

ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL

COMMUNITY MEETING

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MARCH 28TH MEETING RECAP

PHASE I STUDY: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

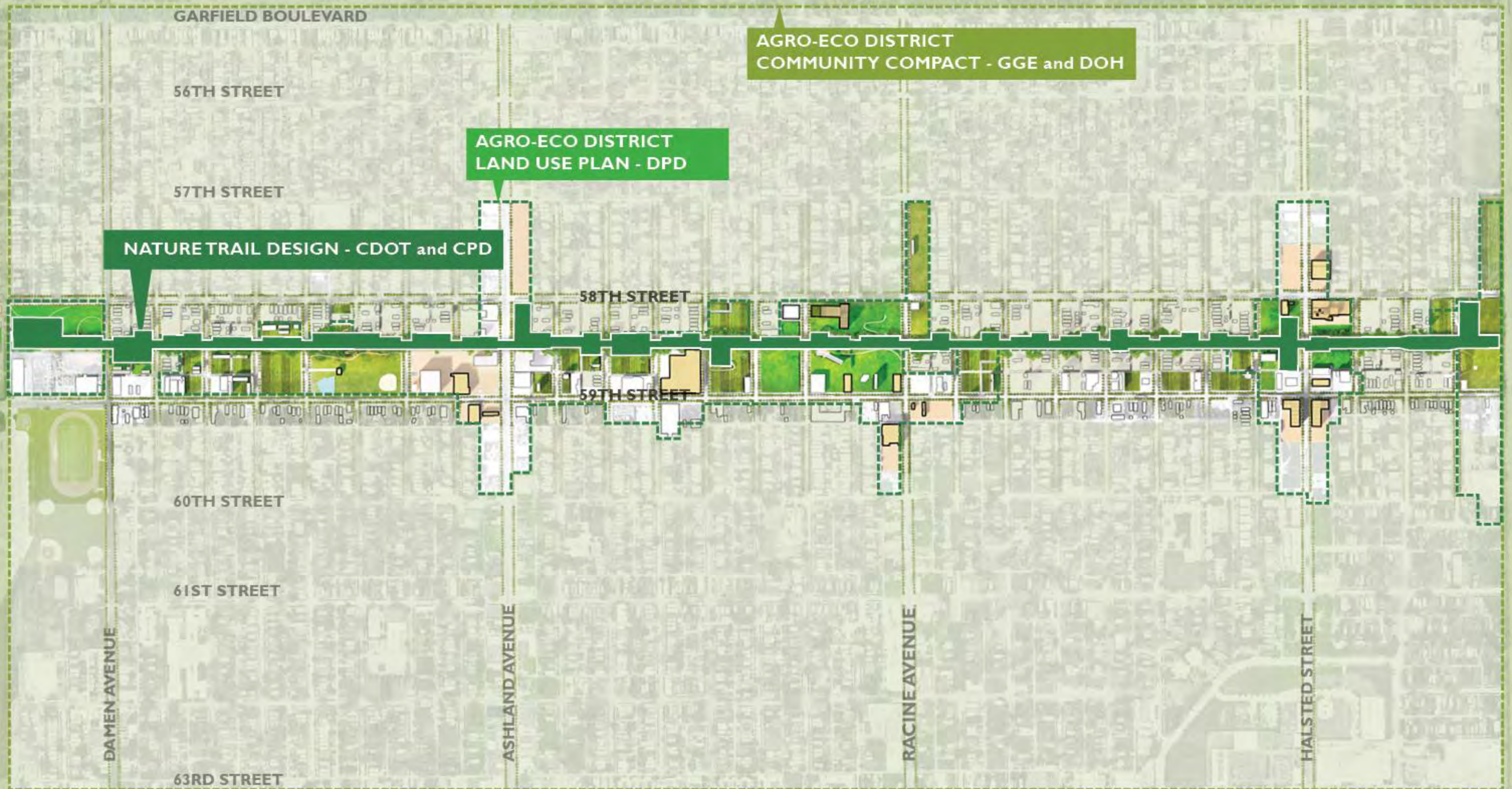


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- Led by Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)
 - CDOT's second public meeting will be Summer 2023
 - Separate from the Agro-Eco District Land Use Plan led by the Department of Planning and Development (DPD)
- The phase includes:
- Conceptual design of trail and access points
 - Inspection of bridges, walls, and structure
 - Landscape studies
 - Survey and right-of-way studies
 - Environmental investigation
 - Community engagement

APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES TO A LAND USE PLAN AND A COMMUNITY COMPACT GEOGRAPHIES



**A LAND USE PLAN FOR
THE ENGLEWOOD AGRO-ECO DISTRICT**

WHAT IS LAND USE?

