

ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL

MEETING #5

NOV 03



TONIGHT'S MEETING

The Agro-Eco District

Vision Guiding Principles

Making it Happen – City

Team and Timeline

Access, Open Space, and Buildings Across the District

LAND AND ANCESTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL TIMELINE

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

We are here

November 17th Meeting

COMMUNITY BENEFITS COMPACT

BRAINTRUST – BLOCK STEWARDS, STAKEHOLDERS

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUG

SEPT

OCT

NOV

DEC

THE AGRO-ECO DISTRICT VISION

WHAT IS AN AGRO-DISTRICT?

Agroecology as defined by the FAO

(Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations):

The scientific core of agroecology is based on applying ecological concepts and principles to optimize interactions between plants, trees, animals, humans and the environment.

In addition, agroecology places social issues at the center of solutions for a sustainable and fair food system. As a set of practices, agroecology provides multiple benefits to society and the environment, by restoring ecosystem services and biodiversity.

OVERALL:

- Implement design principles that celebrate black culture, black urbanity, and black people.
- Maximize sites for urban agriculture.
- Maximize spaces for Fun and Rest in Nature.
- Center, expand, and improve Parks as the catalyst to address the social disconnections. (Moran, Hermitage and Lindbloom) – i.e. connecting hub parks – Sherman and Ogden via better mobility solutions
- Maximize sites to attract and foster businesses to locate across the 59th street corridor.
- New industries to provide work and career paths.
- Prioritize design interventions that simultaneously deliver social and environmental justice.
- Look at the design guidelines for black spaces.

BLACKSPACE MANIFESTO

We are Black urban planners, architects, artists, activists, designers, and leaders working to protect and create Black spaces. Our work included a range of activities from engagement and projects in historically Black neighborhoods to hosting cross-disciplinary convenings and events.

While what we do is very important, the way we do it is also critical. Acknowledging our triumphs, oppressions, aspirations, and challenges, we've

created this manifesto to guide our growth as a group and our interactions with one another, partners, and communities.

We push ourselves, our partners, our fields, and our work closer to these ideals so we may realize a present and future where Black people, Black spaces, and Black culture matter and thrive.

CREATE CIRCLES, NOT LINES

Create less hierarchy and more dialogue, inclusion, and empowerment.



CHOOSE CRITICAL CONNECTIONS OVER CRITICAL MASS

Quality over quantity. Focus on creating critical and authentic relationships to support mutual adaptation and evolution over time.*



MOVE AT THE SPEED OF TRUST

Grow trust and move together with fluidity at whatever speed is necessary.*

BE HUMBLE LEARNERS WHO PRACTICE DEEP LISTENING

Listen deeply and approach the work with an attitude towards learning, without assumptions and predetermined solutions. Take criticism without dispute.



CELEBRATE, CATALYZE, & AMPLIFY **BLACK JOY**

Black joy is a radical act. Give due space to joy, laughter, humor, and gratitude.



PLAN WITH, DESIGN WITH

Walk with people as they imagine and realize their own futures. Be connectors, conveners, and collaborators—not representatives.



CENTER LIVED EXPERIENCE

Lived experience is an important expertise; center it so it can be a guide and touchstone of all work.



SEEK PEOPLE AT THE MARGINS

Acknowledge the structures that create, maintain and uphold inequity. Learn and practice new ways of intentionally making space for marginalized voices, stories, and bodies.

RECKON WITH THE PAST TO BUILD THE FUTURE

Meaningfully acknowledge the histories, injustice, innovations, and victories of spaces and places before new work begins. Reckon with the past as a means of healing, building trust, and deepening understanding of self and others.



PROTECT & STRENGTHEN CULTURE

Make visible and strengthen Black cultures and spaces to honor their sacredness and prevent their erasure. Amplify and support Black assets of all forms—from leaders, institutions, and businesses to arts, culture, and histories.



CULTIVATE WEALTH

Cultivate a wealth of time, talent, and treasure that provide the freedom to risk, fail, learn, and grow.



