

Village of Robbins, Illinois

# Creating Robbins Park

(Can flooding reinvigorate a community?)

“Spark Creative Engineering  
that will”

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# Overview of presentation

- Guiding Principles
- Overall Vision Plan
- Robbins Park
- Transit Oriented Development District
- Clean Energy District
- Interested partners
- Next steps

# Community Guidance

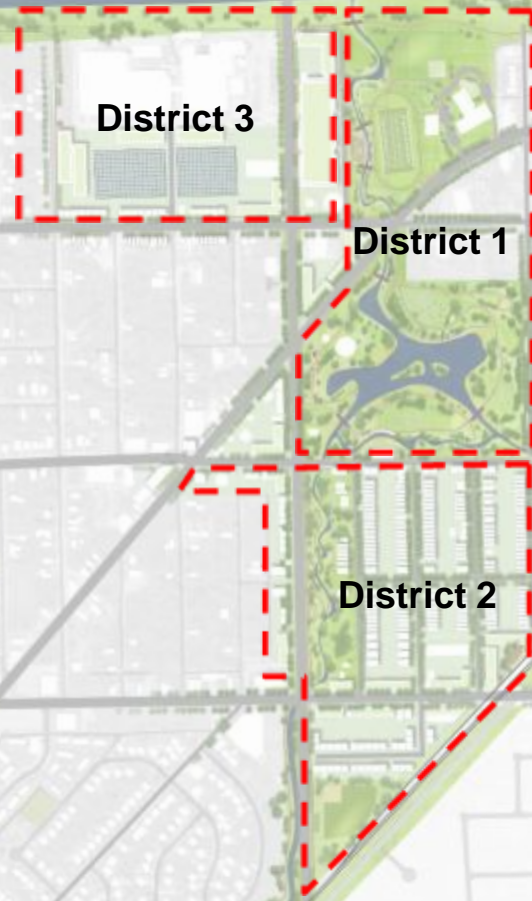
For designing the concept plan

1. No Relocation of Residents
2. Solve the Flooding
3. Respect and engage the historic legacy of Robbins
4. Attract new residents
5. Facilitate development of affordable housing and retail
6. Inspire job creation
7. Create space for youth sports and seniors
8. Engage nature through learning, fishing, walking, & rowing
9. Establish a strategy for maintenance and maximizing the value of land around the park



# 3 Development Districts

- District 1 – Robbins Park
- District 2 – Transit – Oriented Development District
- District 3 – Clean Energy District



Community Guidance Principles  
#1, 2, 4, 5, & 6

# Robbins Park can be a catalyst for growth along the Kedzie Corridor

**3** Clean energy District

**1** Robbins Park

**2** Transit Oriented Development District

Kedzie Ave

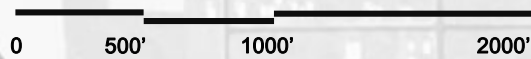
Broadway St

Metra Line

Midlothian Creek

W 139th St

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Community Guidance Principles  
#4, 5, & 6

# Associated lands adjacent to Metra Station are envisioned for transit-oriented development

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Potential Transit Oriented  
Development