Land use identifies how a collection of properties are used or should be used.

For example, land use identifies sites for housing, retail, open space or a mix of uses.

PLANNING TOOLS: LAND USE PLANS

Land use plans are a tool to help guide the future of a community. They identify a community's desired uses for an area and are illustrated through land use maps.



PLANNING TOOLS: LAND USE PLANS

Land use plans help answer:

- What are the goals for the area?
- What uses should be allowed and where?
- What uses should be preserved?
- What uses should be changed?

Land use plans consider:

- The community's goals for the area
- Past and current uses of each property
- Real estate trends



PLANNING TOOLS: LAND USE PLANS

A land use plan can be used to:

- Provide a reference to City Council when deciding to approve or reject a zoning change
- Direct how city-owned vacant land should be used
- Direct how public funds are used
- Be a reference for City planners when reviewing private redevelopment proposals



PLANNING TOOLS: LAND USE PLANS

Adoption of a land use plan does not:

- Empower a city government to take private land
- Impose requirements on property owners to change or alter their property to match the land use plan



CALUMET LAND USE PLAN

ADOPTED 2002

Issue

Lake Calumet was considered an area that could be redeveloped for industrial purposes. Calumet wetlands were used as dumping grounds for river sediments and owned by waste companies for future landfills.

Purpose

A land use plan that considered both industry and the natural environment

Goals and Strategies

- Improve quality of life and the surrounding communities by creating greater economic opportunity and enhanced environmental quality
- Retain and enhance existing businesses and industries
- Attract new industrial and business development, and create new jobs
- Protect and enhance wetland and natural areas, and improve habitat for rare and endangered species



CALUMET LAND USE PLAN

ADOPTED 2002

Goal

Protect and enhance wetland and natural areas and improve habitat for rare and endangered species

Result

The City acquired land from private owners and tax delinquent properties

The Chicago Park District leased Metropolitan Water Reclamation parcels

Over \$25M in federal and local funding supported purchase, environmental remediation, and development of recreational and natural areas like Indian Ridge Marsh and Big Marsh Park



