Status: Pre-development

In December, Advocate Health Care systems announced the planned construction of the first brand new hospital on the South Side in 100 years. The \$300 million facility will be part of the IQMP, providing 52 beds and emergency services for area residents and workers. The 23-acre project will replace Advocate's 115-year-old facility in Calumet Heights.

DPD Assistance:

Site assistance





Missing Middle

Community Areas: North Lawndale

Status: Pre-development

DPD launched the Missing Middle repopulation initiative in November, making 44 City lots available for purchase and redevelopment as market-rate, one-to six-unit residential buildings. Applications from 30 development teams were being reviewed at the close of 2024, with developer selections anticipated in early 2025. The North Lawndale pilot phase is expected to add more than 200 new housing units to the community.

DPD Assistance:

· Request for Proposals

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Rector Building

79 W. Monroe St.

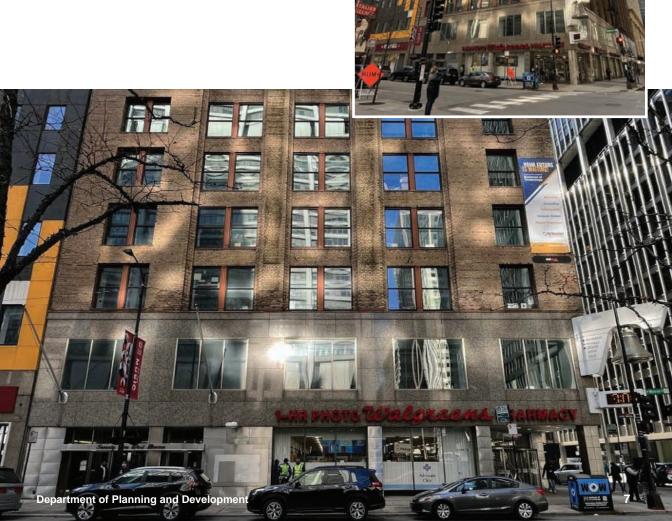
Community Area: Loop

Status: Approved

Approved in October, the \$64 million adaptive reuse of seven floors of the Rector building by Campari Group will create 117 apartments with 35% affordability. Additional improvements will include the restoration of key architectural features, including the building's iconic "weather bell" sign, as part of a pending landmark designation anticipated in 2025.

DPD Assistance:

\$28 million TIF grant



Plant Chicago 4459 S. Marshfield Ave.

Community Area: New City

Status: Underway

Plant Chicago is renovating a 123-year-old firehouse as its mixed-use headquarters with support from a grant approved by City Council in September. The "circulareconomy" organization will use the funding for a \$1.8 million rehabilitation for sustainable indoor gardening, workspaces and retail sales operations.

DPD Assistance:

\$825,000 Community Development Grant









Sputnik Coffee 4743 S. Talman Ave.

Community Area: Brighton Park

Status: Complete

Sputnik Coffee's 27,000-square-foot cafe and roasting facility opened in October after expanding from a smaller space in Back of the Yards. The project repurposed a vacant warehouse to produce coffee for 350 stores across 10 states.

- \$1.2 million Community Development Grant
- 6(b) property tax incentive





Fillmore Center

4100 W. Fillmore St.

Community Areas: North Lawndale

Status: Underway

Opened in June, Fillmore Center is a \$40.5 million commercial laundry, coffee roaster and flower distribution complex developed by the Steans Family Foundation within a 100-year-old industrial building. The 168,000-square-foot project is expected to create 175 full-time jobs when fully occupied.

DPD Assistance:

\$10 million TIF grant





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BandWith Chicago

134-56 S. California Ave.

Community Areas: East Garfield Park

Status: Underway

The BandWith youth performing arts organization is creating a \$12.3 million permanent headquarters through a City grant approved in October. The funding will help improve a 21,460-square-foot building for free performing arts programs and new rehearsal and performance spaces for music, dance, drumline, sound engineering and choral instruction.

DPD Assistance:

\$5 million TIF grant







The Scoring Stage 4150 S. Halsted St.

