A Planning Framework

Realizing a Vision

Stitching the Community Components

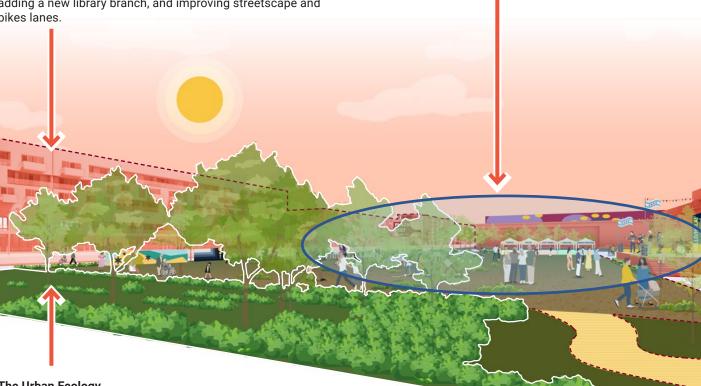
This chapter stitches together the six priorities to articulate a set of action items that aim to address the needs of the community and set the stage for future planning work. The stitches in this framework are the action items recommended to implement the community's vision. Each recommended action item relates to one or more components that make up a city and are implemented through either policy, development or programming. Three important components that make up cities are the built environment, the urban ecology, and the socialcultural fabric; the framework articulated in this chapter aims to engage these three components to improve connections and address the priorities that were expressed throughout the community engagement process.

The Built Environment

These are the buildings, the sidewalks, and everything that is physically built in a city. The built environment includes homes, schools, restaurants, parks, and other physical features. These recommended action items include building more housing, providing more open space and community gathering spaces, adding a new library branch, and improving streetscape and bikes lanes.

The Social-Cultural Fabric

Social-cultural fabric describes ways in which people interact with each other, come together, and learn or celebrate. The built environment provides a stage for these interactions. How residents enjoy their city and meet their neighbors is what turns a neighborhood of buildings into a community of people. Action items to support the social-cultural fabric of these communities include providing more senior and youth programming, increasing cultural events and festivals, implementing more public art, providing more learning and resource hubs, and supporting new ways for neighborhood residents, business owners and other locals to engage with each other.

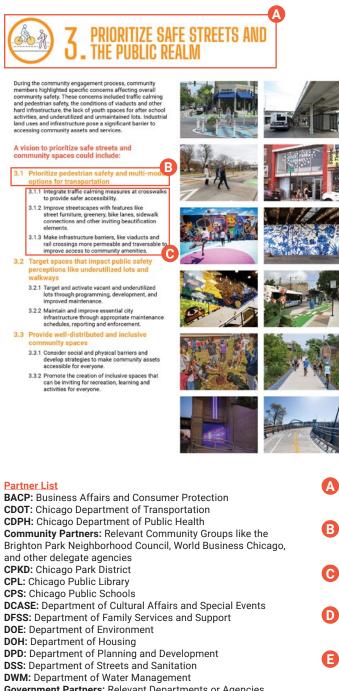


The Urban Ecology

This is the nature found in the city and represents natural components like the tree canopy, plants, natural areas and waterways. Urban ecology can help to mitigate the issues that the built environment creates, such as reducing urban head island effects and air pollution. The action items that fall into urban ecology include increasing urban tree canopy, envisioning sustainable features in the neighborhood, and exploring opportunities to improve environmental policy.

How to Use This Framework

To realize this vision, a set of priorities, objects, strategies, and action items are meant to guide initiatives. These fall under the scope of different community partners like City departments, sister agencies, elected officials, and other community groups. Action items are meant to serve as a guide and their implementation will depend on available capacity, funding mechanism, and timelines by the various partners involved.



Government Partners: Relevant Departments or Agencies IDOT: Illinois Department of Transportation PDEV: Developers, either public or private Ward Offices: 12th, 14th, and 15th Ward Offices CCDOTH: Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Implementation Partners

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For additional information, including implementation examples, see Appendix II. Example Typologies.