Robbins Metra  
Station

W 139th St

Midlothian Creek

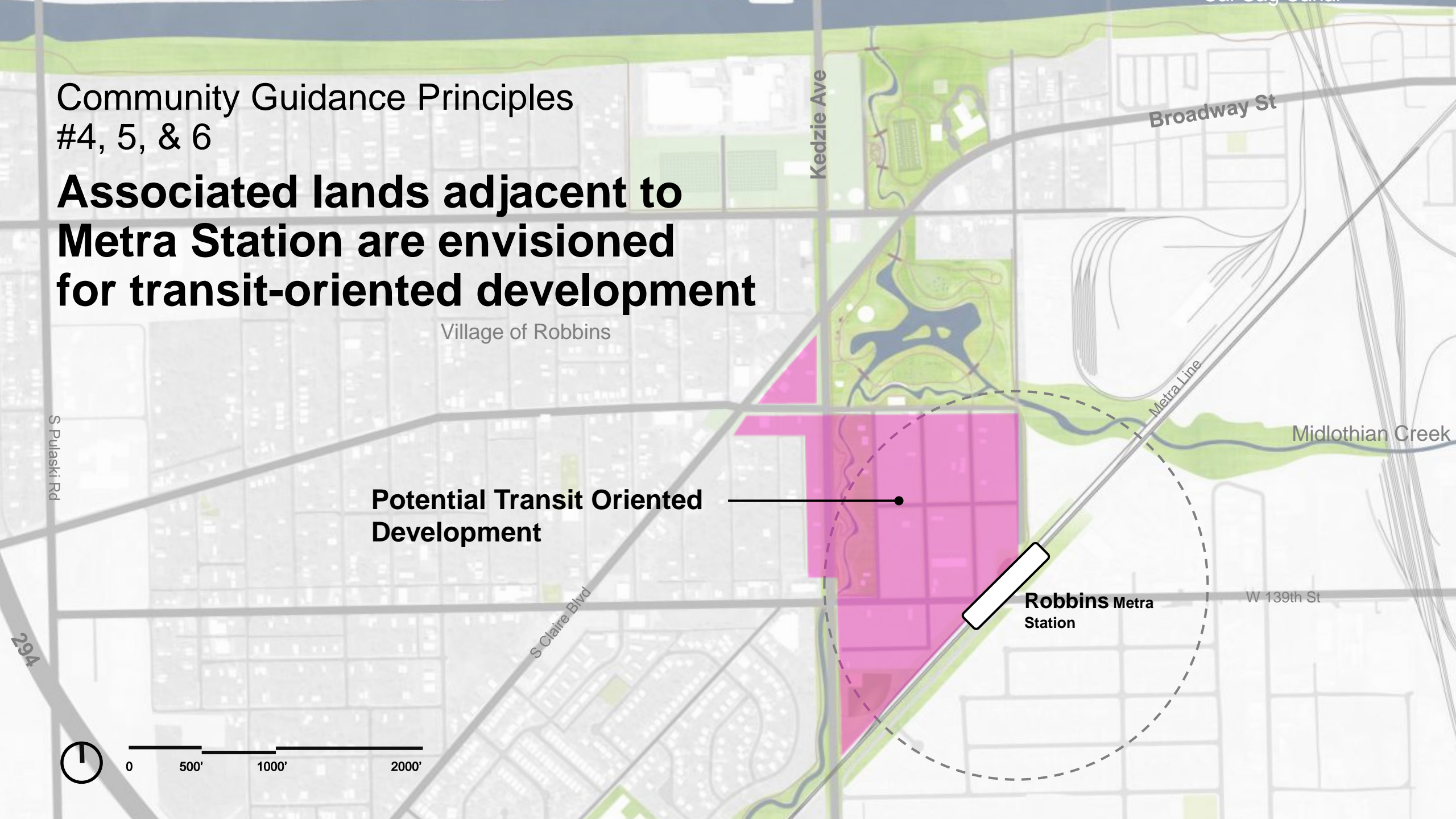
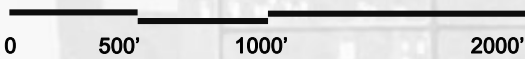