Community Area: New City Status: Pre-development

An \$80 million recording complex proposed by Third Coast Music was announced in November as the winning respondent to a DPD Request for Proposals (RFP) for the landmark Stockyard Bank and adjacent land. The complex would operate as a global destination for the recording of musical ensembles up to 100 people, with additional space for postproduction, special events, education and a Chicago music museum. DPD acquired the former bank in 2000 in anticipation of its future rehabilitation.

DPD Assistance:

Request for Proposals









Westgate 3835 W. Madison St.

Community Areas: West Garfield Park

Status: Pre-development

A \$45.3 million mixed-use building proposed by Westgate Partners was announced in November as the winning respondent to a DPD Request for Proposals (RFP) for a former Aldi grocery store site. The proposal includes 55 affordable apartments and 20,000 square feet of commercial space, including a restaurant and grocery store. DPD acquired the site in 2022 to help solicit a new grocer to the location.

- Land Acquisition
- Request for Proposals





Pete's Fresh Market

3250 W. 87th St.

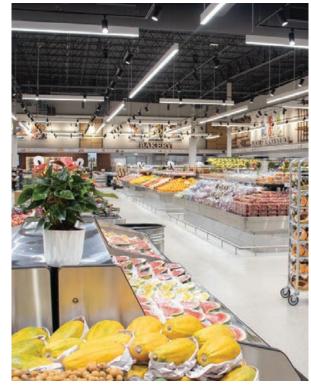
Community Area: Ashburn

Status: Complete

Opened in May, the \$15 million, 88,000-square-foot Pete's Market store by 87th and Kedzie West LLC replaced an Ultra Foods store that closed in 2017.

DPD Assistance:

Class 7(d) property tax incentive



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Save A Lot

10700 S. Halsted St., 7240 S. Stony Island Ave., 420 S. Pulaski Road, 2858 E 83rd St.

Community Area: Morgan Park, South Chicago, West

Garfield Park, South Shore

Status: Complete

Four Save A Lot stores across the West and South Sides reopened in the fall following extensive renovations. Operated by Yellow Banana, two more stores are expected to open in early 2025. The projects are creating up to 20 full-time jobs while retaining 70 existing positions.

- Approximately \$9 million in TIF grants
- Approximately \$2.5 million NMTCs





Sisters in Cinema

2310 E. 75th St.

Community Area: South Shore

Status: Complete

Sisters in Cinema celebrated the grand opening of its Media Arts Center in February after rehabbing the space with DPD financing. The assistance helped cover carpentry, mechanicals, and other eligible expenses that support the organization's mission to create equitable cultural opportunities for Black girls, women and gender nonconforming storytellers.

DPD Support:

\$250,000 Neighborhood Opportunity Fund grant









Jerk Villa

642-48 W. 79th St.

Community Area: Auburn Gresham

Status: Complete

Jamaican Jerk Villa celebrated the grand opening of its new 4,600-square-foot bar and grill in August after improving the space with DPD financial assistance. The funding helped pay for heating and ventilation upgrades, new plumbing, facade improvements and other eligible expenses.

DPD Support:

\$250,000 Neighborhood Opportunity Fund grant



Revolution Workshop

3410 W. Lake St.

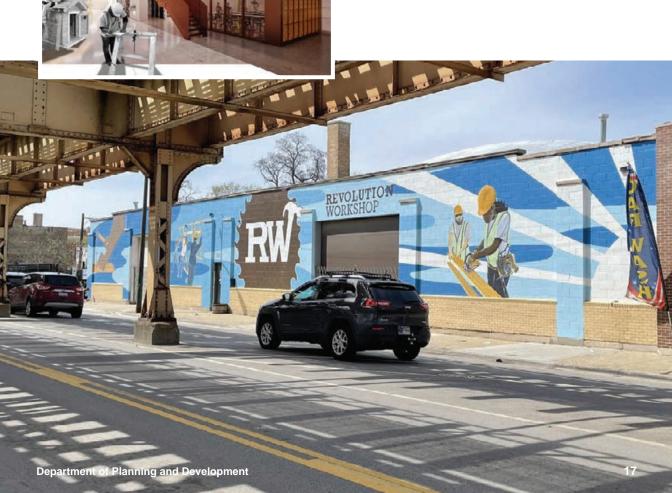
Community Area: East Garfield Park

Status: Underway

Revolution Workshop is upgrading its 14,700-square-foot headquarters with new learning spaces, expanded social enterprise facilities, new lobby areas, and upgraded building systems. The \$4.9 million project will help the six-year-old nonprofit launch a preapprenticeship program for careers in drafting and project management.