Indian Ridge Marsh

CALUMET LAND USE PLAN

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Completed Projects

William Powers Conservation Area

Big Marsh Park

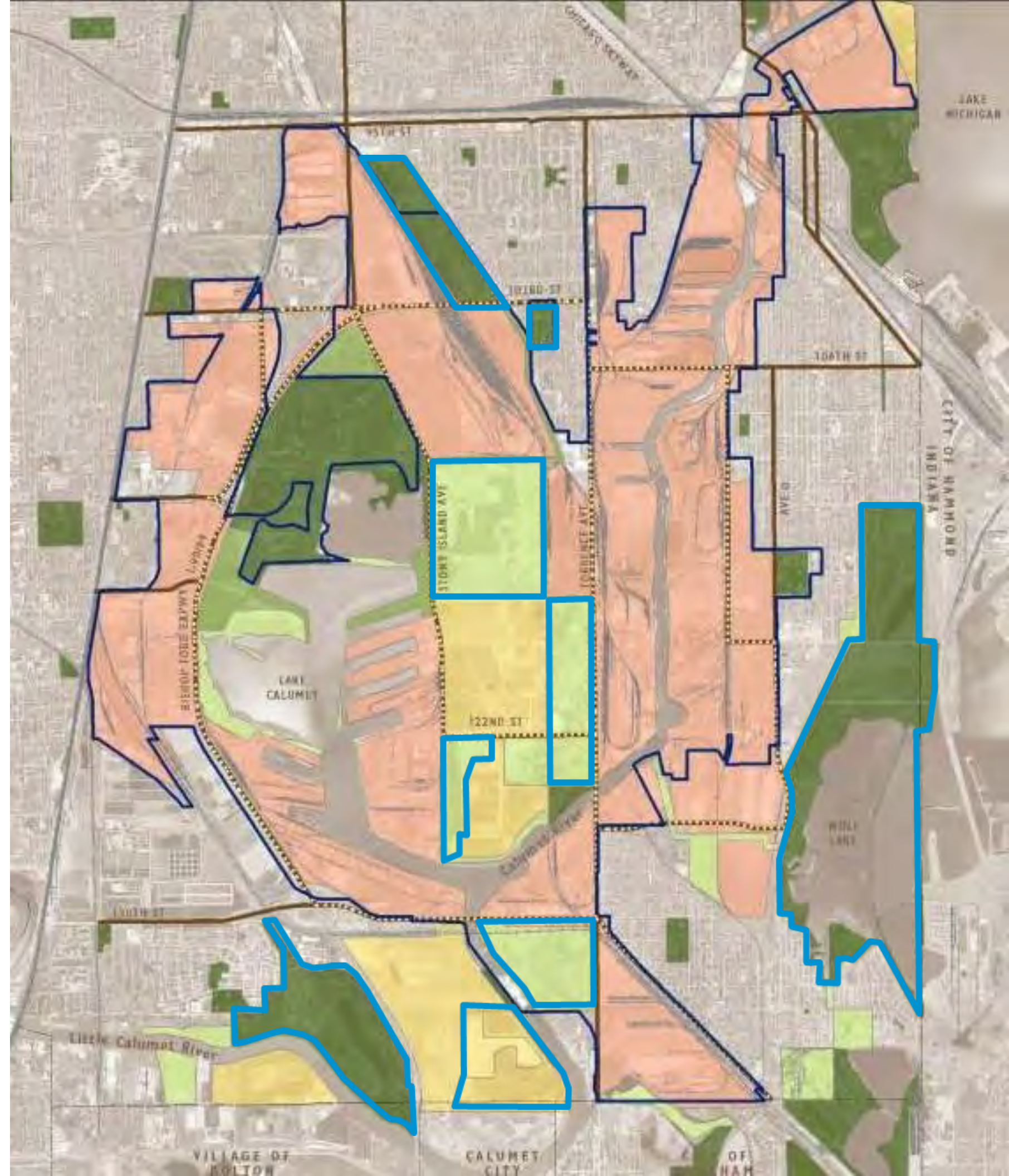
Hegewisch Marsh

Indian Ridge Marsh

Van Vlissingen Prairie

Deadstick Pond

Whitford Pond



GREEN HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PLAN

ADOPTED 2014

Issue

Vacant land in the communities of Englewood, West Englewood, Washington Park and Woodlawn

Purpose

Creation of a Land Use Plan that envisions new uses for vacant land

Goals and Strategies

- Create the Englewood Line trail on the abandoned 59th Line
- Develop clusters of City-owned vacant land for urban agriculture along the Englewood Line Trail
- Assist retail development at strategic locations with public subsidies
- Make public investments to improve the pedestrian environment



GREEN HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PLAN

ADOPTED 2014

Goal

Create the Englewood Line trail on the abandoned 59th Line

Result

The Green Healthy Neighborhoods Plan has been used for several state and federal grant applications for the Englewood Nature Trail

