

CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS NOW

WHAT IS CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS NOW ACTION PLANNING?

Chicago is one of the world's great cities because it is a city of vibrant neighborhoods. But as wonderful as they are, **our neighborhoods can always become even better**, if we work together. Chicago Neighborhoods Now is our framework for **investing in our neighborhoods** to make them more vibrant. Every one of our neighborhoods is included in our sixteen Planning Areas, which use natural market boundaries and breaks in the physical environment – expressways, rivers, and rail lines – to suggest **common needs and interests between neighborhoods**.

HOW DOES AN ACTION PLAN HELP IMPROVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

Ideas for investing in each Planning Area will be documented in a Chicago Neighborhoods Now Action Plan. First, the plans will help orient readers to the interesting **history** and **current assets** to build upon in each of the neighborhoods in the Planning Area. The plans will provide **data** on demographics, housing, retail, land use, and more to help identify the strengths of the area as well as its greatest needs. The plans will capture several of the great ideas that have been generated by **previous planning efforts** and focus on how to make those proposals happen.

Then, the plans will describe the **guiding strategies** for how to address each area's needs. The plans will then out-

line the **priority projects** – the actions – that we are undertaking together, including how much we're investing and when each neighborhood should start enjoying the results of that work. We'll include good ideas regardless of who proposed them, provided we have figured out a way to make them happen.

HOW HAVE THESE ACTION PLANS BEEN CREATED?

Over the last year, the City's Department of Planning and Development has worked with the Chicago Community Trust, USC Chicago, the Metropolitan Planning Council, the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University, and the architecture and design firm Houseal Lavigne to **research the city's sixteen Planning Areas** and design the CNN Action Plan framework. Twelve City departments and sister agencies **contributed their investment plans** and their understanding of the needs of the city.

Most importantly, the plans have been informed by **input from aldermen, community leaders, residents and the recommendations included in previous planning efforts**. This collaboration will continue over time so that these Action Plans will improve.

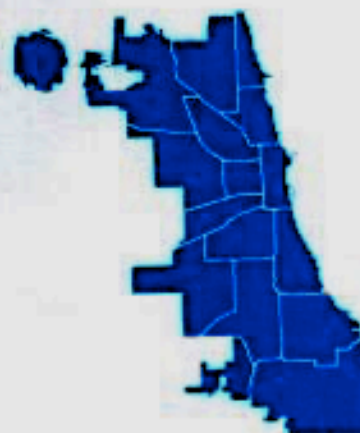
HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN CREATING THE ACTION PLAN?

These plans are not designed to be written, discussed, and then shelved. We will update these Action Plans every year based on the input of community stakeholders including residents,

local leaders, interested investors, and other planners. We'll keep thinking, keep talking, and keep acting on these ideas over time.

City planners, aldermen, and community leaders will **organize community meetings** in each Planning Area each year in order to share progress of the current plan and listen carefully to new ideas that should be added to the plan. Summaries of those community meetings will be captured in the next update of the Action Plans.

Updates will also be shared on the Chicago Neighborhoods Now website: cityofchicago.org/cnn. The site will include the latest Action Plans and a calendar of upcoming community meetings. Coming soon, the site will also provide a way to **share your ideas** on how to improve your neighborhood online. In the meantime, please send your input via email to CNN@cityofchicago.org.



GREATER LINCOLN PARK PLANNING AREA

The Greater Lincoln Park Planning Area is the 11th largest of the 16 Chicago Neighborhood Now Planning Areas by land area, and is bisected by the Red, Purple, and Brown CTA Lines. The Greater Lincoln Park Planning Area is generally bounded by W Diversey Pkwy and W Irving Park Ave to the north, Lake Michigan to the east, W Division St to the south, and the Kennedy Expressway and UP North Metra Line to the west. It is situated to the south of North Lakefront, to the west of Lake Michigan, to the north of the Central Area, and to the east of the Milwaukee Ave and Northwest Side Planning Areas.



Wards

Chicago's 50 wards are represented by a locally-elected alderman, and the Greater Lincoln Park Planning Area is home to eight in whole or in part: the 1st, 2nd, 27th, 32nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, and 47th wards.



Neighborhoods

Chicago is a city of neighborhoods, but there is often *fraternal disagreement* on where one neighborhood ends and another begins. Generally, the Greater Lincoln Park Planning Area is home in whole or in part to at least 14 neighborhoods per the map above.



Community Areas

Chicago's neighborhoods were grouped into community areas by researchers in the 1920s. Aside from the two small changes in the 1950s and the 1980s, these community areas have remained static for nearly 100 years, which allows researchers to closely study neighborhood changes over time. The Greater Lincoln Park Planning Area is home in whole or in part to five of Chicago's 77 community areas.

NEXT STEPS

Today	Community leaders participate in initial Greater Lincoln Park Planning Area meeting
Spring 2016	Department of Planning and Development (DPD) compiles feedback from additional meetings in the community along with data from other City departments and agencies
Summer 2016	DPD provides Aldermen and community leaders with draft Action Plan for review
Summer 2016	Greater Lincoln Park community provides feedback on the draft Action Plan
Fall 2016	DPD publishes the 2017 Greater Lincoln Park Action Plan
Fall 2016 Onward	Residents, community leaders, and City departments and agencies work together to implement the 2017 Greater Lincoln Park Action Plan Priority Projects
2017 Onward	DPD compiles feedback from additional meetings in the community along with data from other City departments and agencies
	DPD publishes the 2018 Greater Lincoln Park Action Plan
	Residents, community groups, and City departments and agencies continue to work together to implement the updated Greater Lincoln Park Action Plan Priority Projects

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