FOSTER PERSONAL & COMMUNAL EVOLUTION

Make opportunities to expand leadership and capacity.

PROMOTE EXCELLENCE

Amplify, elevate, and love Black vanguards and the variety of their challenging, creative, exceptional, and innovative work and spaces. Allow excellence to build influence that creates opportunities for present and future generations.



MANIFEST THE FUTURE

Black people, Black culture, and Black spaces exist in the future! Imagine and design the future into existence now, working inside and outside of social and political systems.



This principle is derived from Adrienne Maree Brown's Emergent Strategy: *Shaping Change, Changing Worlds.

We are grateful to the many individuals and organizations that inspired these principles.

FARMING IS A POLITICAL ACT

We Don't Farm Because It's Trendy: For Black Folks, Growing Food Has Long Been a Form of Resistance

ASHLEY GRIPPER JUNE 11, 2020



Growers tend crops on a farm in North Philadelphia.

ENGLEWOOD, CHATHAM, AUBURN GRESHAM

Black-Woman-Led Sistas In The Village Farm Bringing Fresh Food To Chicago's South Side

Co-founders Mecca Bey and Nyabweza "Bweza" Itaagi began planting their Englewood farm in May. The duo hope to provide a place for peace and healthy food options in the community.



Atavia Reed 8:25 AM CDT on Jun 29, 2022



Credit: Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago

Mecca Bey and Bweza Itaagi pose for a photo at Sistas in the Village's urban farm, 5800 S. Ada St., in Englewood on June 17, 2022.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



1. COMMUNITY FIRST

Honor, reflect and build from the rich history of Black culture and the current Black residents of Englewood and West Englewood. Ensure accountability and community sustainability.



2. STRENGTH

Preserve and enhance the resiliency of the natural habitat of the trail, adjacent areas and that of the residents.



3. HEALTH AND SECURITY

Create an Agro-Eco district and trail that integrates ecological agriculture with public space to improve the social determinants of health of the residents of Englewood and West Englewood by providing a safe place to work, heal, play, celebrate and grow food.



4. STABILIZE

Position the land surrounding the trail to provide a sustainable future and economic security for the current residents of Greater Englewood by providing opportunities to create generational wealth via community investment and by stabilizing housing.

A photograph showing four people engaged in gardening or landscaping work. Three individuals are wearing bright yellow high-visibility shirts and are focused on planting small green seedlings into a garden bed. One person in the background is wearing a dark blue shirt and is working near a raised garden bed made of concrete blocks. The garden bed contains several black plastic pots with plants. To the right, there are several white buckets and a brown tarp. The setting is outdoors with many trees and a clear sky in the background.

5. PATHWAYS FOR WORK AND WEALTH

Provide economic, educational and career opportunities for residents through the planning, design, remediation, construction and management of the public land and through the Englewood Agro-Eco Trail and District.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES DISCUSSION

MAKING IT HAPPEN

City Department Activity and Coordination



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

Site Activations

Workforce Development

SPRING

Anticipated construction start.

RAISE funding must be under contract by September.

Continued public engagement throughout the process...

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

INVEST SOUTH/WEST

ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL



1.75 MILES

GARFIELD BLVD

57TH ST

58TH ST

59TH ST

60TH ST

DAMEN AVE

HALSTED ST

RACINE AVE

ASHLAND AVE

63RD ST



PARTY

Permanent Art. In Public Spaces.

In INVEST South/West neighborhoods. What do YOU suggest?



