95TH STREET CORRIDOR PLAN

A community-informed Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Plan

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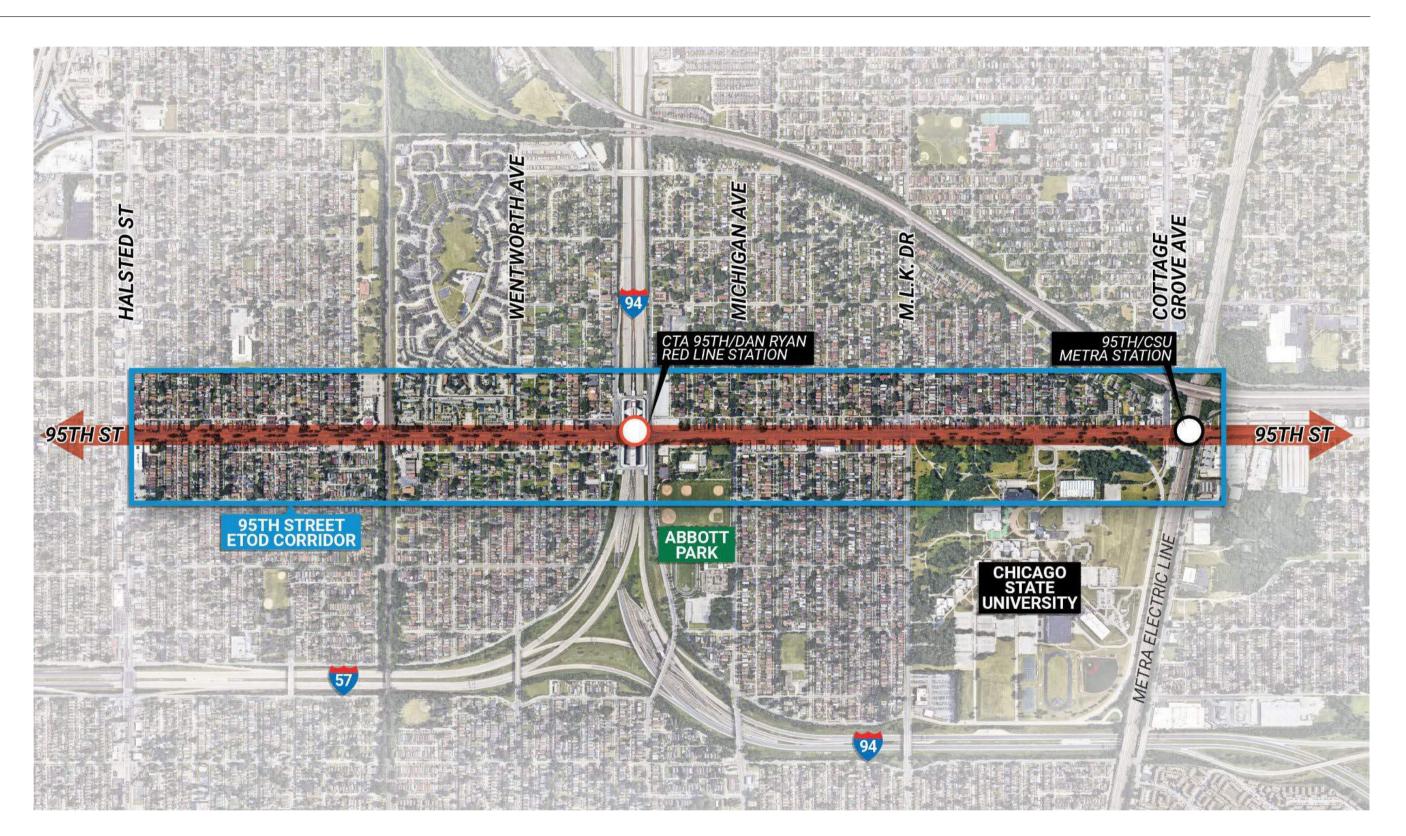




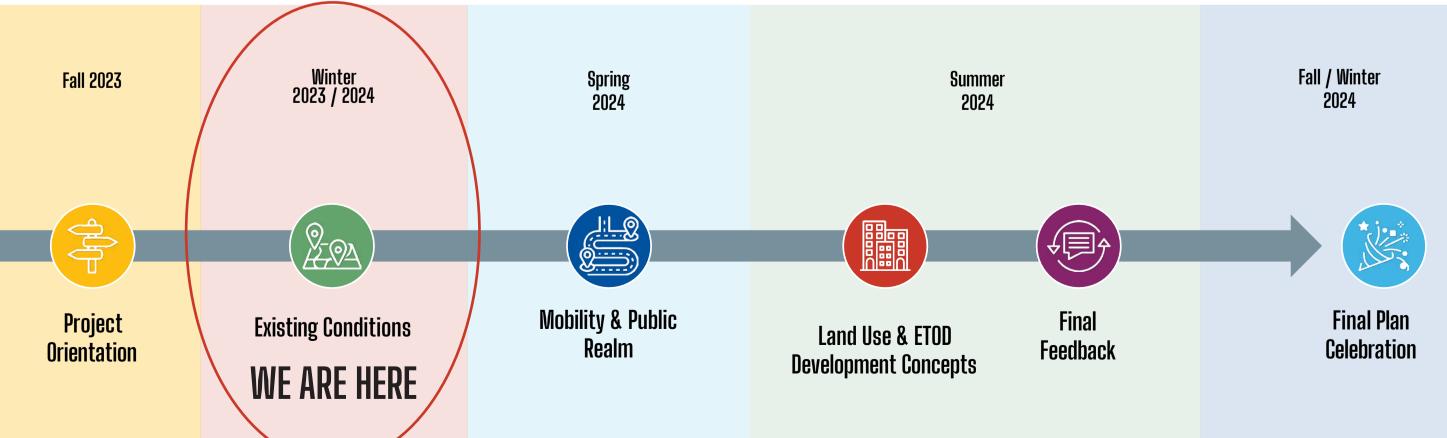
Study Area & Planning Process

What is the 95th Street Corridor Plan?

The 95th Street Corridor Plan is a communitydriven process that will result in recommendations to guide future growth and improvements along the 95th Street corridor from Halsted to Cottage Grove Avenue. The plan is seeking to foster Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) through topic areas that include transportation, safety, urban design, economic development, and policies to create a more vibrant and healthy community.









Meeting Overview

Date and Location: February 3rd, 2024, 10AM – 2PM at Imani Village, 901 E 95th

Purpose: Gather feedback in an open house format from community members on existing conditions along the corridor to inform future development and Plan recommendations

Facilitators: Stations were facilitated by teams of Community Advisory Group members and technical consultants

Attendee Count: ~250 attendees (25% walk-ins)

Feedback Amount: Over 400 comments and 1,500 survey/activity responses received and processed

Local Officials: The aldermanic offices of the 6th Ward (Alderman William E. Hall), 8th Ward (Alderman Michelle A. Harris), 9th Ward (Alderman Anthony A. Beale), and 21st Ward (Alderman Ronnie L. Mosley) were all in attendance

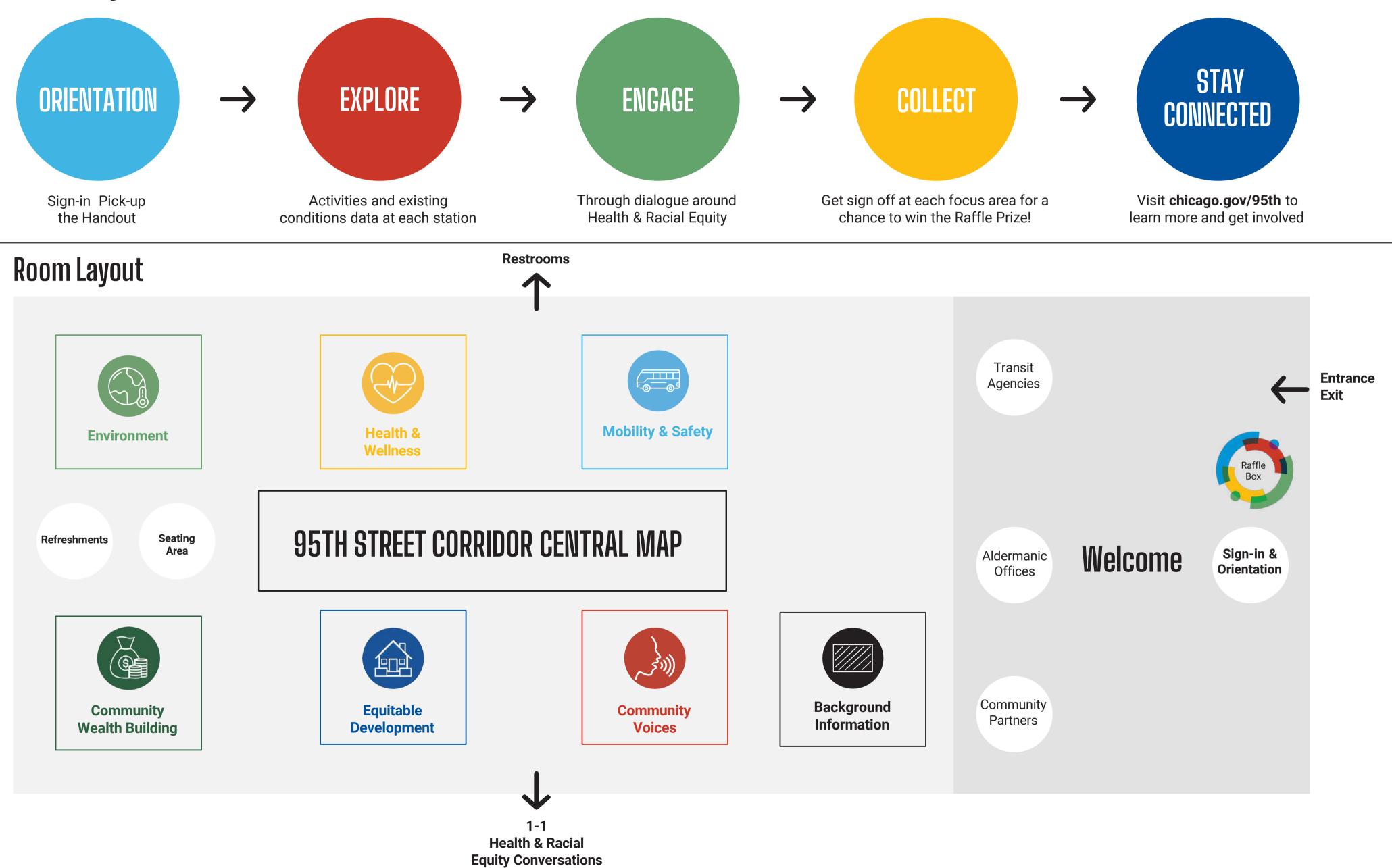
City Department, Transit Agency, and Community Organization Attendance: Imani Village, Endeleo Institute, Far South Community Development Corporation (Far South CDC), Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Pace, Chicago State University, Far South Chicago Coalition, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS), and the Chicago Department of Housing





Orientation

How Today's Event Flows





Historical Background

1890-1899

Villages of Fernwood, South Englewood, Washington Heights, West Chesterfield, Roseland incorporated to the City of Chicago

1934

Redlining maps (FHA) continue cycle of 'white flight' and disinvestment in Black neighborhoods through the 1960s.

1880s

Industrial Revolution, Manufacturing jobs in railroad, railyards, steel mills.