DPD Assistance:

\$3.71 million TIF grant



Timeline Theatre

5035 N. Broadway

Community Area: Uptown

Status: Underway

TimeLine Theatre's \$40 million performance venue started construction this spring within a vacant W.C. Reebie & Brother warehouse. The work will create a 250-seat theater and rehearsal, office, hospitality and community spaces that employ nearly 30 people. Initial performances are anticipated in early 2026.

- \$10 million TIF grant
- \$4 million TIF loan











Double Door

1050 W. Wilson Ave.

Community Areas: Uptown **Status:** Underway

The Double Door music club is reopening Uptown's historic Wilson Theater through a pair of grants approved by City Council in January and October. The \$11.5 million project is creating a live performance venue with capacity for 700 people and a tuition-free after-school music program.

- \$5 million TIF grant
- \$125,000 Adopt-A-Landmark grant



The Revival

906 S. Wabash Ave.

Community Area: Near South Side

Status: Complete

The Revival improv theater opened within a former printing facility in May. Made possible by DPD financing, the \$695,400 project created a 150-seat live performance space, offices, a bar and a lobby.

DPD Assistance:

\$250,000 Community Development Grant









Go Green Griot Plaza

1201 W. 63rd St.

Community Area: Englewood

Status: Complete

The Go Green Griot Public Outdoor Plaza (POP!) revitalized a vacant lot into an outdoor arts and culture space capable of hosting community events. Opened in June, the 10,3075-square-foot space is inspired by West African storytellers and features a performance area, seating and murals. Created and managed by Inner-City Muslim Action Network, the \$587,500 project complements its DPD-supported grocery store next door.

DPD Assistance:

\$500,000 Recovery Program grant



WHPop

3618 W. Chicago Ave.

Community Area: West Humboldt Park

Status: Complete

Created by the West Humboldt Park Development Council as part of DPD's POP! program, the \$577,450 WHPop project features a family-oriented playscape with colorful murals and space for cultural activities and performance art. Completed in June, the 6,250-square-foot plaza reflects the neighborhood's vision for a bright, engaging place for residents to gather.

DPD Assistance:

\$500,000 Recovery Program grant



South Side Sanctuary

4702-04 S. King Drive

Community Area: Grand Boulevard

Status: Complete

Opened in August, the South Side Sanctuary POP! includes spaces for vendors, performances, public art, skateboarding and other activities that reflect local culture and bring people together. Managed by IAYV, the quarter-acre property was acquired by the City in 1998 in anticipation of future community-oriented improvements.

- \$712,000 Recovery Program grant
- Three-year lease









Overton Exchange Plaza

221 E. 49th St.

Community Area: Grand Boulevard

Status: Complete

This 21,000 square-foot Overton POP! opened in July on the playground of the former Anthony Overton Elementary School. Led by Washington Park Development Group and Borderless Studio, the plaza features public art and a trio of amenity zones, including a garden, a market and a seating area for picnicking and relaxation. DPD is simultaneously supporting the former's school as the Overton Center of Excellence entrpreneurial hub.

DPD Assistance:

• \$600,000 Recovery Program grant



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Austin Community Health Hub

5046-48 W. Chicago Ave.

Community Area: Austin Status: Underway

Planned by Stone Community Development Corp. and Lurie Children's Hospital and announced in June, the \$15.75 million Austin Community Health Hub will provide physical and behavioral health care services and community responsive health education. The 22,000-square-foot project also includes gathering space for community groups and a café with outdoor seating. An estimated 27 full-time jobs will be created by the project.

DPD Assistance:

\$5 million bond financing







Wood Street Farm Expansion

1824 W. 59th St.

Community Area: Englewood

Status: Underway

Announced in June, Growing Home Inc. is creating a USDA-certified produce processing facility for the nonprofit organization's adjacent farming operations. The \$20 million, 76,784-square-foot project includes a retail store, cafe, teaching and commercial kitchen, and community classrooms. An estimated 24 full-time jobs will be created by the project, which will also double the capacity of Growing Home's workforce development program to 160 people.

