

Notes on Data and other Sources

LISC Chicago gathered data from many sources to provide accurate, consistent information in the Chicago Neighborhoods 2015 profiles.

Context and Trends

- Focus group discussions in each planning district were used to identify investment trends, population shifts, and other dynamic information; this was verified with relevant data and further research.

Demographics

- Population by community area is from U.S. Census in 2010, 2000, and previous years. These high-level numbers are considered more accurate than more-current estimates from the American Community Survey.
- Racial and ethnic mix, income levels, housing composition, housing market conditions, education, local employment, and other details are from sources developed by the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University. That data and details on sources is at cct.org/CN2015/datasources.
- Household income mix by community area is from the [Woodstock Institute data portal](#), using data from Easy Analytic Software Inc., updated January 2014.

Projects with Government Support

- Dollar amounts, acreage, square footage, construction schedules, and other details are from official announcements by City of Chicago, State of Illinois, and other agencies.

Private Development

- Dollar amounts, acreage, construction schedules, and other details are from news sources (*Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Crain's Chicago Business*, *DNAinfo*, *Curbed Chicago*, *Chicago Magazine*, etc.) and/or websites of owners or development firms.

Schools

- Information on 2013 school closings and possible reuse of empty buildings is from [2013 School Repurposing & Community Development](#), Chicago Public Schools.

Transportation

- Chicago Transit Authority ridership is average weekday boardings in [year-end reports](#), 2013 and earlier.
- Metra ridership is from 2006 and 2014 ridership counts. Since 2014 ridership was counted in the spring, versus fall counts in 2006, it reflects a roughly 5 percent lower, seasonal ridership level. Any variance greater than -5% is likely reflective of changes in population, employment, usage, and other factors.
- CREATE freight rail information is from project fact sheets at createprogram.org.

Plans

- The narratives were informed by many previous plans as well as new plans now underway; direct links to the referenced plans are provided whenever possible. Summaries of plans reviewed by Metropolitan Planning Council can be found at cct.org/CN2015.

History

- Landmarks, dates of construction, locations, and other data are from official sources and/or published books, plans, and reports. Primary references used include:
 - *At Home in the Loop: How Clout and Community Built Chicago's Dearborn Park*, Lois Wille, Southern Illinois University Press, 1998
 - *Black Metropolis: A Study of Negro Life in a Northern City, Revised and Enlarged Edition*, St. Claire Drake and Horace R. Cayton, The University of Chicago Press, 1945, 1993
 - *Central Station: Realizing a Vision*, Gerald W. Fogelson with Joe Marconi, Racom Communications, 2007
 - *Chicago: A Historical Guide to the Neighborhoods: The Loop and South Side*, Glen E. Holt and Dominic A. Pacyga, Chicago Historical Society, 1978
 - *Chicago: Metropolis of the Mid-Continent, Second Edition*, Irving Cutler, The Geographic Society of Chicago and Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 1973, 1976
 - *Chicago 1910-29: Building, Planning, and Urban Technology*, Carl W. Condit, The University of Chicago Press, 1973
 - *Chicago 1930-70: Building, Planning, and Urban Technology*, Carl W. Condit, The University of Chicago Press, 1974
 - *Confronting the Color Line: The Broken Promise of the Civil Rights Movement in Chicago*, Alan B. Anderson and George W. Pickering, University of Georgia Press, 1986
 - *Ethnic Chicago: A Multicultural Portrait, Fourth Edition*, Edited by Melvin G. Holli and Peter d'A. Jones, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1977, 1995
 - *Local Community Fact Book, Chicago Metropolitan Area 1990*, The Chicago Fact Book Consortium, 1995
 - *Local Community Fact Book, Chicago Metropolitan Area, Based on the 1970 and 1980 Censuses*, The Chicago Fact Book Consortium, 1984
 - *Rusted Dreams: Hard Times in a Steel Community*, Robert Bensman and Roberta Lynch, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1987
 - *South Chicago U.S.A., A photographic essay by James J. Klekowski*, Ellis Avenue Studios, 2002

Asset Mapping Sources

Focus Groups

- A focus group in each of the planning districts included an asset mapping exercise in which participants corrected and added assets to base maps.

