

West Loop



Neighborhood Plan

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Meeting Goals

- ▶ Introduce Neighbors of West Loop (NoWL)
- ▶ Present the draft *Neighborhood Plan*
- ▶ Gather your input
- ▶ Identify ways you can get involved



Neighbors of West Loop



- ▶ Mission & goals
- ▶ All volunteer

To enhance the quality of life for residents and neighbors of Chicago's greater West Loop Community. We engage those who want to participate in positive collaboration for improving our vibrant neighborhoods.



Neighbors of West Loop

- Giving stronger voice to residents
- Philanthropy and park beautification projects
- Hosting local events
- Keeping the community informed



Neighbors of West Loop

- ▶ Organization
 - Board of Directors
 - Committees
 - Communication
 - Development
 - Events
 - Green Space & Parks
 - Philanthropy
 - Safety/CAPS





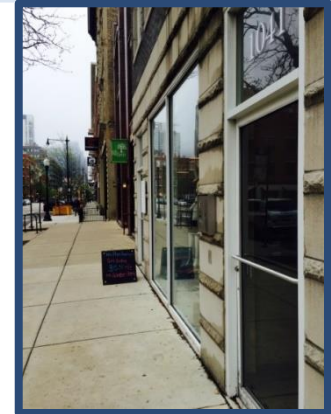
The Neighborhood Plan

Neighborhood Plan Vision

To preserve and enhance the high quality of life for residents and neighbors of the West Loop, allowing the neighborhood to remain a desirable place for residents to live, work, and play for decades to come.

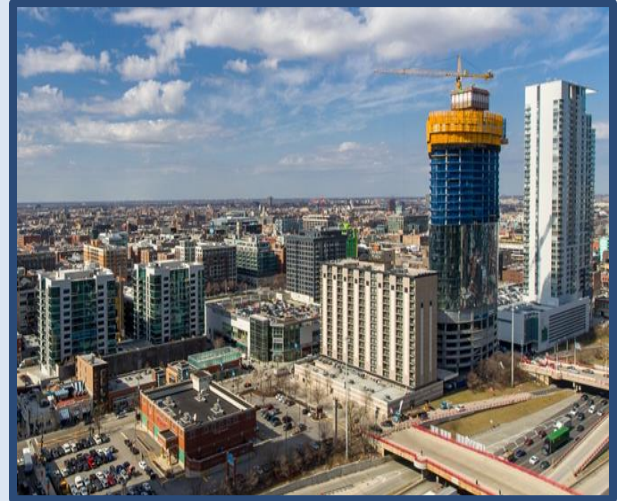
Neighborhood Plan Objectives

- Promote preservation, progress, prosperity
- Create a resident-driven plan for the WL
- Provide guidance to the NoWL Development Committee, developers, city planners, elected officials



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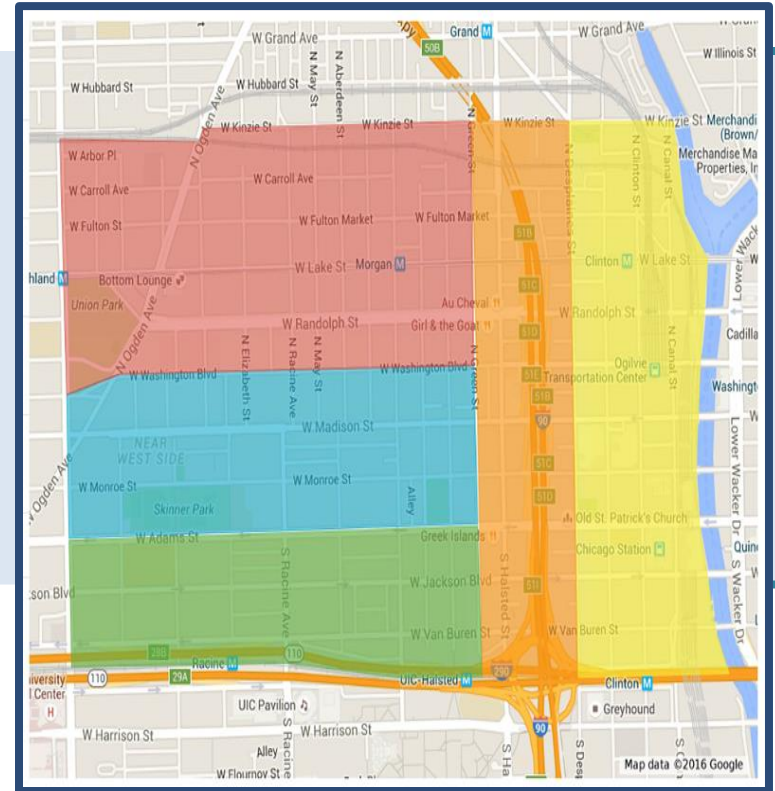
- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Vision & Plan Objectives
- Focus Areas
- Conclusion & Next Steps
- Appendices
 - History of the West Loop
 - Green space deficit analysis



NoWL Neighborhood Plan

Five study corridors:

