

CALUMET AREA LAND USE PLAN & DESIGN GUIDELINES

OPEN HOUSE #2

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What we'll discuss today

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**What is the
Calumet Area
Land Use Plan?**

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**What are the
goals for today's
Open House?**

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**How can
participants
provide feedback?**

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**What comes
next?**

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What is the Calumet Area Land Use Plan?

Plan Overview

The **Calumet Area Land Use Plan and Design Guidelines Update** will establish a **10- to 20-year vision** for the **Calumet**, **Burnside**, and **Pullman Industrial Corridors**, along with additional industrial areas adjacent to those corridors.

Plan Components

Vision, Goals, and Objectives

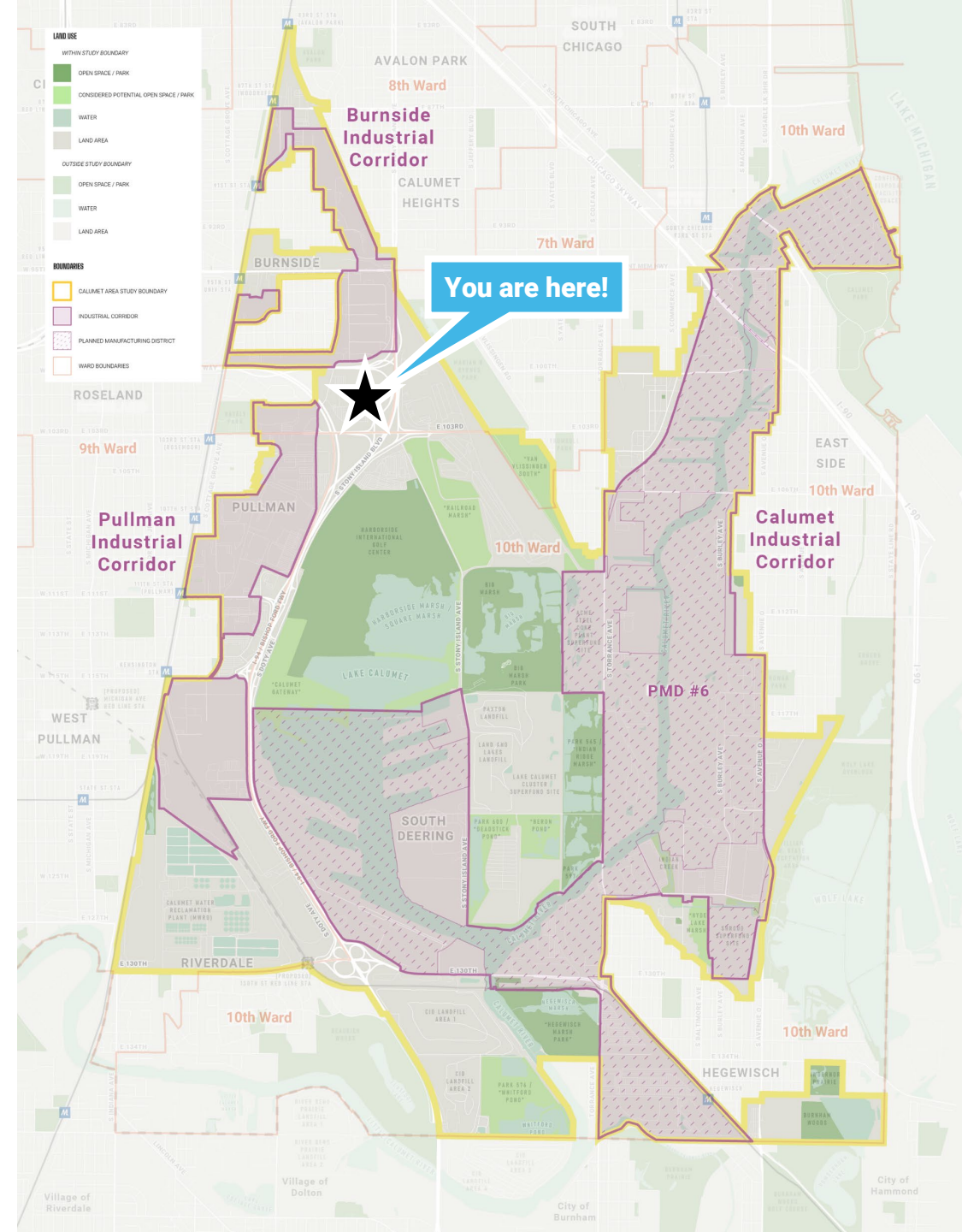
Land Use Framework

Implementation Strategies

Design Guidelines

Initial draft available
for feedback today

Will be developed in
the next phase this
fall / winter

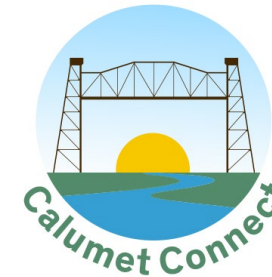


Planning Team and Partners

Planning Team



Planning Partners



Ward Offices

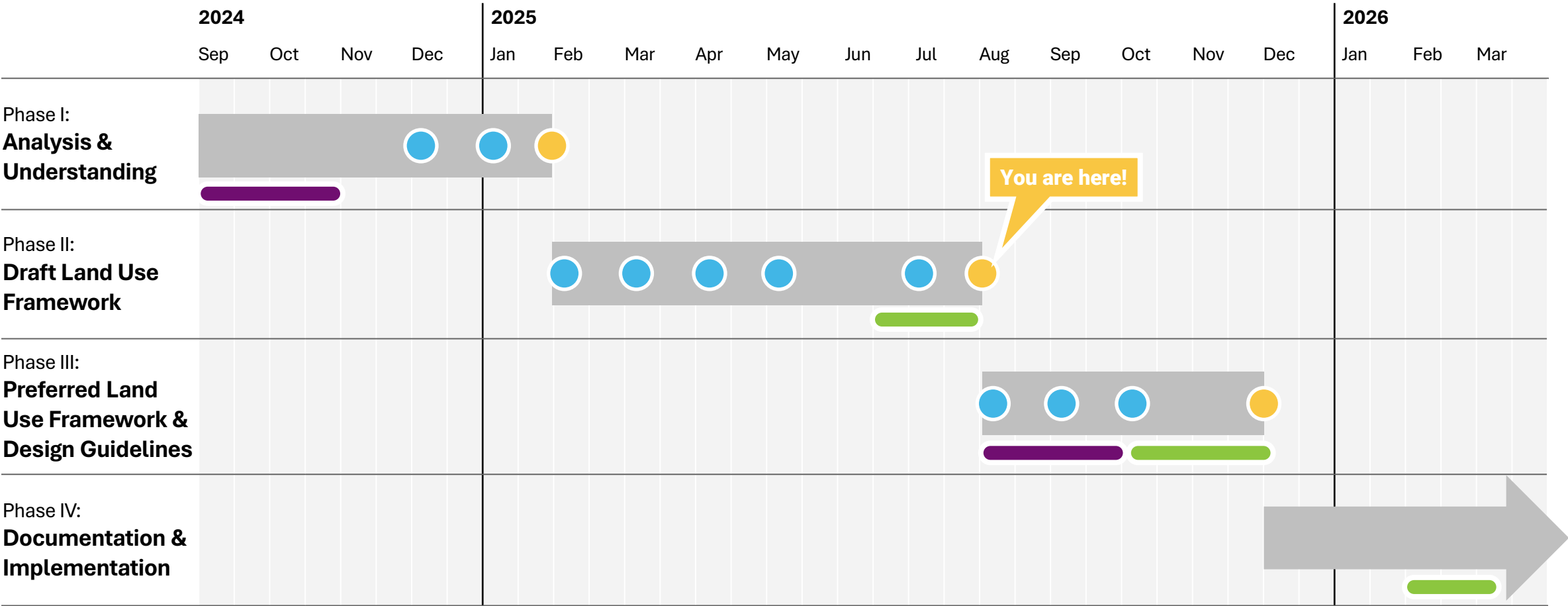


Calumet Working Group

Industrial Businesses	Calumet Area Residents	Community Organizations	Civic Organizations	Governmental Partners
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Plan Schedule



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**What are the goals for
today's Open House?**