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	 Incorporate street designs to mitigate truck impacts by minimizing conflict points between trucks and vulnerable road users. 	0000	CDOT*, IDOT	8	CP, 0 RE
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	c. Continue to implement Southwest Side Bike Network improvements.		CDOT*	8	CF, F
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e	 Evaluate the potential of a CTA Orange Line station at California. 	0000	CTA*, CCDOTH, CDOT	8	RE
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A **Priority** The six priority categories guiding for the plan.

Objective What the plan aims to achieve. The objective helps manage progress towards goals, guide efforts, and identify important steps.

Strategy Provides an approach towards achieving the objective.

Action Item A specific task or step. Action items are like a to-do list.

Timeline Estimates the time to complete an action item. Some action items are short, while others may take years to complete.

Partner Specifies the relevant partner(s) to collaborate and complete a task. See Partner List for the partners included in this framework.

Status The steps towards implementation. These include: preliminary work (project scope and analysis), partners identified (collaboration and dialogue between partners), and funded or priority (available funding or priority of the implementation partner).

Tools Mechanisms for implementation through policy, funding, research or study.



Multi-generational households are common on the Southwest Side. The current housing stock and available amenities in the region may not adequately meet these housing needs. Although many homes in this area are listed as single-family use, many are suspected of having been partitioned to provide additional housing.

The change in demographics in recent decades, proximity to job opportunities, and recent investments in new institutions have increased demand for new housing options and amenities for this multi-generational community.

A vision to increase access to housing options could include:

1.1 Support pathways to affordable homeownership and increase community amenities

- 1.1.1 Expand programs that offer and support homeownership education.
- 1.1.2 Encourage new housing units that support existing and new community services such as cafes, places to eat and other entertainment to help activate corridors.

1.2 Build more units to sustain housing affordability

- 1.2.1 Support new housing development that expands housing offerings and options, including nontraditional housing units like accessory dwellings, ground floor residential, equitable transit-oriented development near multimodal transportation options, and new community assets and amenities.
- 1.2.2 Encourage dwelling unit configurations for multigenerational households.







		Action Item
5	a.	Continue to partner with local organizations to offer homeowners counseling programs.
÷	b.	Promote down payment assistance programs.
	a.	Encourage development opportunities to include housing units all corridors.
1.1.2	b.	Where appropriate, encourage new developments to include open landscaping, or other features designed in a pedestrian-friendly w
	C.	Where opportunities for ground-floor retail are limited, consider lin housing to reactivate street frontage.
	a.	Encourage and target development opportunities along main corriexisting housing development ordinances to build more housing u designations as appropriate to allow housing, and promoting avai
_	b.	Explore opportunities for mixed-use development on underutilized Orange Line stations and high frequency bus corridors.
1.2.	C.	Consider re-zoning areas near transit stations and high frequency accommodate denser, mixed-use development.
	d.	Where appropriate expand the Additional Dwelling Units (ADU) or Brighton Park and Gage Park.
	e.	Where appropriate, consider re-zoning low-density residential area
	a.	Encourage a variety of affordable unit types, including 3- and 4-be accommodate family sizes and multiple generations living togethe of existing affordability.
1.2.2	b.	Continue to encourage new housing development to include resid multiple generations and family configurations like in-building and recreation and gathering spaces.
	c.	Identify ways to better inform the community about affordable ho housing services, city programs and incentives.



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mited ground-floor	••••	DPD *, PDEV	\	CF, FI, CP, PI
ridors by utilizing units, changing zoning ilable financial tools.	•••	DOH* , DPD*, PDEV	?	FI, GR, CP, RE, PI
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ousing opportunities,	••••	DOH* , Community Partners, Ward offices	•	CF







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Parks and open space provide places for the community to come together. They offer important health benefits for residents, provide space for art and community programming, and contribute important ecological services and beauty to the region. Parks are seen as important by the residents of both communities.