- Jackson
- Madison
- **Fulton Market**
- Halsted/Kennedy
- Loop



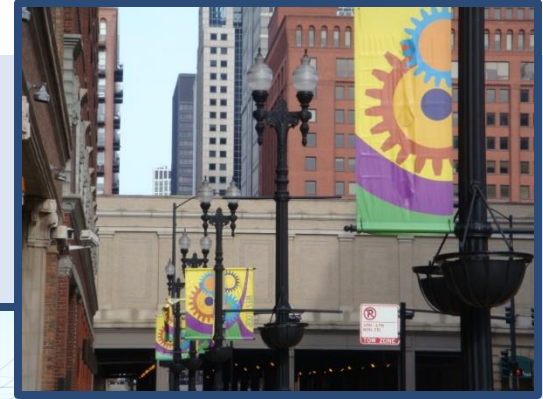
Extensive Outreach

- Workshops across the neighborhood
- Attendance at development community meetings
- Participation in the *West Loop Design Guidelines* steering committee



Discussion Categories

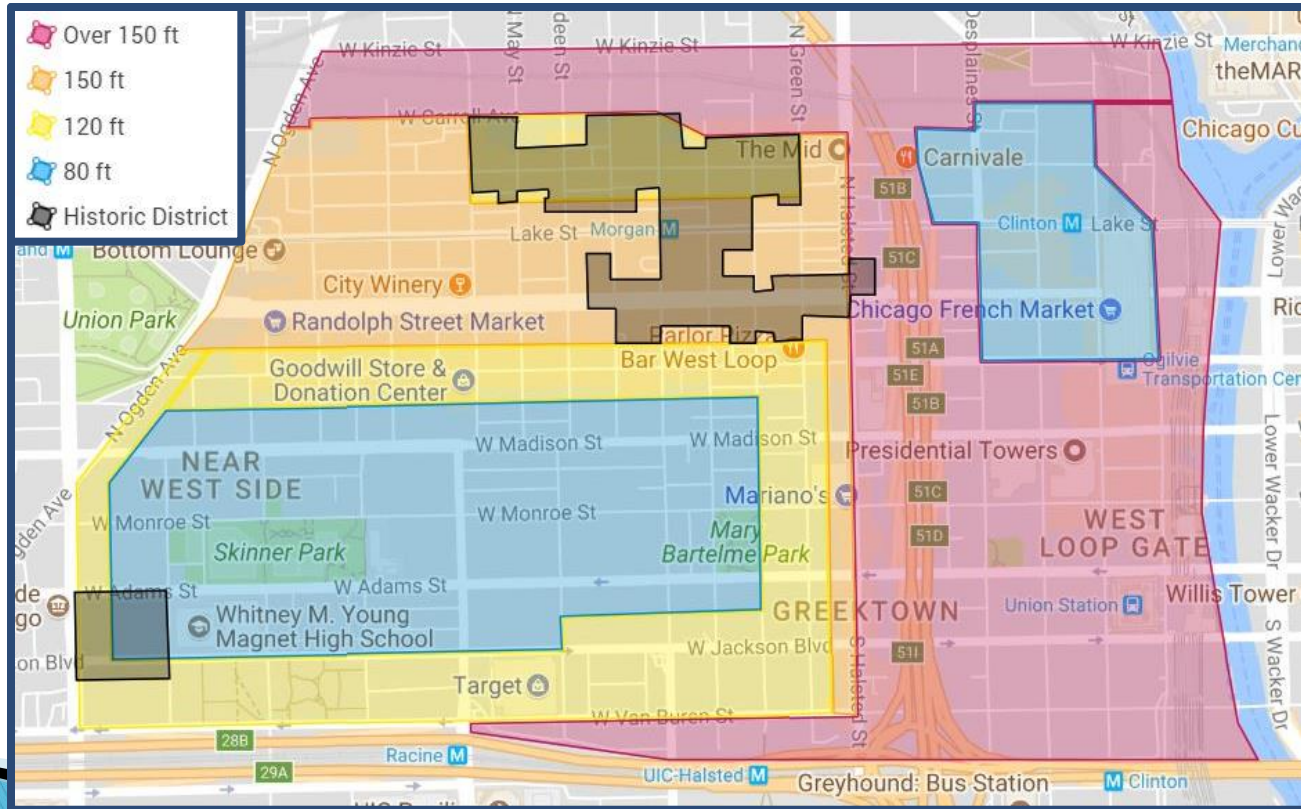
- Development & Land Use
- Traffic & Parking
- Infrastructure
- Parks & Green Space
- Public Safety



Development & Land Use

- Consistently enforce the *West Loop Design Guidelines*.
- Observe the architectural style of historic West Loop structures while introducing new design elements.
- Implement building height requirements for developments that propose changes to existing zoning.

