Creating Robbins Park
(Can flooding reinvigorate a community?)

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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
Robbins Park can be a catalyst for growth along the Kedzie Corridor
Community Guidance Principles
#4, 5, & 6

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

Village of Robbins

Potential Transit Oriented Development

Robbins Metra Station
Community Guidance Principle #7

Add sports amenities to the community

Football & Baseball Fields

Flexible Active Sports
Community Guidance Principles #7 & 8

Create walking trails, rowing, and fishing opportunities
Community Guidance Principles
#3, 4, & 9

Connect schools with trails along waterways

- Horace Mann School
- Robbins Metra Station
- Keller Middle School

Village of Robbins
Midlothian Creek
Cal-Sag Canal
District 1 – Robbins Park
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