

# Housing Goal: Preserve affordability and character of housing

## 1. Host an annual Pilsen & Little Village Housing Fair to share information about:

- completing repairs & renovations
- property taxes
- renter's rights
- preserving and expanding home ownership



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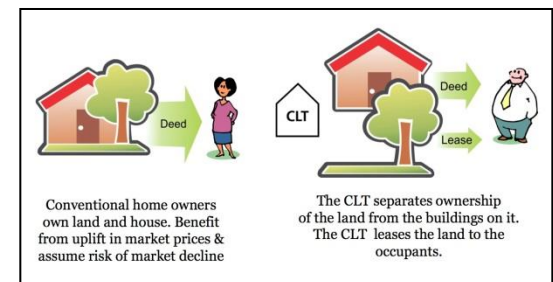
## 2. Tailor existing city housing programs and establish target areas to increase homeownership and maintain affordability for homeowners and renters

*All programs would include income qualifications and requirements to maintain affordability for tenants*

- Programs to assist owners with deferred maintenance
- Programs to provide purchase assistance for prospective homebuyers
- Programs to provide rehab assistance for prospective homebuyers



## 3. Identify parcels and buildings to purchase for placement in a community land trust





# Built Environment Goal: Preserve neighborhood character

1. Reuse and upgrade existing structures wherever possible for housing and local retail



2. Consider new and expanded historic designations to maintain existing buildings and provide additional financial benefits for rehabilitation
2. (a) Work with the Pilsen community to explore a Chicago Historic District to complement the National Historic District

2. (b) Work with the Little Village community to undertake a survey of historic resources and the potential for a historic district
3. Explore the possibility of a mural protection plan



# Retail Goal: Preserve the unique retail environment

1. Consider supporting and extending Pedestrian Street designations along active commercial corridors to improve the pedestrian environment

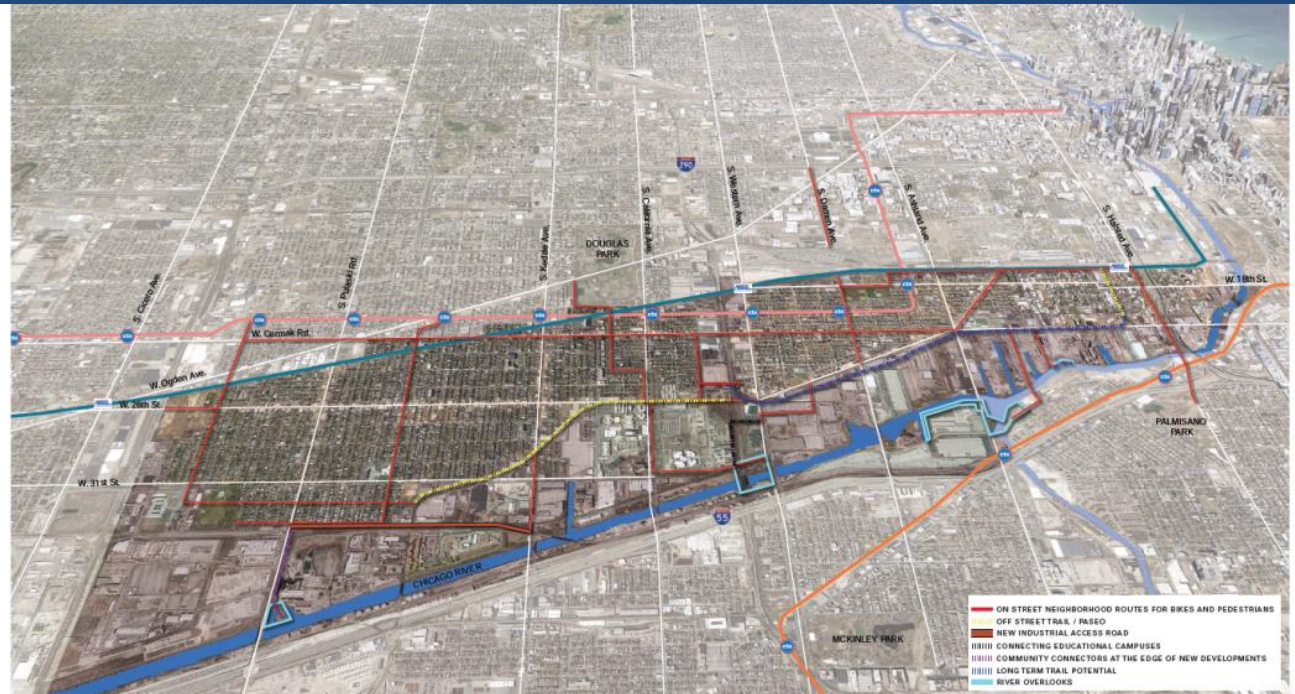
2. Support the zoning for corner retail establishments (corner stores)