DPD Assistance:

\$5 million bond financing





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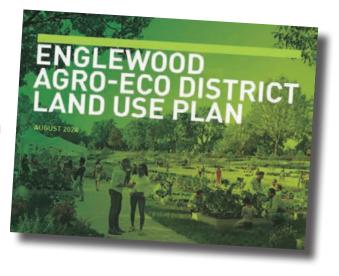
Englewood Agro-Eco District Land Use Plan

Community Area: Englewood

Status: Complete

The Englewood Agro-Eco District Land Use Plan is a community-led vision to repurpose disinvested industrial land along the 1.75-mile Englewood Nature Trail for food production, employment, and recreation. Adopted in August, the plan is also intended to promote racial equity and repair, public health and climate resiliency.

- Chicago Plan Commission adoption
- Neighborhood planning
- Community outreach









Milwaukee Avenue Urban Identity Study

Community Areas: Logan Square, Avondale

Status: Complete

An 18-month planning effort to provide guidelines for growth along Milwaukee between Western and Ridgeway avenues culminated in the July adoption of the Milwaukee Special Character Overlay District. The overlay district protects the corridor's unique character with concise and cost-effective guidelines for rehabilitation and new construction projects.

DPD Assistance:

- Chicago Plan Commission adoption
- Neighborhood planning
- · Community outreach





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Broadway Land Use Planning Study

Community Areas: Edgewater, Uptown

Status: Underway

In partnership with the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, Uptown United and local ward offices, DPD initiated a land use framework plan this year to support community development goals on Broadway between Montrose and Devon, including two open houses this fall. The framework is intended to support new housing, business vitality and streamlined investment opportunities.

DPD Assistance:

- Neighborhood planning
- · Community outreach

Western Avenue Rezonings

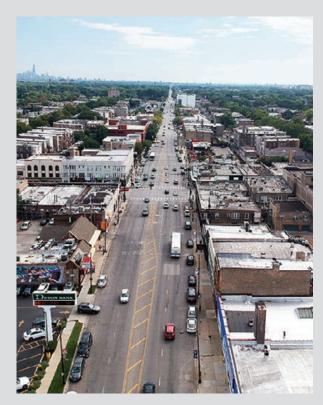
Community Area: West Ridge, North Center, Lincoln

Square

Status: Complete

Approximately 600 properties along the northernmost five miles of Western Avenue were upzoned in the fall to promote more consistent and vibrant neighborhood development patterns. Recommended by DPD's 2022 Western Avenue Corridor Study, the rezonings are intended to promote a walkable, high-density, mixeduse environment with a broad range of retail and service uses.

- Neighborhood planning
- Community outreach



Cicero Avenue Corridor Study

Community Area: Garfield Ridge, Clearing, Archer

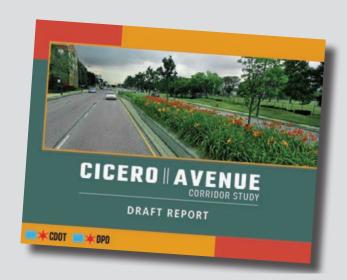
Heights, West Elsdon, West Town

Status: Complete

Adopted by Plan Commission in November, the Cicero Avenue Corridor Study identifies potential transportation and land use policy improvements along the corridor between I-55 and 67th Street. DPD partnered with CDOT and other agencies to evaluate street design and analyze market demand for potential land use improvements. The study identified four "character zones" along the route for additional enhancements.

DPD Assistance:

- Chicago Plan Commission adoption
- Neighborhood planning
- Community outreach



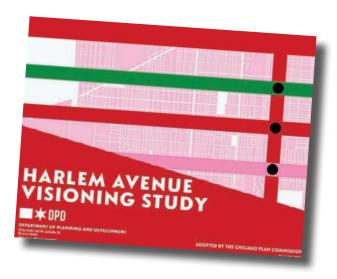
Harlem Avenue Visioning Study

Community Areas: Dunning, Montclare

Status: Complete

Adopted by Plan Commission in June, the Harlem Avenue Visioning Study identifies community-supported goals for public realm improvements, storefront design recommendations, safety enhancements and branding opportunities along Harlem Avenue between Irving Park Road and Grand Avenue. The study also includes recommendations to help celebrate the corridor's unique cultural and ethnic characteristics.