1915 - 1940

Great Migration first wave, Chicago's Black population more than doubled

1912

Lilydale community development with Black families homeownership



1953 Lowden Homes completed

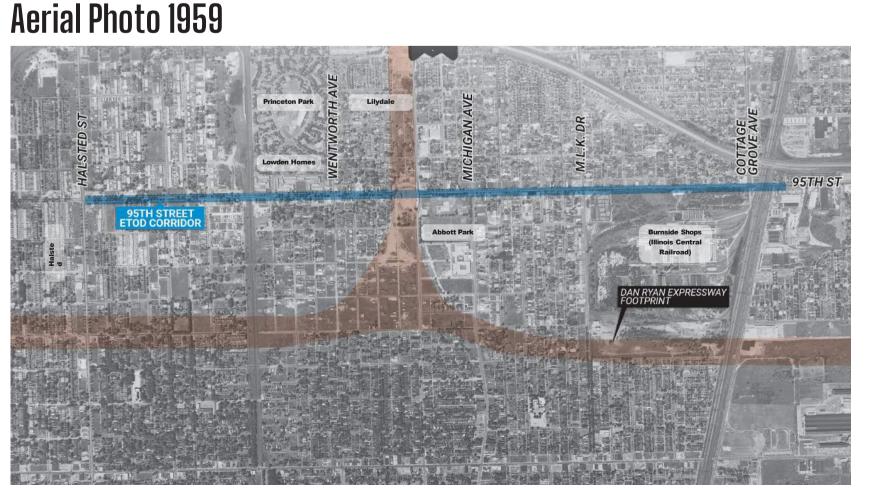
1944 **Princeton Park** development

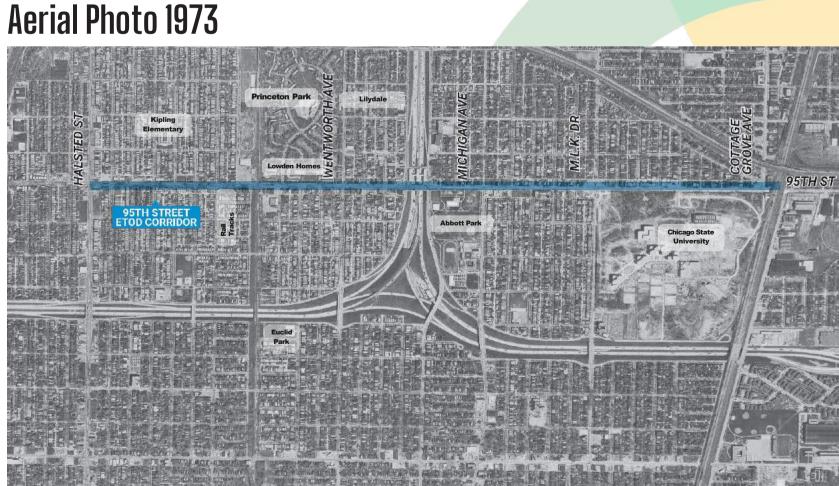


(Source: CTA)

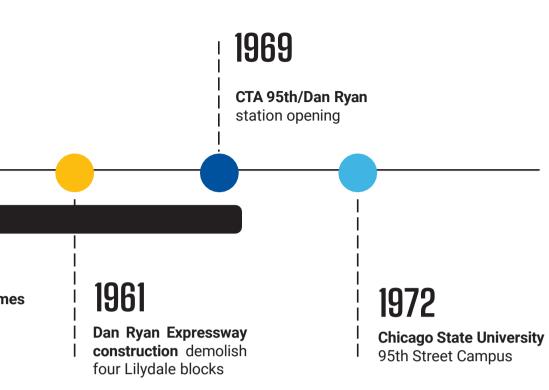


1870s railroad strikes





CSU Campus 1972





As a result of redlining and Black resident influx through the 1950s, 98% of the population was African American by 1980.

1970. Passengers waiting at the busy newly opened 95th/Dan Ryan Red Line Station





Washington Heights Brainerd bungalows

Health and Racial Equity Impact Assessment

What is the HREIA?

A tool to examine how communities along the 95th St. Corridor will likely be affected by a proposed action or decision. The process focuses on health and racial equity to increase positive health outcomes and reduce racial disparities.

Why do an HREIA for the Plan?

To promote community well-being and empower residents to actively participate in the decision-making processes that shape their environment.

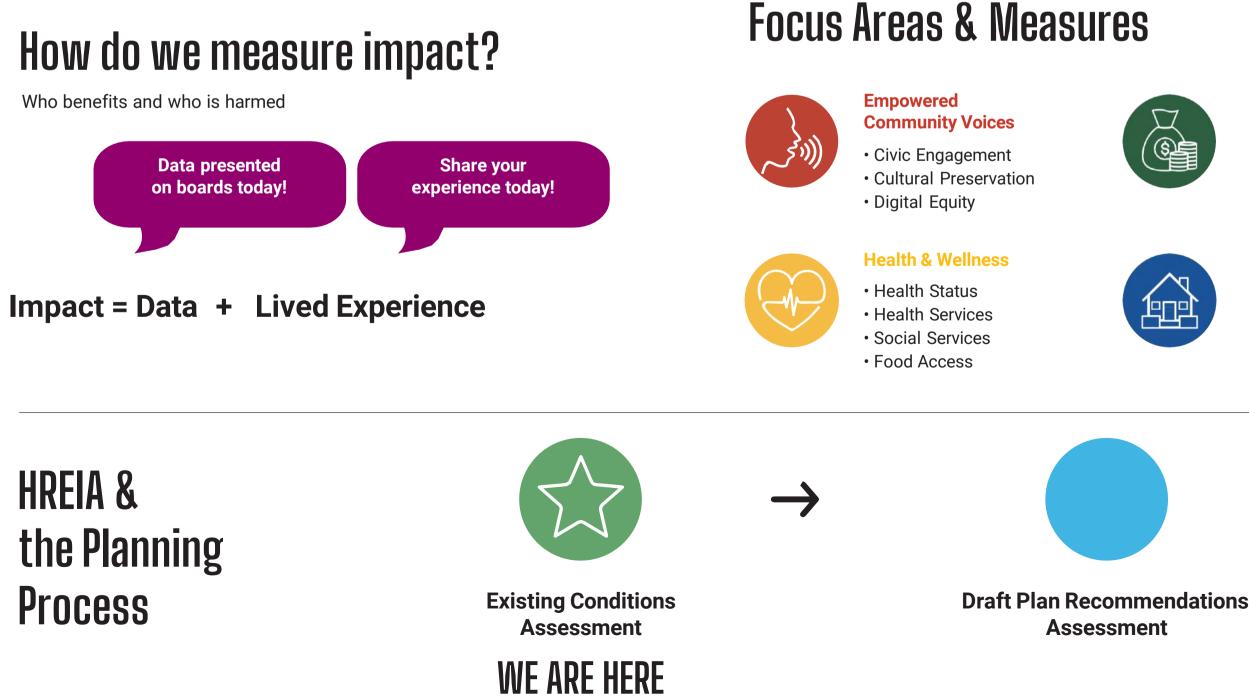
Purpose



ACKNOWLEDGE HISTORY

We begin by acknowledging the history of harm perpetuated through narratives, money, and policy.

Source: Equity Means Action | Just Action







SHIFT POWER

Then, we collectively reimagine how to shift this power to historically excluded groups.



EMBRACE ACCOUNTABILITY

Finally, we seek to build and embrace accountability to groups most harmed.

Employment Commercial Vitality

Community Wealth Building

- Education & Workforce Development
- Access to Capital & Entrepreneuship

Equitable Development

- Land Use, Zoning &
- Architectural Character
- Vacancies
- Housing



Mobility & Safety

- Transportation & Safety
- Access to transit, walking & biking
- Public Safety

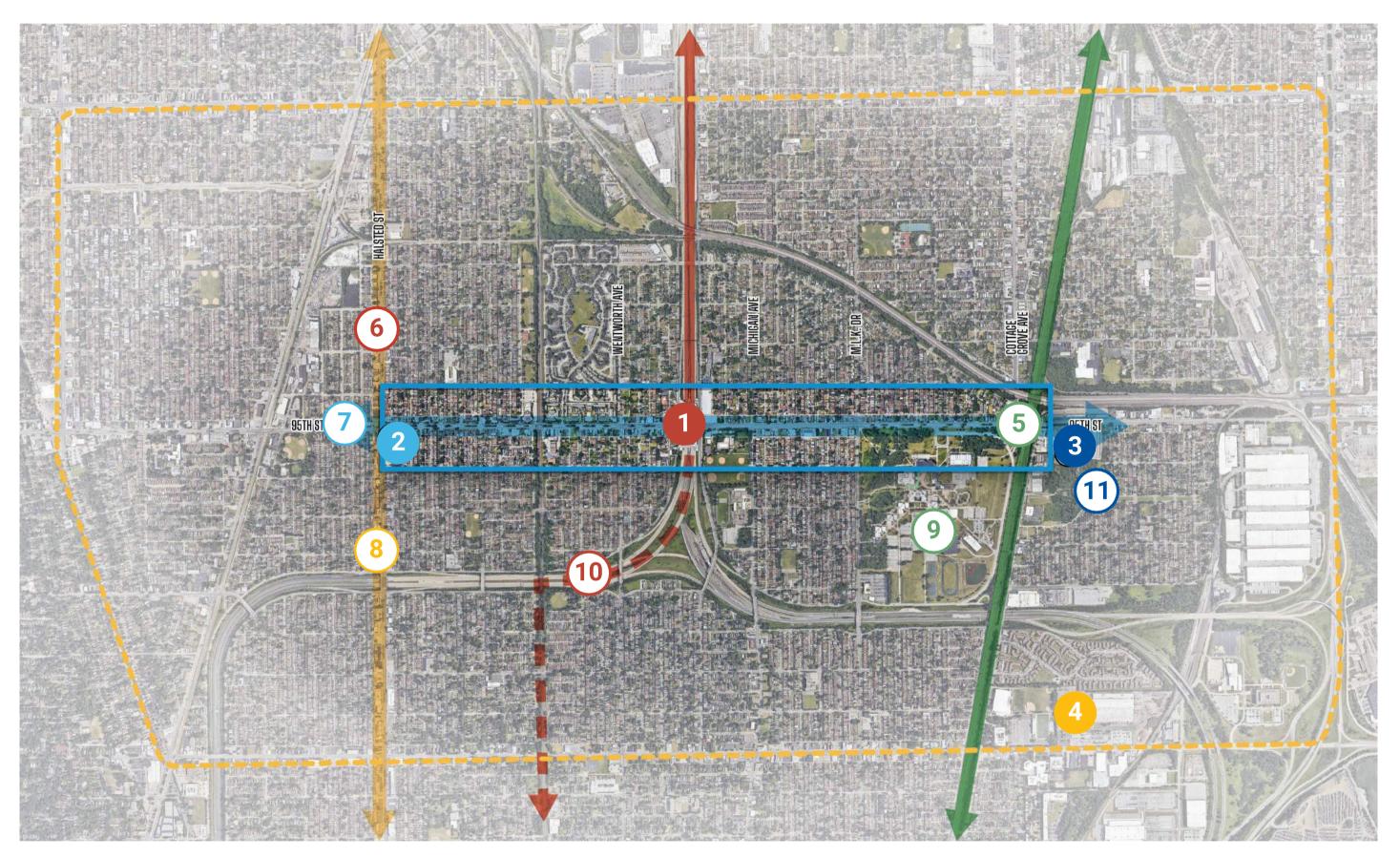


Environment

- Environmental Justice
- Climate Comfort & Resilience
- Green & Open Space
- Toxic Exposure

Final Corridor Plan Recommendations

Recent and Planned Investments





Woodson Regional Library Renovations



Pace Pulse Halsted



95th St Red Line Station



\$380 million Recent Investments

- CTA 95th/Dan Ryan Station & Terminal 1 Improvements \$280 million
- Woodson Regional Library Renovation 2 \$9 million
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- Imani Village Phase 1 **\$47.5 million**
- Dr. Conrad Worrill Track & Field Center \$44.4 million

\$3.9 billion Planned Investments

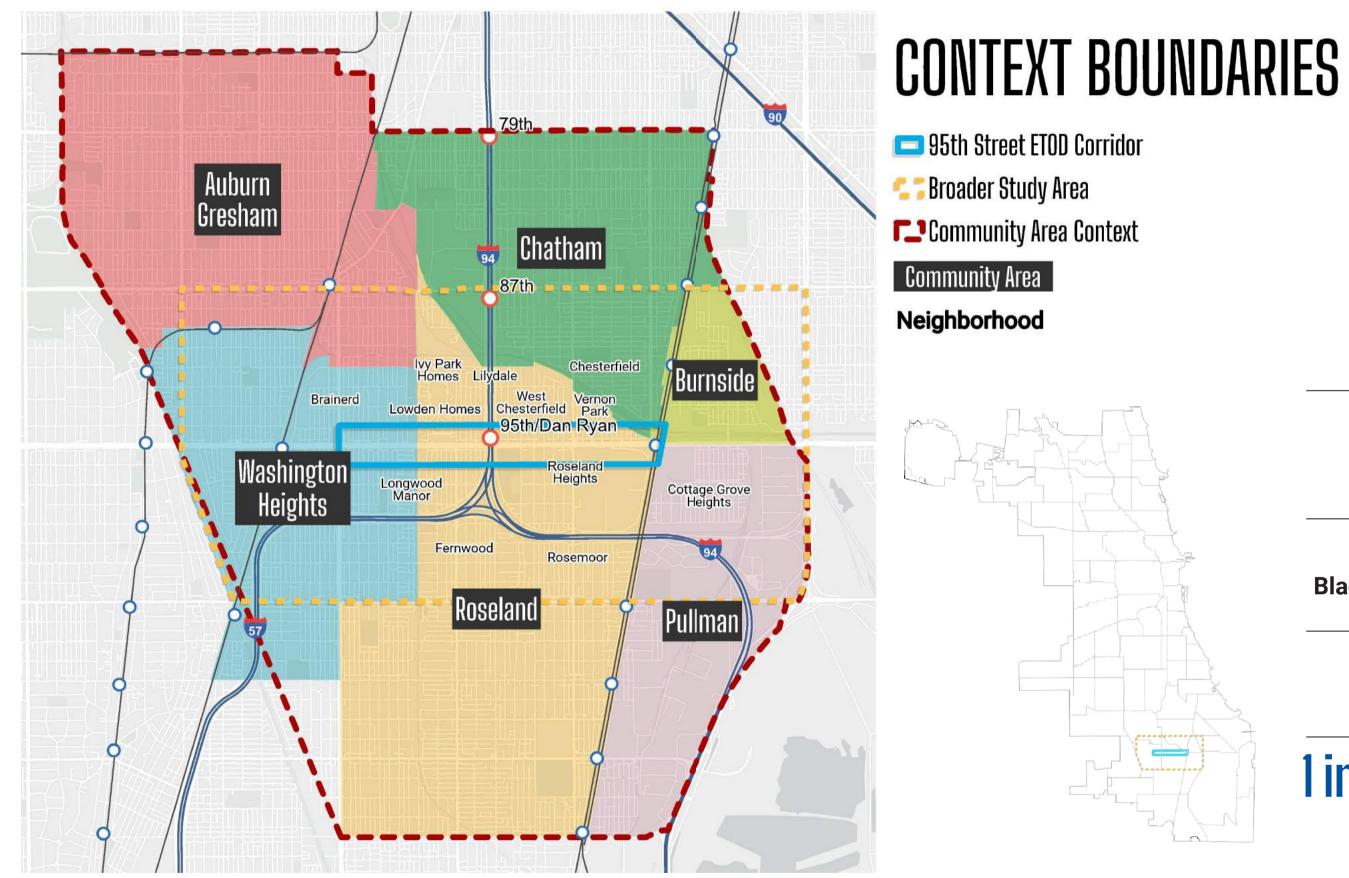
- 95th Street/CSU Metra Station Renovation \$34 million
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- South Halsted Bus Enhancement Project **\$20 million**
- Pace Pulse 95th Street Line \$35 million 7
- Pace Pulse Halsted Line \$40 million 8
- CSU capital improvements \$50 million 9
- Red Line Extension \$3.6 billion (10)
- Imani Village Full Planned (11) Development **\$124 million**

