Open Space and Industrial Areas
Community Workshop Agenda

• 5:30 – 6:00: Open House
• 6:00 – 6:30: Presentation
• 6:30 – 7:00: Questions and Comments
• 7:00 – 8:00: Small Group Discussions
Project Partners:
• City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is leading the project
• CMAP is providing planning support through the LTA program
• CMAP has contracted with Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) and Enlace Chicago to provide community outreach and engagement assistance

Other partners / related projects:
• Adler School of Professional Psychology’s Health Impact Assessment project
• Delta Institute and LVEJO’s Little Village Brownfield Revitalization project
• CDOT Little Village Paseo Feasibility Study
Department of Planning and Development

Bureau of Zoning and Land Use

Sustainability/Open Space
Kathy Dickhut  Michael Berkshire  Brad Roback
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

- Regional Planning Agency created in 2005 by Illinois General Assembly in order to integrate planning for transportation and land use

- Created GO TO 2040, a comprehensive, long-range plan for the Chicago Metropolitan area, which was adopted in 2010

- Local Technical Assistance program implements GO TO 2040 through direct assistance to communities
Green Healthy Neighborhood Land Use Plan for Englewood, West Englewood, Washington Park, and Woodlawn

Recommended strategies for housing, retail, productive landscapes, manufacturing, open space, green infrastructure, historic preservation

Plan was adopted by the Chicago Plan Commission in March 2014
A Land Use Strategy

- Describes where you live, work, play, shop and learn
- Identifies future places to live, work, play, shop and learn
- Confirms the places and the community character to preserve and improve
- Guide for a 10-20 year period
Vision
As we plan our future in Little Village, we value our family, culture and community. Our vision is a community that is educated, peaceful, united, clean, and prosperous.

Quality-of-Life Plan Summary
The community engagement process created a plan with eight topic areas, each with specific goals.

A. Arts & Culture
   A.1 Support and encourage collaboration among local artists
   A.2 Strengthen community events and programs focused on arts and culture
   A.3 Create and expand temporary and long-term spaces for arts and culture

B. Economic Development
   B.1 Increase resources for entrepreneurs
   B.2 Support branding and beautification efforts
   B.3 Increase workforce development programs and job opportunities

C. Education
   C.1 Strengthen and expand early childhood opportunities
   C.2 Support children in elementary and middle school
   C.3 Support youth in high school, college and in their career goals
   C.4 Enhance Adult Education

D. Green Space & Recreation
   D.1 Maintain, support, and enhance existing green and recreational spaces
   D.2 Develop new recreational spaces
   D.3 Increase community impact through improved programming

E. Health
   E.1 Improve access to quality healthcare for the entire community
   E.2 Strengthen preventive health measures for residents
   E.3 Reduce chronic illnesses

F. Housing
   F.1 Increase sustainable home ownership and reduce foreclosures
   F.2 Increase the affordability and quality of rental housing
   F.3 Develop new housing options for a diverse range of incomes

G. Immigration
   G.1 Promote leadership development around immigration issues
   G.2 Strengthen the capacity of existing service providers and encourage partnerships to attract additional resources
   G.3 Provide accurate and timely immigration information to the community

H. Safety
   H.1 Continue to develop violence prevention programs for youth and families
   H.2 Enhance and broaden educational opportunities for youth
   H.3 Increase community engagement and leadership around safety issues
   H.4 Strengthen the community and police relationship
   H.5 Create a safer and cleaner physical environment
Since the start of the planning process, the project team has:

- Held a community workshop on open space attended by 65 residents and stakeholders
- Met with 15 stakeholders, community groups, and/or local networks reaching approximately 120 people
- Held a focus group on opportunities and challenges in the community’s industrial areas
- Published a comprehensive existing conditions analysis
Summary of June 18th Meeting

• Attended by approximately 30 residents and stakeholders

• Three discussion topics:
  – Preserving community character
  – Infill and density
  – Enhancing the community’s retail environment and small business support
Summary of June 18th Meeting

Highlights of Community Character Discussion:

• There is interest in the possibility of a “Conservation District” for Little Village, but more information and outreach is needed.

• Tools beyond historic preservation are necessary for addressing affordability.

• Desire to explore possibilities for building rehabilitation / maintenance programs.

• Concern that the community’s attractive character will eventually lead to higher cost of living in the area and displacement. How can this be avoided?

• Little Village residents are the most important aspect of community character.
Highlights of Infill and Density Discussion:

- Appreciation of, and desire to preserve, the walking culture in the community.

- Any new development needs to adequately address key community concerns: affordability, school capacity, open space, neighborhood architecture and Mexican heritage.

