



Ogden Ave/North Lawndale Community Roundtable

January 27th, 2023

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Project (CDOT)
3. Upcoming Grant Opportunities (DPD)
4. Community Projects Update (DPD)
 - a) Roosevelt-Kostner
 - b) Altenheim Framework Plan
5. Open discussion / announcements

Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvement Project

ISW North Lawndale Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements

PULASKI ROAD TO WESTERN AVENUE

ISW Roundtable Meeting

January 27, 2023

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Civiltech Engineering (Lead)

Transportation Engineering

Homan Grown

Community Engagement & Landscape Design

Quigg Engineering (MBE)

Data Collection & Transportation Engineering

DB Sterlin Consultants (MBE)

Topographic Survey

Singh & Associates (WBE)

Electrical and Traffic Signal Engineering

Gehl

Urban Design

Guarino Historic Resources

Historic Preservation

Lamar Johnson Collaborative

Community Engagement & Urban Design

GSG Consultants (MBE)

Geotechnical Engineering

PROJECT OVERVIEW

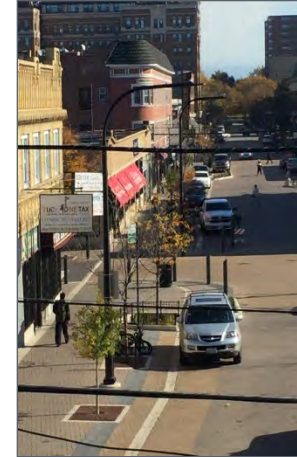
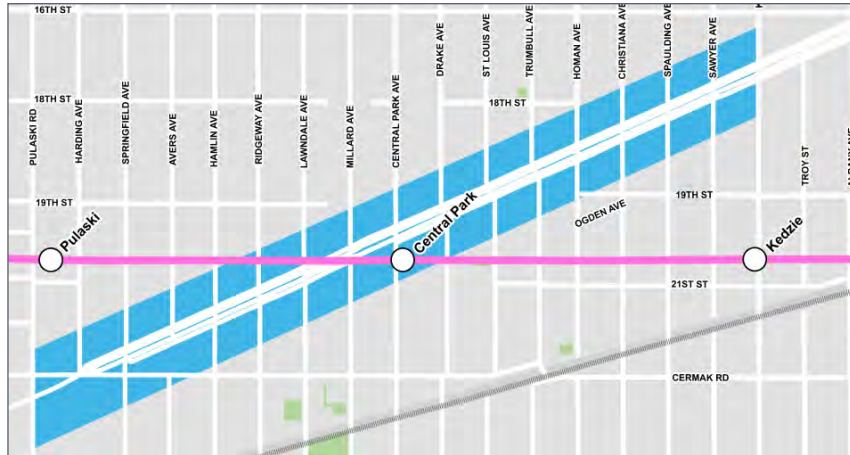
Supports the Invest South/West initiative to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces and quality-of-life amenities for residents.

Part of Chicago Works: Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot's five-year capital plan that will Invest in Communities Through Infrastructure.

Streetcapes consist of infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and placemaking improvements with the goal of creating unified, safe, walkable, and attractive street. The streetscape projects are comprehensive and include public right-of-way improvements from building face to building face.

The Project Includes:

- Public Outreach
- Placemaking and urban design strategy
- Concept design & engineering
- Detailed design & engineering
- Construction of the corridor

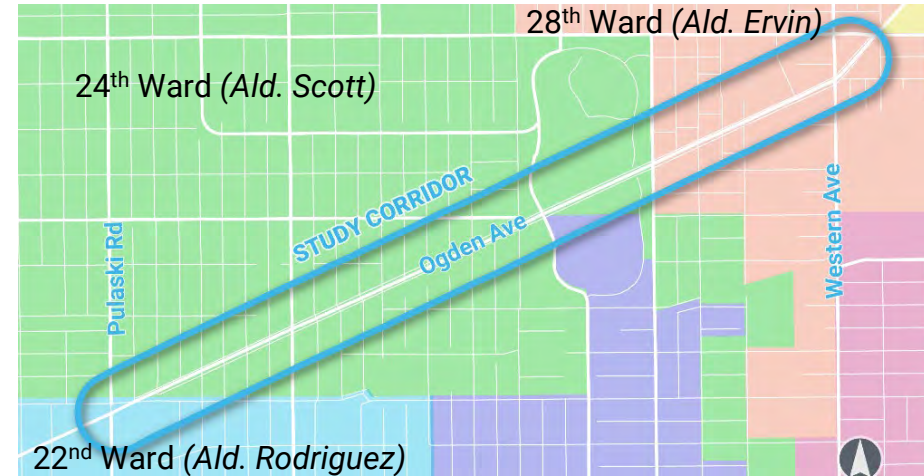
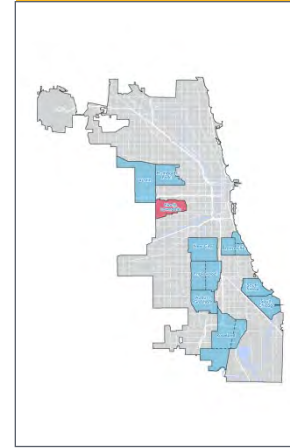