# Open Space Goal: Expand the number and variety of recreational opportunities

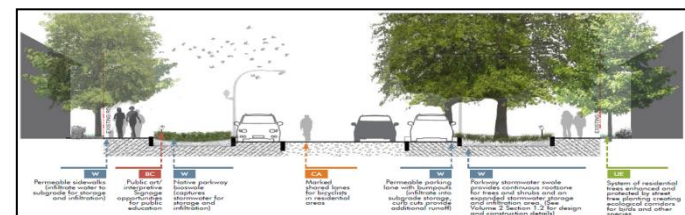
1. Create a comprehensive system of both on-street and off-street routes that connect the two community areas and parallel and provide access to the river



1. (a) Create a system of on-street routes by improving existing streets for safer and more pleasant use by pedestrians and cyclists

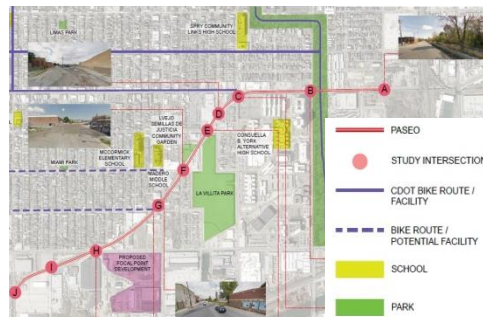
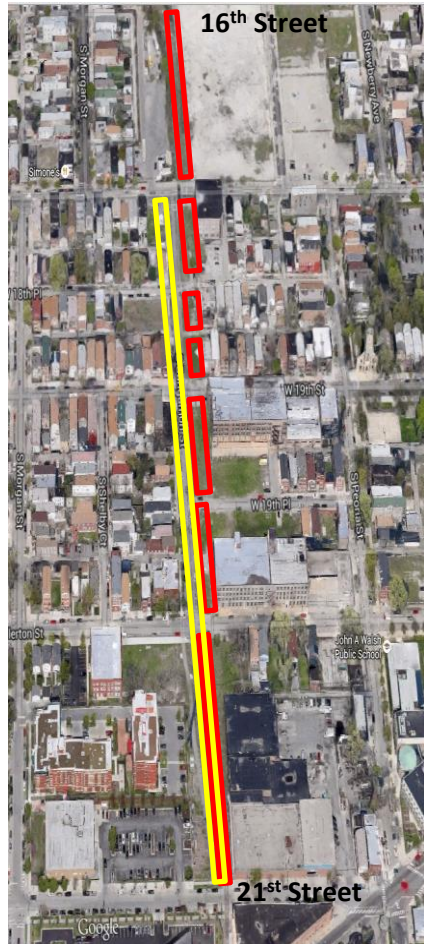


Residential Street Before



After

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1. (b) Develop a four-mile linear path providing safe pedestrian travel and environmental benefits for Pilsen and Little Village

## Potential Features:

- Cross-generational gathering spaces
- Community gardens and healthy food
- Art, murals, cultural installations
- Walking, bicycling
- Natural areas
- Stormwater management features
- Integrated campus setting along Western Avenue