Today's Goals



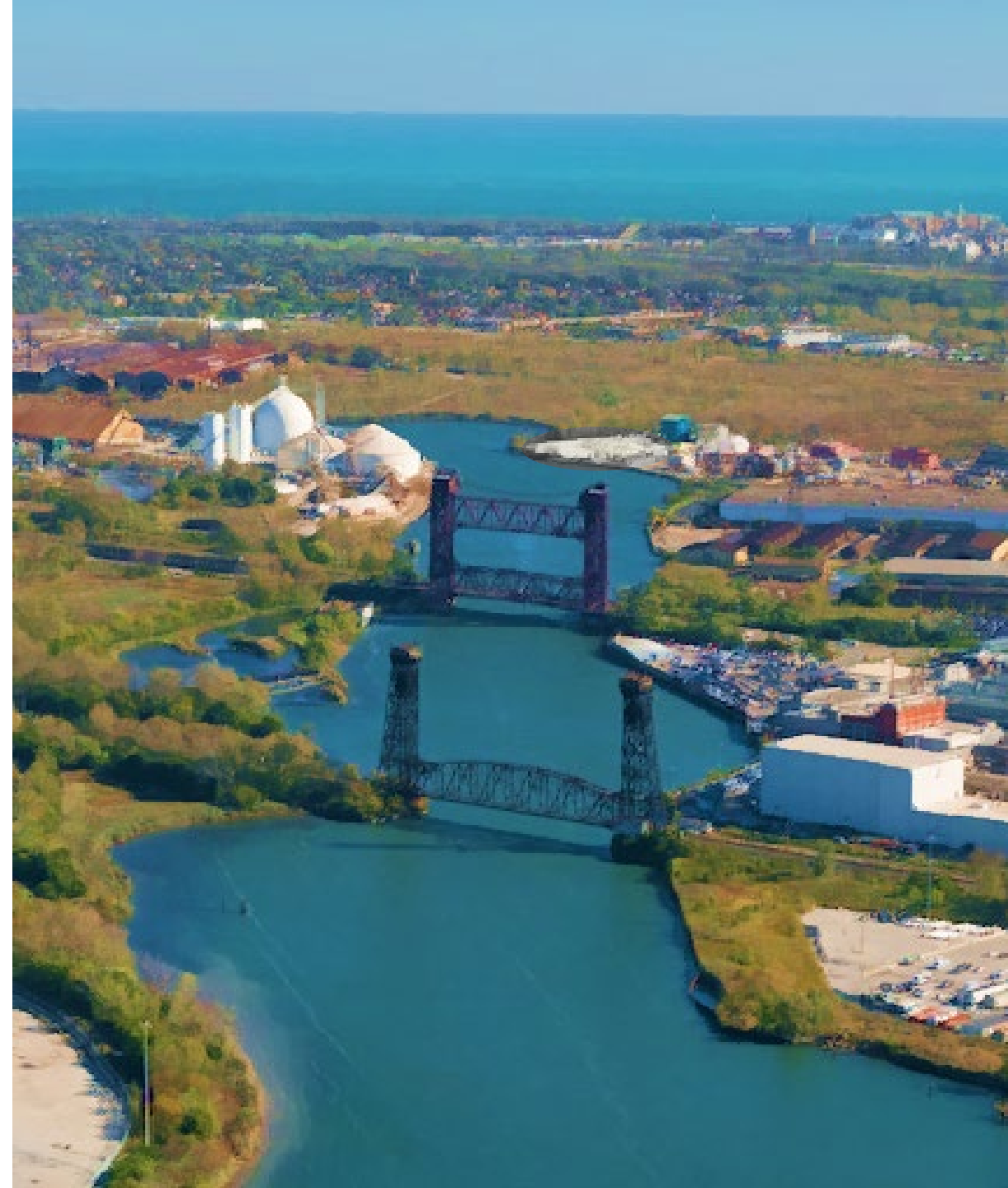
Gather feedback on the
**Draft Vision, Goals, and
Objectives** of the Land
Use Plan



Gather input on proposed
land use types, locations,
and principles of the
**Draft Future Land Use
Framework**

Draft Vision Statement

Building on the region's **industrial legacy**, **natural assets** and **dynamic culture**, the Calumet Area will sustain a **thriving and innovative economy**, promote **sustainability and environmental stewardship**, and support **safe and healthy neighborhoods** centered around the Calumet River.



