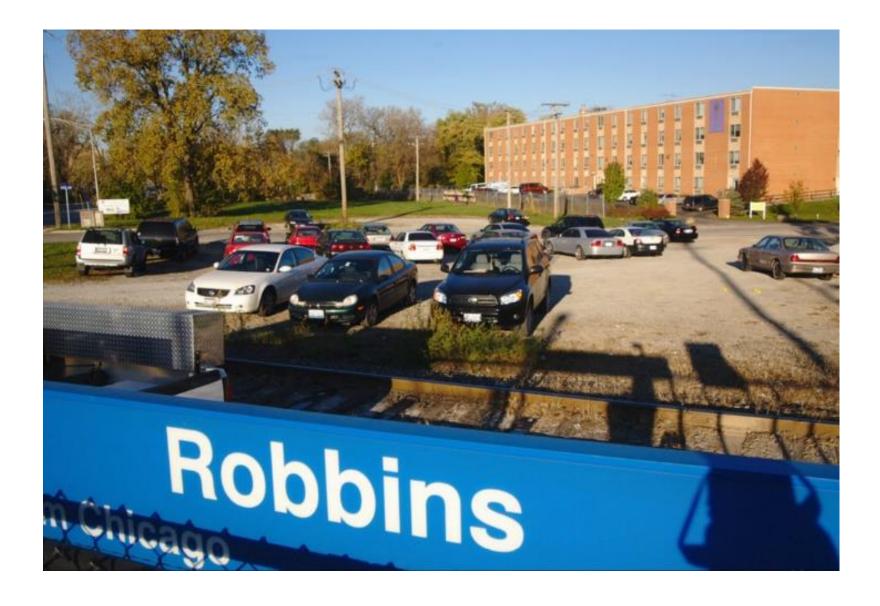


TOD and Industrial Plan











History



- One of the first municipalities incorporated for African-Americans migrating from the South in 1917
- First African-American owned airport
- Built without traditional planning layout.
 - Many streets were unpaved
 - Rural look and feel



















Demographics



- Pop. Approx. 5200
- Over 80% African-American
- Median Age = 39 (17 percent 65 and older)
- Median Income = \$28,000







Neighborhood Character

Advantages

- Close proximity to transportation (Metra and Highways)
- Market potential for housing and commercial
- Land available suitable for industrial

Disadvantages

- Study area over 80 percent vacant
- Limited developable land due to flooding
- Limited retail options
- Needed infrastructure improvements
- Limited job opportunities



















Flooding mitigation costs and benefits

Costs

- Approx. 100 homes are at risk to flooding
- 316 flood-related insurance claims between 2007 and 2011
- \$330,000 spent for disaster recovery relief in April 2013 storm

Benefits (after Robbins Park)

- Property owners no longer have to buy flood insurance
- Developers will no longer have to provide detention for new development
- Less damage to property
- More land available for development



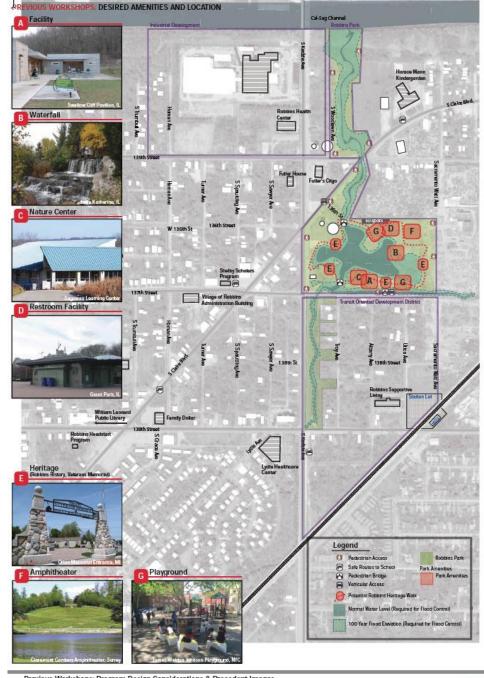






Robbins Park

- Provides stormwater detention and drainage into Calumet River
- Provides additional 47 acres of park space
- Reduces Midlothian Creek Floodplain
- Can include multiple amenities
 - Boat launch
 - Trails
 - Entertainment venues