Study Area Demographics

Corridor, Study Area & Community Areas Context Boundaries





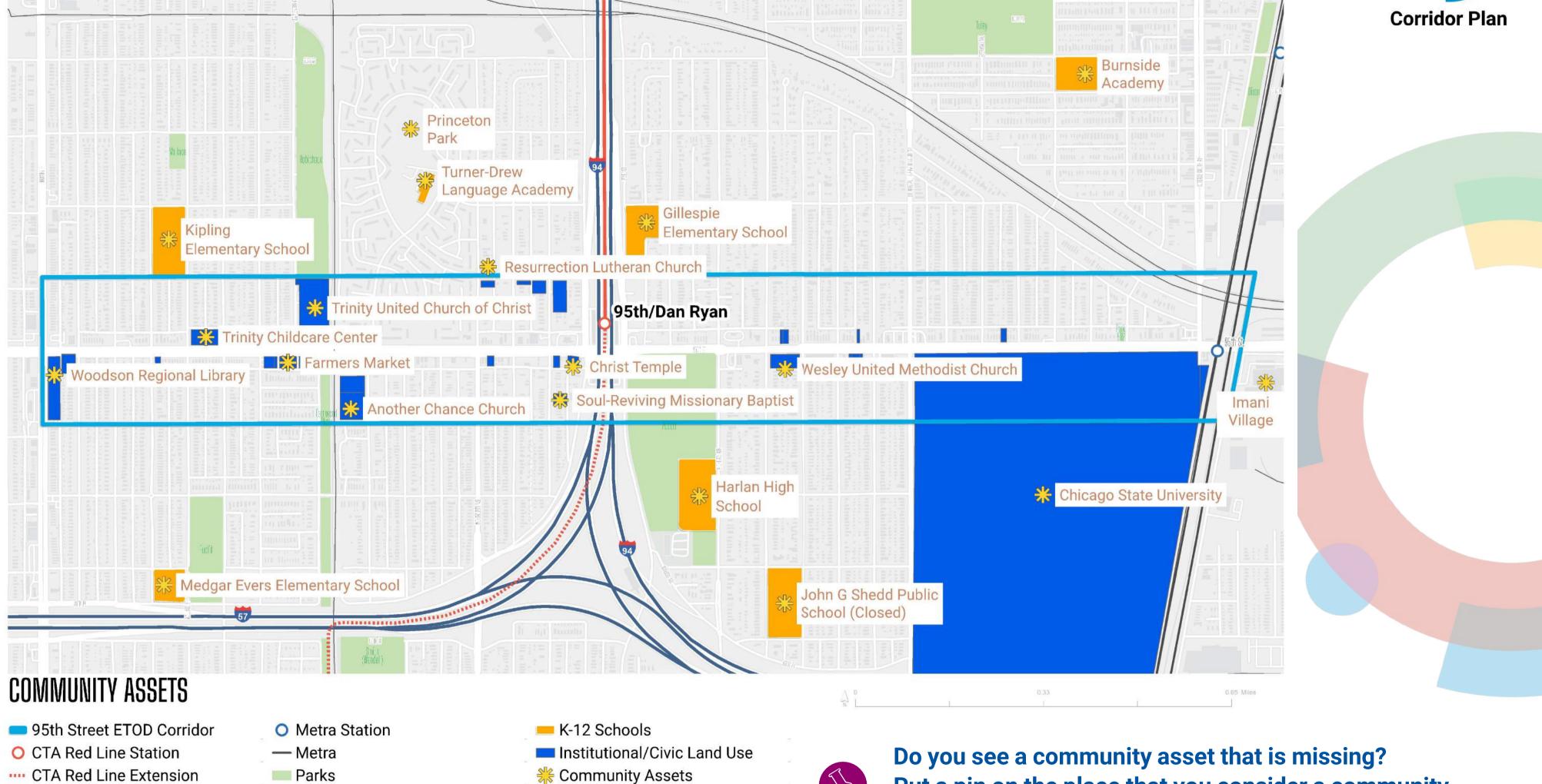


| Population | 33,000 Study Area | 150,000 Community Areas | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| % Change 2010-2020 | ↓ 3.7 Study Area | ↓ 3.2 Community Areas | 1_9 City |
| Race & Ethnicity | 95% | 94% | 29% |
| Black (Non-Hispanic) | Study Area | Community Areas | City |
| Median Age | 40 | 40 | 38 |
| | Study Area | Community Areas | City |
| 1 | 0 | | |





Community Assets





- CTA Red Line

Community Assets and Cultural Preservation

Characterized by the presence and preservation of community assets, cultural landmarks, and placemaking markers. How well are community and cultural assets represented on the corridor?

HREIA

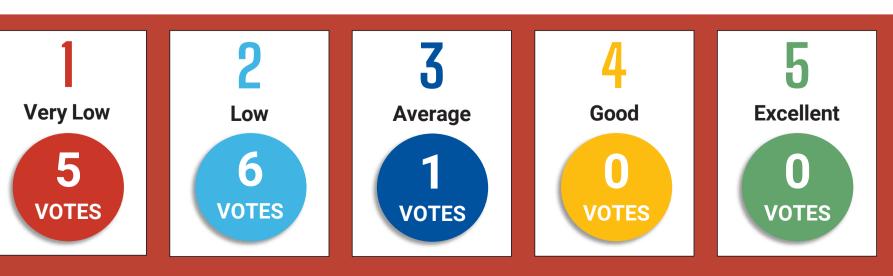
Survey Question

1.7 AVERAGE SCORE



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Do you see a community asset that is missing? Put a pin on the place that you consider a community asset and write why it is an asset on a Post-It.

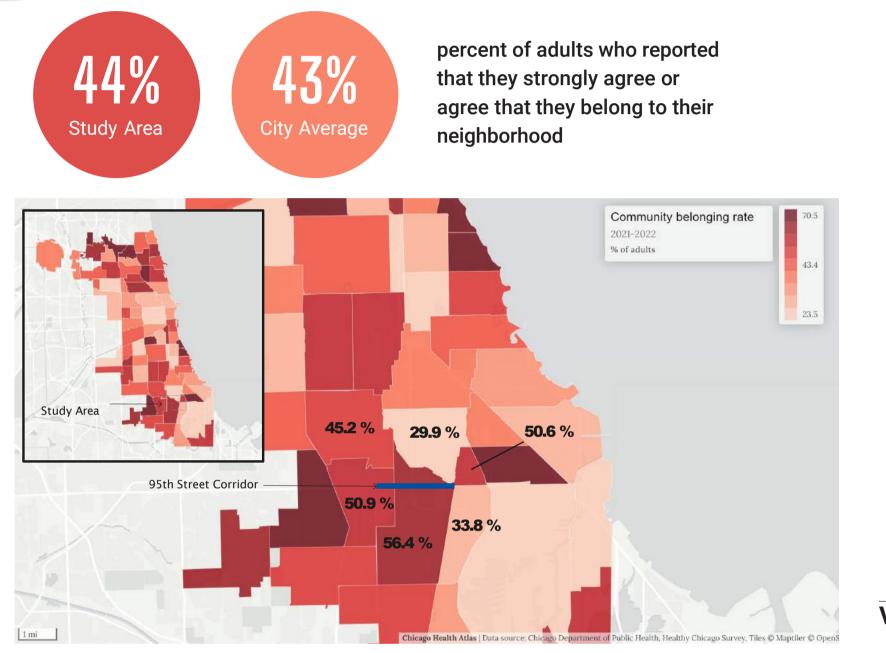




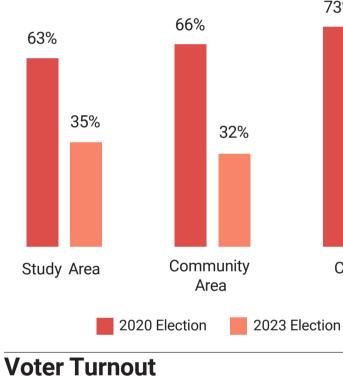
Civic Engagement & Leadership

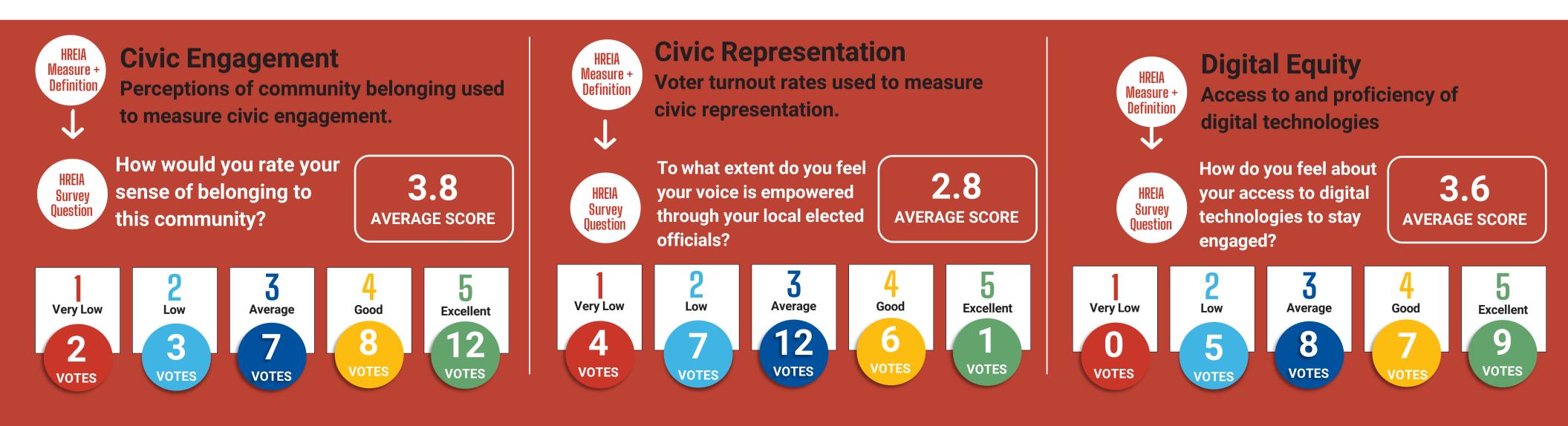
Community Belonging Rate

Voter Turnout & Registration



The Study Area has a lower voter turnout than City average, despite rise in voter registration following the 2020 Election.