A vision to expand access to open spaces and neighborhood beautification could include:

2.1 Continue to maintain and improve parks and open spaces

2.1.1 Continue to repair facilities and develop a maintenance program to promote community park stewardship.

2.2 Increase access to open space amenities

- 2.2.1 Improve and provide new connections between public spaces that increase overall safety, activate underutilized areas, and increase accessibility.
- 2.2.2 Increase the number of open space options and encourage the creation of different sized spaces that activate underutilized areas and are near areas with less access.

2.3 Support efforts and local participation in neighborhood beautification efforts

- 2.3.1 Find opportunities to expand neighborhood art initiatives that celebrate the community and invite local residents to participate.
- 2.3.2 Promote efforts to increase overall neighborhood greenery and landscaping that are multifunctional, offer access to fresh foods, produce, and gardening activities through community garden spaces and partnerships and provide opportunities for community use.



Open spaces of different sizes and programming





		Action Item
	a.	Prioritize providing missing amenities like places to sit, restrooms amenities, where appropriate and needed.
1.1	b.	Continue to facilitate community engagement by promoting exist stewardship groups as well as collaboration and partnerships on events.
3	c.	Collaborate with the Park District and the community to coordinat improvements based on community needs and available budget.
	d.	Identify infrastructure and accessibility issues with relevant depar solutions to improve connectivity and strategize maintenance.
	a.	Expand public realm improvements that elevate the experience of through character, identity, art, and landscape features and mainte
2.2.1	b.	Explore the feasibility of a greenway or trail system along rail emb way that improves access to the Park District HQ and connects co
	c.	Promote Western Boulevard as a green space by expanding acces mitigating traffic impacts.
	a.	Develop an open space plan for Brighton Park and Gage Park.
2.2	b.	Re-imagine vacant and underutilized lots and identify opportunitie community uses.
2.2	c.	Encourage pocket parks and private open spaces adjacent to and new development or to activate vacant and underutilized land.
	d.	Establish new and deepen existing partnerships with local commactivate open spaces and facilities for community use.
۲.	a.	Amplify current grant opportunities and identify new resources to community art in public spaces, infrastructure, transit stations an corridors.
2.3	b.	Encourage and incentivize projects to dedicate a portion of project community art on-site or within the Brighton Park or Gage Park co
	c.	Increase connections to information on best practices for public a
2	a.	Encourage landscape buffers between car-intensive uses (like par and car washes) and pedestrian areas.
2.3	b.	Encourage landscape buffers that can serve as multifunctional pl public space for recreation, greenery, or other community benefits



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nd/or in conjunction with	0000	DPD *, DCASE, Community Partners, PDEV	Ŷ	CF, CP, FI, GR, PI
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PRIORITIZE SAFE STREETS AND THE PUBLIC REALM

During the community engagement process, community members highlighted specific concerns affecting overall community safety. These concerns included traffic calming and pedestrian safety, the conditions of viaducts and other hard infrastructure, the lack of youth spaces for after school activities, and underutilized and unmaintained lots. Industrial land uses and infrastructure pose a significant barrier to accessing community assets and services.

A vision to prioritize safe streets and community spaces could include:

3.1 Prioritize pedestrian safety and multi-modal options for transportation

- 3.1.1 Integrate traffic calming measures at crosswalks to provide safer accessibility.
- 3.1.2 Improve streetscapes with features like street furniture, greenery, bike lanes, sidewalk connections and other inviting beautification elements.
- 3.1.3 Make infrastructure barriers, like viaducts and rail crossings more permeable and traversable to improve access to community amenities.

3.2 Target spaces that impact public safety perceptions like underutilized lots and walkways

- 3.2.1 Target and activate vacant and underutilized lots through programming, development, and improved maintenance.
- 3.2.2 Maintain and improve essential city infrastructure through appropriate maintenance schedules, reporting and enforcement.
- 3.3 Provide well-distributed and inclusive community spaces
 - 3.3.1 Consider social and physical barriers and develop strategies to make community assets accessible for everyone.
 - 3.3.2 Promote the creation of inclusive spaces that can be inviting for recreation, learning and activities for everyone.

