Draft Plan Goals

Goal 1

Invest in Calumet as a hub for jobs and economic activity

Goal 2

Protect and enhance Calumet's natural resources and open spaces

Goal 3

Enhance infrastructure to improve mobility, safety and sustainability

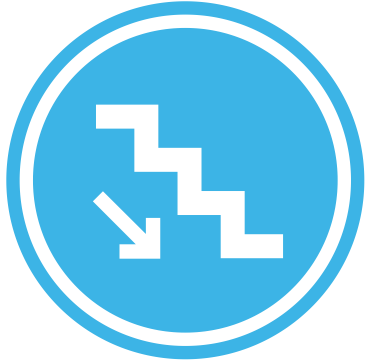
Goal 4

Support the health and well-being of Calumet's communities

Goal 5

Bolster regional culture, identity, and collaboration

Draft Land Use Framework Principles



Reduce use intensity near neighborhoods to minimize conflicts

Step down future use intensity adjacent to residential areas and leverage lower intensity industrial or commercial uses as buffers.



Preserve opportunities for new job-rich industrial development

Maintain industrial land uses to support new industrial development through redevelopment of vacant properties and expansion of existing operators.



Define specific areas for new heavy industrial uses to limit negative impacts

Locate future heavy industrial uses where infrastructure best supports them and where they can be buffered from residential and commercial uses.