- Chicago Plan Commission adoption
- Neighborhood planning
- Community outreach





Stitching it Together

Community Area: Brighton Park, Gage Park

Status: Underway

Stitching It Together is a multi-phase planning initiative to strengthen connections between the Brighton Park and Gage Park communities and improve access to the new Chicago Park District facility at 48th Street and Western Boulevard. Led by DPD and supported by an interdisciplinary team of architects, urban designers, and planners, the study could be presented for Plan Commission adoption in 2025.

DPD Assistance:

- Neighborhood planning
- Community outreach



Armitage Industrial Corridor Planning

Community Area: Belmont Cragin, Montclare

Status: Underway

DPD initiated the Armitage Industrial Corridor Planning Study in the spring to evaluate the ongoing effectiveness of the corridor amid evolving Northwest Side land use patterns. The framework aims to reinforce the corridor's historic role as a jobs center, its transportation amenities, and its built and natural assets. The study could be presented for Plan Commission adoption in 2025.

- Neighborhood planning
- Community outreach



95th Street Corridor Plan

Community Area: Roseland, Washington Heights,

Chatham, Burnside, Pullman

Status: Underway

Presented to the Chicago Plan Commission in December in coordination with the CTA, Chicago State University and other partners, the 95th Street Corridor Plan aims to foster transit-oriented investment and growth between Halsted Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. The plan includes the 95th Street CTA and Metra stations and local bus routes, in addition to urban design and land use improvements that promote pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use investment. Plan Commission is expected to vote on the plan's potential adoption in early 2025.

- Neighborhood planning
- Community outreach





Black Cultural Harvest

Community Area: Citywide

Status: Complete

Part of DPD's Black Cultural Heritage Initiative (BCHI), the department hosted its first-ever Black Cultural Harvest in March for attendees to learn best practices for preserving and celebrating their cultural heritage and memories. Approximately 100 participants joined panels and lectures, and many contributed mementos to a photographic archive of the Black Chicagoan experience as part of an ever-growing shared identity.

- Event production and management
- Public outreach





City Civics Day

Community Area: Citywide

Status: Complete

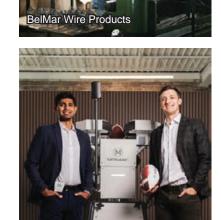
DPD's second annual City Civics Day in November drew about 600 people for a day's worth of engagement-related programming at Malcolm X College on the Near West Side. Participants met to discuss best practices for improving their communities, especially involving healthy food, public art, vacant land, and transit-oriented development.

- Event production and management
- Public outreach









Monarc Sports

Chicago Manufacturing Awards

Community Area: Citywide

Status: Complete

DPD co-hosted the City's second-annual Manufacturing Awards event at mHub on the Near West Side in September to honor eight industrial businesses for exemplary and innovative work in their respective fields: Twisted Eggroll, Labelmaster, Best Diamond Plastics, Koval Distillery, BelMar Wire Products, Flex-N-Gate, Monarc Sports and Testa Produce. Produced with the assistance of World Business Chicago and Local Industrial Retention Initiative (LIRI) agencies, the event also recognized the importance of more than 400,000 manufacturing jobs to the Chicago area economy.

- Event production and management
- Public outreach











Preservation Expo

Community Area: Citywide

Status: Complete

DPD hosted its inaugural Preservation Expo at Northwestern Law School in May with 30 exhibitors that provided advice and resources on historic preservation projects and initiatives for approximately 200 attendees. Historian Geoffrey Baer delivered the keynote about the preservation movement in Chicago, including key wins and losses involving the built environment.

DPD Assistance:

- Event production and management
- Public outreach









Apollo's 2000 2875 W. Cermak Road

Community Area: South Lawndale

Status: Complete

The Apollo's 2000 special events venue was designated as an official Chicago landmark in April. The two-story Beaux Arts building was designed by Alexander L. Levy and originally opened as the Marshall Square Theater in 1917. In 1989, it was reformatted into a performance and event space.

DPD Assistance:

Hyde Park Union Church 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Community Area: Hyde Park

Status: Complete

The 118-year-old Hyde Park Union Church was designated as a Chicago landmark in July. The Richardsonian Romanesque-style building features rusticated masonry, a steep gabled roof and corner towers for a congregation that grew with the expansion of the nearby University of Chicago.