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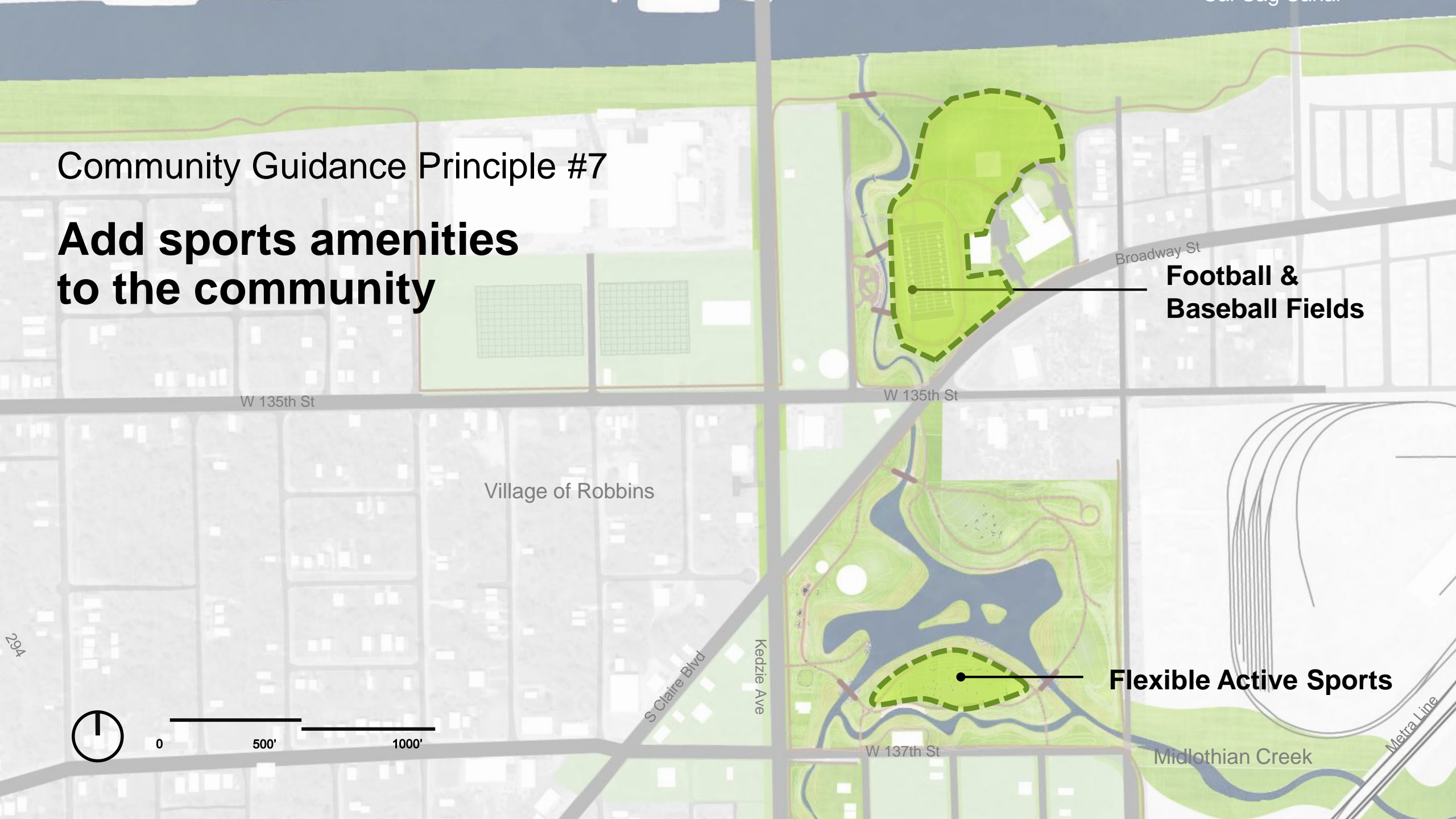
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Community Guidance Principle #7