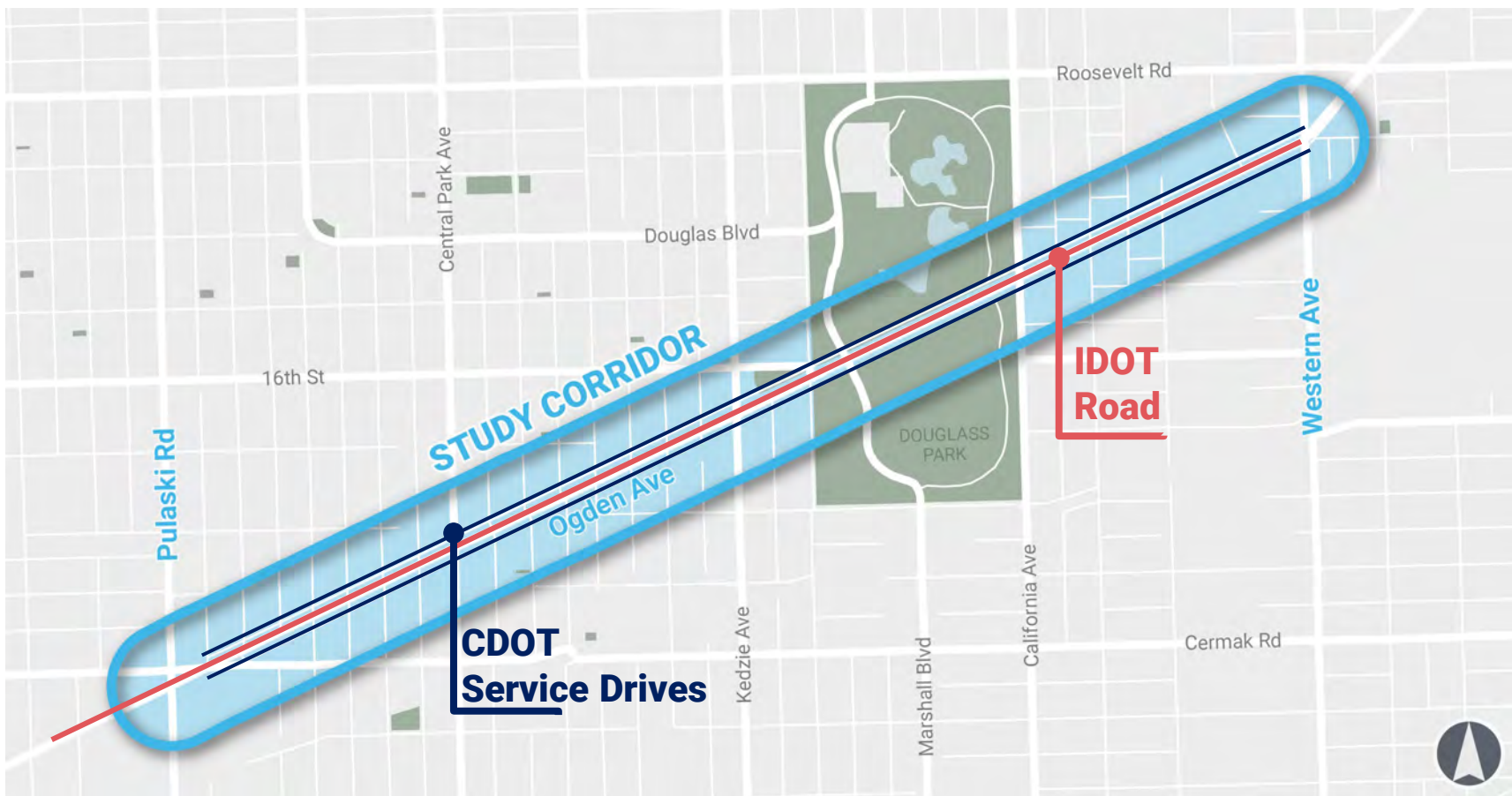
PROJECT OVERVIEW

ISW North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Improvements Pulaski to Western