\$20M USDOT RAISE Grant

\$3M ILDOT ITEP Grant

\$6M City Bond



The screenshot shows the WTTW News website interface. At the top, the WTTW logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'schedule', 'watch', 'programs', 'events', 'about', and 'support' are on the right. Below the logo, the word 'NEWS' is prominently displayed in large white letters on a dark blue background, followed by 'MAIN', 'WATCH', and 'STORY ARCHIVE' with a search icon. A secondary navigation bar lists various news categories: 'Investigations', 'WTTW News Explains', 'Arts & Entertainment', 'Business', 'Crime & Law', 'Education', 'Health', 'Politics', and 'Science & Nature'. The main article is categorized under 'POLITICS' and has the headline 'The \$20M Check Is in the Mail. Federal Funds Coming to Englewood Nature Trail'. The author is 'Patty Wells' and the date is 'December 2, 2022 11:53 am'. The article features a photograph of an abandoned rail spur on 19th Street, which is being repurposed as the Englewood Nature Trail. The rail tracks are overgrown with tall grass and weeds. At the bottom of the image, a caption reads: 'An abandoned rail spur on 19th Street is arching toward becoming the cloistered Englewood Nature Trail. Pictured in 2020. (Patty Wells / WTTW News)'.

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ADOPTED 2014

Goal

Develop clusters of City-owned vacant land for urban agriculture along the Englewood Nature Trail

Result

The GHN Plan was used to win a \$1M federal grant invested in urban agriculture

This funded development of 2 acres of growing sites surrounding the future Englewood Nature Trail



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Goal

Make public investments to improve the pedestrian environment

Result

The 63rd and Halsted commercial area was identified as an Invest South West Corridor in 2019. Over \$80M in planned and completed projects are in the corridor and are supported with over \$50M in public funding.



AN ENGLEWOOD AGRO-ECO DISTRICT LAND USE PLAN

BUILDING ON A COMMUNITY VISION



July 2023 Community Meeting

BUILDING ON A COMMUNITY VISION



- ACCESS POINTS
- GATHERING & SOCIALIZING
- BIOREMEDIATION, GARDENS & FARMING
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVATION
- PUBLIC ART & MEMORIALS

NODES BEGIN TO DEFINE THE AGRO-ECO DISTRICT



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. COMMUNITY FIRST

Honor, reflect and build from the rich history of Black culture and the current Black residents of Englewood and West Englewood that ensures accountability and community sustainability.

2. STRENGTH

Preserve and enhance the resiliency of the natural habitat of the trail, adjacent areas and that of the residents.

3. HEALTH AND SECURITY

Create an Agro-Eco district with the Englewood Nature Trail at the center that follows an agroecology approach to improve the social determinants of health of the residents of Englewood and West Englewood by providing a safe place to work, heal, play, celebrate and grow food.