**Add sports amenities to the community**



**Football & Baseball Fields**

**Flexible Active Sports**

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S Claire Blvd

Kedzie Ave

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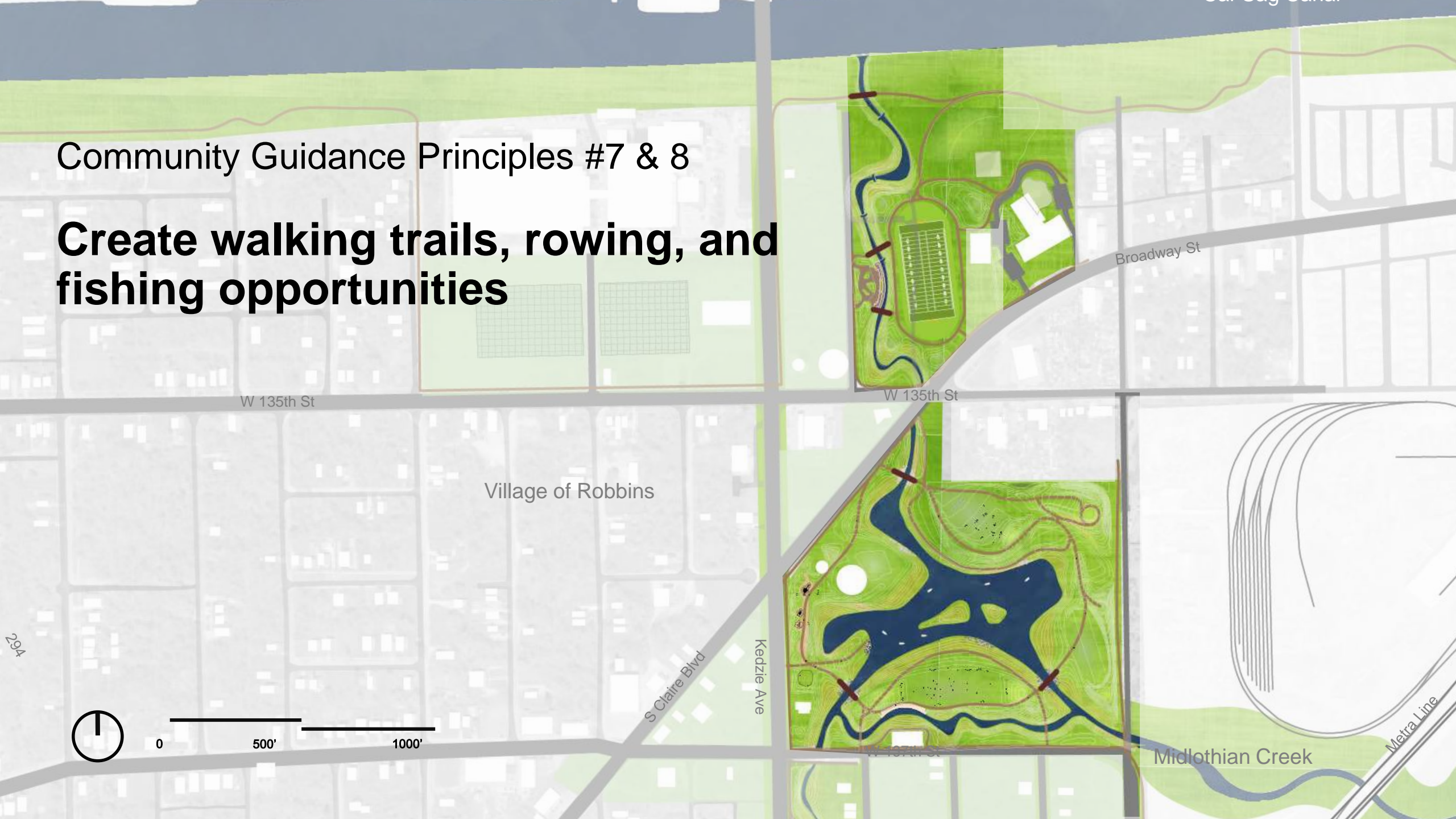


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Community Guidance Principles #7 & 8