- Desire for more amenities for young adults – such as quality housing, recreation, shopping – without pricing residents out.

- Desire to learn more about potential City policies for addressing affordability challenges for both owners and renters.
Highlights of retail and small business discussion:

• Desire for greater variety in retail offerings: more variety in restaurants, stores that cater to both young people and older adults, stores that are more affordable.

• Support for pedestrian street designations and protecting the walkability of 26th street.

• Desire for more retail near the pink line stops.
Next steps:

• Gather and review all input (facilitator notes, comment sheets, annotated maps, etc.) from June 18th and today’s meeting.

• Collect additional data on key topics and meet with relevant City agencies and departments (such as the Housing Bureau, Department of Buildings, etc.).

• Schedule follow-up public engagement activities to continue discussion of topics such as:
  • Housing and affordability, policies for City-owned lots, historic preservation, density, small business support.

• Potential outreach and engagement activities could include:
  • Community group round-tables, community workshops, stakeholder meetings, property owner discussions, open houses.
Tonight’s Discussion Topics

Discussion topics:

– Manufacturing and the industrial corridor

– Open space and neighborhood routes
Manufacturing
### Little Village Industrial Corridor

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**Total jobs in Corridor = 5,436**
Manufacturing – employment sectors

- 19% of Little Village residents work in manufacturing, more than in any other industry.
- 19% of Little Village jobs are in the manufacturing sector.
- 18% of Little Village jobs are in Health Care and 16% are in Transportation and Warehousing, but fewer residents are employed in these sectors.

- Transportation and Warehousing is the community’s fastest growing industry.
Manufacturing – barge use

Units to Carry
1,750 Short Tons of Dry Cargo

1 barge
16 rail cars
70 trucks
### Manufacturing – barge use

#### Waterways - Total Tonnage (000s of tons)

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<td>19,465</td>
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Source: USACE Waterborne Commerce of the United States
Manufacturing – barge use

Critical services such as concrete and construction materials and recycling

Little Village Industrial Corridor

North Branch Industrial Corridor
Manufacturing – barge use

Barge usage is crucial for industries on the South Branch of the Chicago River, especially construction.
Manufacturing – Crawford

Fisk-Crawford Task Force Recommendations

• Minimize pollution and waste, emphasize sustainability
• Not suitable for residential development
• Create quality, living wage jobs for residents
• Sites may need to be parceled for multiple owners
• Not intended as new park sites, however, where feasible provide public access to the river
• Community prefers clean, advanced light manufacturing, and not large scale retail uses
Manufacturing – Truck route

Opportunity to look at a new industrial street from Kedzie to Pulaski, south of 33rd & the rail line
Neighborhood routes and open spaces
Investigate the feasibility of a four-mile, at-grade trail along the BNSF line from 16th to 31st streets.
Public Input from November 2013 Workshop in Little Village

Little Village Community Feedback
- Open Space -

Types of Projects to Investigate:
- Open Space
- Streets for Potential Bike/Ped Enhancements
- Ped/Bike Connector
- Enhance Usability

Legend:
- School Grounds
- Parks
- Industrial Corridors
- Community Areas
- School Gardens (Openlands)
- Community Gardens (Neighborhoods)
Public Input from November 2013 Workshop in Pilsen
Consider public open space at Pulaski and the river as part of new development.
Neighborhood routes and open spaces

Consider 30 foot setback along east side of Pulaski at Crawford site for trail and stormwater swale
Neighborhood routes and open spaces

Connect the education and recreation campuses along Western via an internal trail.
Neighborhood routes and open spaces

Improve access to the public space, and the public space, at the river and Western Avenue
Neighborhood routes and open spaces
Long term planning issue

At and above Western Avenue
Neighborhood routes and open spaces
Short term planning issue

BNSF Paseo

CDOT Traffic Study
Addressing stormwater through green infrastructure spaces

Work with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to investigate feasibility of using the Collateral Channel as a conduit for stormwater, for recreation, and habitat.
Addressing stormwater through green infrastructure spaces

Little Village/Pilsen River Corridor Project

- LVEJO
- Friends of the Chicago River
- P.E.R.R.O.
Small Group Discussions (7:00 – 8:00)

- Staff from CMAP, the City, and Enlace, as well as resident leaders will be available to answer questions and facilitate discussion.

- You are welcome to start anywhere that you want and talk to as many people as you want.

- Each participant should have a marker and sticky notes – feel free to write down your ideas as well as share them verbally!
Small Group Discussions (7:00 – 8:00)

• Discussion topics:
  – Industrial areas and manufacturing
  – Open space and neighborhood routes