Scope

- Roadway geometry and intersection improvements
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- New sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- ADA ramps and crosswalk upgrades
- Curb extensions
- Bike facilities
- Repurposing of service drives
- Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Pavement markings and signage
- Paver parkways
- Side street improvements to the alleys
- Site furniture and seating areas
- Community identifiers including light pole and neighborhood gateway
- Streets trees and landscaping







This is an opportunity to reimagine Ogden Avenue as a **multimodal transportation corridor**, as a hub for **community activity**, and catalyst for **economic development**.



Improve safety for all users of this corridor.



Repurpose and activate public spaces.



Transform this corridor into one that reflects the unique identity of North Lawndale



NEXT STEPS



- 01** Continued IDOT Coordination
- 02** February 2023: CAG Meeting #1
- 03** Late-March 2023: Public Meeting & Survey
- 04** Ongoing
 - Stakeholder Meetings
 - Community Workshops

Help us promote the project materials and meeting / survey information!

Website - [ImproveOgdenAve.org](https://improveogdenave.org)

E-Announcement - <https://conta.cc/3Wxv0b3>

Fact Sheet – Link above

ISW NORTH LAWDALE
OGDEN AVENUE
Corridor Improvements

**INVEST SOUTH/WEST NORTH LAWDALE:
OGDEN AVENUE PULASKI TO WESTERN
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) has kicked off a new project to revitalize Ogdan Avenue, from Pulaski Road to Western Avenue, within the North Lawndale community.

The INVEST South/West Ogdan Avenue Corridor Improvements Project is an opportunity to reimagine Ogdan Avenue as a multimodal transportation corridor, as a hub for community activity, and as a catalyst for economic development. The goals of the project are to improve safety for all users of this corridor, repurpose and activate public spaces, and transform this corridor into one that reflects the unique identity of North Lawndale.

The City identified North Lawndale as a priority community through the INVEST South/West initiative, and Ogdan Avenue as one of twelve commercial corridors that are central to its community's vibrancy.

The INVEST South/West initiative aims to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces and quality-of-life amenities for residents.

Potential improvements include roadway geometry and intersection improvements; full width resurfacing; drainage improvements; new sidewalk, curb, and gutter; pedestrian safety improvements, ADA ramps and crosswalk upgrades; curb extensions, bike facilities; repurposing of service drives; street lighting, traffic signal upgrades; pavement markings and signage; paver parkways; side street improvements to the alleys; site furniture and seating areas; community identifiers including light pole and neighborhood gateway; and street trees and landscaping.

GET INVOLVED

The reimaged Ogdan Avenue should reflect North Lawndale's priorities and serve the community's needs. CDOT is committed to build on previous community input, prioritize transparency throughout the project, and engage the community early and often. To achieve this, we will hold multiple input opportunities, including Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meetings, ISW Roundtable Updates, Community Workshops, Public Meetings, and Public Surveys. Visit [ImproveOgdenAve.org](https://improveogdenave.org) to view the latest information about the project and to sign up for project updates.



Email your questions and comments to the project team at info@improveogdenave.org.

THANK YOU!

