

# ENGLEWOOD ISW ROUNDTABLE

MAY 25, 2021

# Agenda

- 1 CDOT Streetscape Project First Look**
- 2 RFP Winning Proposal – Englewood Connect**
- 3 DCASE Artist-in-Residence Eric Hotchkiss**

# ISW Greater Englewood 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Loomis to Wallace and Halsted, 59<sup>th</sup> Street to 66<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape



# Streetscape Scope

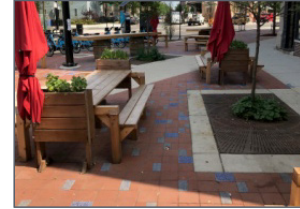
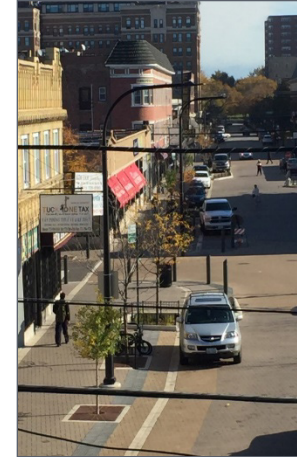
Supports the Invest South/West initiative to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces and quality-of-life amenities for residents.

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



# INVEST SOUTH/WEST STREETSCAPES



# ISW GREATER ENGLEWOOD

## ISW Greater Englewood

63<sup>rd</sup> St, Loomis to Wallace and Halsted, 59<sup>th</sup> Street to 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Alderman Coleman, Ward 16 / Alderman Taylor, Ward 20

### Scope

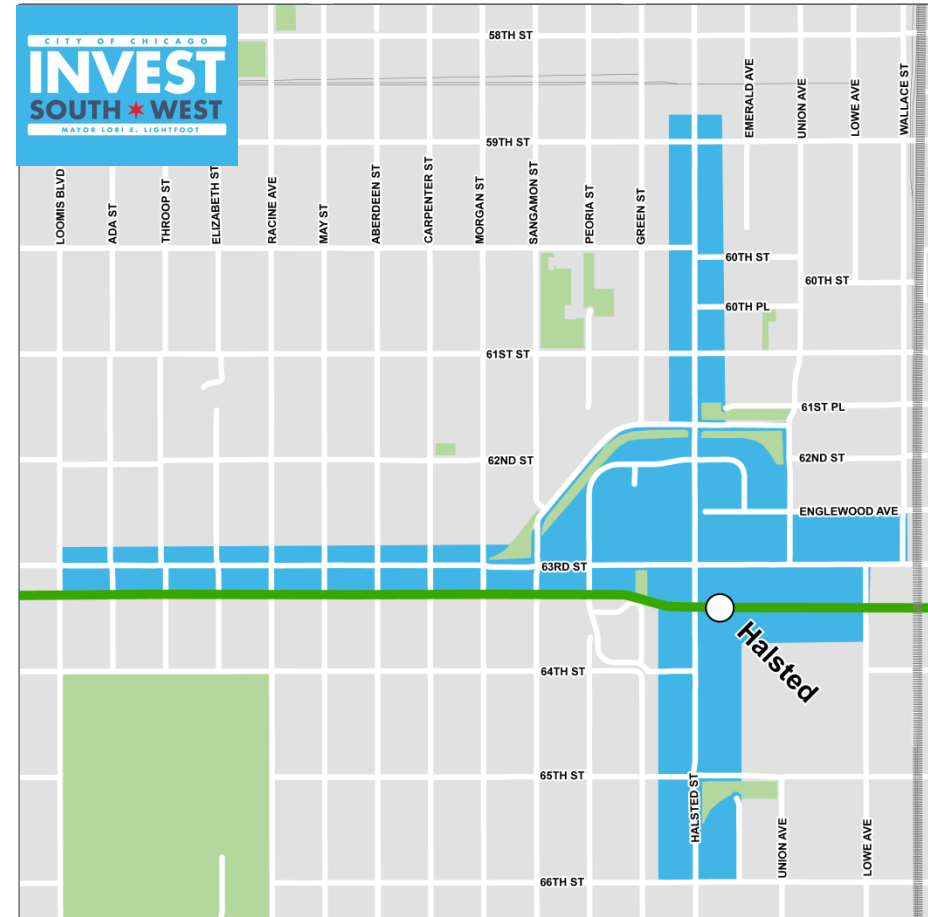
- Roadway geometry and intersection improvements
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- Sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Curb extensions
- ADA ramps and crosswalks
- Continuation of Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Improved pavement markings and signage
- Potential paver parkways
- Side street improvements to the alleys as needed
- Site furniture and potential seating areas
- Light pole identifiers
- Gateway identifier
- Tree planting and potential landscaping
- Renovation of Englewood Plaza