Digital Equity



Access to broadband

73% Study Area 70%

Neighborhoods

73% City

Access to technology

(computer, tablet or phone)

87% Study Area

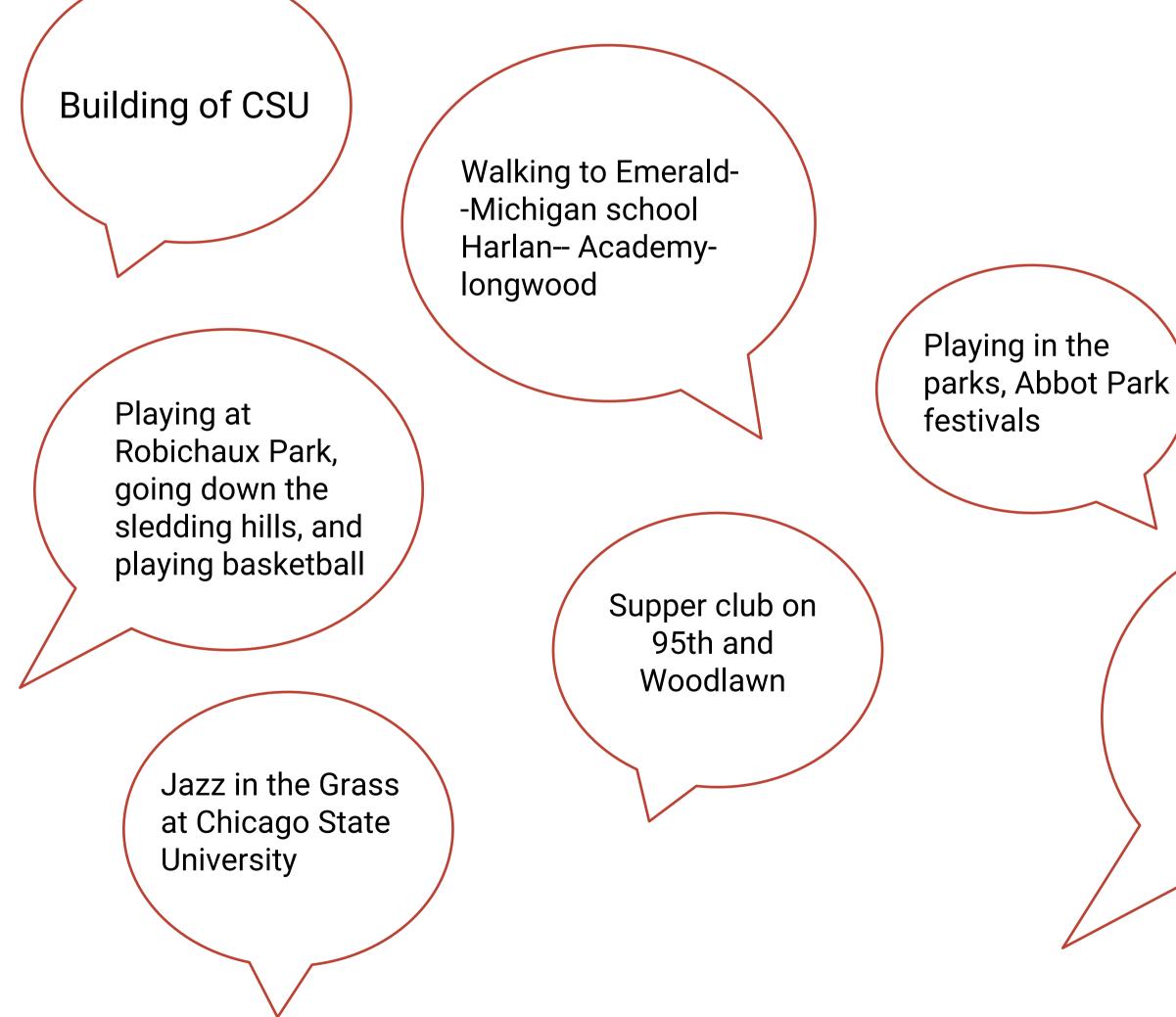
83% Neighborhoods

87%

City



Community Comments & Feedback What is your favorite memory of the 95th Street **Corridor?**





Playing football with my dad and the entire block of kids at abbot

Abbot Park Swimming, construction of and graduating from CSU, 95th Street terminal

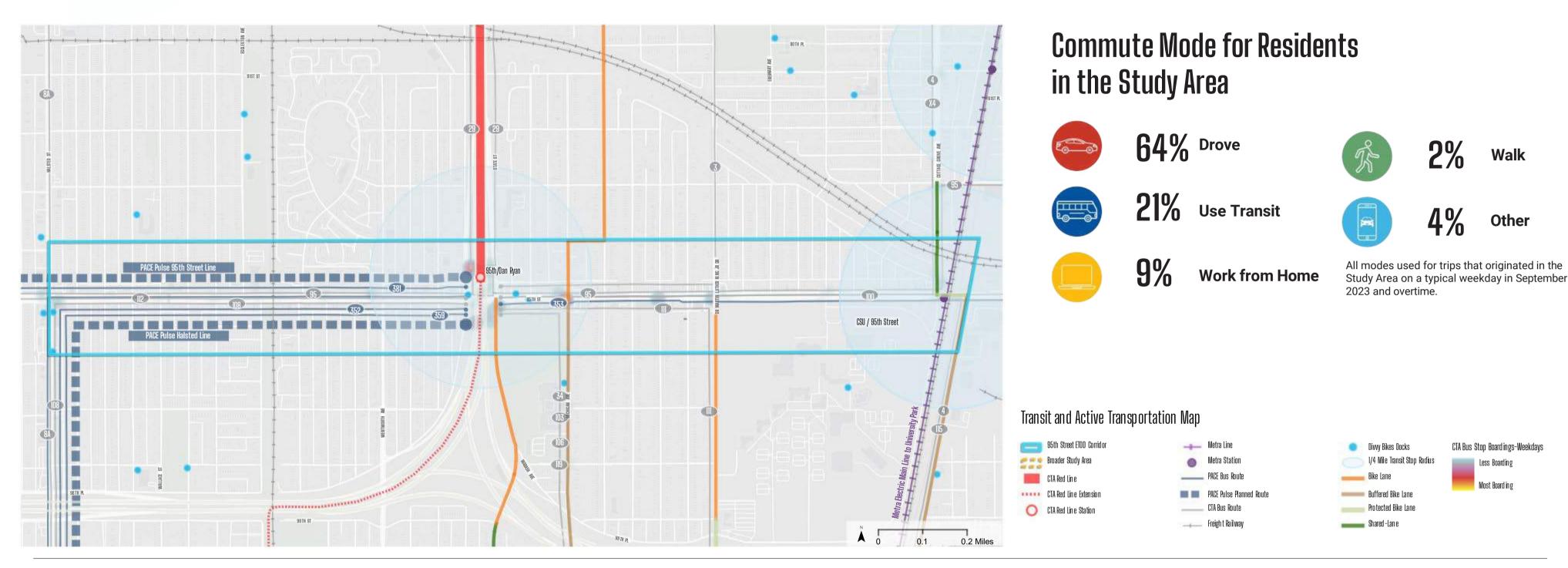


Going to Shedd and other Bennet school and then taking the bus for (12cents) to 111th for high school -- Love my hood!

Taking my daughter to CSU summer camp where she learned to swim!



Transit, Walking & Biking



Regional Bus Network



Dense & Highly reliable 15 2 +

CTA Bus Pace routes routes

Pace Pulse routes (planned)

Biking







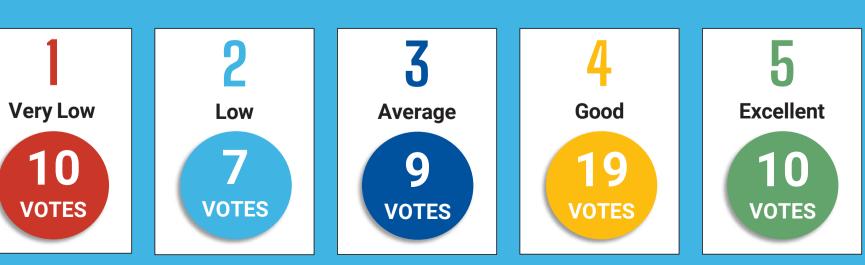
Access to Transit & Walking and Biking

Access to quality transit, walking and biking infrastructure.



How do you rate your ability to conveniently walk, bike, or ride public transit along the corridor?

> 3.2 AVERAGE SCORE







North-South Ŋ **buffered** lanes

Shared / Bike Lanes

East-West bike routes

East-West Physical Barriers



Union Pacific Railroad Easement (UPPR)



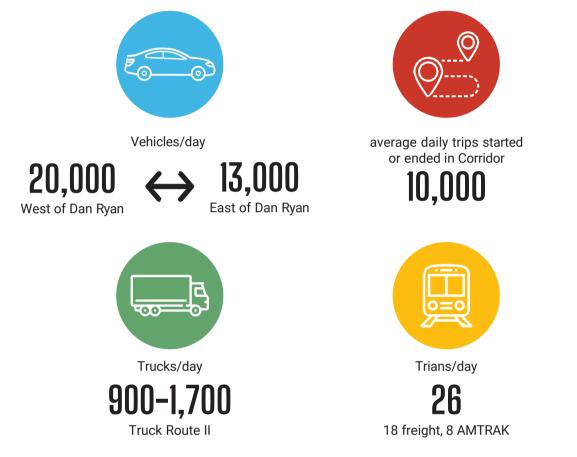
Dan Ryan Expressway



Traffic & Safety

Traffic Volumes

95th Street is part of the Regional Highway and Truck Network that sees more through traffic than local trips. Traffic volumes are comparable or lower to other arterial corridors 87th, Halsted St, Stony Island.



Traffic Crashes with Injuries



Average annual fatal & severe injury crashes in the Study Area

HREIA

Survey Question



Involving pedestrians or cyclists

Where can pedestrian & cyclist safety be improved further?





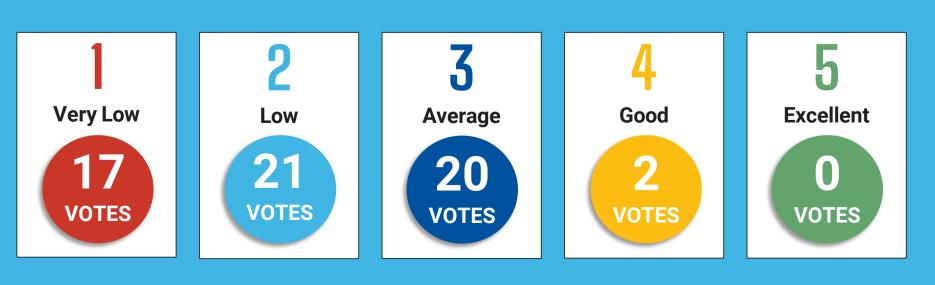
Traffic & Safety

Impacts from regional transportation corridors (highways, rail) such as traffic volumes and physical barriers on safety (crashes) and local mobility.

How comfortable do you feel walking or biking along the 95th street corridor?



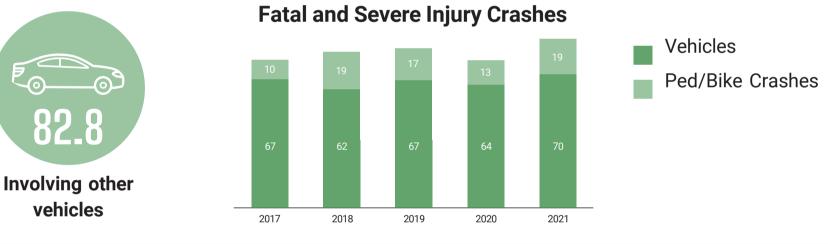








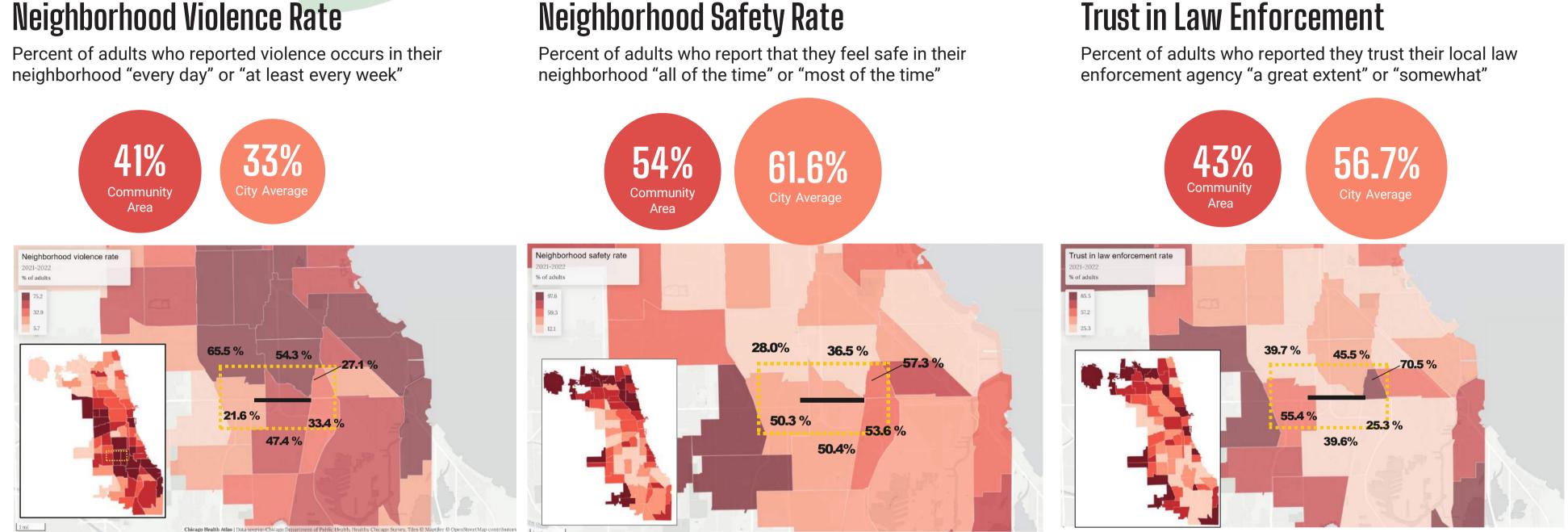
Chicago's Vision Zero Plan discusses the city's commitment to eliminating death and serious injury from the traffic crashes by 2026. In this plan, 95th Street is not listed as a high crash corridor.



