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Washington Park
An over-planned community

The last thing local community groups need is another planning process
Project focus area

The primary study area is the half-mile radius around the Garfield station.
Within 1/2-mile radius of the Garfield CTA station, there are 37 acres of vacant land. This equates to more than four of every ten parcels are vacant. Of those vacant parcels, more than 60% are city-owned.
Project Timeline

1. Project initiation and orientation
2. Getting to know the community and history
3. Existing conditions and visioning
4. Draft eTOD plan development with Resident Advisory Council
5. Public Review, Adjustment, Approval, Implementation
Between 1980 and 2000, the city of Chicago saw a sharp decline in population, but the impact was even stronger in the neighborhoods that experienced significant "white flight," like Washington Park. In 1980, Washington Park had two-thirds of the city's population. Today, Washington Park has only 0.6% of the city's population.
Historic disinvestment

- Peak green line service had 5 branches and 47 stations – now it is 2 branches and 12 stations
- The entire Green Line was shut down in 1994 for 2 years – cutting off a vital lifeline for many people
Historic disinvestment

- Of the 16 E-W streets between 49th and 63rd streets, only 3 are not broken up by barriers
- Barriers break up the road network, funneling traffic to a small number of streets. Barriers include:
  - Dan Ryan Expressway to the west
  - The Park to the east
  - Highway and freight lines to the south
- Low traffic, multi-lane one-way streets encourage speeding
Between 2009 and 2020, residents, Chicago youth and CMAP have identified 175 assets in Washington Park.

Assets identified include affinity group spaces, businesses, community organizations, financial institutions, joy centers, community institutions, stewarded land, and shared public spaces.

Largest asset categories: 46 community institutions; 41 businesses; 40 shared public spaces.

Smallest asset categories: 4 stewarded-land assets; 9 financial institutions; 11 joy centers.
Green Line South Action Plan: Garfield Station

This site dives into the history of Washington Park, details the community assets in the neighborhood, and centers around the community narrative of radical resistance and change. Photos: Washington Park Camera Club, @Sandra Steinbrecher, and CMAP.
Garfield Green Line
South

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Tour of Washington Park, Part 1
Lindsay Bayley

Tour of Washington Park, Part 2
Lindsay Bayley

Tour of Washington Park, Part 3 - XS Tennis
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Tour of Washington Park, Part 4
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Garfield Green Line South Action Plan

Welcome to the community engagement site for the Garfield Green Line South Action Plan. Our goal is to make the Garfield station even more of an asset that benefits residents of Washington Park who already live near it, without further displacement. We want to hear YOUR voices, so please participate and share your perspective below.

Project Timeline
- Phase 1: Project orientation
- Phase 2: Getting to know the community
- Phase 3: Existing conditions
- Phase 4: Enhancements/Alternatives

CMAP Website
Elevated Chicago Website
Greenline South Workplan
Ideas

Below are some recommendations from past plans in the neighborhood. Are they still a priority? Use the heart icon to tell us, add a comment, or add your own new idea for the area.

10 IDEAS

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- Improve the conditions of the streets, alleys, sidewalks, and curbs.
- Encourage development and affordable retail that create jobs and neighborhood amenities.
- Provide after-school programs that really engage young people.
- Celebrate Washington Park and its historic past.
- Expand job training programs.
NEXT STEPS

• Spring engagement push (online, in-person as allowed)
• Form resident advisory group
• Promote survey
• RTA Inclusive, Asset-based Economic Assessment
• Assess progress on past recommendations, prioritize need
• Begin developing Action Plan
Thank you!

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