### Funding: design and construction

Source: CIP Bond & State Rebuild  
• \$19,830,000

### Schedule

- Section 1 Start 2022
- Section 2 Start 2023



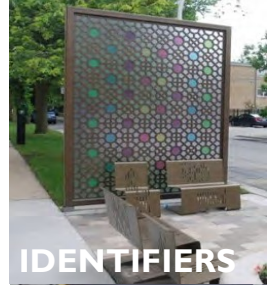
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PAVER PARKWAY



BIKE RACKS



IDENTIFIERS



LITTER



SAFETY UPGRADES



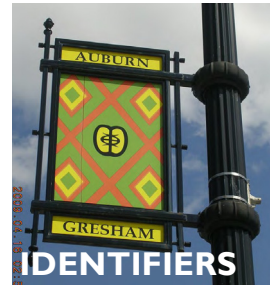
CROSSWALKS



STREET TREES



PLANTERS



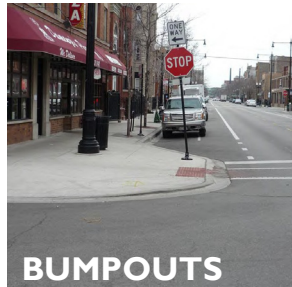
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LIGHTING



SEATING



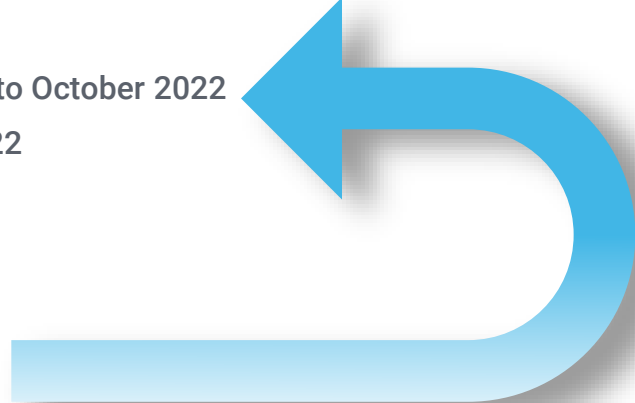
BUMPOUTS



ADA RAMP

# ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMELINE

- Aldermanic Meeting – April 2021
- ISW Roundtable Announcement - May 2021
- Corridor Concept Design - May to December 2021
  - Public Outreach–Public Meetings, ISW RT, Public Surveys
  - Existing condition analysis and topographic survey
  - Utility coordination
  - Concept development & base drawings for construction
- Detailed Design Section 1 - November 2021 to June 2022
  - Community Coordination
- Construction Procurement - June 2022 to October 2022
- Construction Section 1 – November 2022
  - Community Coordination
- Construction Section 2– 2023
  - Back to Detailed Design Procurement and Construction
  - Community Coordination



Be on the look out for a Public Meeting early this Summer

## INVEST SOUTH/WEST STREETSCAPES





# englewood connect

ISW Roundtable Meeting  
25 May 2021



# Agenda

1. Team Introductions
2. Project Narrative
3. Project Phasing
4. Project Timeline (high-level overview of the next few months)
5. Engagement & Inclusion
6. Open Q&A





# **Our Team**

# Englewood Connect Team

## Developer Team

McLaurin Development Partners (Minority Led Business)  
Farpoint



## Design Team

SOM  
TnS Studio (Minority Led Business)