**Sign up for project updates on the project website:
ImproveOgdenAve.org**

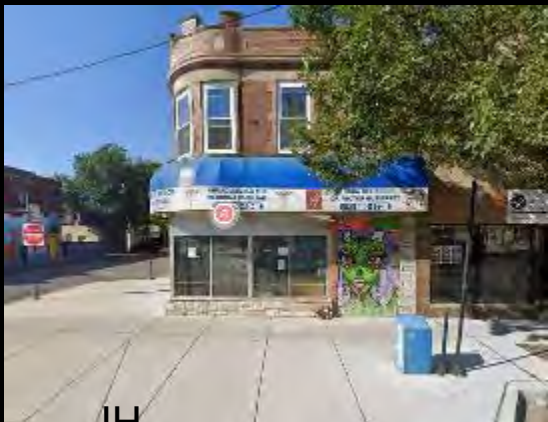
DPD Grant Opportunities

2022 Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Projects



Projected
Neighborhood
Investment:
\$10.9M

35 Small Grant
Finalists



2022 NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND PROJECTS

SERVICE TYPE	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	ANTICIPATED TOTAL PROJECT COST	ANTICIPATED GRANT AMOUNT
Accommodation & Food Services	12	\$4,273,470.02	\$2,595,513.00
Retail	11	\$3,107,078.17	\$1,569,932.09
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	5	\$1,885,979.10	\$1,157,586.75
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4	\$1,209,083.50	\$772,731.25
Healthcare & Social Assistance	3	\$433,096.40	\$324,434.80
<u>Total</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>\$10,908,707.19</u>	<u>\$6,420,197.89</u>

NOF at a Glance

- **Fiscal Year 2022 - October 2021 – September 2022**
 - 19 Completed Projects – Neighborhood Investment \$6.6M, Grant Award \$2.4M
 - 35 Approved Projects – Neighborhood Investment \$10.9M, Grant Award \$6.4M
- **Fiscal Year 2023 - October 2022 – Current**
 - 9 Completed Projects – Neighborhood Investment \$14.2M, Grant Award \$1.5M
 - 6 Approved Projects – Neighborhood Investment \$2.5M, Grant Award \$1.1M
 - Targeting \$9M
 - Construction Management Emphasis