Recommended New Building Heights

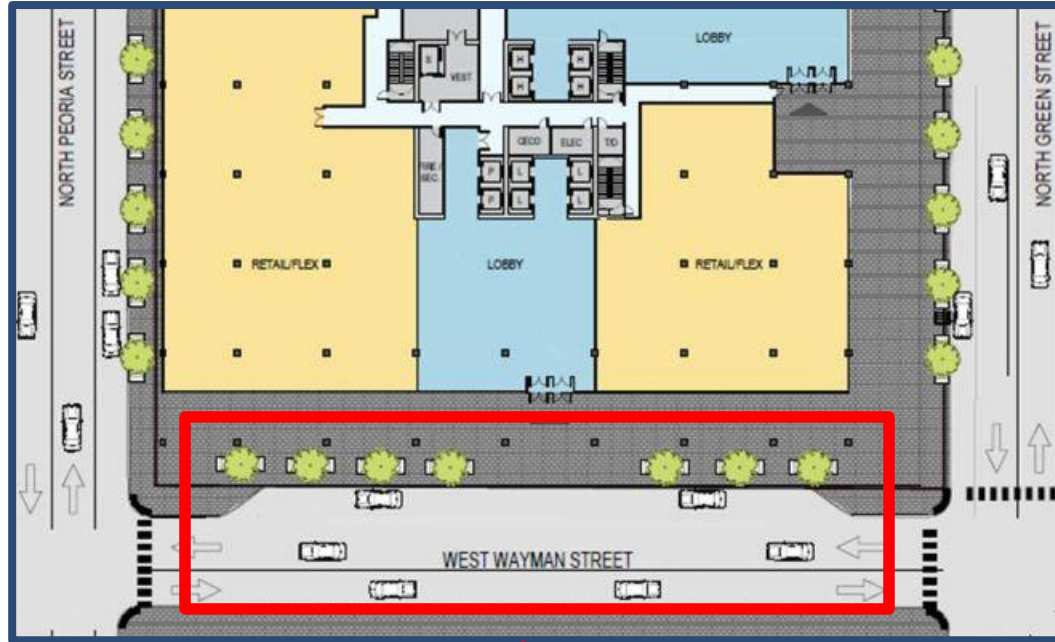


Development & Land Use

- Encourage and preserve local businesses.
- Provide open space for public use.
- Meet City requirements by providing affordable housing on-site.
- Address traffic congestion issues created by development.



Development Considerations



Example of pull-out area for taxis and TNCs (e.g., Uber, Lyft)

Traffic & Parking

- Initiate a neighborhood-wide traffic study.
- Implement improvements for pedestrians, transit, and cyclists.
- Expand the proposed resident permit parking program.
- Promote shared parking for the different sources of demand over the course of the day and week.

Thoroughfare Improvements

- Widened sidewalks
- Pedestrian bump-outs
- Protected bike lanes
- Loading areas



Infrastructure



- Accelerate the rate of infrastructure repairs and provide more infrastructure amenities, commensurate with other areas that are classified under downtown zoning.
- Improve street lighting in poorly-lit areas.
- Encourage public art.

Parks & Greens Space

- Develop a strategic plan to address green space deficit.
 - Cap the Kennedy
 - Expand existing parks
 - Increase open space impact fees
 - Acquire land for new parks



Klyde Warren Park in Dallas

Parks & Greens Space

- Ensure that parks, park facilities, and green spaces meet the needs of ALL residents
 - Better manage use of existing parks
 - Redesign existing parks to have improved facilities
 - Provide larger dog friendly areas (DFAs)

Parks & Greens Space

- Short term goals and projects
 - Improve pedestrian access to Union Park
 - Direct music festival revenue to park improvements
 - Expand Skinner Park's green space
 - Construct a new fieldhouse with pool at Skinner Park
 - Develop park advisory councils for Heritage Green and Fulton River Parks
 - Redesign Fulton River Park
 - Provide a DFA at or near Heritage Green Park

Public Safety

- Encourage resident participation in the CAPS Program.
- Initiate neighborhood watch programs.
- Increase police patrols.*
- Split the CPD 12th District and locate a new station in the West Loop.
- Promote the sharing of security cameras footage with law enforcement.*

*CPD has announced programs to address these items.



Open Discussion

Next Steps

- Collect & address comments
- Formal adoption by NoWL
- Implement the *Plan!*
- Track progress



Upcoming Events

- Development Committee meeting, September 10
- State of the 42nd Ward, September 18
- NoWL 5th anniversary celebration, TBD
- State of the 25th Ward, TBD
- NoWL Annual Meeting, December

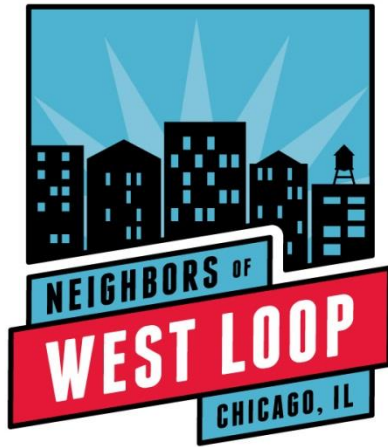
Neighbors of West Loop

▶ Membership

- Support our efforts!
- Get exclusive updates
- Join a committee
- Receive discounts
- And more!

Membership Type	Cost (Annual)
Household (up to 4 individuals)	\$35
Resident association	
10 or less units	\$150
11–100 units	\$300
101 or more units	\$750

▶ Sponsorship opportunities for businesses



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