On the central map, point out where you feel safe / unsafe



Public Safety



Three Community Areas of Auburn Gresham, Chatham and Roseland are in the top 15 out of 77 community areas with the highest incidence of violent crime, property crime and drug abuse crime.



Public Safety Reflective of violent, property & drug abuse crime rates and trust in law enforcement.



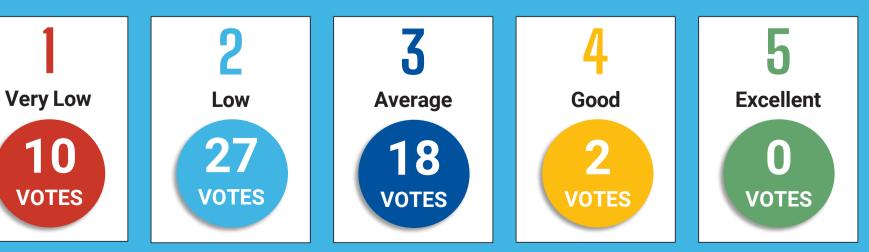
How safe do you feel on the 95th street corridor and in the surrounding communities?







Understanding the causes of crime in Black communities requires a nuanced examination of systemic factors. Historical inequities, economic challenges, and limited access to quality education and employment opportunities can create environments where crime may thrive.





Community Comments & Feedback

Jobs! If you give people jobs, safety will improve

Lack of east west bike facilities

Biking is a challenge

avoid walking or biking on 95th. I go to 94th and then go back over

People out and feel safer

More police presence, move streetlights on bordering streets, alley patrols, patrolling parks

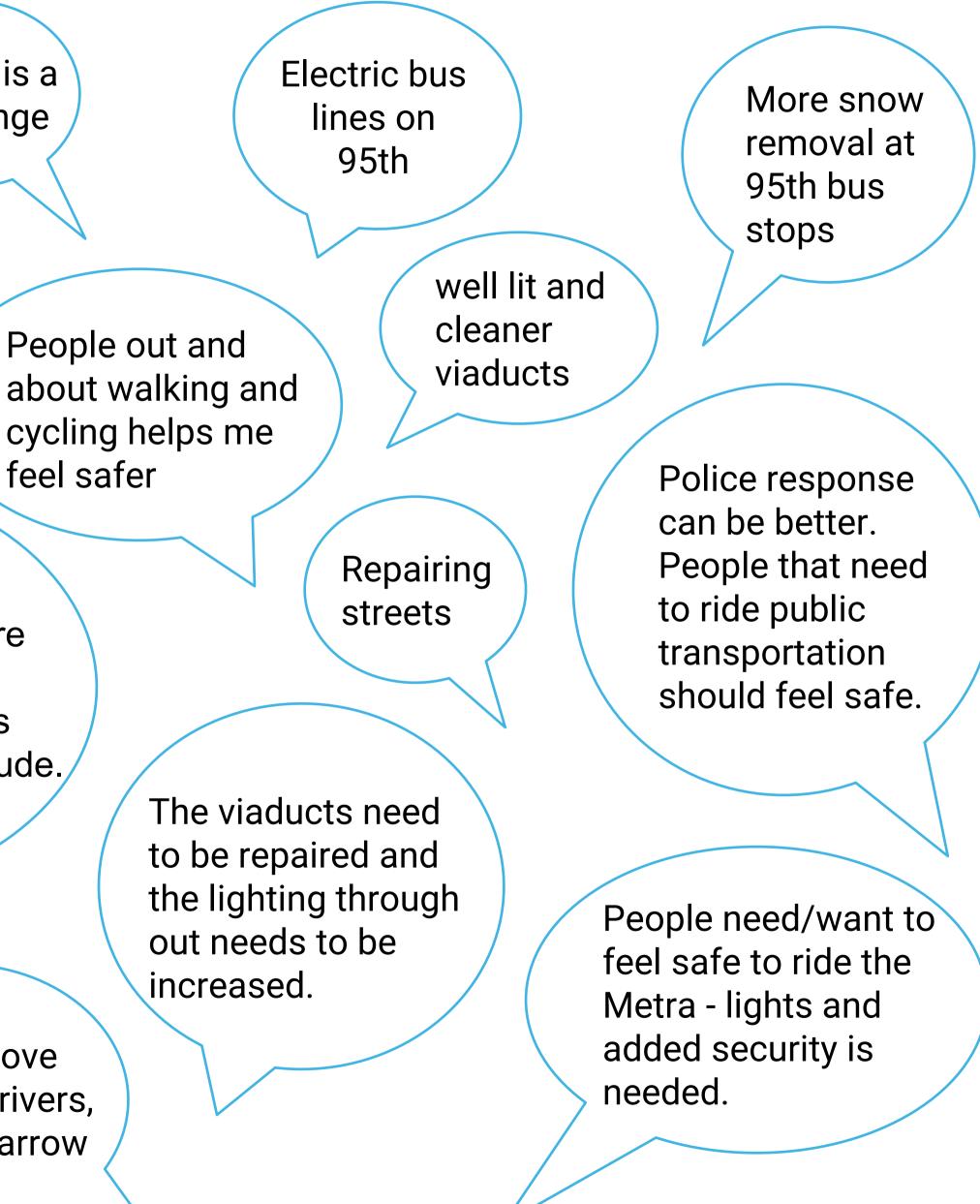
realize that value in life and safety starts at home, so more investment to provide programming and outreach is needed to start a shift in attitude.

95th and Wentworth accidents

Solar powered safety kiosks needed (like university of Chicago and Loyola)

Cottage Grove scary for drivers, dark and narrow







Existing Architectural Character & Land Use

Commercial



Standalone Storefront Shops

Single-Family Residential



A-Frame and Two Flats

Multifamily & Mixed Commercial



Mixed-Use Residential Over Shops



Mid-Century Modern Storefront



Bungalows



Mixed-Use Residential Over Shops



Storefront Shops



1990s Town Homes



Multi-family

Land Use & Architectural Character



The quality and distribution of buildings, residential areas, commercial spaces, and green spaces throughout the community.



How satisfied are you with the current land use and quality of buildings along the 95th Street corridor?







Civic Institutional

Signage



Established Churches



Architectural Element



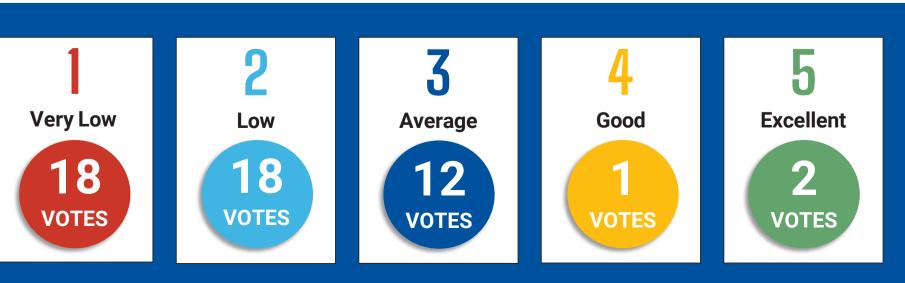




Wayfinding Signage

DJ booth at the 95th St Station

Hand Painted Signs

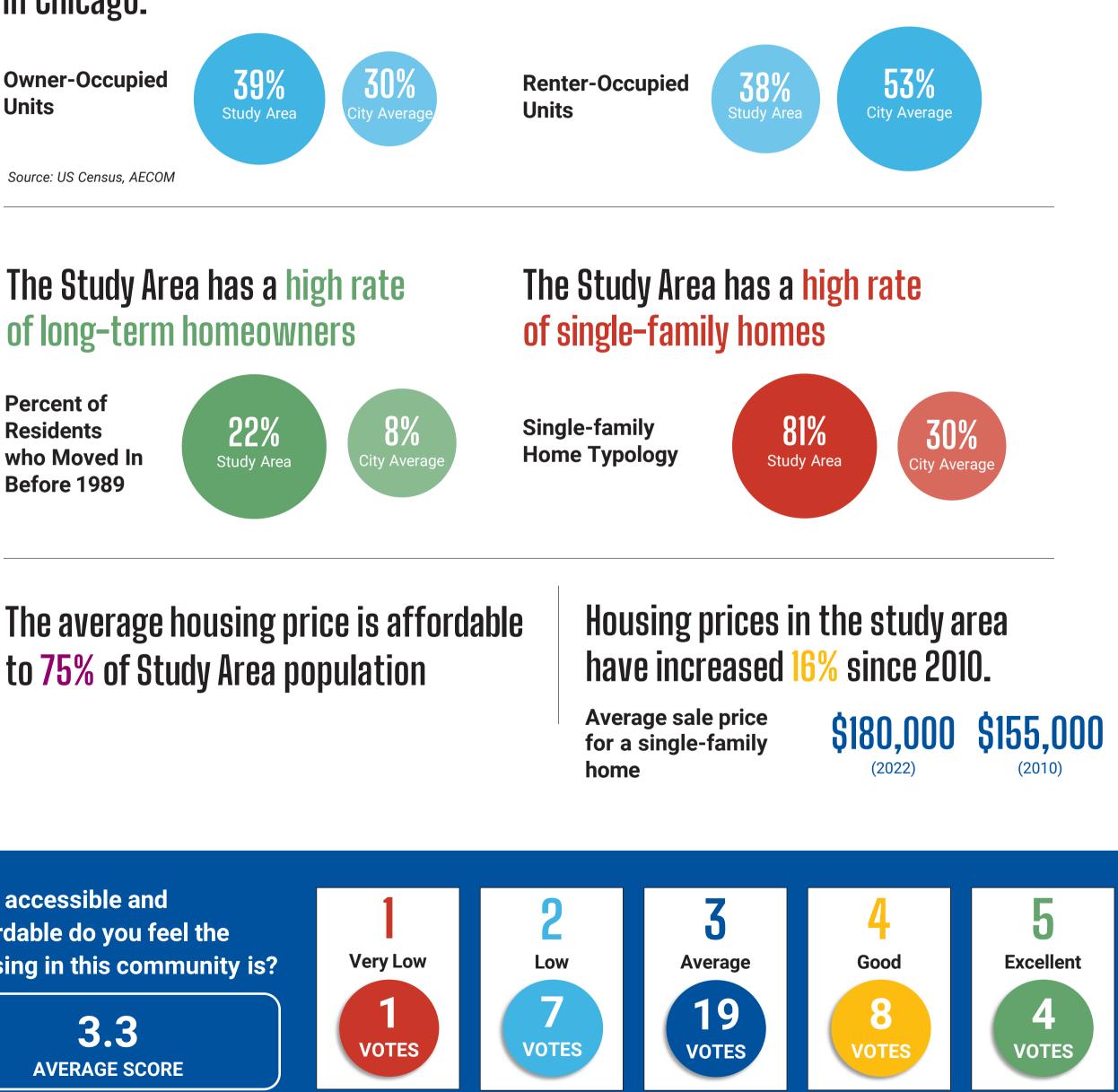




Housing



The Study Area has one of the highest rates of Black homeownership in Chicago.



Percent of Residents who Moved In **Before 1989**



Housing

Supply and affordability of market housing meets current and future residents' needs.



How accessible and affordable do you feel the housing in this community is?

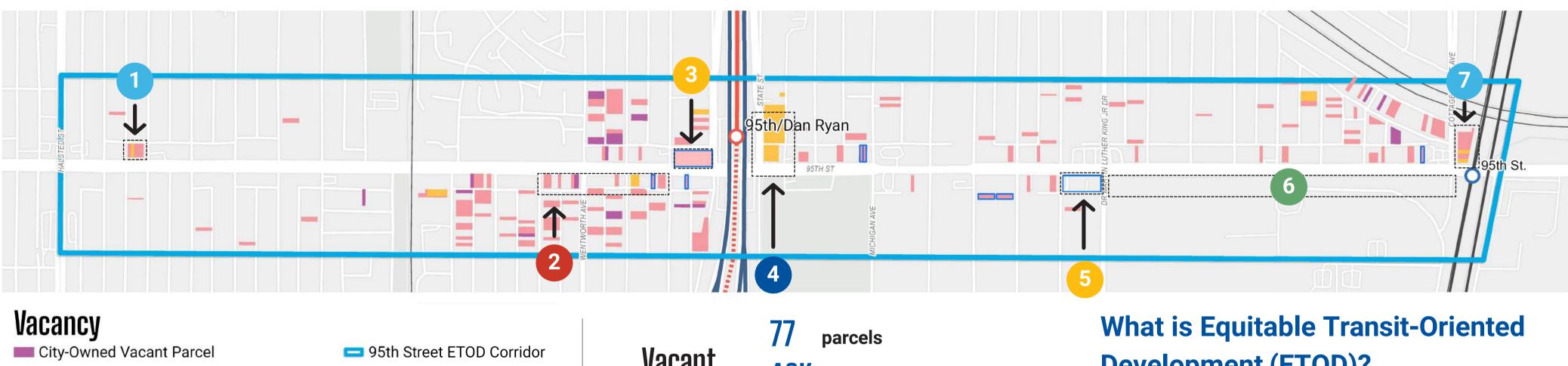




Development Opportunities



On the central map: Place a pin on the map where you would like to see development prioritized.