# Create walking trails, rowing, and fishing opportunities



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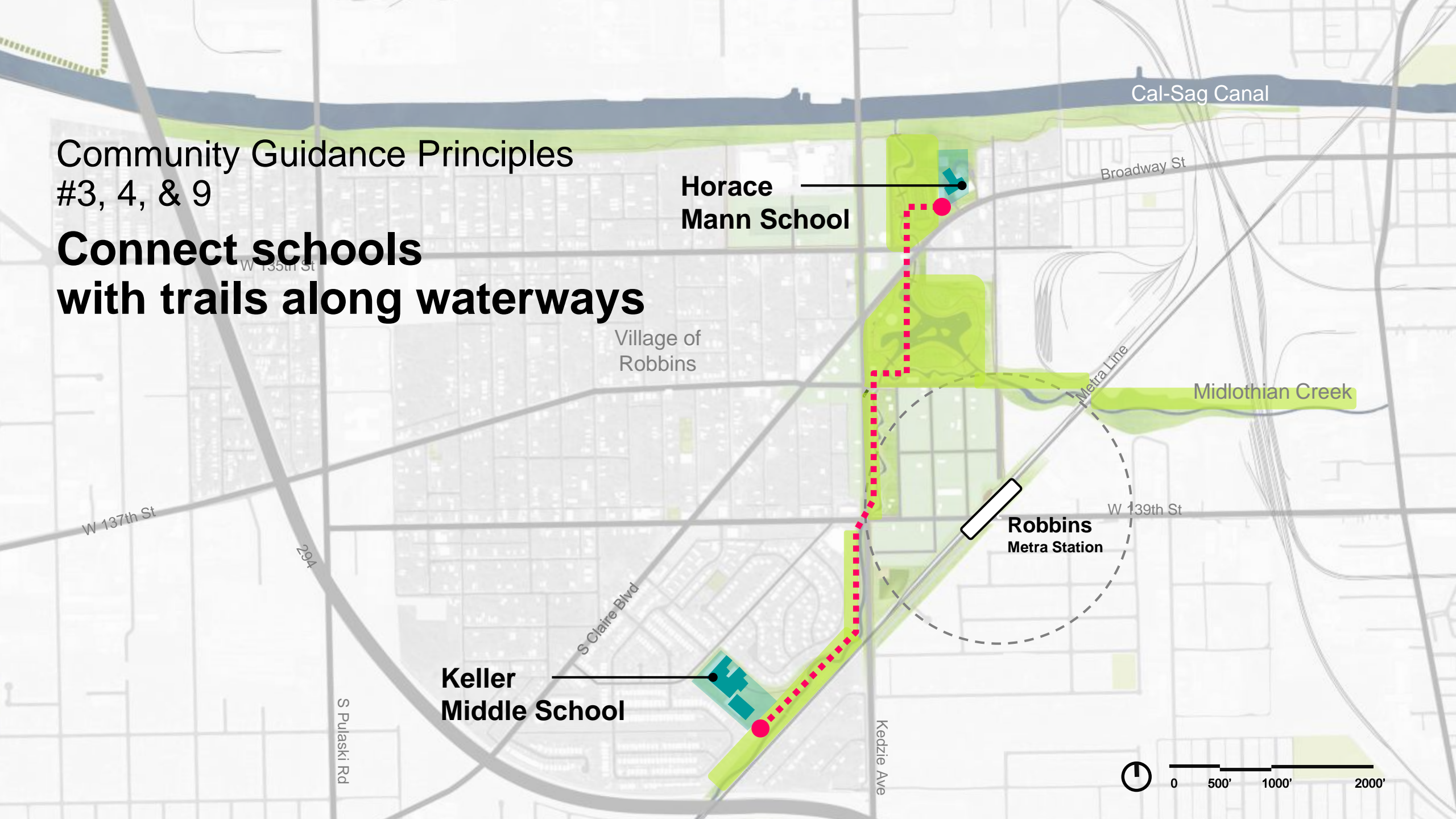


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Community Guidance Principles  
#3, 4, & 9