## Legal

Neal and Leroy (MBE)



## Construction

Bowa Construction (MBE)



## Consultants

Omni Ecosystems - Landscape (WBE)  
Engage Civil - Civil Engineering (MBE)  
RME - Structural Engineering (MBE)  
GGLD - Lighting (WBE)



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# **Project Narrative**



Kennedy King College

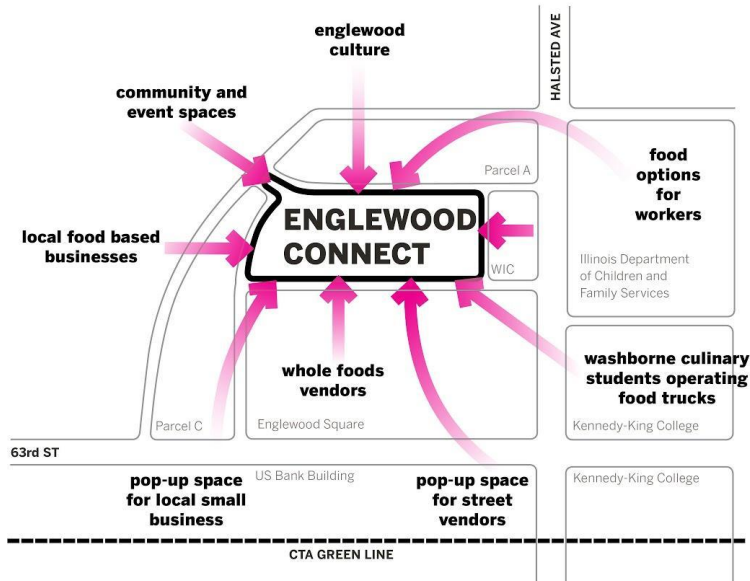
CTA Green Line Halsted Station

US Bank Building

Whole Foods

WIC Food Center

Englewood Connect



## Engaging Englewood

Our inclusive process will deeply correlate with the existing cultural activation of the community. Ensuring to connect with the artists that tell the story of Englewood so vividly is imperative to informing the identity of Englewood Connect. All of the residents of all ages will have a living room to experience and love. This captivating space will serve them all!

# englewood connect

halsted pkwy.

culinary center

emerald dr.

the commons

the shed

WIC food center

englewood living room

south halsted st.



# Program

This is about creating an ecosystem for upward mobility focused around food:

## the culinary center (the firehouse)

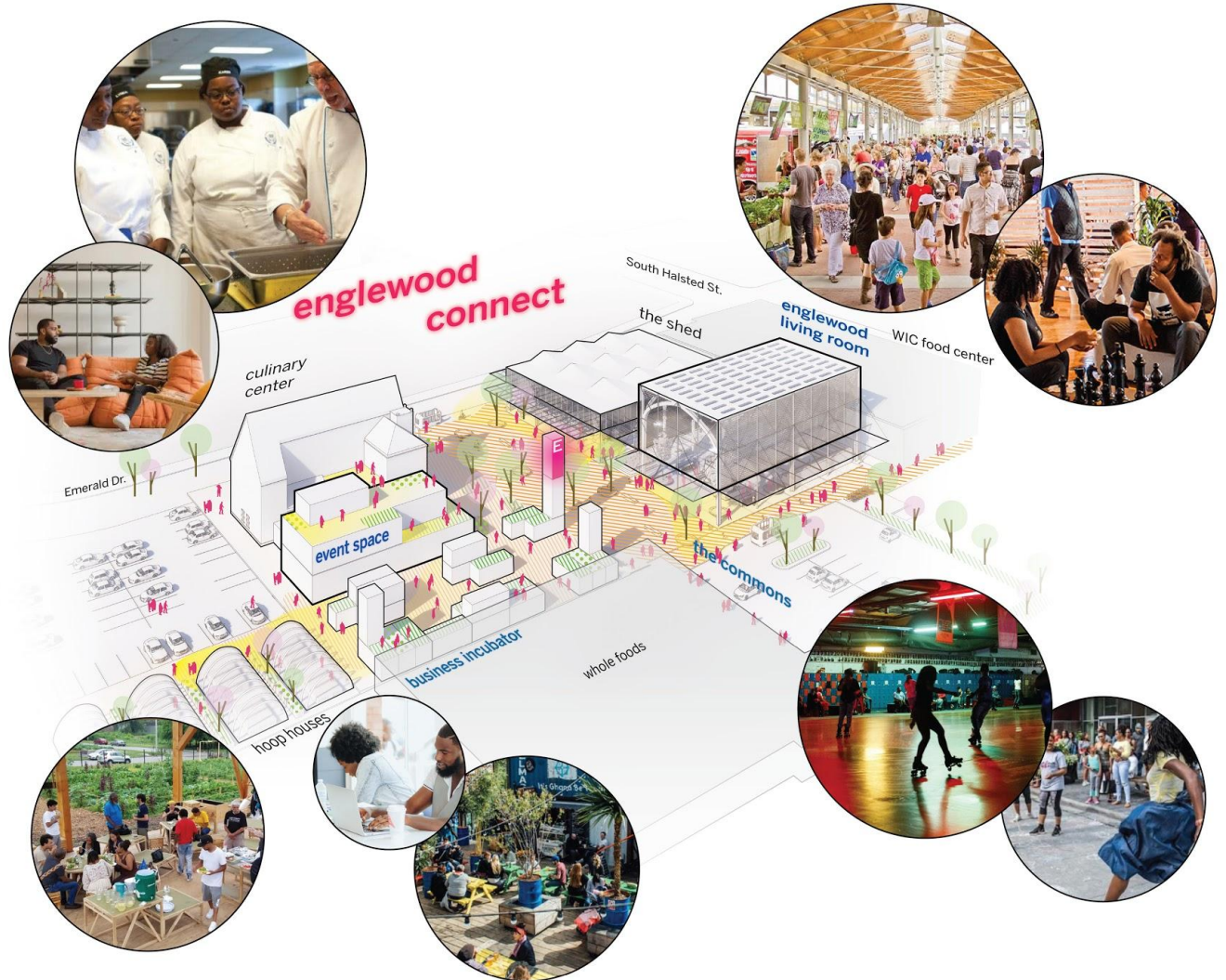
is a commercial kitchen space for food based businesses to have a space in their own community to continue to build their products and grow

**hoop houses** to allow for year-round growing and teaching

**englewood living room** is a space for community to breathe life into the site year-round

**the business incubator** is flexible and allows for other entrepreneurs to participate

**the shed** is a flexible market space expansion to the living room





## Reactivating an historic asset

Englewood Connect leverages the historic significance of the **Firehouse known as the 'castle'** from the fire department.

**Celebrating and elevating its past** while supporting the community businesses will ensure this beautiful structure survives the next century.

We will seek the landmark approval for this site. Landmark features will be preserved.



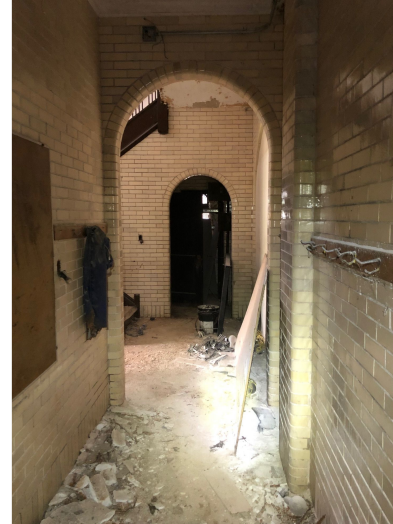




# Material + Sustainability

- High quality building materials will be used
- Materials, colors and finishes will draw from the architectural heritage of Englewood.
- Buildings will follow Bird Safe Buildings Best Practices
- Buildings will be designed in a sustainable manner, prioritizing energy efficiency and human health
- Designs will consider passive design strategies