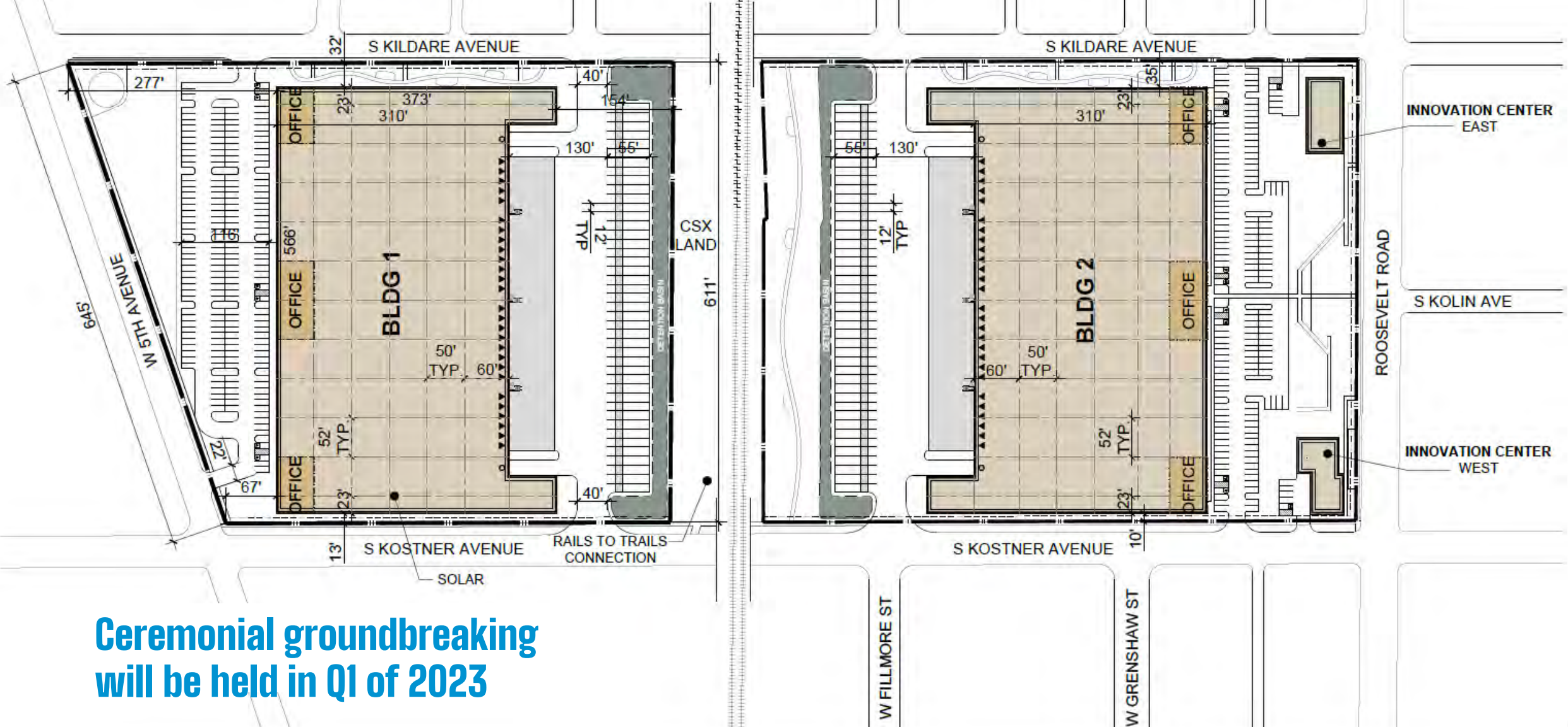


2023 NOF ORIENTATION



Community Projects Update

ISW: Roosevelt-Kostner



**Ceremonial groundbreaking
will be held in Q1 of 2023**

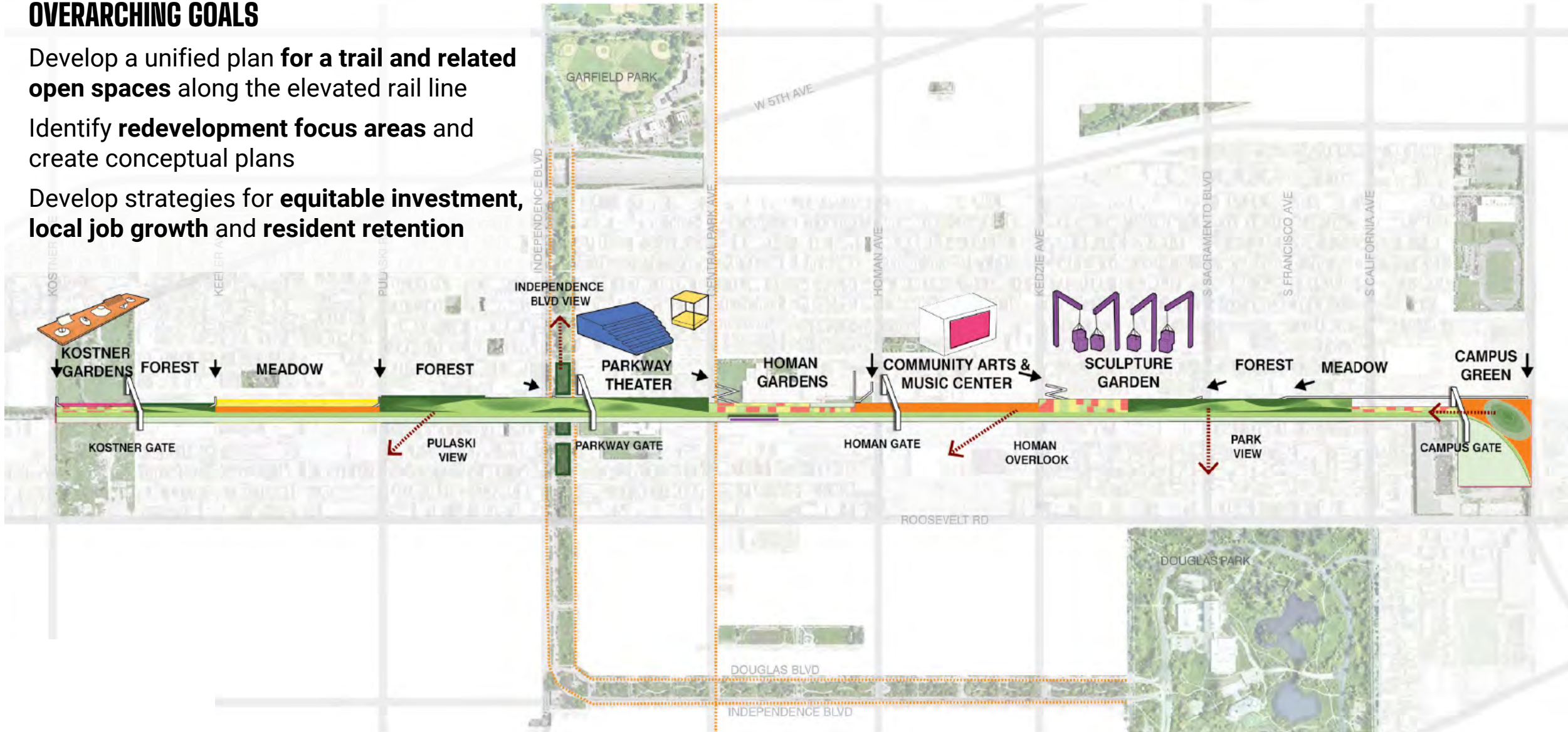
Altenheim Line Framework

OVERARCHING GOALS

Develop a unified plan for a trail and related open spaces along the elevated rail line

