PILSEN LAND USE STRATEGY
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 / Large Group Discussion

• 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
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
City of Chicago Land Use Strategies

- 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
Building upon goals in Quality of Life Plans

Our strategies:

1. **Expand** housing options for Pilsen residents.
2. **Build** a stronger neighborhood economy.
3. **Make** Pilsen a self-reliant, family-oriented community.
4. **Create** a stronger image for Pilsen as a historic Mexican neighborhood.
5. **Develop** educational opportunities for residents of all ages.
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 38 stakeholders, community group and/or local network members
- Held a focus group on opportunities and challenges in the community’s industrial areas
- Published a comprehensive existing conditions analysis
Summary of June 16th Meeting

• Attended by 70 residents and stakeholders
• Three discussion topics:
  – Preserving community character
  – Infill and density
  – Enhancing the community’s retail environment and small business support
Highlights of Community Character Discussion:

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

• Historic preservation incentives are a helpful tool that need to be publicized and explained more.

• Tools beyond historic preservation are necessary for addressing affordability challenges.

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

• Any new construction needs to adequately address key community concerns: affordability, parking, neighborhood architecture and Mexican heritage, open space.

• The 18th and Peoria site is the “gateway” to the community. Any future developer should work closely with the community.

• Desire to learn more about potential City policies for addressing affordability.
Highlights of retail and small business discussion:

• Need for additional ramps and improved accessibility.

• Need for more information to be in Spanish.

• Desire to investigate trends in business license data.

• Desire to work more closely with ESDC and City’s BACP.
Next steps:

• Gather and review all input (facilitator notes, comment sheets, annotated maps, etc.) from June 16th and today’s meeting.

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

• Improve and expand community engagement. Potential outreach and engagement activities 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

– Other topics of interest, including: the land use planning process and affordability
Manufacturing – Where workers live

Total jobs in Corridor = 7,644
12% of Pilsen residents work in manufacturing and 14% of jobs in Pilsen are in manufacturing.

19% of Pilsen jobs are in wholesale trade, but few Pilsen residents are employed in that sector.
Units to Carry
1,750 Short Tons of Dry Cargo

- 1 barge
- 16 rail cars
- 70 trucks

Manufacturing areas – Barge Use & Critical Services
### Manufacturing areas – Barge Use

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Source: USACE Waterborne Commerce of the United States

![Pie chart showing barge use by industrial corridor](image.png)
Manufacturing areas – Barge Use

**OZINGA**
Location: 2255 N. Lumber Street
Employees: Approximately 300 (Chicago region)

- Projects need to be within 30 minute drive

**PRAIRIE MATERIAL**
Location: 835 N. Peoria Street
Employees: 100+ (North Branch facility)

- Projects need to be within 30 minute drive

**GENERAL IRON INDUSTRIES**
Location: 1909 North Clifton Avenue, Clybourn Corridor PMD
Employees: More than 100 at site
Acreage: 15+ in North Branch Industrial Corridor

- Between 2012 and 2014, about 13 barges of metal per month, equivalent of 80 truckloads
- All scrap is obsolete, not available for re-sale or scavenging, but are processed for metal content
Manufacturing areas – Barge Use

Critical services such as concrete and construction materials and recycling

Pilsen Industrial Corridor

North Branch Industrial Corridor
Manufacturing areas – Barge Use

Prairie Materials Yard 33 and the locations to which it transported cement in 2014
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

CTA bus garage could be part of Fisk power plant redevelopment

The mayor's office is set to announce an agreement Sunday between the site's owner, NRG Energy, and the CTA to explore the project, which could bring 400 jobs to the neighborhood and save CTA about $2 million annually in fuel and operational costs.

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Neighborhood routes and open spaces
Public Input from November 2013 Workshop in Pilsen

Pilsen Community Feedback
- Open Space -

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

Legend:
- School Grounds
- Parks
- Industrial Corridors
- Community Areas
- School Gardens (Openlands)
- Community Gardens (NeighborPam)
Public Input from November 2013 Workshop in Little Village
Neighborhood routes, open spaces and a green buffer to the industrial edge

Investigate the feasibility of a four-mile, at-grade trail along the BNSF line from 16th to 31st streets
Neighborhood routes, open spaces and a green buffer
Sustainable Street along Cermak
Neighborhood routes and open spaces
Short term planning issue

Loewenthal Site

Short trail and park opportunities
Neighborhood routes and open spaces
Long term planning issue

Blue Island behind existing manufacturing

At and above Western Avenue
The Paseo at 16th Street

Neighborhood routes and open spaces
Long term planning issue
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The Paseo at 16th Street
Neighborhood routes and open spaces

Consider improving river edge for habitat within ComEd easement and around adjacent inlet at the end of Throop Street.
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
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Small Group Discussions (7:00 – 8:00)

• We welcome your **comments and ideas**
  – Community representatives will be facilitating discussions around a number of topics
  – DPD and CMAP staff will be available to answer questions and will be taking notes
  – Each participant should have a marker and sticky notes – feel free to write down your ideas as well as share them verbally!
  – You are welcome to participate in any and all of the small group discussions.

• Please be **mindful of others**
  – We want everyone who wishes to contribute to have the opportunity to do so, and the facilitators will be working to build a conversational balance
Small Group Discussions (7:00 – 8:00)

• Small group discussion topics:
  – Open Space and Neighborhood Routes
  – Manufacturing
  – Other topics of interest: Affordability, the land use planning process, and more.
Q & A / Large Group Discussion (6:30 – 7:00)

• We want to be **inclusive and constructive**
  – Please be respectful of the diversity of ideas, needs and opinions in this room
  – Please keep your questions and comments focused on this project

• Today is just **one in a series** of conversations