DPD Assistance:





Jackson Storage and Van Co. 3611 W. Cermak Road

Community Area: South Lawndale

Landmark designation

Status: Complete

The former Jackson Storage and Van Co. Warehouse was designated as an official Chicago landmark in October. Constructed in 1890, it was rebuilt in 1927 with a new Venetian Gothic facade designed by Hall, Bisbee & Rhenisch.

DPD Assistance:

John B. Murphy Memorial

50 E. Erie St.

Community Areas: Near North Side

Status: Complete

Designated as a landmark in May, the Murphy Memorial was built in 1926 by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to honor one of its founders, John B. Murphy, who was a leading practitioner committed to improving the surgical profession and teaching standards.

Marshall & Fox designed the memorial in the French Renaissance style with an ornate, limestone facade and a 1,000-seat auditorium.

DPD Assistance:











Mars Candy Factory

2019 N. Oak Park Ave.

Community Area: Austin

Status: Complete

The Spanish Revival-style Mars candy factory in Austin was designated as an official Chicago landmark in October. Fronted by a broad lawn, the factory's clay tile roofs, arched windows and balconets created a building more like a country club than a factory, allowing the one-story complex to easily integrate and inspire additional development among adjacent residential blocks when it opened in 1929. The designation will protect the most visible elements of the building when it's repurposed following the factory's planned closing.

DPD Assistance:



Phebe and John Gray House

4362 W. Grace St.

Community Area: Irving Park

Status: Complete

The Italianate-style Phebe and John Gray House was designated as an official Chicago landmark in March. Built in approximately 1856, the wood-frame, former farm house was home to John Gray and family, who were among the city's earliest settlers.

DPD Assistance:



Ramova Theater

3508-18 S. Halsted St.

Community Area: Bridgeport

Status: Complete

The restored Ramova Theater complex was designated an official Chicago landmark in September. The complex includes a former Spanish Baroque movie house that dates to 1929 and a two-story commercial building that dates to 1912. Both buildings reopened at the end of 2023 following a \$38 million, City-supported renovation as a live musical hall, banquet space and brewery.

DPD Assistance:





Mid-City Trust and Savings Bank 801 W. Madison St.

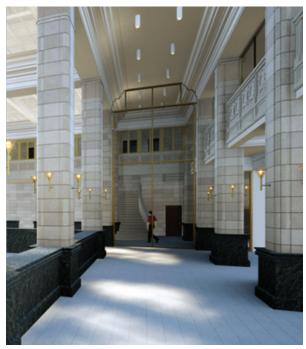
Community Area: Near West Side

Status: Approved

A grant approved in May will help the former Mid-City Trust and Savings Bank undergo a \$53.1 million rehabilitation as a 76-room hotel and 22,000 square feet of commercial space by ECG Madison LLC. The building was constructed in 1911 and designated an official Chicago landmark in 2012.

DPD Assistance:

\$1.3 million Adopt-A-Landmark grant



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Flat Iron Building 1565-89 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Community Areas: West Town

Status: Underway

Approved in March, the \$4.2 million rehabilitation of the Flat Iron building includes terra cotta repairs, roof upgrades and the replacement of non-historic windows. The building's uses will continue as retail and entertainment on the first floor and art studios and offices on the upper floors.

DPD Assistance:

Class L property tax incentive



Sailbrite Midwest

2886 S. Archer Ave.

Community Area: Bridgeport

Status: Complete

Sailbrite, which makes, services and repurposes sails, used DPD financing to perform interior and exterior renovations of its 140-year-old production space. Completed in April, the \$110,000 project saved the building's original cast iron window frames and columns.

DPD Assistance:

• \$98,000 Small Business Improvement Fund grant





Business Improvement Districts

Community Area: Citywide

Status: Approved

DPD facilitated the State's approval of Business Improvement Districts (BID) for Chicago in July, enabling property owners in contiguous areas to form self-funding districts that provide expanded services and programming. BID-supported enhancements typically include public way beautification, marketing, business retention, special events, façade improvements, security and other economic development initiatives. DPD received seven BID applications in 2024 for potential implementation across the city in 2026.