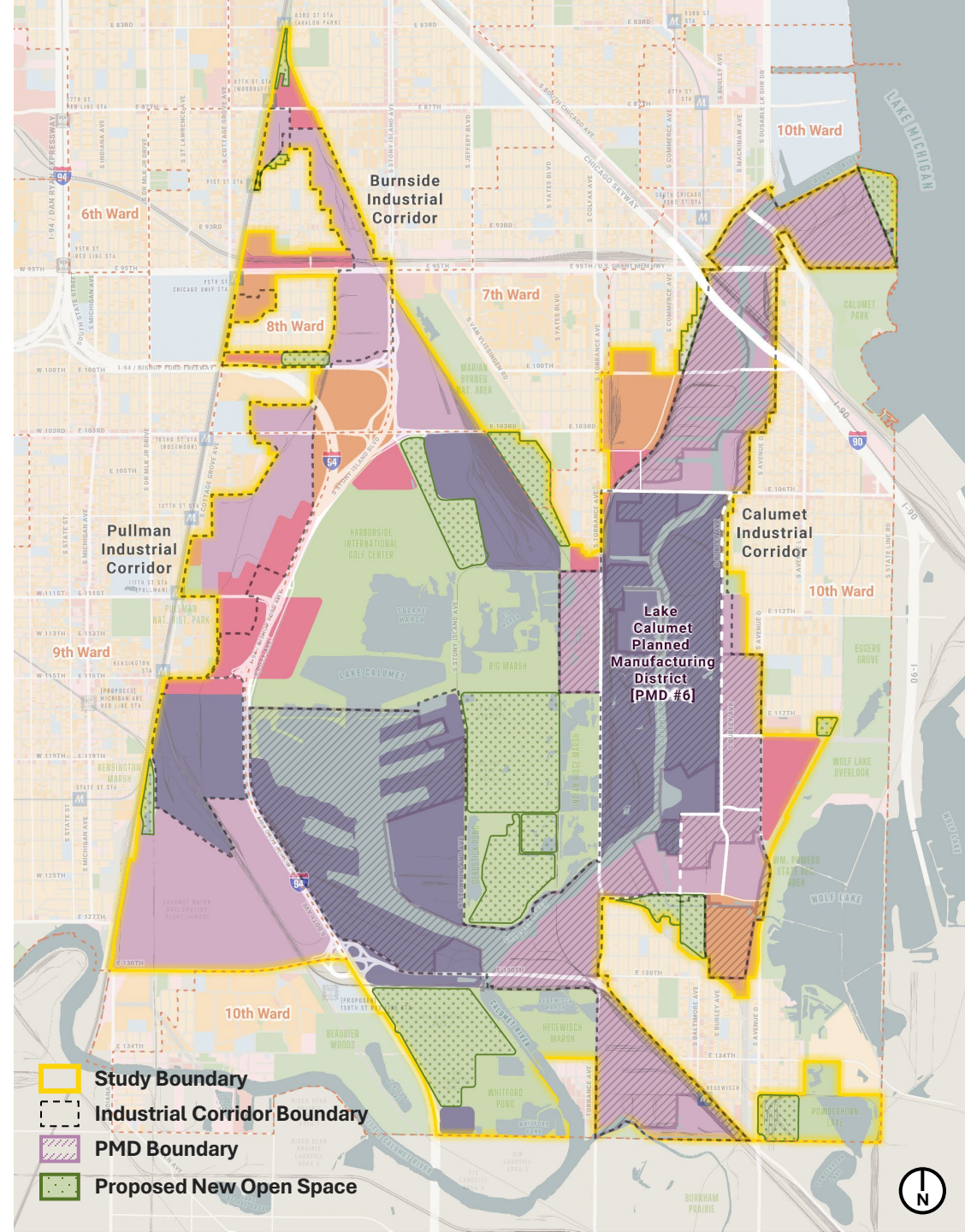


Expand the open space network and improve access to the Calumet River

Increase open space acreage for ecological benefit, recreation, and enhanced buffering and screening around industrial uses.

Draft Calumet Land Use Framework

The Draft Calumet Land Use Framework identifies and locates five uses to guide development over the next 10-20 years