- Privately Owned Vacant Parcel
- Other Ownership Vacant Parcel
- □ Vacant Commercial Property
- O CTA Red Line Station
- CTA Red Line
- ······ CTA Red Line Extension
- Vacant Land
- **49K** square feet 7%

Potential Development Opportunity Sites



Vacant underutilized surface parking

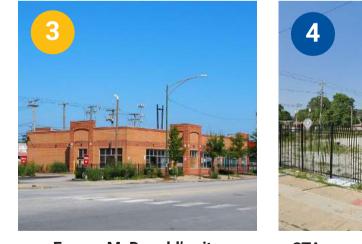


Intermittent smaller vacant parcels or commercial spaces

HREIA

Survey

Question



Former McDonald's site

CTA-owned vacant lot, former

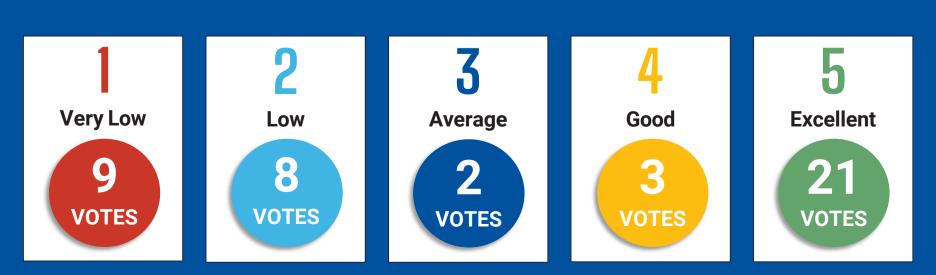


Development Opportunities

Vacant parcels and properties offer opportunities to be reactivated with new housing, businesses and community assets.

What do you feel about the vacant land and buildings on the corridor as opportunities for new equitable development?



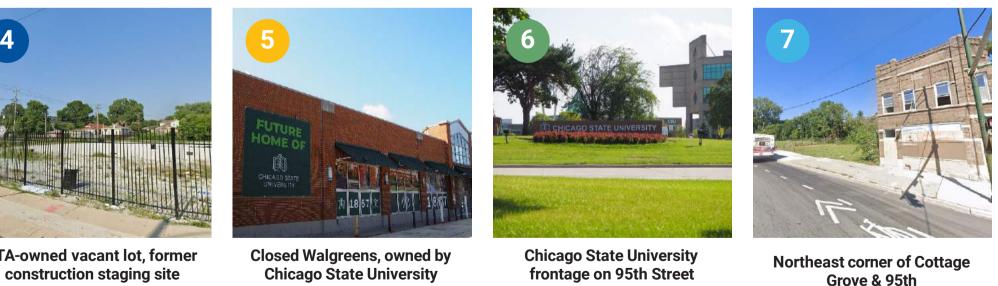




of total land on the corridor

Development (ETOD)?

ETOD is a planning framework that ensures that "Every Chicagoan should be able to live in a healthy, walkable, vibrant community connected to transit and all its benefits." Source: City of Chicago ETOD policy plan





Community Comments & Feedback

Develop more community service space for personal growing A lot of vacancy and empty properties. Need to get more funding, beautify.

> Make sure small /minority businesses have equal opportunity to participate in development

Solar powered modular homes, commercial buildings, heated sidewalks, safety kiosk, decorative fountain

Traditional bungalow style is liked. Not making use of existing bungalows enough

Healthier restaurants, more black owned businesses. Storefronts need to be better maintained to give back to the community.

Development opportunities (childcare/community field house), pipeline programs for healthcare jobs, community gardens/park remodels



Less fast-food restaurants. Add a legit grocery store

> Many vacant lots, new development should be given to the people that live in the community.

> > A sit-down restaurant

Blighted homes and empty lots should be repurposed for the community help to lower crime

Building style can be updated. Can be modernized, more supermarkets more big stores.

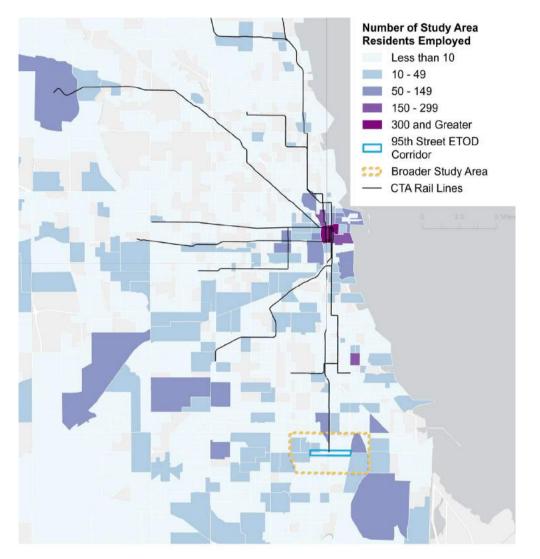
> Eliminate investors from buying our homes

Quality of storefronts need architectural design for façade



Employment & Education

Where People Work



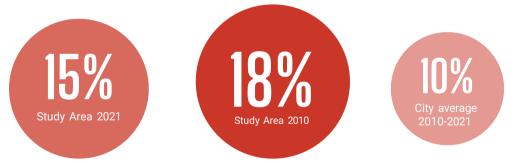
50% of young people (under 30) are unemployed, **35% higher** than the City-wide average.

Residents experience longer than average commute times



work in the Study Area

Unemployment Rate





HREIA

Measure +

Definition

Employment and Jobs

The amount and quality of employment opportunities available.

Education and Workforce Development

Access to quality education and adult workforce education opportunities and programs.

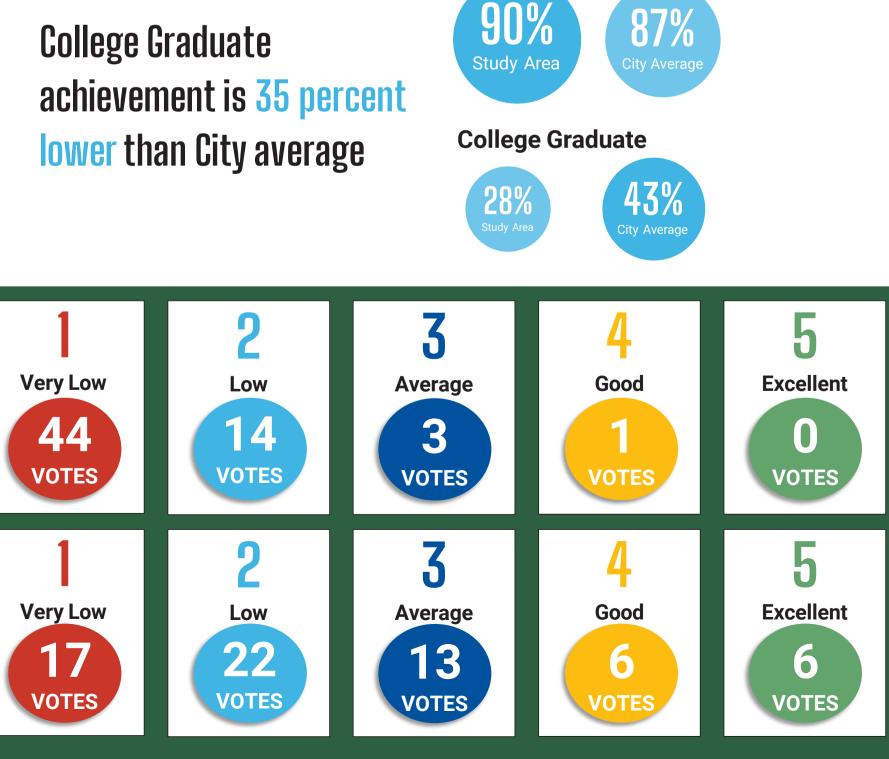
HREIA Survey Question How do you feel about the employment and workforce development opportunities in the area?

> 1.4 **AVERAGE SCORE**



How would you feel about availability of quality education on the corridor?

> 2.4 AVERAGE SCORE





Top employment industries for residents in the 95th Corridor Study Area:



- Finance and Insurance Services
- Healthcare 3
- **Consumer Retail & Services**
- Education 5

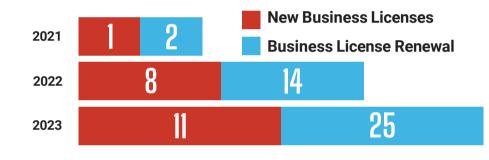
High School Diploma



Commercial Vitality



The 95th St. Corridor is displaying positive commercial growth



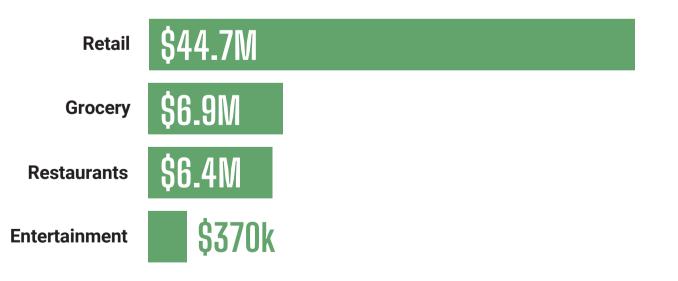


H.O.H Beauty Essentials



Spent on goods by residents outside of the **Study Area each month**

Leakage indicates that residents travel outside of their local area to get goods and services they need.





Nuywele Salon



Insurance Service



Commercial Vitality

A strong commercial market provides all of the stores, services, and shopping needs of residents.



How much does the Study Area meet your shopping needs?







Commercial Property on the Corridor Auto Repair

- = 95th Street ETOD Corridor
- CTA Red Line
- CTA Red Line Extension
- Occupied Commercial Parcels
- Vacant Commercial Parcels

Existing Businesses

Very Low

54

VOTES



Creative Little Ones Academy

Pharmacy & Dental Care

38 A P M Automotive 4 Alvizo Auto Repair And Tire Shop Inc. 24 Griffin & Griffin Enterprise 2 Haki's Tires - World Of Tires. Inc.

Childcare

5 Abc Learning Center Inc. **11** Discovery Academy 2 **3** Wright Early Care & Learning Center

Creative Business 8 Forever Photography

Currency Exchange 18 95th & State Currency Exchange, Inc.

Dry Cleaning 29 East 95th St Cleaners

Food Establishment

25 Burger King 12 Tasty Chicken & Salad Food Mart **33** Popeye's #860 14 Burp 22 Checkers / Rally's 20 Maxwell Famous Steak & Limonade 32 Sharks Fish Chicken And Tonys Philly Steaks 30 Wi Jammin

Gas Station 34 Bp

40 Mobil On Cottage Inc.

Grocery 19 Max Food

9 Big Boy Food Market 13 Wentworth Food Mart

Hair, Nail, and Skin Care Services

6 Didi African Hair & Beauty 27 Nywele Salon Home Based Business 1 O&C Productions Llc 36 B'z Tea Llc

Landscaping and Home Repair

16 Mc Section 3 Construction Llc 35 Johnson Reliable Service

Online Retail 26 Blak Face Apparel Inc.

Real Estate, Tax, Insurance

10 Tax Service @ Crown 37 Pip Realty Group 63 State Farm Insurance Services

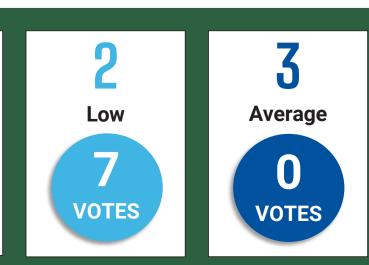
Retail

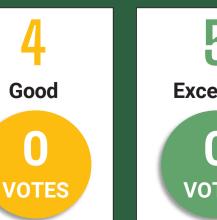
- 15 Access Health Medical Supplies And Home Health Inc **15** Black Planet Products Llc **31** Eb Market Inc. 23 The Aloe Shoppe 39 Fanfares Catering 17 Family Dollar
- 7 Appliance 95, Inc.