DPD Assistance:

- Interagency coordination
- Public outreach



Chicago Park District

Community Areas: Near North Side, Edgewater, Lincoln Square, North Center, Near West Side, Humboldt Park, Bridgeport, South Chicago Status: Underway

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Nine intergovernmental agreements approved by City Council in 2024 are providing the Chicago Park District with DPD financial assistance for new fieldhouses, pickleball courts, playground improvements, landscaping, ball field upgrades and other amenities.

Parks approved for assistance include:

- Park 598, 1514 N. Larabee St.
- Park 599, 1623 Edgewater Ave.
- Bessemer Park, 8930 S. Muskegon Ave.
- McGuane Park, 2901 S. Poplar Ave.
- Kells Park, 3201 W. Chicago Ave.
- Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave.
- Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph St.
- Skinner Park, 1331 W. Monroe St.
- Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving Park Road

DPD Assistance:

\$29.2 million in TIF support









Chicago Public Schools

Community Areas: Logan Square, West Town, North Lawndale, Avalon Park, Washington Heights

Status: Underway

Eight intergovernmental agreements approved by City Council in 2024 are providing Chicago Public Schools with DPD financial support for classroom renovations, athletic facility upgrades, and other capital improvements.

Schools approved for assistance include:

- Percy Julian High School, 10330 S. Elizabeth St.
- Jose de Diego Academy, 2301 W. Potomac Ave.
- Johnson Elementary, 1420 S. Albany Ave.
- Chicago Vocational Academy, 2100 E. 87th St.
- Goethe Elementary, 2236 N. Rockwell St.
- LaSalle II Elementary, 1148 N. Honore St.
- Chalmers Elementary, 2745 W. Roosevelt Road
- Collins Academy, 1313 S. Sacramento Drive

DPD Assistance:

\$17.8 million in TIF support



Chicago Vocational Academy

Planned Developments

In 2024, DPD staff coordinated more than \$11 billion in new construction projects through the Plan Commission review and approval process. Coordinated by staff from the Bureau of Zoning with assistance from DPD's regional planning teams, the process ensures unified neighborhood planning, promotes economically beneficial development patterns, allows design flexibility, and protects the city's natural resources.



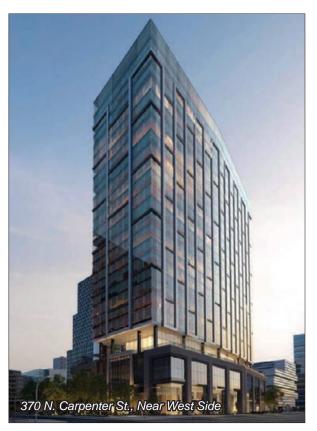










































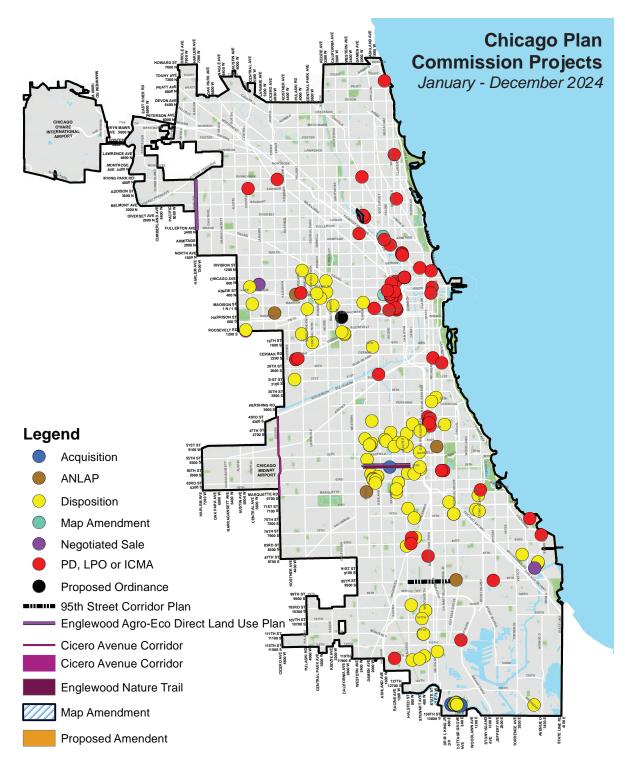












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