

# ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL

KICK OFF MEETING

JUNE 09



**WELCOME!**

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1.75 MILES

GARFIELD BLVD

57TH ST

58TH ST

59TH ST

60TH ST

DAMEN AVE

ASHLAND AVE

RACINE AVE

HALSTED ST

63RD ST

# TRAILS AND CORRIDORS

2022 UPDATE



- | ID | Route Name                            |
|----|---------------------------------------|
| 1  | 126th Place Sidepath                  |
| 2  | 130th Street Sidepath                 |
| 3  | 49th St Embankment                    |
| 4  | 606/Bloomingdale Trail                |
| 5  | African American Heritage Water Trail |
| 6  | Altenheim Line                        |
| 7  | Big Marsh Park Corridor               |
| 8  | Boulevard System                      |
| 9  | Burley Sidepath                       |
| 10 | Burnham Greenway                      |
| 11 | Canalport Riverwalk                   |
| 12 | Chicago & Illinois Western Corridor   |
| 13 | Chicago Riverwalk                     |
| 14 | Des Plaines River Trail Improvements  |
| 15 | Englewood Line                        |
| 16 | Kenwood Embankment                    |
| 17 | Lake Calumet Trail                    |
| 18 | Lakefront Trail                       |
| 19 | Lakefront Trail - South Extension     |
| 20 | Little Village Corridor               |
| 21 | Major Taylor Trail                    |
| 22 | Marquette Greenway                    |
| 23 | North Branch Canal/Wild Mile          |
| 24 | North Branch Trail                    |
| 25 | North Branch Transitway & Trail       |
| 26 | North Shore Channel Trail             |
| 27 | Sangamon Corridor                     |
| 28 | Cermak Corridor                       |
| 29 | Sauganash Trail                       |
| 30 | Van Vlissingen Corridor               |
| 31 | Weber Spur Trail                      |

- CTA Rail Lines & Stations
- Existing Corridors**
  - Maintain & Improve
  - On-Street Bike Connection
- Future Corridors**
  - Active Project
  - Potential Project
  - Potential On-Street Bike Connection
- Corridor Systems**
  - Boulevard
  - Lakefront
  - River
  - Open Space & Greenway



- River Corridor
- Lakefront Trail
- Boulevard System
- Halsted On-Street Bike Lane
- ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL**
- Damen On-Street Bike Lane
- Major Taylor Trail
- Van Vlissingen Corridor
- Burley Sidepath
- Lake Calumet Trail
- 126th Place Sidepath  
130th Street Sidepath



# AGRICULTURE ON THE ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL

  
**ENGLEWOOD  
VILLAGE  
FARMS**



# STEWARDSHIP ON THE ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL



**DISCOVERY  
ON THE ENGLEWOOD  
NATURE TRAIL**



# A PLACE TO GATHER ON THE ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL





**A PLACE  
TO GATHER  
ON THE ENGLEWOOD  
NATURE TRAIL**



**CULTURAL  
EXPRESSION  
ON THE ENGLEWOOD  
NATURE TRAIL**

**POWER TO ALL**



**CULTURAL  
EXPRESSION  
ON THE ENGLEWOOD  
NATURE TRAIL**



**WORKING  
TOGETHER  
ON THE ENGLEWOOD  
NATURE TRAIL**

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# **LAND AND ANCESTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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# **TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

- 1. How we got here: a vision for the trail**
- 2. The framework plan**
- 3. CDOT engineering**
- 4. Meet the team**
- 5. Staying involved**

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**HOW WE GOT HERE:  
A VISION FOR THE TRAIL**

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# HOW WE GOT HERE: A VISION FOR THE TRAIL

**2005**

Englewood Quality of Life plan recommends an urban agriculture district around 59th Street



**2005**

**2007**

Burnham Trails Centennial Plan



**2008**

Greater Englewood Community Plan by DPD



**2009**

New ERA Trail Community Vision Plan

Greater Englewood Task Force + Openlands



**2010**

**2014**

Green Healthy Neighborhoods plan by DPD proposes the trail and urban agriculture



**2015**

# HOW WE GOT HERE: A VISION FOR THE TRAIL

**2016**

Health Impact Assessment says trail can remediate health inequities

New Century Trail Plan

**2017**

Grow Greater Englewood established

59th Street Line Concept Plan by DPD provides information on conditions and priorities

**2018**

City of Chicago obtains the elevated line

**2021**

Englewood Village Farm and Plaza established

GGE+ SmithGroup Englewood Nature Trail Plan

**2022**

Englewood Nature Trail Framework Plan

CDOT begins Phase I Engineering

RAISE Grant Application

**2026**

Anticipated construction start



**2015**

**2020**

**2026**



# THE BRAIN TRUST

CHICAGO FOOD POLICY ACTION COUNCIL  
ELEVATE CHICAGO  
GREATER ENGLEWOOD CDC  
GREATER ENGLEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GROWING HOME  
IMAGINE ENGLEWOOD IF  
MADE IN ENGLEWOOD  
NEIGHBORSPACE  
R.A.G.E.  
SUSTAINABLE ENGLEWOOD  
TEAMWORK ENGLEWOOD  
THINK OUTSIDE THE BLOCK  
TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND  
VOICES OF WEST ENGLEWOOD  
ALDERMEN OF THE 15TH, 16TH, AND 20TH WARDS  
STATE REP. SONYA M. HARPER  
CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS



# RECURRING THEMES



## ANTI-DISPLACEMENT

Stabilize existing housing and create affordable housing to increase homeownership.