Self Storage Facility

28 U-Haul Co. Of Illinois, Inc.

Transportation Services 21 Greyhound Lines Inc





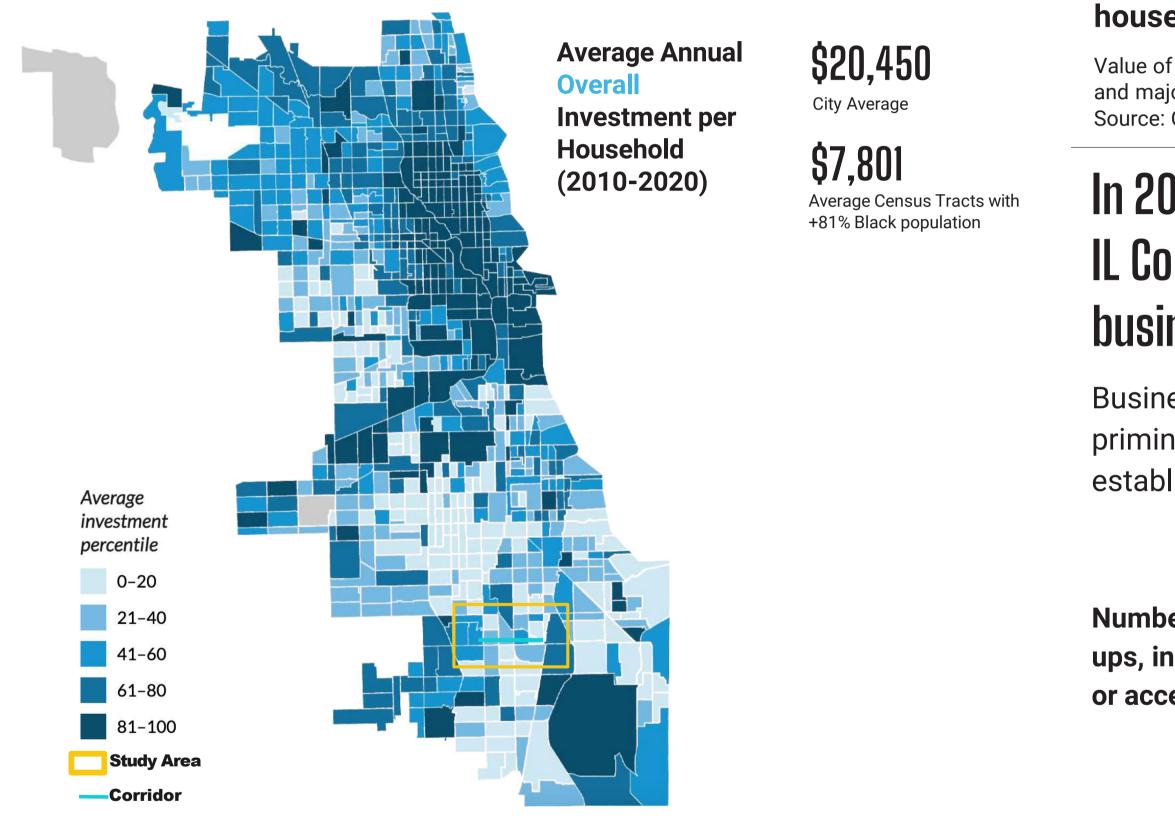




Access To Capital & Entrepreneurship

Average Annual Investment per Capita (2010-2020)

All approved lending capital including single family, multifamily, small-businesses, non-residential, mission and public. Source: Urban Institute, Exploring Capital Flows in Chicago, 2022



Entrepreneurship



Resources and funding available to support existing and new small businesses to promote local wealth building.



How accessible do you feel resources and money are to support small businesses?

1.2

AVERAGE SCORE



Average annual new construction & major renovation investment per household (2010-2023)

Value of work associated with new construction and major renovation permits. Source: City of Chicago Permits **\$2,900** Study Area

\$9,315 City Average

In 2022, Illinois invested \$106M to Rebuild IL Community Revitalization: 200K new businesses were established.

Business incubators, accelerators and venture capital are engines priming economic development across the City. There are no such establishments located in the Community Area.





What types of businesses would you most like to shop in along the **95**th **Street Corridor?** (Take up to <u>**3** coins</u> and place one in each place you want to spend your money)



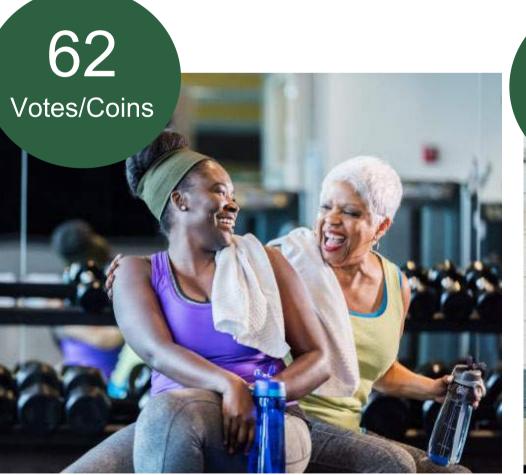
Grocery Store

A well-stocked grocery store offering fresh produce, dairy, meat, and pantry essentials.



Restaurants and Cafes:

Restaurants offering diverse cuisines Cafes for coffee and snacks



Fitness and/or Sports Shops:

Gym and fitness facility with workout apparel and accessories. Sports stores for athletic gear and equipment



Cultural Shops & Bookstores:

Cultural or specialty shops with unique items, Stores promoting local artists or artisans, Independent bookstores

appliances





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Pharmacy and Health Stores:

Pharmacies offering prescription medications and over-the-counter health products, Health stores with vitamins and supplements



Home Goods & Electronic :

Home Improvement stores for DIY Projects, Electronic shows with the latest gadgets and



Clothing Stores & Boutiques:

Fashion-forward boutiques, Clothing stores offering a variety of styles, Specialty shops for accessories or niche fashion items

Community Comments & Feedback

COMMUNITY

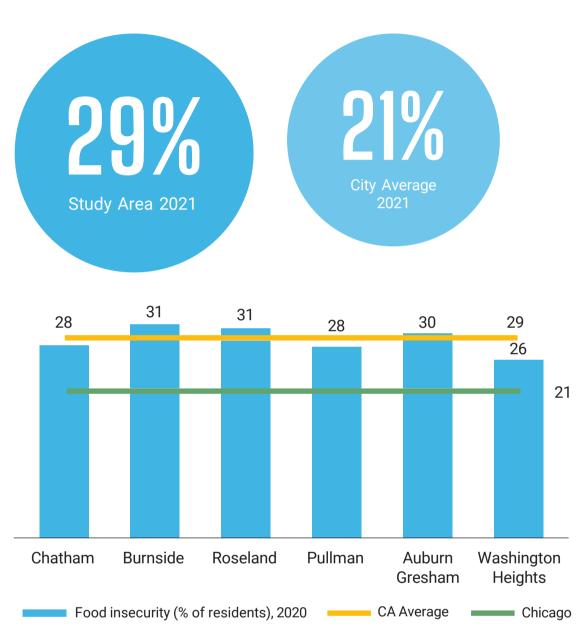






Food Insecurity

Percentage of the population experiencing food insecurity (limited or uncertain access to adequate food).



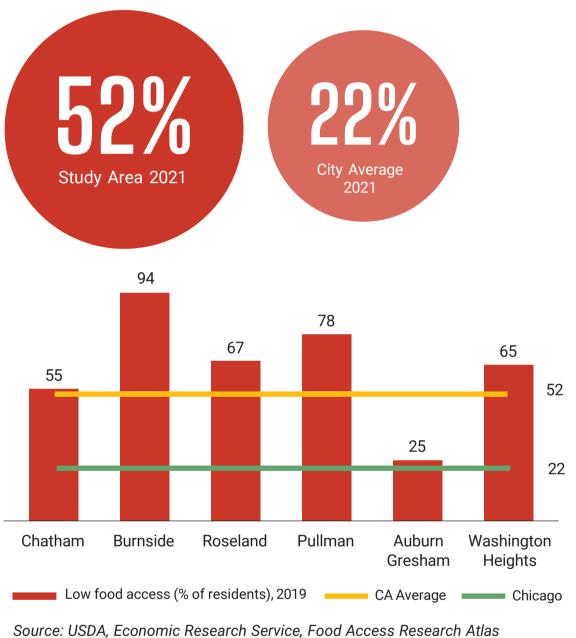
Source: Map the Meals, year american community survey

HREIA Measure + Definition

Food Access

Low Access to Food

Percent of residents who have low access to food, defined solely by distance: further than 1/2 mile from the nearest supermarket in an urban area.



Food Access Access to healthy food options.



How do you feel about the accessibility of healthy foods in your area?

> 1.3 **AVERAGE SCORE**

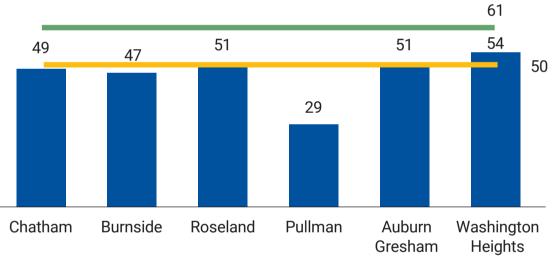




Easy Access to Fruits and Vegetables

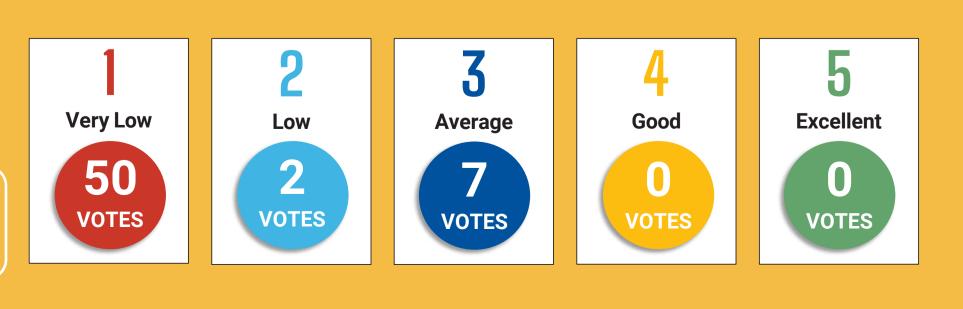
Percent of adults who reported that it is very easy for them to get fresh fruits and vegetables.





Easy access to fruits and vegetables rate (% of adults), 2021-2022 CA Average Chicago

Source: Chicago Department of Public Health, Healthy Chicago Survey

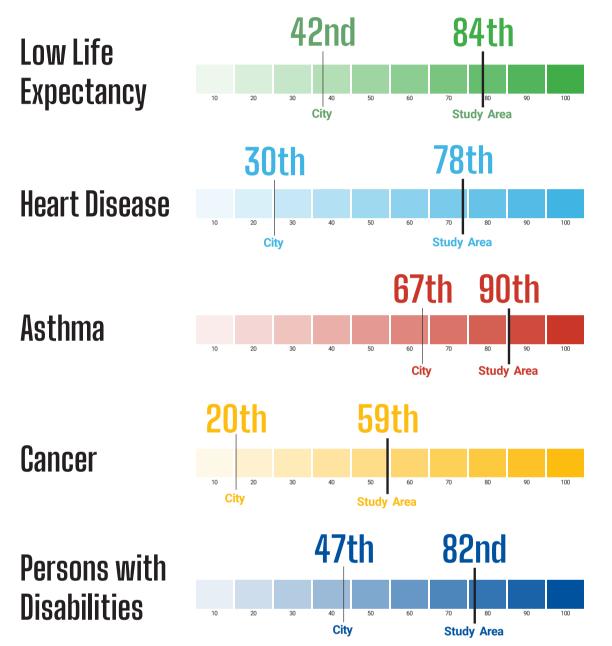




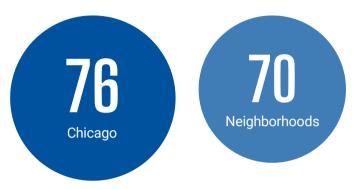
Health & Social Services

Health Indicators

Percentiles compare indicators to State average Higher percentiles indicate higher relative concentration of indicator



Life Expectancy

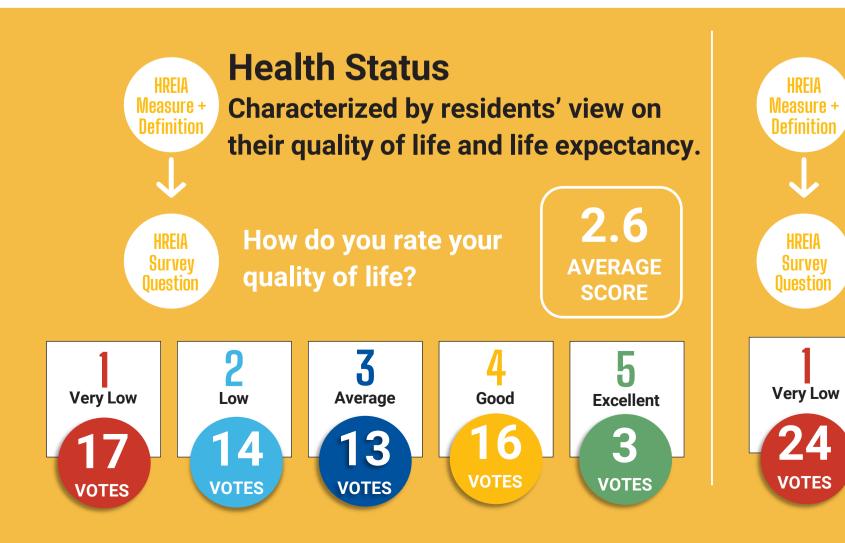


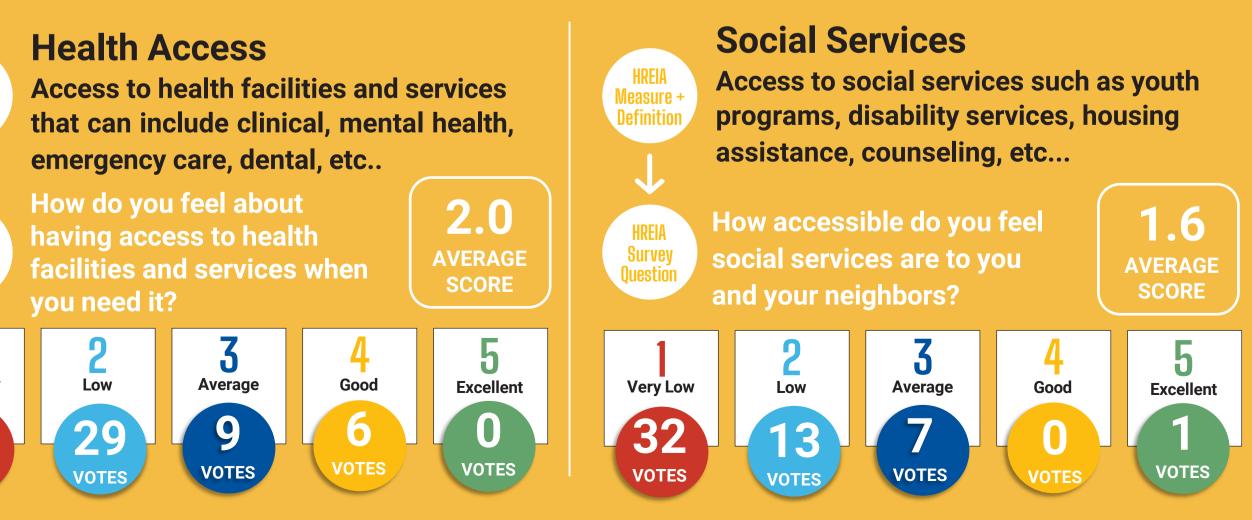
Top Causes of Death

- 1.Heart
- **2.**Cancer
- **3.**Injury
- **4.**Diabetes-related

5.Stroke (Auburn Gresham, Pullman, Washington Heights)

5. Homicides (Burnside, Chatham, Roseland)







The Study Area is designated as a Health **Professions Shortage Area in primary care,** dental and mental health.