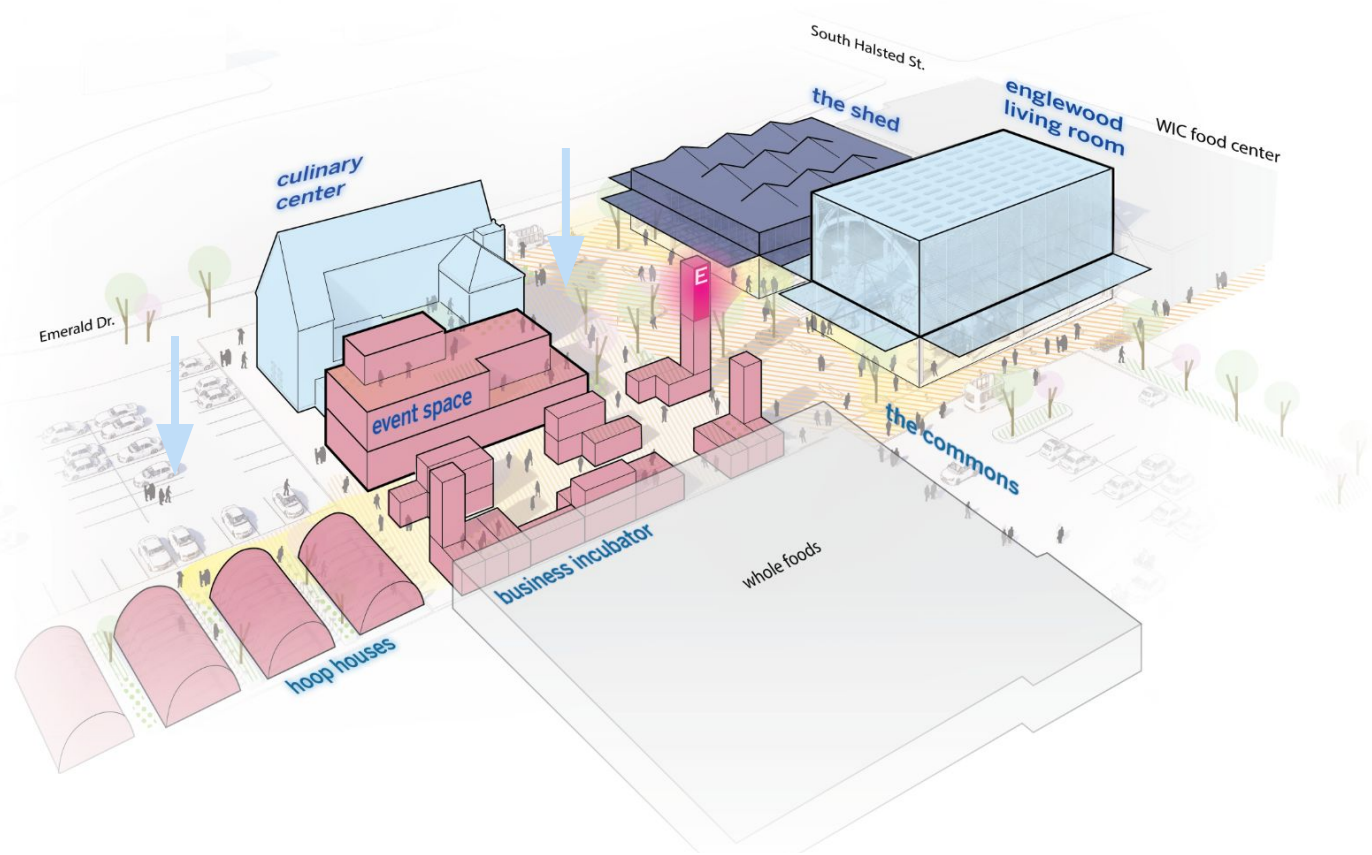


# **Project Phasing**

# Initial Phasing

Englewood Connect is designed to have impact from day one and has flexibility to grow and become a center for the community.

Our plan includes a wide variety of local businesses that look to leverage adjacent investments to complete the picture.