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	 Incorporate street designs to mitigate truck impacts by minimizing conflict points between trucks and vulnerable road users. 	0000	CDOT *, IDOT	Ŷ	CP, CF, FI, RE
	 Enforce safe streets for pedestrians to access community assets by incorporating cameras and speed monitoring technology, as appropriate. 	0●●➡	CDOT *, IDOT, CPD, Community Partners	\	CF, CP
.2	a. Encourage streetscape improvements along major corridors that prioritize street furniture (i.e. benches, bus shelters, trash cans and light poles), sidewalk improvements, landscape features, tree plantings, and showcase neighborhood identity.	00	CDOT *, DPD, DCASE, Community Partners, Ward offices	Ø	CF, FI, RE, GR
3.1	b. Explore the feasibility of prioritizing lanes for multimodal transportation options like bus, bike, scooter, and other accessible mobility options, including the study of on-street parking, loading and service impacts along main corridors.	••••	CDOT *, IDOT, CTA, DPD	Ø	RE
	c. Continue to implement Southwest Side Bike Network improvements.		CDOT*		CF, FI, RE
	 Continue to improve pedestrian infrastructure and lighting on major corridors and near community assets. 	•••	CDOT*		CF, FI
.1.3	b. Expand opportunities to incorporate public art, landscaping or other beautification along industrial corridors, viaducts, public rights-of-way, and on underutilized lots.	0000	CDOT *, DCASE, DPD, PDEV	Ŷ	CF, CP, FI, GR, PI
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3.3	 Build upon previous studies to conduct a comprehensive review of key multi-use corridors to identify and implement accessibility improvements. 	0000	CDOT *, DPD, Community Groups	Ŷ	CP, RE
	a. Continue to provide spaces for community gatherings, especially for seniors and youth.	••••	DFSS, CPL, CPKD		CF, GR
3.3.2	b. Explore location opportunities for a new Gage Park Library Branch.	••••	CPL *, DPD	Ŷ	CF, FI, GR, RE
e	 Establish new and deepen existing partnerships with local community organizations, city departments, and agencies to activate open spaces for community use. 	••••	CPKD, DFSS, CPL, CPS, CCC	Ŷ	CF, RE
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4 FOSTER A CULTURE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Brighton Park and Gage Park are disproportionately impacted by environmental issues compared to the rest of the City. Air pollution, flooding, and areas with minimal tree canopy or landscaping are a concern for the community. Landscape improvements could provide multiple benefits including wellness opportunities, improvement of overall air quality and the environment, open space, beautification, and support for better access to community services. These spaces can be multi-functional and offer opportunities to play and exercise, gather, and support the environment.

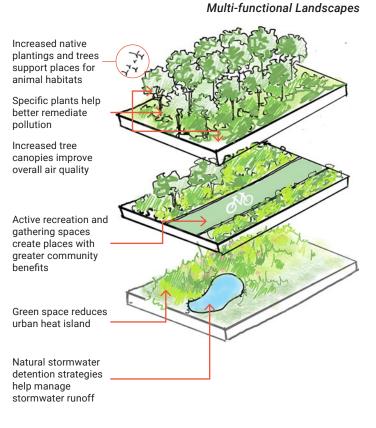
A vision to foster a culture of community health and environmental justice could include:

4.1 Strengthen the health and wellbeing of the community

- 4.1.1 Encourage opportunities that support walking, biking and other physical activity by connecting community amenities and improving multimodal connections.
- 4.1.2 Promote access to healthcare services for all ages.

4.2 Incorporate green infrastructure that mitigates industrial and other intensive land uses

- 4.2.1 Develop policies that address issues with truck and freight traffic, pollution and other congestion.
- 4.2.2 Promote efforts to increase urban greenery and landscaping along intensive land uses to mitigate their impacts.