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Remediate vacant and contaminated sites into nature hubs for Englewood residents.



## COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

Create a model for community stewardship of the trail and its adjacent vacant lots; Stewardship Alliance comprised of community stakeholders.



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Leverage city-owned land to support continued development of local owned businesses, entrepreneurs and neighborhood services.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Provide a neighborhood asset that will support future equitable commercial and mixed-income residential development.

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MEET

THE TEAM

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# GROW GREATER ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

## *Mission*

Established in 2017, Grow Greater Englewood (GGE) works in partnership with community stakeholders to develop local food economies and land sovereignty which empower residents to thrive.



L. ANTON SEALS JR.



BWEZA ITAAGI



TANYA WARD



JOHN PAUL JONES



# DESIGN TEAM: GENSLER URBAN DESIGN AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

## *What We Do*

Neighborhood Planning  
Urban Revitalization  
Mixed-Income Master Planning  
Affordable Housing



ANDRE BRUMFIELD



AARON MAY



STEVE WILSON



JULIE OBROCHTA



MARIA PADILLA





# DESIGN TEAM: PLANNING RESOURCES (PRI) LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

## *Mission*

Employ a sustainable design and planning approach that creates attractive and functional community solutions where people live, work, and play. Our firm includes landscape architects, park planners, community planners, and designers.



DARRELL E. GARRISON



STEVE HALBERG



# DESIGN TEAM: BOTANICAL CITY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

## *Mission*

We are an urban and landscape design firm dedicated to preserving cultural landscapes. We have been an active research and design partner to the Englewood community throughout the evolution of its urban agriculture programs surrounding the Englewood Trail.



MARIA A. VILLALOBOS H.



NILAY MISTRY

JORGE MAYORGA

DIAMANTINA SANCHEZ



# DESIGN TEAM



**CHICAGO  
TREND  
ECONOMICS +  
WEALTH-  
BUILDING  
STRATEGIES**



**ENGAGE  
CIVIL  
CIVIL  
ENGINEERING**



**SAM  
SCHWARTZ  
TRANSPORTATION  
AND MOBILITY  
PLANNING**



**STUDIO J9  
GRAPHICS  
AND  
ENGAGEMENT**

**03**

**THE**

**FRAMEWORK PLAN**

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# ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL FRAMEWORK PLAN

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## MULTI-USE TRAIL DESIGN

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- Access points
- Mobility options
- Landscape design

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## DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE TRAIL

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- Priority sites
- Development scenarios
- Design guidelines
- Agricultural design

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Block stewards
- Community wealth building strategies
- Trail tours

# ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL TIMELINE

*We are  
here*

## STAGE 1

Existing  
conditions  
and initiatives

## STAGE 2

Design options  
and community  
input

## STAGE 3

Design refinement  
and crafting a vision  
together

## STAGE 4

Implementation  
and opportunity  
sites

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUG

SEPT

OCT

04

CDOT

ENGINEERING

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# TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

The City is seeking federal funds for the construction of the trail.