## phase 1

Adaptive reuse of the firehouse, site improvements to the south, east and west and new living room building and adjacent site improvements

## phase 2

Site improvements, hoop houses, hoop houses, firehouse addition and business incubator

## phase 3

Later phases including the shed

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## Phase 1 - Components

**a**

adaptive reuse of the firehouse and site improvements to the west

**b**

site improvements to the east of the firehouse

**c**

new living room building and adjacent site improvements

**2**

hoop houses, firehouse addition and business incubator

**3**

later phases



# Phase 1

Includes adaptively reusing the firehouse and site improvements immediately to the south.

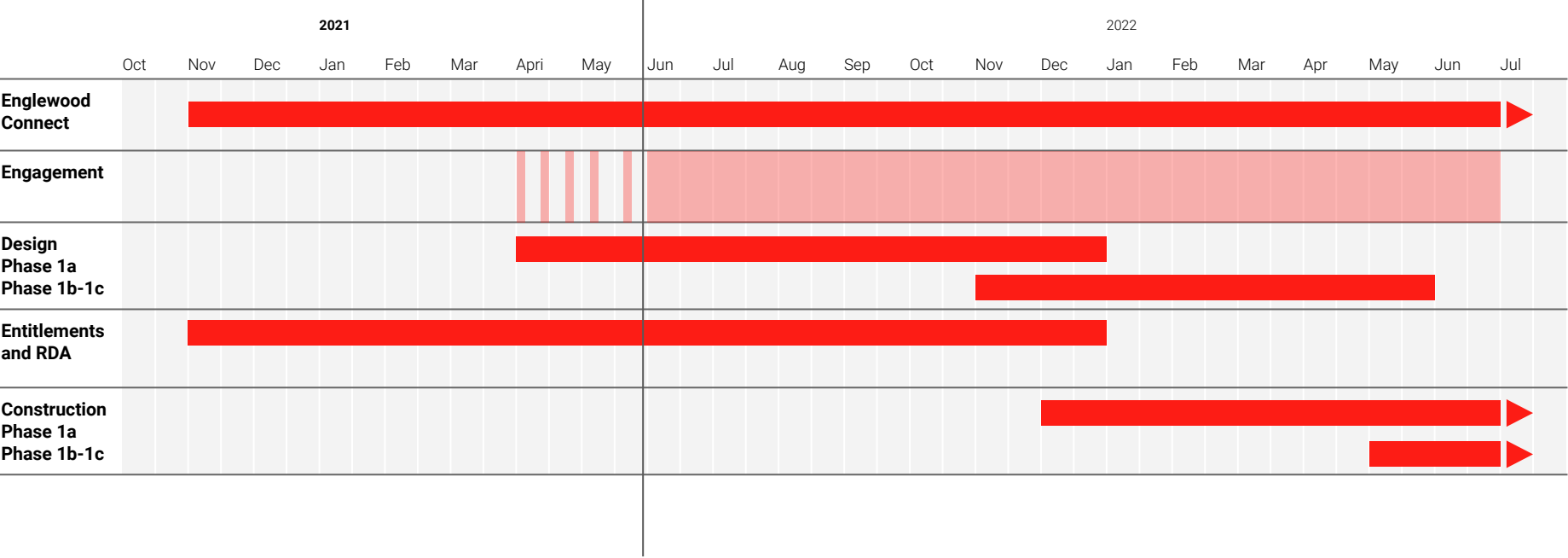
Additionally there will be site improvements to the west which includes a parking lot and service access and immediately to the east for a pedestrian walk.



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# Project Timeline

# Anticipated Schedule



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# **Engagement & Inclusion**

# Leveraging Previous Efforts

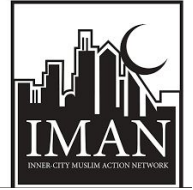
We plan on working with and leveraging previous neighborhood plans to inform our development.



ENGLEWOOD RISING



# Amplifying Englewood



We will work closely with **Englewood Organizations to help identify local businesses** that seek to grow into Englewood Connect. Furthermore, we will work closely with community organizations to further **refine and create a place that elevates and highlights** the community organizations already on the ground including but not limited to the following...