		Action Item
-	a.	Continue to improve sidewalk maintenance to better connect com services.
4	b.	Where appropriate, increase pedestrian and bike infrastructure alo and improve resources like the Divvy bike share network and bike
2	a.	Continue to provide and expand healthcare services and programs mental health, and other wellness resources.
4.1.	b.	Continue to provide and promote year-round fitness classes and w all groups.
	a.	Develop and promote alternative freight routes to reduce truck trais streets, in residential areas, or where trucks are not wanted or war policies or infrastructure.
	b.	Work towards updating the City's designated truck route system a
4.2.1	c.	Incentivize adoption of pollution-reducing options like EV charging systems, and green infrastructure for all types of buildings and dev
	d.	Conduct a comprehensive review of key multi-use corridors; identi context-sensitive solutions to reduce the environmental impacts o
	e.	Periodically review process and outcomes for the Air Quality Zonir including the Traffic Study and Air Quality Study to ensure alignme
	a.	Encourage new development to include multifunctional landscape the tree canopy and manage, reduce, and improve stormwater ma island effect, and air quality.
2.2	b.	Where appropriate, increase tree plantings along major corridors li and other high traffic roads.
4.	C.	Where appropriate, encourage new development to incorporate pe and landscaping in parking lots, service areas, and other areas trac impervious materials.
	d.	Develop industrial site design guidelines, including best practices

 Develop industrial site design guidelines, including best practices buffers between residential or other sensitive uses, green stormw other tactics.





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as appropriate.	0000	CDOT *, IDOT		CP, RE
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tify and implement of freight.	0000	CDOT, DPD	P	CP, RE
ing Ordinance, ent with City goals.	○●●➡	CDOT*, CDPH*, DOE*	Ŷ	CP, RE
e buffers that increase anagement, urban heat	●●●→	DPD* , CDOT, DSS, PDEV	Ø	CP, FI, PI
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POSITION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Brighton Park and Gage Park include vital infrastructure and industrial capacity important to the city's economic development. Industrial activity in Brighton Park and the surrounding areas provides access to well-paying jobs close to transit. Commercial corridors on major streets are an important source for community amenities like restaurants, retail, and other services. In addition, existing vacant and underutilized lots are an opportunity to re-imagine spaces that provide community-serving uses, including housing and job opportunities. Continued support through better infrastructure maintenance, skills development, and financial incentives are essential to providing residents with economic opportunities.

A vision to position opportunities for increased economic development could include:

- 5.1 Support incentives and workforce development opportunities that meet the needs of the community
 - 5.1.1 Continue to expand and create new workforce development opportunities that support the needs of local businesses and aspirations of the community.
 - 5.1.2 Adapt existing incentive programs to meet the needs of local businesses and improve program outreach efforts by the City, its partners and community enterprises.

5.2 Activate vacant and underutilized sites

- 5.2.1 Target vacant and underutilized sites and provide support for future development of housing, community amenities, businesses, or other site improvements.
- 5.2.2 Promote uses that increase foot traffic, activate ground floors and empty storefronts, and provide amenities and services that foster lively corridors.







Support grant programs for small businesse

		Action Item
5	a.	Expand and promote workforce development programs for busine and industrial corridors.
5.1.1	b.	Explore the feasibility of a career resource hub that connects your future employment opportunities.
2	a.	Evaluate existing programs and business needs to develop and ac programs that work for or are more responsive to community nee
5.1.2	b.	Continue to evaluate existing outreach strategies to businesses the with City programs or have barriers to applying to City programs.
	a.	Position and prepare underutilized sites along main corridors for a support mixed-use development through incentives, re-zoning, trause, and public realm investment.
5.2.1	b.	Evaluate the existing land use of the Brighton Park Industrial Corr continued success as a vital jobs center.
Q	c.	Explore the feasibility to re-purpose or reconfigure larger parcels t different uses that could include industrial and job creation oppor
	d.	Explore opportunities to co-locate community assets like neighbo amenities, libraries, health centers or other services in new develo
	a.	Find opportunities to invite entertainment and cultural amenities, vendors, and other retail services to main street corridors.
2	b.	Continue supporting incentive programs and consider rezoning to and where there are significant storefront or retail vacancies on co
5.2.3	c.	Explore the feasibility of marketplaces for small vendors and dedi peddlers on main commercial corridors.
	d.	Encourage uses that provide public open space, ground-floor reta opportunities that increase foot traffic in new developments.