Federally Qualified Health Center



- Clinics service the larger area.
- Northwestern Medical Urgent Care
- Advocate Medical Group Imani Village



Hospitals service the larger area.

- Advocate Trinity
- Advocate Christ
- Roseland Community Hospitals



Community Comments & Feedback





options for food without having to leave the area

senior services/park and safety game tables

would love to see healthy food options including a sit-down restaurant

No more gas stations as a proxy for "food access"

surprised asthma is high

Top cause of death surprising not visible

Youth and recreational needed

Vegan food options plan based whole foods Ask social services to work with public schools at/during report card pick up to alert parents/community about resources



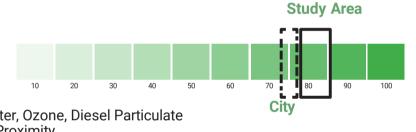
Exposure to Environmental Hazards Climate Comfort & Resilience

Environmental Justice Areas of Concern

Environmental Justice recognizes and seeks to address disparate environmental hardships experienced by communities of color, low-income, underserved populations and vulnerable groups. (Environmental Protection Agency)

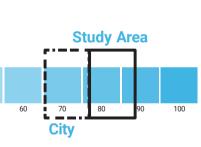
The Study Area population experience greater exposure and vulnerability to air quality issues and hazardous materials due to the proximity to industrial and brownfield sites, and traffic proximity.

Air Quality



Greater exposure to Particulate Matter, Ozone, Diesel Particulate Matter, Toxic Release to Air, Traffic Proximity

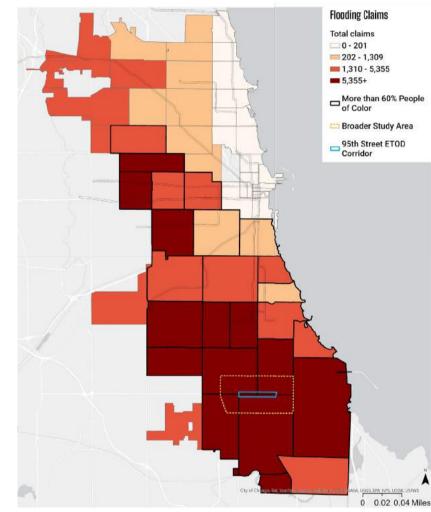
Proximity to Industrial **& Brownfield Sites**



Greater vulnerability to wastewater discharge, superfund sites (program established to address abandoned hazardous waste sites) and proximity to Risk Management Plan Facility (potential chemica accident management plan).

Flooding

87% of flood damage insurance claims were paid in communities of color (2007-2016)



Impacts of urban flooding: Property damage,

financial burden and induced stress, respiratory problems especially for the elderly and children due to mold.

Environmental Hazards Exposure



Assessment of environmental justice concerns found in the area, presence of hazardous materials.



How would you rate the overall quality of the environment (air, land, water) along the Corridor?

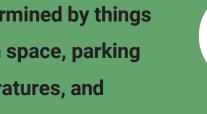
> 1.9 **AVERAGE SCORE**

HREIA Measure + Definition

flooding.

Environmental comfort is determined by things like the amount of trees, green space, parking lots, buildings, surface temperatures, and

Climate Comfort & Resilience





How do you feel about your ability to withstand climate-related impacts such as flooding?

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AVERAGE SCORE



Urban Heat

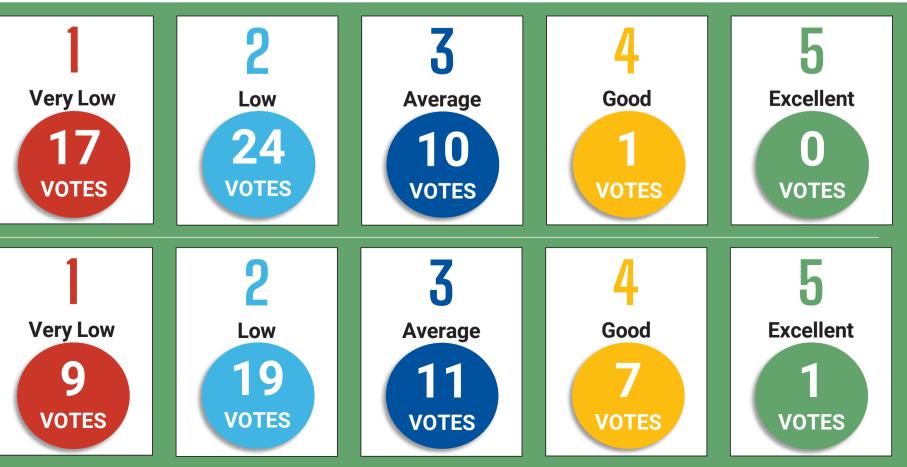
The urban heat island effect is a term describing how urban areas experience higher temperatures compared to rural areas because there are less trees, more impervious surfaces (like asphalt and concrete), reduced green spaces, and a higher concentration of buildings and infrastructure.



The high surface temperatures created can have various impacts, including increased energy consumption, higher cooling demands, and potential health risks.









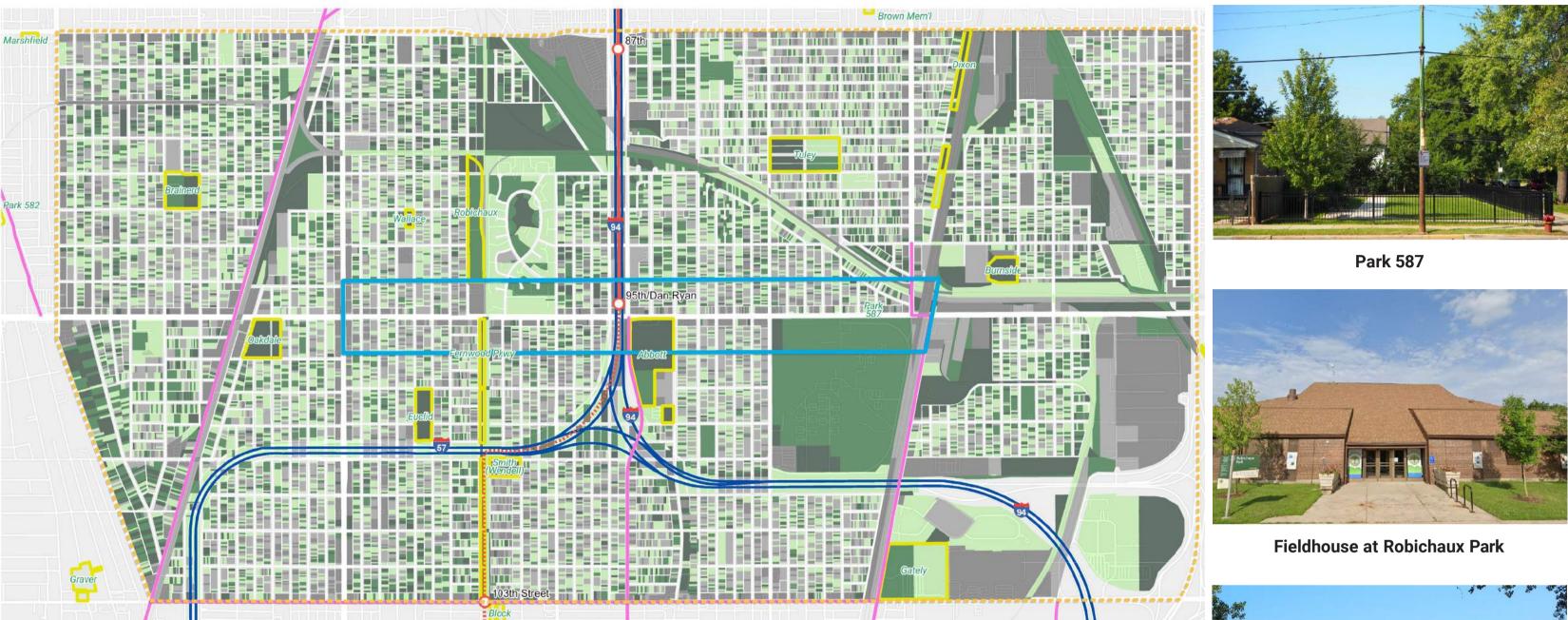
Open Space

Within 10 minutes walking from the Corridor

Parks Acres

Park Area Ratio Acres / 1,000 Population







Splash Pad at Abbott Park

OPEN SPACE

- 95th Street ETOD Corridor
- 🗂 Broader Study Area
- O CTA Red Line Station
- ····· CTA Red Line Extension
- CTA Red Line 🛄 Parks

% Impervious

- Less than 20%
- **20.01%** 40.00%
- 40.01% 60.00%
- 60.01% 80.00%
- Greater than 80.00%



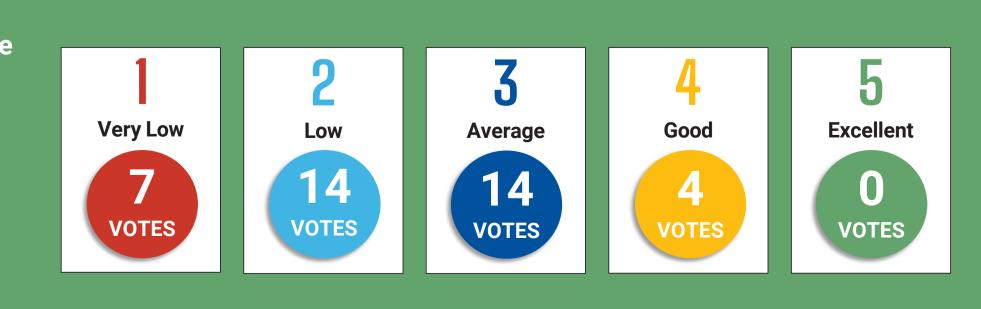


Green & Open Space Provision and access to quality green space and programmed open space in communities.

How effective do you feel the parks in your community meet your needs?



1.7 **AVERAGE SCORE**









Green Space at CSU

On this map, place a dot on public spaces that you use



Community Comments & Feedback

Open hours of parks are More well-planned open Abbot park- Shipping not consistent, days off space.. Parks w/trees, container concessions of school for kids maybe cafe or coffee dormant since 2021 shop and a jogging path Assistance with Though Tuley Park has repurposing spaces, More Green space, activities for children, I development of trees, gardens. Open community gardens see very few winter space used for using vacant lots or activities. Ice skating Need for dog park, I gardens would be an inexpensive bee farms near primary schools option decent park More programs at Tuley Park, CSU D1 football program, Upgraded facilities in More attention to global Metra Station at parks, dog parks, warming, some trees on 95th, leave park 587 as progressive exercise walking space on parkways are it is equipment along problematic with roots walking paths growing through old pipes causing extensive damage and costs Parks can be better with No personal/home flood issues, but I cleanliness and good More greenery for better see neighborhood sturdy swing and other air quality, mor doggy equipment issues parks for pet owners



Parks can be better with cleanliness and good sturdy swing and other equipment

have to go way down to 16th and Wabash for

CSU could advertise the campus to encourage wellness and walking

Going Online!

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Survey

Vision Wordcloud

How do you imagine the future of 95th Street? Share three words that describe your vision for the 95th Street Corridor.

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Fill out the Health and Racial Equity Assessment Survey online at bit.ly/95thHREIA











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