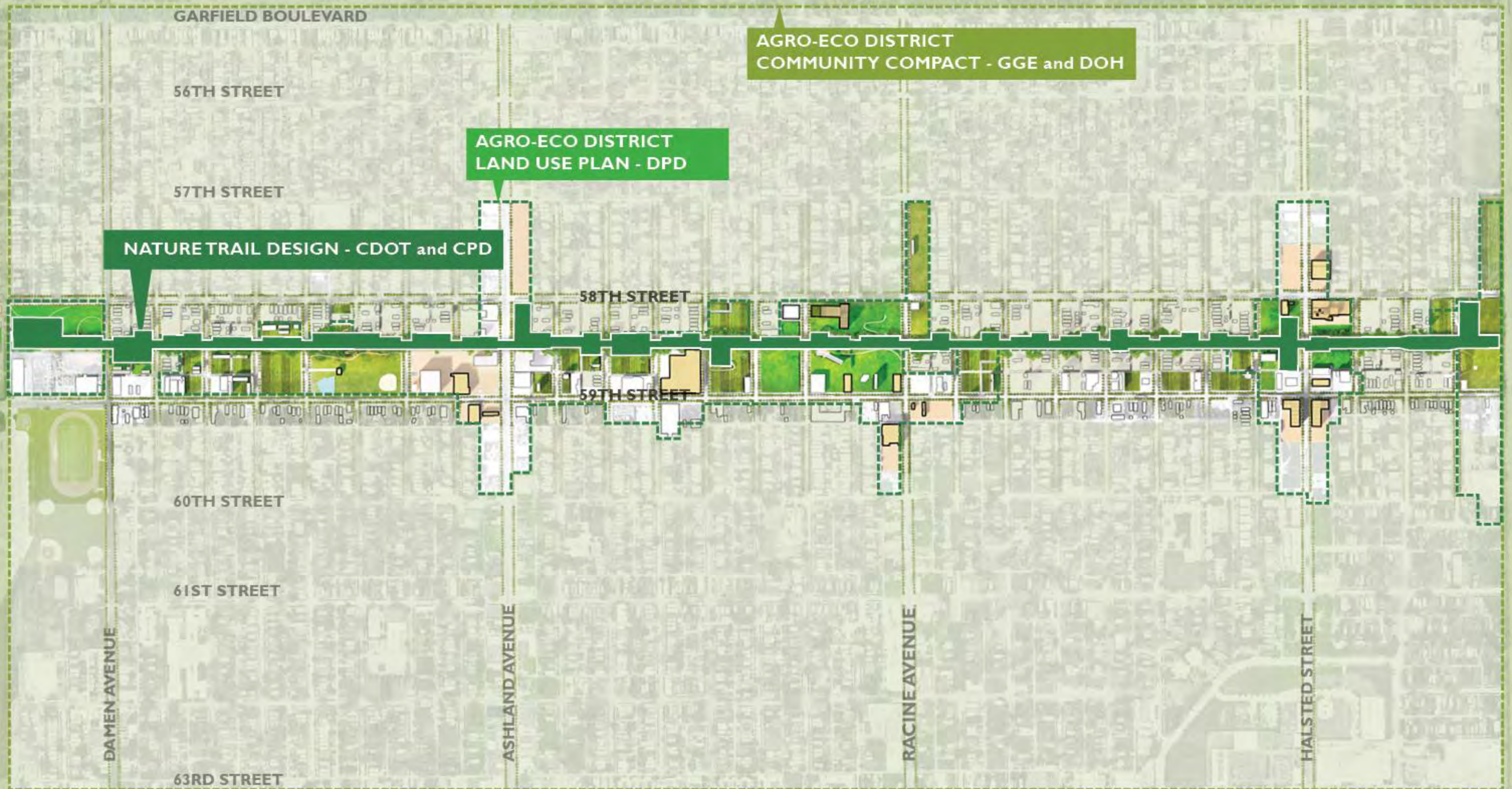
4. STABILIZE

Position the land surrounding the trail to provide a sustainable future and economic security for the current residents of Greater Englewood by providing opportunities to create generational wealth via community investment and by stabilizing housing.

5. PATHWAYS FOR WORK AND WEALTH

Provide economic, educational and career opportunities for residents through the planning, design, remediation, construction and management of the public land and throughout the Englewood Agro-Eco District.