## Sections:

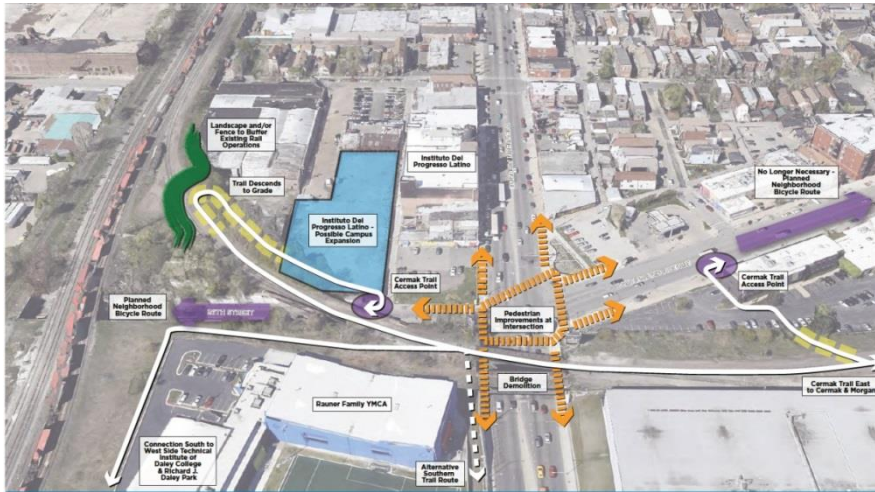
- Sangamon: No rail user - abandonment process underway
- Cermak/Blue Island: One rail user west of Ashland
- Little Village: No rail user - abandonment process underway





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## 1. (c) Connect the education and recreation campuses located on Western Avenue



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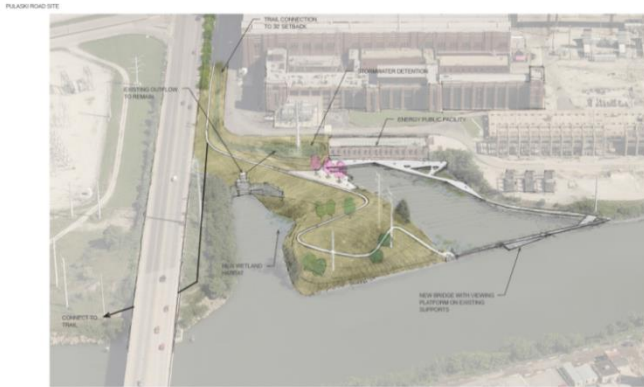
1. (d) Consider 30 foot setback along east side of Pulaski at Crawford site for trail and stormwater management





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2. Create destination locations along the South Branch of the Chicago River that can be accessed from the Paseo



2. (a) Consider a public open space at the river as part of the redevelopment of the Crawford site