Previous Workshops: Program Design Considerations & Precedent Images
Robbins Park
Vision of Birthins



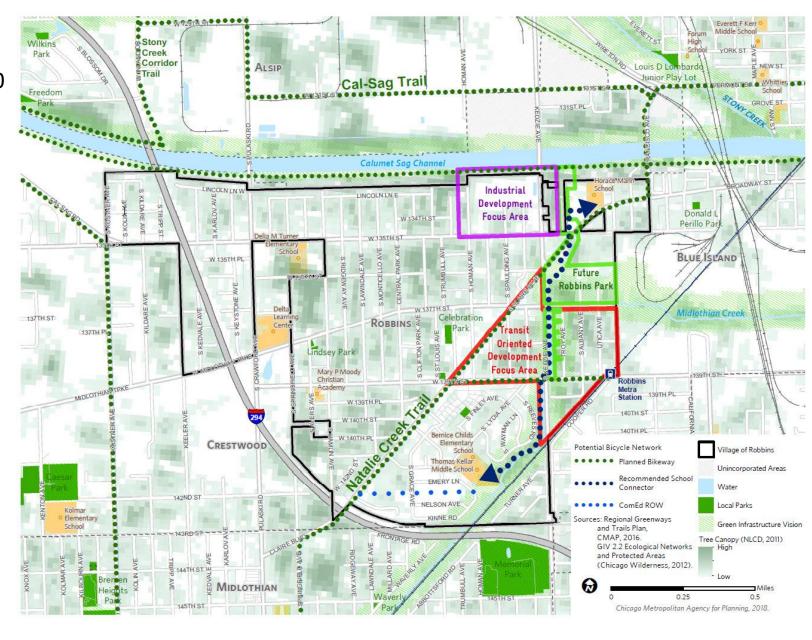






Natural Environment

- Existing parkland is 0.6 acres per 1,000
- Urban forest is 36 percent
- Currently no trails in village
- Proposed trails
 - Cal-Sag extension
 - Natalie Creek
 - Potential trail to connect schools





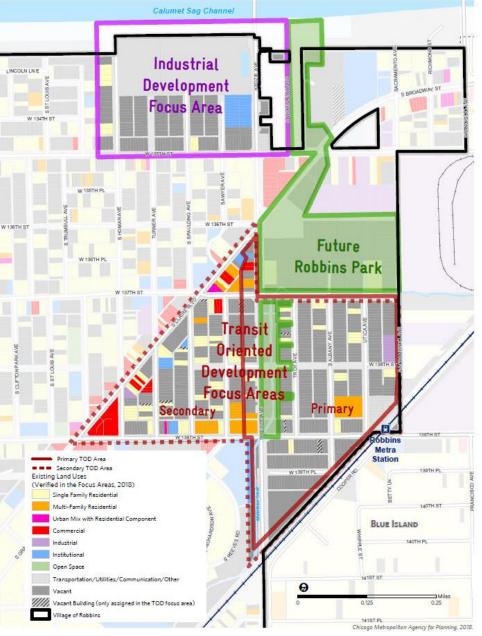




- Robbins Metra Station (Rock Island Line)
 - Rebuilt in 2008
- CMAP, RTA, MWRD partnership
- Scope of Work
 - Review existing conditions
 - Outreach to stakeholders
 - Analyze market for housing and economic development













History and Proposals

- Site was waste-to-energy Resource Recovery Facility from 1997 to 2000
- Anaerobic Digestion proposal to produce and sell methane gas

Potential reuses

- Sports facility
- Light industrial flex space
- Urban agriculture
- Community solar



Industrial Development

> Future Robbins Park







Community Outreach

Feedback:

- Concentrate housing and commercial around Metra station.
- Attract grocery store, restaurants and services (i.e. dry cleaners) on main streets.
- Use heritage and historical narrative to attract investment (gateways, signage, etc.)
- Improve neighborhood character: streetscaping, infrastructure
- Attract employment training campus and business incubators











