



McKinley Park Neighborhood Plan

Executive summary

The McKinley Park Neighborhood Plan outlines the community's shared vision and defines policies and steps to help achieve it. The plan is the result of two years of work led by the McKinley Park Development Council, Chicago Department of Planning and Development, and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, with input from McKinley Park's residents, business and property owners, workers, and community leaders.

Overview

McKinley Park is a working-class neighborhood located on Chicago's southwest side. Its proximity to diverse transportation options, parks and open space, and regional economic centers bolster its potential as a desirable location for residential and commercial investment. However, like many neighborhoods in Chicago, McKinley Park wrestles with reduced housing affordability, disinvested corridors, and unattractive vacancies.

McKinley Park has never had its own plan to guide development in ways that align with community priorities. This neighborhood plan presents a unified vision of what the community aspires to be and provides a roadmap to achieve it.

Key goals

The plan presents six overarching goals to help residents, businesses, community leaders, and elected officials achieve the vision set forth for McKinley Park:

- 1. Preserve neighborhood diversity:** Maintain the neighborhood's diversity by preserving a range of housing options, supporting local businesses, and continuing to celebrate and welcome culturally, ethnically, and linguistically diverse residents.
- 2. Promote equitable transit-oriented development:** Focus equitable mixed-used development in areas with access to transit and amenities.
- 3. Revitalize commercial corridors:** Identify missing connections and infrastructure improvements so that pedestrians, bicyclists, commuters, and drivers can move around with ease.
- 4. Modernize the Central Manufacturing District:** Target new sustainable development and adaptive reuse projects to help maintain local jobs and ensure the health and well-being of residents.



5. Enhance and expand parks and recreational opportunities: Preserve and expand the natural assets of the neighborhood, and ensure that residents have access to natural amenities and community programming in the future.

6. Create a resilient community: Achieve resilience by making natural systems and economic and social structures more durable for years to come.

The full plan describes these six goals in detail, provides a set of recommended strategies for each goal, and lists the partners responsible for implementation.