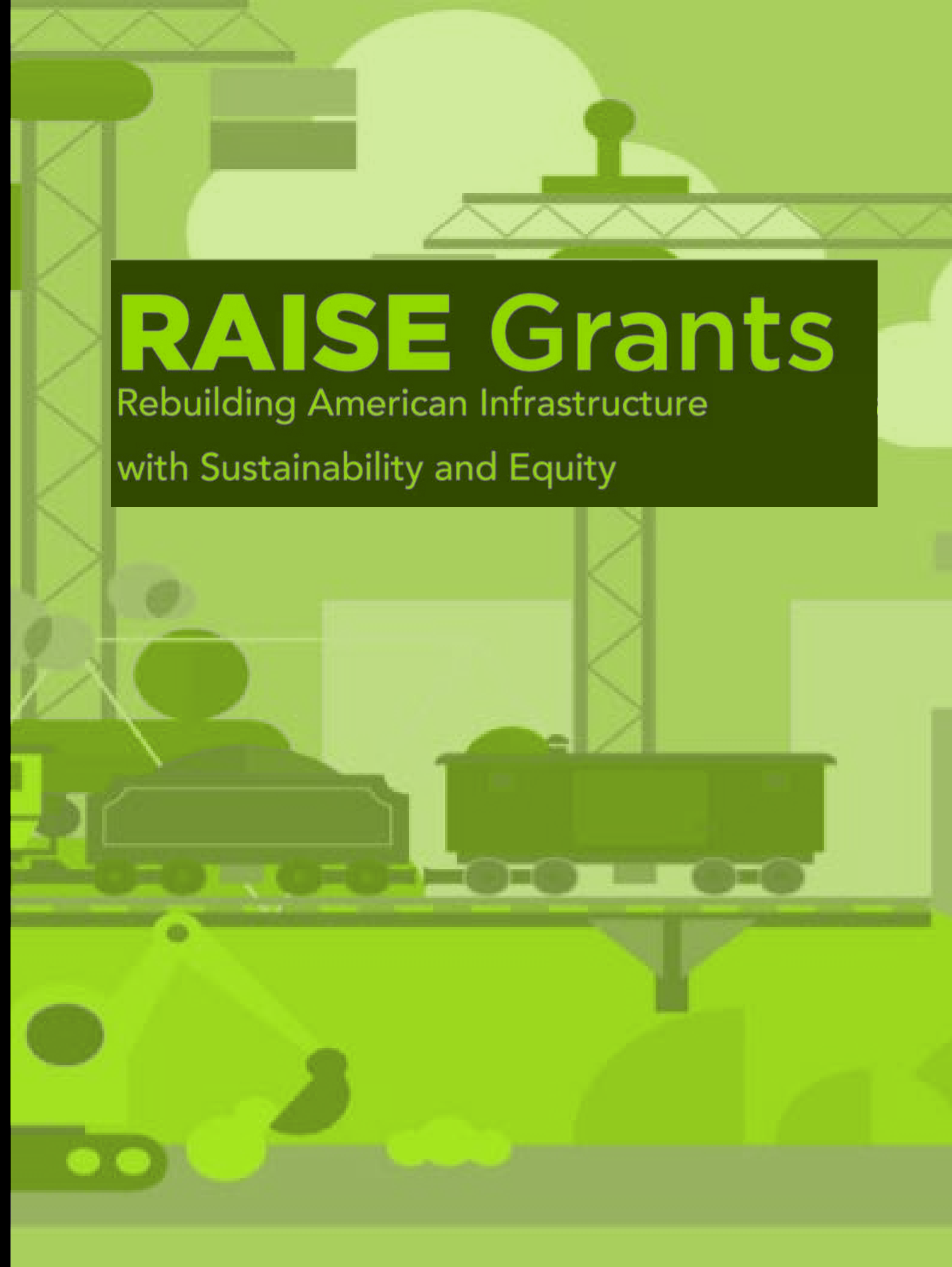
The US Department of Transportation grants funds for this work.

Surface transportation infrastructure projects, including trail projects, are eligible to apply.

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**RAISE Grants**

Rebuilding American Infrastructure  
with Sustainability and Equity





# CDOT ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

## SPRING

Start DPD Framework Plan

## SUMMER

Start CDOT Phase I: Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study

## FALL

Start CDOT Phase 2: Detailed Design and Engineering

## SPRING

Anticipated construction start.

RAISE funding must be under contract by September.

Site Activations

Workforce Development

*Continued public engagement throughout the process...*

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

**05**

**STAYING  
INVOLVED**

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# BLOCK STEWARDS

Englewood Block Stewards are neighborhood members who will work to make their communities safe places to live, work, and play.

Becoming a Block Steward will help connect fellow residents near the Englewood Nature Trail. They will promote safe activities and garner feedback from their neighbors.

Block Stewards are essential to building and strengthening partnerships with neighbors, public safety, and other community stakeholders.



# COMMUNITY COMPACT

As part of the Framework Plan, the community is creating a 'Community Public Benefits Compact' for recommendations for equitable development.

Our Community Public Benefits Compact calls for:

- Anti-displacement of long term residents
- Good infrastructure
- Green neighborhood plan
- Conservation core
- Public safety



# JOIN OUR NEXT EVENT OUTSIDE!

FUTURE MEETINGS  
WILL BE FIRST  
THURSDAYS THIS  
SUMMER

MEETING **#2**

JULY 7, 2022  
6PM

DESIGN  
CHARENTE

MEETING **#3**

AUG 4, 2022  
6PM

COMMUNITY WEALTH  
BUILDING STRATEGIES

MEETING **#4**

SEPT 1, 2022  
6PM

DESIGN  
CHARENTE

# STAY CONNECTED

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WITH GROW  
GREATER  
ENGLEWOOD**

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**ATTEND  
FUTURE  
MEETINGS  
THIS SUMMER**

**FIRST  
THURSDAYS!**

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THE  
SURVEY  
ANYTIME  
AT:**

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