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6. ENHANCE COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING FOR ALL GENERATIONS

Community-focused programming creates opportunities for people to come together. The demographic composition of Brighton Park and Gage Park, which includes a high proportion of youth and multi-generational families, has led to programming being at or near capacity and community spaces with limited availability. Community members expressed the need for more multi-generational programming that is inclusive and offers a variety of activities. Spaces to come together and opportunities to celebrate and honor cultural heritage are a high priority.

A vision to enhance community programming for all generations could include:

- 6.1 Provide multi-generational programming and spaces
 - 6.1.1 Expand and provide services and year-round programming for youth and the elderly.
 - 6.1.2 Provide opportunities for education and community classes, new skills, hobbies, and wellness activities.
- 6.2 Create and support opportunities for the community to gather
 - 6.2.1 Promote the creation of spaces that can serve multiple functions and host different kinds of community events.

6.3 Celebrate the local culture

- 6.3.1 Create and support events that celebrate the cultural richness of the community.
- 6.3.2 Support and expand beautification efforts and neighborhood cultural spaces by community members and local organizations.







			Action Item
		a.	Expand opportunities to learn more about existing resources in th
	6.1.1	b.	Continue to collaborate with community organizations to host nei programs and events.
		C.	Continue to engage with the community to identify programming a programs and activities according to community preferences. Cor and survey programming needs with community partners by host tables and other engagement opportunities.
	.2	a.	Continue to offer programming opportunities and spaces for com
	6.1	b.	Continue to provide year-round health, recreation, and wellness ac
		a.	Encourage the creation of mixed-use, multi-purpose facilities that a variety of amenities, services, and programming, including co-loo assets and public services.
	6.2.1	b.	Continue to provide and expand opportunities to re-imagine under flexible community open space for programming.
		C.	Support the development of a new Gage Park library branch that a community and programming needs.
	_	a.	Continue to identify opportunities to create more events along ma festivals, kermeses, and other events.
	6.3.	b.	Continue to support local cultural institutions, artists and practitio community art initiatives.
		a.	Create a signature identity on Western Boulevard and main comm respects historical character, cultural heritage, and reflects the Bri Park communities through art, lighting, and signage.
	6.3.2	b.	Amplify current grant opportunities and identify new resources to community art along industrial and commercial corridors.
		c.	Initiate collaborations that advance community goals and resourc programming and seasonal space activation.



Implementation Partners

Main Partner*: Responsible for implementation or lead initiative. Supporting Partner: Supports in implementation or multiple partners responsible.

	Time Frame	Partner	Status	Tools
he community.	●●●→	Community Partners, City Partners		CF, CP, GR
ighborhood-specific	●●●⇒	Community Partners, CPKD, CPL, DFSS		CF, CP, GR
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nmunity members.	●●●➡	Community Partners, CPKD, CPL, DFSS		CF, GR
ctivities for all groups.	●●●➡	CPKD, DFSS, Community Partners		CF, GR
t can accommodate ocating community	●●●→	DPD, City Partners, Community Partners, PDEV		CP, FI, RE
erutilized areas into	●●●➡	DPD, DCASE, CDPH	P	CF, FI, GR, RE
accommodates	••••	CPL *, DPD		CF, FI, GR, RE
ain corridors like street	0000	Community Partners*, DCASE	8	CP, RE
oners with events and	••••	DCASE, Ward Offices, Community Partners, City Partners	Ø	CF, CP, FI, GR, PI
nercial corridors that righton Park and Gage	0000	CDOT *, DCASE, Community Partners	8	CF, CP, RE
o incorporate	0●●➡	DCASE, DPD, Community Partners	P	CF, CP, FI, GR, PI
ces for winter	0000	DCASE, DPD, Community Partners, City Partners	٢	RE







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