2. (c) Improve access to and the public space at the river and Western Avenue

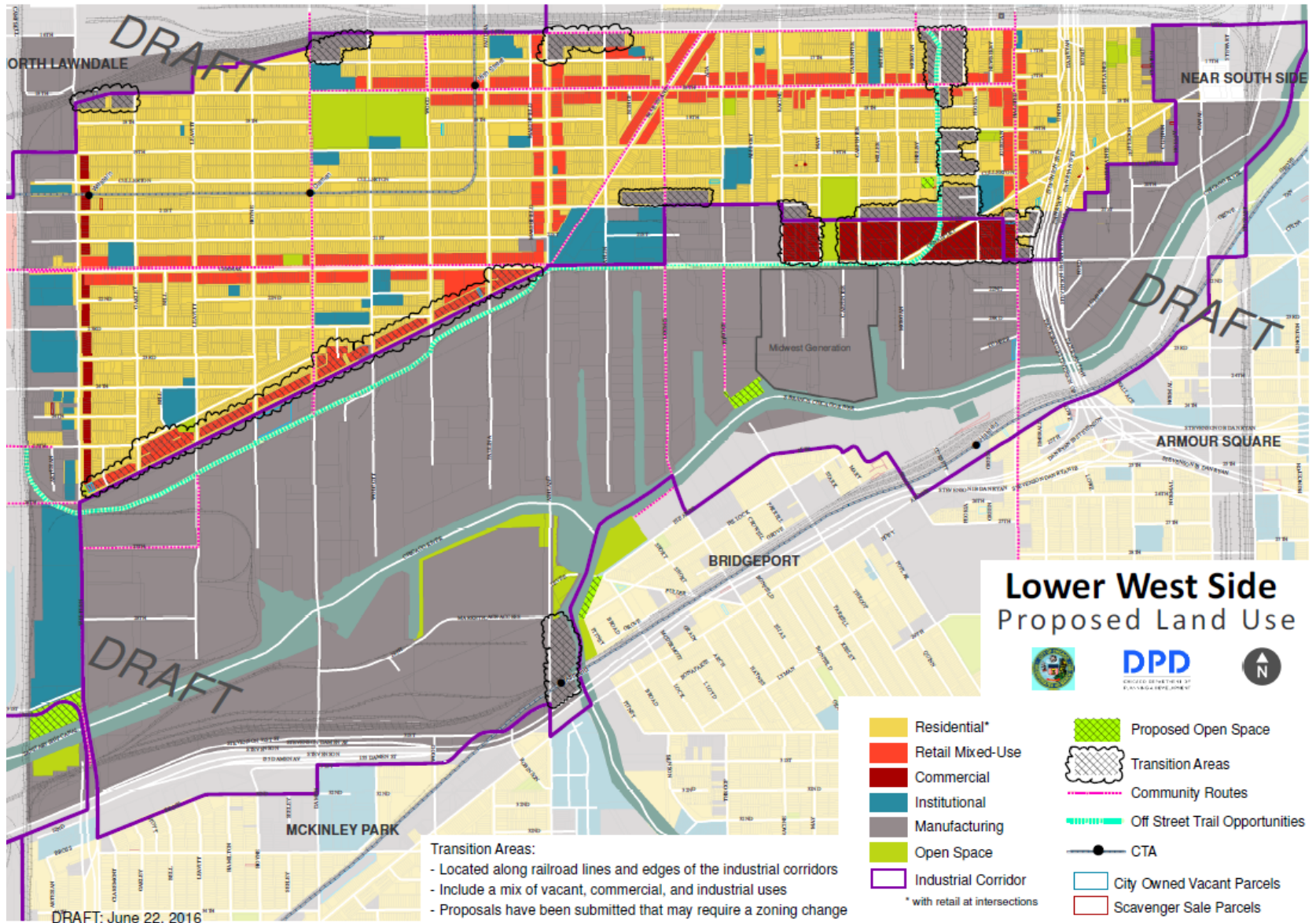


- 2.(b) Work with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to investigate feasibility of repurposing the Collateral Channel and former oil tank farm for use as a park



2. (d) Consider improving river edge for habitat within ComEd easement and around adjacent inlet at the end of Throop Street