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PROPOSED LAND USES



NATURE TRAIL



OPEN SPACE

1. Public Parks
2. Cultural Landscapes
3. Agricultural Growing Sites

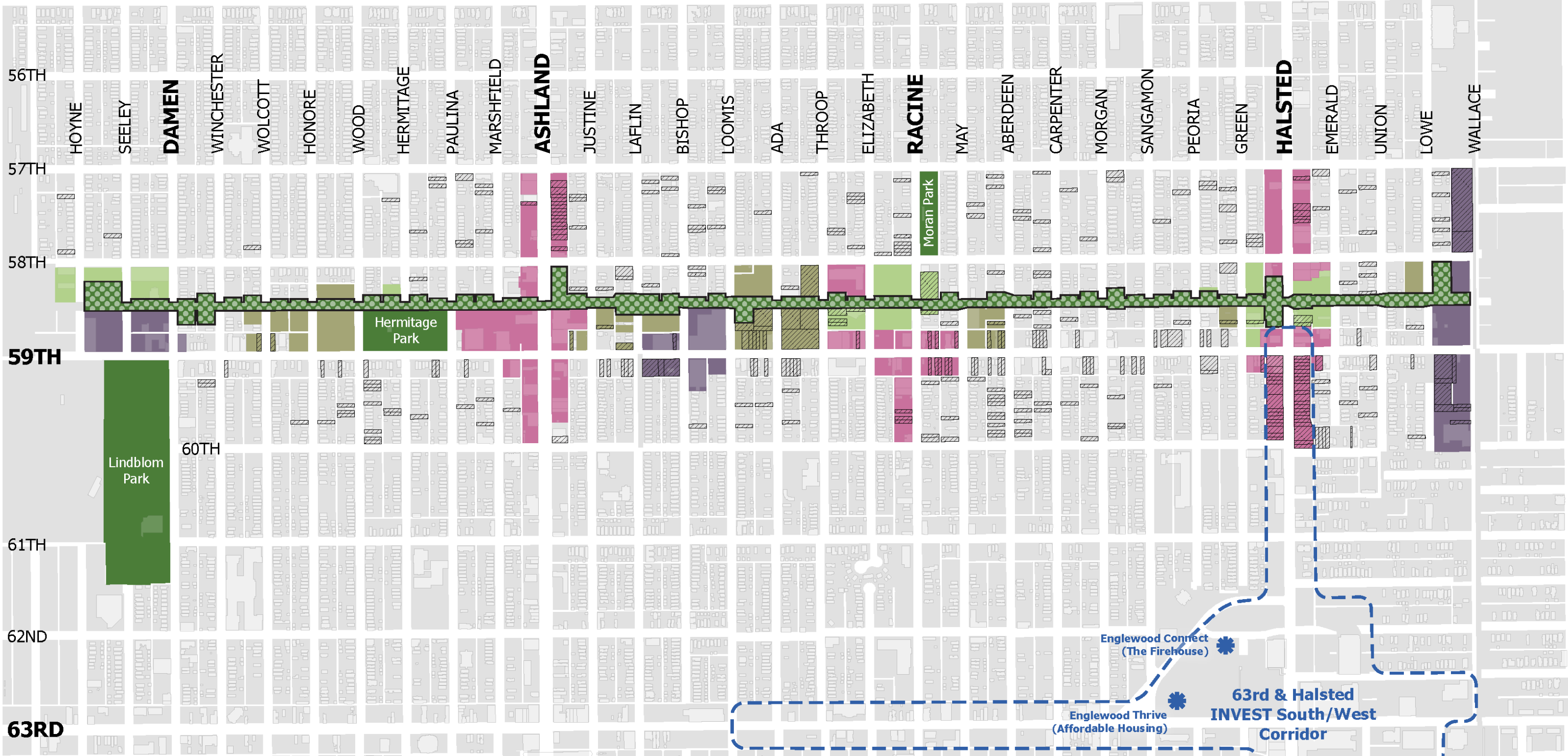


BUSINESS

1. Neighborhood Commercial Center
2. Food Processing and Manufacturing Center

PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN

GARFIELD



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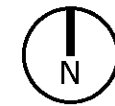
- Englewood Nature Trail
- Public Parks
- Cultural Landscapes
- Agricultural Growing Sites

BUSINESS USES

- Neighborhood Commercial Center
- Food Processing/Manufacturing Center

OTHER

- City-owned Parcel
- INVEST South/West Corridor



0 700 ft

PARKS

The existing Lindblom, Hermitage and Moran parks, which are owned and managed by the Chicago Park District.



Hermitage Park, Englewood

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August Wilson Park, Pittsburgh

CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

Community-oriented spaces that could be publicly managed, including three major spaces that would serve as activity hubs for a mix of uses at Halsted Street, Damen Avenue, and Racine Avenue.

Englewood Village Plaza and Farms



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African Healing Garden, Pittsburgh

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The Rose, Minneapolis



NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CENTER

Land and buildings appropriate for business uses, including restaurants, markets, food education facilities, retail, services and mixed-use buildings with residential units.



Go Green Fresh Market, Englewood

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Tiny Diner, Minneapolis



FOOD PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING CENTER

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Hempitecture Manufacturing Facility, Idaho

BREAKOUT SESSION

- Ask us any questions you have about the land use plan and its purpose.
- Review the proposed uses on the map. Do they look appropriate to you?
- Do you have questions about the categories?



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THE CITY OF CHICAGO**


<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/englewood-trail>

59TH STREET TRAFFIC

2018 AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (IDOT)

-  Private vehicles
-  Heavy vehicles

 Industrial Corridor

 Intermodal Terminal
(≈500,000 lifts)