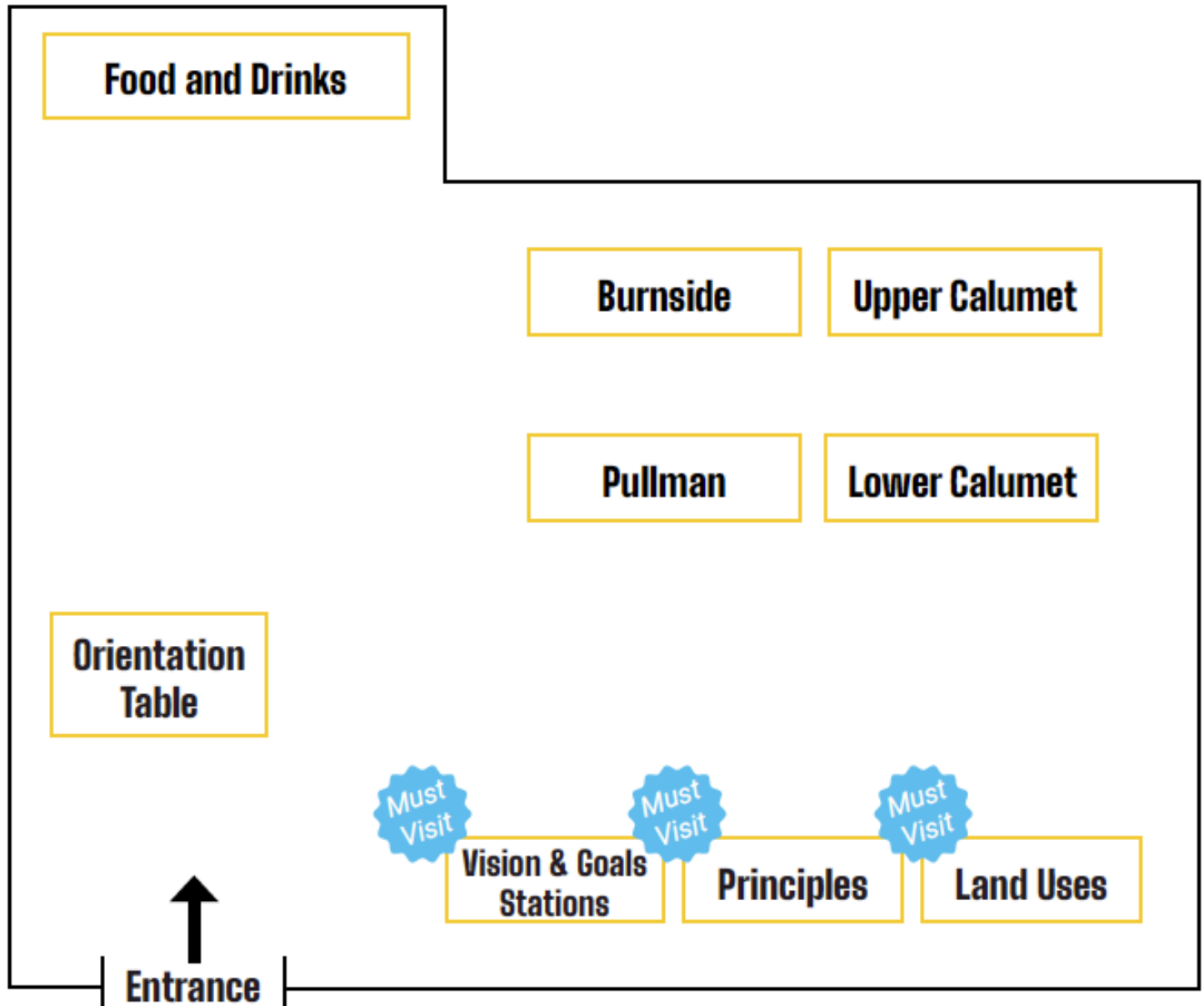


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**How can participants
provide feedback?**

How to Navigate the Room

- Go at your own pace!
- Vote and provide feedback at on the boards on the vision, goals.
- Learn about how the draft land use framework was created.
- Interact with the draft land uses at the mapping stations.
- **Visit the Vision, Goals, Principles, Land Uses and one of the maps and you can enter into a giveaway!**

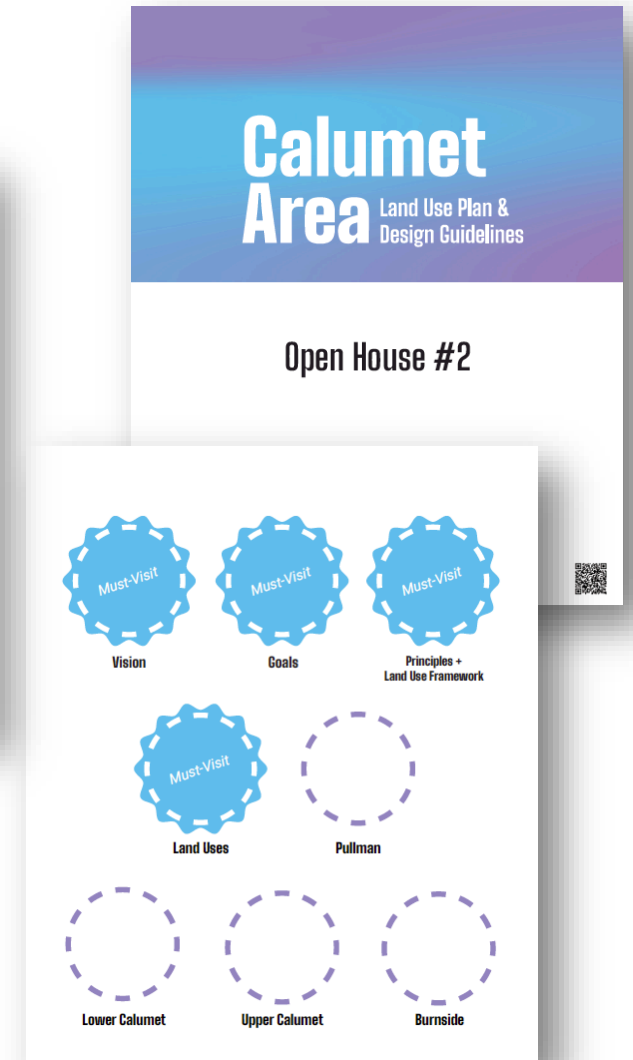
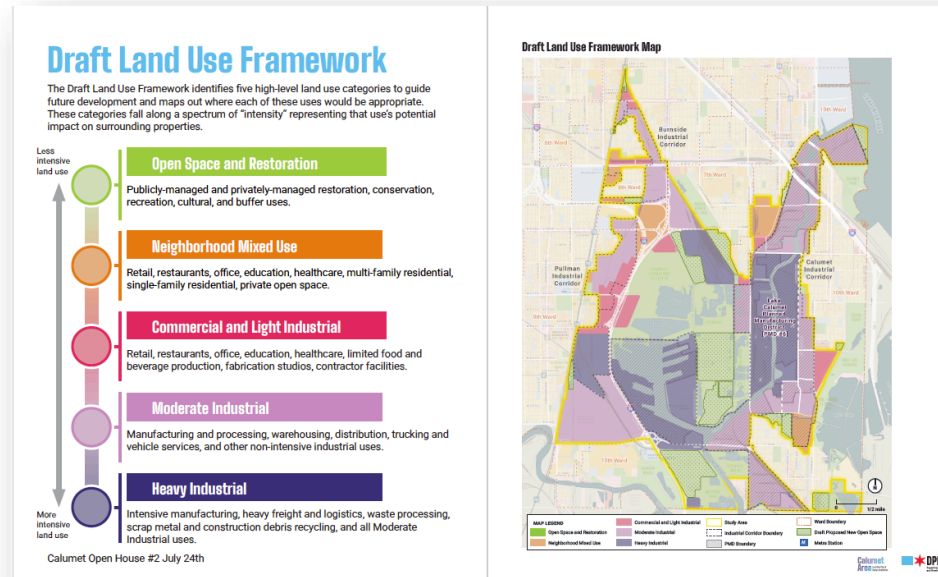