# Connect schools with trails along waterways

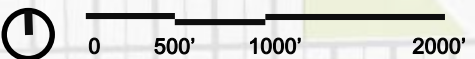


Horace  
Mann School

Village of  
Robbins

Robbins  
Metra Station

Keller  
Middle School



# District 1 – Robbins Park

CONNECTION  
TO CAL-SAG

POTENTIAL  
CANAL WALK

REGULATION  
FOOTBALL  
FIELD & TRACK

W 135th St

TERRACED  
OVERLOOK

SLEDDING HILL

PLAYGROUND

FISHING

CANOE/KAYAK  
LAUNCH

HABITAT  
ISLANDS

GREAT LAWN

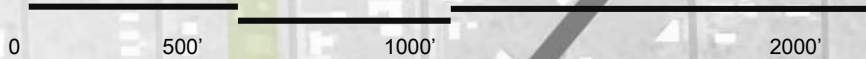
THE FIELDS

W 137th St

ROBBINS LOOP

Broadway St

Metra Line





**The Current Robbins Vision...  
What else should be included?**





# District 2 - Transit-Oriented Development District

26 Acres Total vacant land within 5 min walk of Metra





# Residential Development Example





# Commercial/Residential Development Example





# District 3- Clean Energy District





**Build a job center focused on resource recovery and green technology**





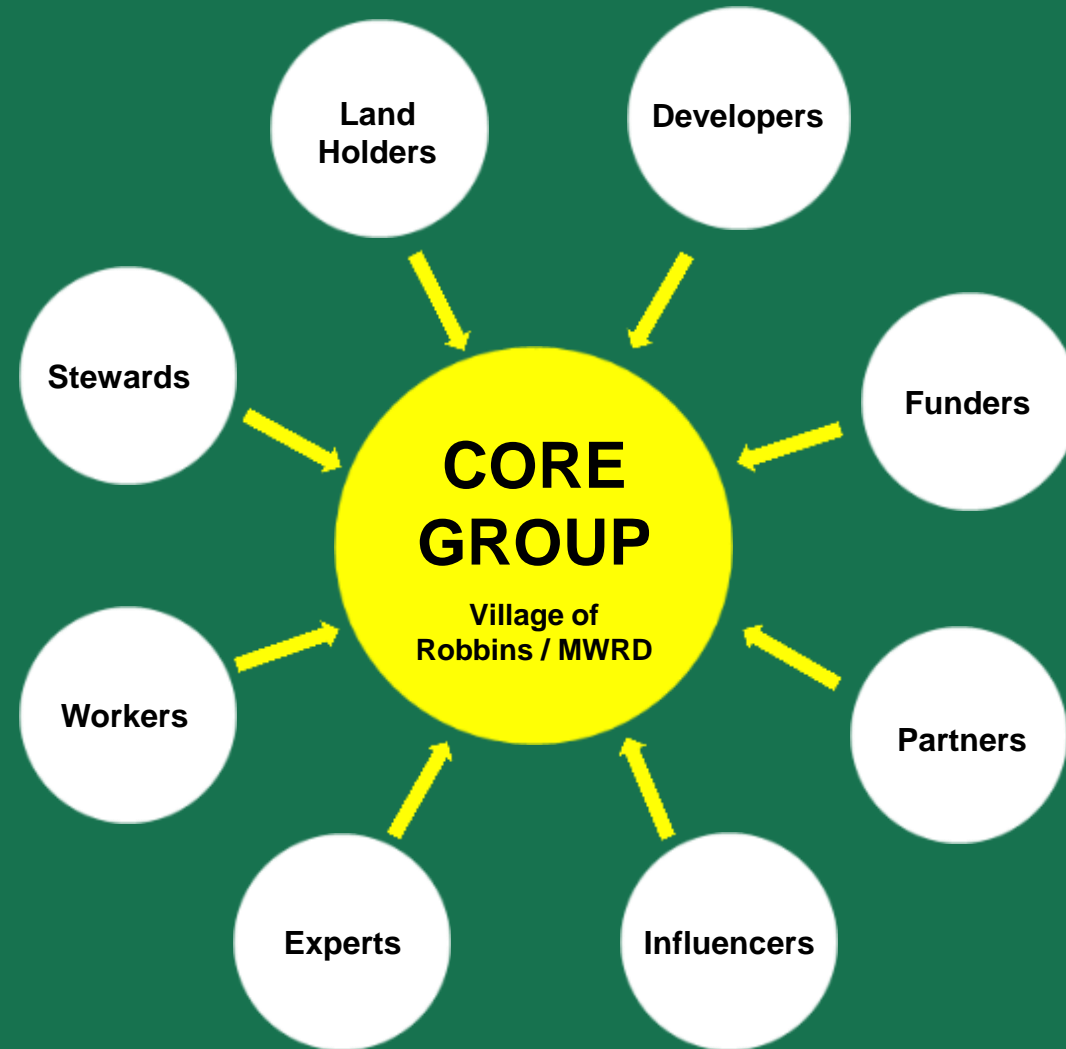
# Interested Partners

Core Group for Infrastructure and Pre-Development Leadership:  
Robbins, MWRD, Cook County, SSLBDA, Metra

Land Holders:  
SSLDBA, CCLBA, HACC, OpenLands

Funders/Influencers:  
Cook County, HUD, IHDA, IDNR, TNC, SSMMA, MPC

Technical Experts:  
CCDTH, RTA, IDNR, CBG, TNC, SSMMA



Stewards/Workforce:  
DoD/IRT, Morton Arboretum, CBG, OAI, IDNR-Millennium Reserve

Other Interested Partners:  
IEPA, FPDCC, CMAP, Argonne Nat'l Lab, IAPD,

Potential Private Partners:  
UIC's Voorhees Center, Impact Engine, MacArthur Foundation, Grand Victoria Foundation, Chicago Community Trust, Rural Studio, Corvias, Owner of Robbins Power Center, Miller Canfield



# Next Steps

- **Defining Partner Roles**
- **Developing Design Scope**
- **Identify Funding Opportunities**
- **Engaging Stakeholders in Design**



**Working together to make  
your vision a reality**