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### ALDERMAN ★ 16TH WARD

- Teamwork Englewood
- Resident Association of Greater Englewood (RAGE)
- IMAN Chicago
- Greater Englewood Community Development Corporation (GECDC)
- Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce
- Grow Greater Englewood
- Growing Home Inc.
- Imagine Englewood If
- Voices of West Englewood
- Antioch Community Social Service Agency
- St. Bernard Hospital
- Calahan Funeral Home, Inc.

- The Salvation Army Adele and Robert Stern Red Shield Center
- E. G. Woode
- Kennedy King College
- IL Dept of Children and Family Services
- Archdiocese of Chicago Englewood WIC
- US Bank
- Chicago Police 7th District
- Chicago Fire Engine Co 84 and 116
- Exelon Smart Tech

# Engagement Strategy

## Current engagement strategy

- Aldermanic office engagement  
(6th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th wards)
- Monthly ISW Roundtables
- 1-2 Walking Tours  
(late spring through early summer)
  - Connections to the greater community
  - Public space programming & design refinement
- 2-3 Site Tent Popup events  
(late spring through summer)
- Community Chalkboards  
(late spring through summer)
- Community Events
- Jobs and hiring events for tenants and construction (late spring through fall)




## Englewood Connect Initial Jobs Estimates

Englewood Connect will provide both  
near-term and long-term  
employment with approximately  
**100+ construction jobs** and  
**38 to 47 full-time** equivalent onsite employees



**Website Live!**

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**Open Q & A**

## **Questions for the Englewood Community**

How do we target local businesses to participate in the project?

What types of businesses do you think would draw residents and others to the site consistently?

Upcoming Events?

**Did we miss anything?**



the shed

englewood living room

green st commot

busine incuba

THE GIZMO DOCK

Lynwood Blvd  
Lynwood Ave

# Englewood Connect

Thank you!

# INVEST SOUTH / WEST GREATER ENGLEWOOD ENGAGEMENT PLAN

**Eric Hotchkiss**

Englewood Artist in Residence

## INITIAL ENGAGEMENT

### Initial Stakeholder Engagement

- RAGE
- Englewood Artist Collective
- Grow Greater Englewood
- Getting Grown Collective
- Teens Re-Imagining Arts Culture and Environment (TRACE)
- Englewood STEM Academy
- Kennedy King College
- Alderman Sawyer
- Alderman Coleman

### Key themes & Observations

- Young Adult Engagement
- Agency
- Community Branding
- History of Englewood

CONTINUED  
ENGAGEMENT

## Initial Stakeholder Engagement

- EAC
- Grow Greater Englewood
- Kennedy King College
- Englewood Stem Academy

## Key themes & Observations

- Individual Block Club Stake Holders/ Elders
- Corey Lockett of Englewood Branded
- Young Englewood Influencers  
Heavy Crownz (Trap House Chicago, Gr8 Thinkers)

Outreach

# Engagement Models



## Community Pull-Ups

This is a chance to take engagement to a personal level. Pull Ups are planned workshops between neighborhood stake holders (official block club leaders, unofficial block leaders, elders) and myself. Each of these meeting will be conducted over an outdoor dinner with the objective of surveying the community and obtaining more information about the history and aesthetic vision of the Greater Englewood Community