Enter into a giveaway!

- The booklet contains information found on the boards.
- Collect stickers from each station to enter into a giveaway!
- The booklet is yours to keep!

Giveaway Items – Winners will be selected at 7:15pm

- \$100 to Lexington Betty's
- 4 tickets to The Rink
- \$25 Gift Card to Colibri Café
- A Pint from Richard's Supreme Ice Cream (*we recommend Peach Cobbler!*)



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What comes next?

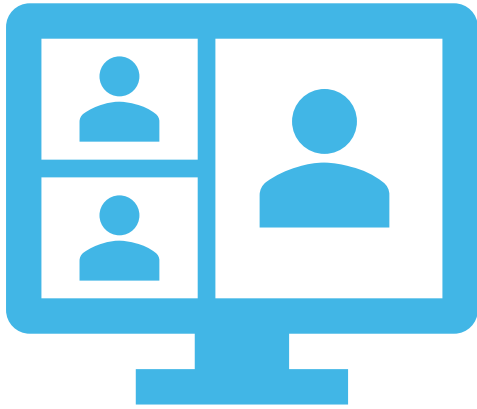
How will feedback be incorporated?

Feedback from today's activities will help the project team refine the draft vision, goals, principles, and land use framework over the next few months.

A summary of the comments received will also be available on our website (www.Chicago.gov/Calumet).



Additional upcoming engagement

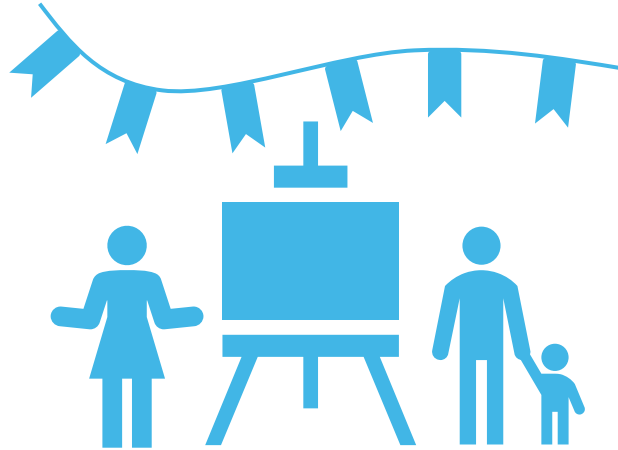


Virtual Open Houses (Zoom)

Wed, 8/6 – 4:00-5:30pm

Thu, 8/7 – 6:00-7:30pm

*Recordings will be available online
after the events*



Pop-up Events

The team will be out in the community throughout August to get feedback from folks at neighborhood events.



Online Survey

We'll be developing an online survey to gather feedback on these materials from those who are unable to attend our in-person or virtual events'



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