Identify redevelopment focus areas and create conceptual plans

Develop strategies for equitable investment, local job growth and resident retention



REDEVELOPMENT FOCUS AREAS

FOCUS AREA PLAN FORMAT

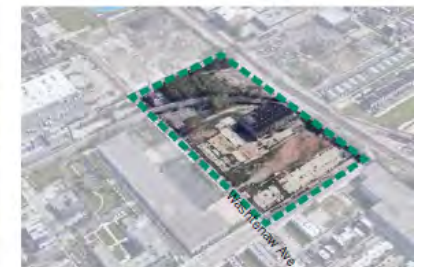
1. Vision
2. Existing conditions and market analysis
3. Development opportunities
4. Concept plan
5. Supportive public realm improvements



Roosevelt Kostner: A Working Community



Homan Square: Live and Work



Campus Green: Economic Gateway



Pulaski Ave: A Place to Live
and Development



Central Park Theater: Active Destination

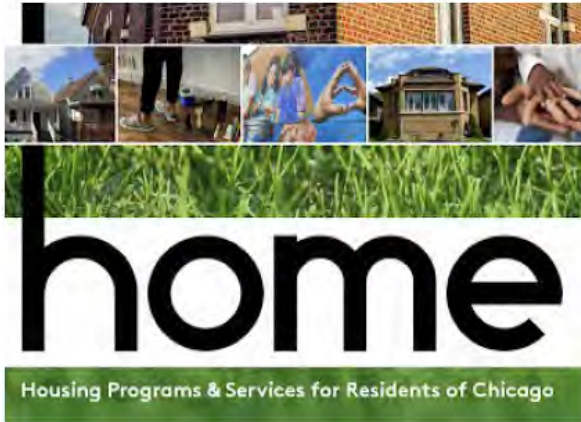


Lawndale Plaza: Retail & Economy

EQUITABLE PLANNING PILLARS

Support Existing Residents

Prices had been rising in the area along the 606 before it was installed. With only a limited number of housing policies in place, the continued increase in housing values along the line negatively impacted some longtime residents as rents increased beyond an affordable level.



Renovate and Reactivate

There are a large number of existing buildings that can be reactivated as housing and commercial space. We have seen this recently with Nichols Tower and DRW College Prep. The existing character of the neighborhood can be preserved through re-use of heritage buildings.

This provides the opportunity to reactivate residential units as well as explore reuse or conversion of existing commercial and retail buildings to build capacity in the neighborhood without only relying on new construction.



Leverage City-owned Land for Long-term Affordability

City-owned land gives the community significant leverage over the future of these sites and the strategic disposition of city-owned land within the study area because the City can prioritize development that advances community goals and priorities.

This land has the potential to support a range of investment to achieve the overall vision, and preserve long term affordability within the study area.



Focus on Equitable Development and Job Generating Uses

Job creation for residents and supporting local economic development is key to this plan having a positive impact on this community and anti-displacement.

This plan looks to create more opportunities for small businesses to scale-up and supports efforts like Tulsa 1920 and North Lawndale Employment Network to build black-owned and local businesses in the community.



PUBLIC REVIEW

- Plan posted for comment on DPD website from **November 15 – December 30**
- **Email notifications** were sent to DPD mailing lists and attendees of project public meetings to get feedback
- Roughly 10 responses were received with a variety of comments that included **suggested edits, recommendations for improving the plan content and general enthusiasm** for the project.

“A statue of Fred Hampton as he’s from the community”

Explain why DPD chose to prioritize this plan

Use QR codes to share community resources

“The attention to our youth is desperately needed”

“Preference for higher quality goods that we can’t find in our own neighborhood”

“Build more infrastructure dedicated to those who elect not to drive”



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