Youth Engagement

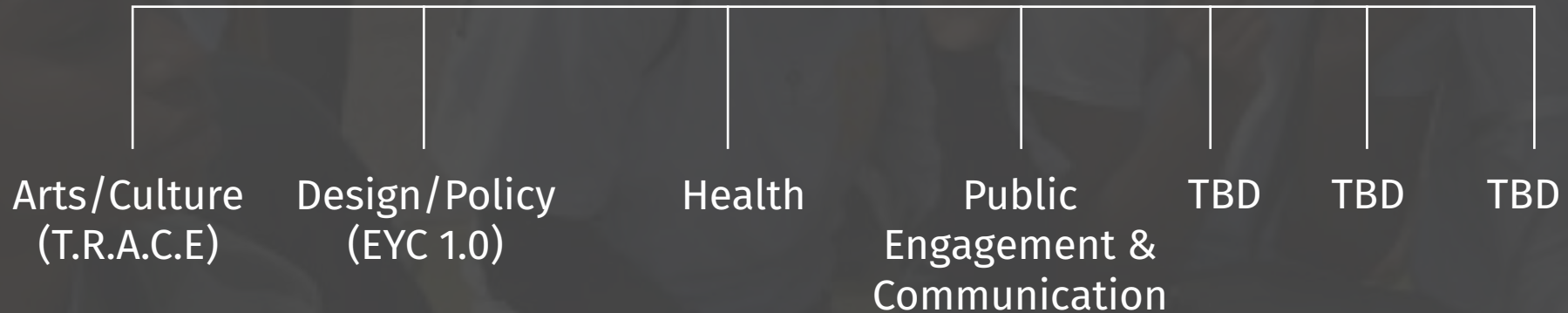
# Englewood Youth Council 1.0 (Prototype)

Though the Englewood community is very effective at organizing and mobilizing its residents, I do see a lack of youth involvement in the decision-making process. It is this demographic (teen and young adult) that will have the most interaction with designs and infrastructure improvement put forward by ISW. In a short time, they will become the bread winners of the young families that Englewood hopes to attract. Because of this, it is imperative that they are included and allowed agency in the planning process. The Englewood Youth Council is a cohort of teens and young adults (18yo-23 yo) who will be directly involved in the decision-making process of the Englewood Invest Southwest outreach strategies and project selection. Working virtually 5 hours a week for 12 weeks, this group will learn and implement planning/engagement strategies while also guiding the both the ISW AIR capstone project and the design decisions of The Englewood Line. This version of the Englewood Youth Council which will focus on engagement and infrastructure policy design decisions.



# Englewood Youth Council 2.0

The EYC 1.0 will serve as a prototype for a future Englewood Youth Council which features several cohorts; mimicking the municipal councils that govern at the City and State level. It also seeks to serve and support several youth lead initiatives that already exist in this space (example: TRACE).



## Tactical Urbanism Pop-Ups (3)

**Tactical Urbanism** affords the ability to move beyond research and data collection, to prototyping and testing. These design interaction offer an excellent chance to re-engage with the community and gather more refined feedback. This effort will be in partnership with Grow Greater Englewood and the Englewood Line Project



# Engagement Calendar

## **Pull Ups**

10 Pull-Up to occur Bi Monthly  
from April 15th - September  
15th

## **Englewood Youth Council**

**1.0**

Begins May 5th  
Ends July 14th

## **Tactical Urbanism Pop-Ups**

Once a month beginning Mid  
Summer  
July 15th, August 15th

# Budget

| Englewood ISW AIR Engagement Budget             |                   |                                |             |                    |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Englewood Youth Council                         |                   |                                |             |                    |
| Positions                                       | Wage (\$/Hr)      | Hours /Week                    | Total Weeks | Total              |
| 8   | 20                | 5                              | 12          | <b>\$9600</b>      |
| Youth Council / Tactical Urbanism Pop-Up Events |                   |                                |             |                    |
| Events  | Materials + Labor |                                |             |                    |
| 3   | \$5,000           |                                |             | <b>\$1500</b>      |
| Pull Ups  |                   |                                |             |                    |
| Events  | Catering Cost     | Supply/Printing/Cost           |             |                    |
| 10  | \$100             | \$20                           |             | <b>\$1200</b>      |
| Website/Social Media Promotion Cost (Yearly)    |                   |                                |             |                    |
| Hosting   | Domain            | Instagram /Facebook Promotions |             |                    |
| \$250   | \$30              | \$200                          |             | <b>\$480</b>       |
|   |                   |                                |             |                    |
| <b>Total Sum</b>                                |                   |                                |             | <b>\$26,280.00</b> |

**Youth Council  
\$ 10 K  
Pay + Pop-Up  
Materials**

**Tactical  
Urbanism  
\$ 15 K**

**Pull Ups  
\$1200  
Food and Printed  
Materials**

**Web/Social  
Engagement  
\$500**

# Thank You!

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