City of Chicago Data Portal

- Streets, Community Areas, public schools, waterways, industrial corridors, landmarks, libraries, transit stations, and parks were obtained from City of Chicago Data Portal as of July 2014. The information was corrected based on a review of field data, past projects, and participation with focus groups.

Review of Plans

- Teska reviewed the plan summaries conducted by MPC/PLACE and referred to original maps and lists of assets in the planning documents for inclusion in the CN2015 Asset Maps.

Asset Studies

- *Creating Development Opportunities in Chicago's Calumet Region*, Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives
- *The Greater Englewood Community Asset Report*, Greater Englewood Community Development Corporation
- *accelerate 77*, Institute for Cultural Affairs, www.accelerate77.net

Notes on Methodology

- The Asset Maps do not include all possible categories or individual places of interest. These maps are an initial guide to local and regional assets based on data, input from local stakeholders, and past plans and studies.
- Only a limited number of non-profit organizations are shown due to limited spacing and the rich non-profit environment throughout the City of Chicago. More comprehensive listings of service organizations, community gardens, and other non-profit organizations are available via special-interest listings or citywide aggregations such as *accelerate77*.
- Similarly, while Chicago Public Schools are noted, only a limited number of private and parochial schools are identified. Early childhood centers are not shown on the maps due to the large number of locations throughout the city.

Focus group meetings

LISC convened 15 focus group meetings between June and October 2014 at locations around the city. Each meeting included a mapping exercise to identify assets, followed by general discussion of neighborhood characteristics. The assets information was combined with data, recommendations from past plans, recent news, public announcements, and historic information to create the narrative descriptions in this booklet.

Bronzeville South Lakefront – June 26 – hosted by Quad Communities Development Corp., 4659 S. Cottage Grove Avenue

Calumet – June 26 – hosted by Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives at U.S. Bank, 1000 E. 111th Street

North Lakefront – June 27 – hosted by Uptown United and Bridgeview Bank, 4753 N. Broadway Avenue

Stockyards – July 29 – hosted by Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council at Back of the Yards High School, 2111 W. 47th

Street **South Side** – July 30 – hosted by Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corp. at Urban Partnership Bank, 7801 S.

State Street **Stony Island** – July 30 – hosted by Claretian Associates, 9100 S. Burley Avenue

Far Southwest Side – August 5 – hosted by Beverly Area Planning Association, 11109 S. Longwood Drive

Midway – August 5 – hosted by Southwest Organizing Project, 2558 W. 63rd Street

Northwest Side – August 6 – hosted by Northwest Side Housing Center, 5007 W. Addison Street

North Central – August 12 – hosted by North River Commission at North Park University, 3225 W. Foster Avenue

Milwaukee Avenue – August 14 – hosted by LUCHA at Humboldt Park Residence, 1152 N. Christiana Avenue

Lincoln Park Lakeview – August 14 – hosted by Near North Unity Project at DePaul University, 1110 W. Belden Avenue

West Side – August 27 – hosted by BUILD, 5100 W. Harrison Street

Near West Side – August 27 – hosted by Near West Side Community Development Corp. at Westhaven Park, 1939 W. Lake Street

Central Area – October 15 – hosted by LISC Chicago, 135 S. LaSalle Street

LISC did not convene a meeting for the **Pilsen Little Village** district because the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning had conducted multiple meetings with stakeholders in 2013 and 2014. LISC used material from those meetings for this report.

Participants

LISC Chicago thanks the following individuals for their participation in focus groups between June and October 2014. Lists were compiled from sign-in sheets and may not include all participants. Our apologies for any omissions or spelling errors.

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LISC also conducted an online citywide survey to identify additional assets and solicit comments about each planning district. The survey was promoted heavily by email and social media; it engaged more than 209 individuals and resulted in 61 completed responses. All 16 of the districts were represented in the survey results, which were incorporated as appropriate into the narratives and maps.

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