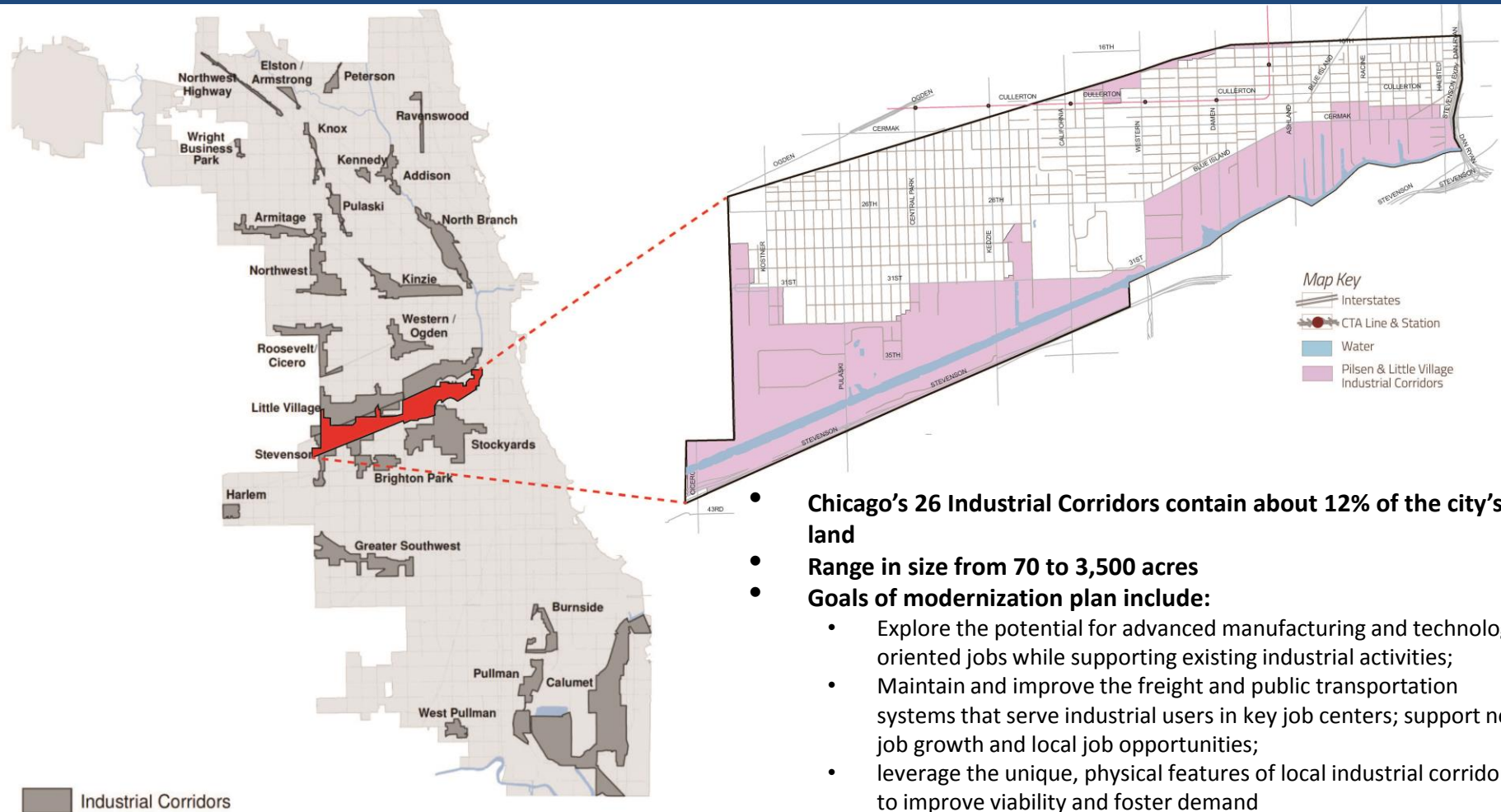
# Transition Areas Goal: Pursue targeted planning in areas that may attract interest for new land uses





# Industrial Corridor Modernization

## Pilsen & Little Village Community Process beginning Fall 2016



- Chicago's 26 Industrial Corridors contain about 12% of the city's land
- Range in size from 70 to 3,500 acres
- Goals of modernization plan include:
  - Explore the potential for advanced manufacturing and technology-oriented jobs while supporting existing industrial activities;
  - Maintain and improve the freight and public transportation systems that serve industrial users in key job centers; support new job growth and local job opportunities;
  - leverage the unique, physical features of local industrial corridors to improve viability and foster demand

Industrial Related Jobs  
2011



Total Vacant Rentable Commercial Building Area (Percent) by Use  
4Q 2013

Building Type	Period	Total Rentable Building Area (sf)	Total Vacant Rentable Building Area (sf)	Total Vacant Rentable Building Area (%)	Chicago Total Vacant Rentable Building Area (%)
Industrial/Flex	4Q 2013	18,094,089	2,005,548	11%	10%
	4Q 2005	19,031,981	1,953,683	10%	10%
Office	4Q 2013	1,092,496	168,742	16%	13%