GREATER ENGLEWOOD CORRIDOR



BORDERLESS



Floating Museum



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

**COMMUNITY
INPUT**

**PRIORITY
PROJECTS REVIEW
& FEEDBACK**

**ARTIST
SELECTION
PANELS**

**PROJECT
ENGAGEMENT**

**ARTIST-LED ENGAGEMENT
LISTENING & FEEDBACK
SESSIONS**

**REQUESTS FOR
PROPOSALS**

IMPLEMENTATION

**2022
JULY - DECEMBER**

2023

2023-2025

OUTCOME

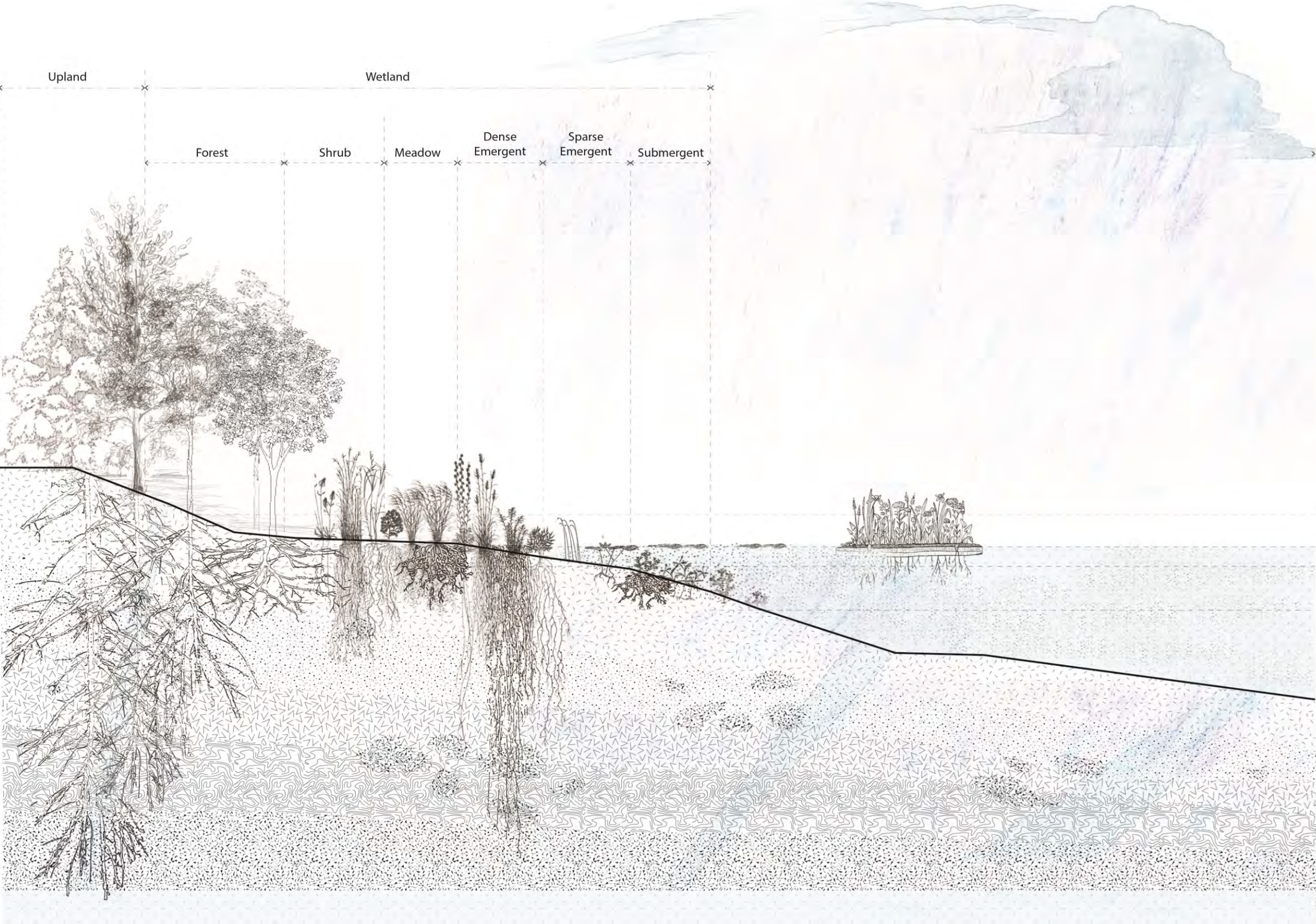
**PUBLIC ART
VISION PLAN**

**ARTIST
SELECTION**

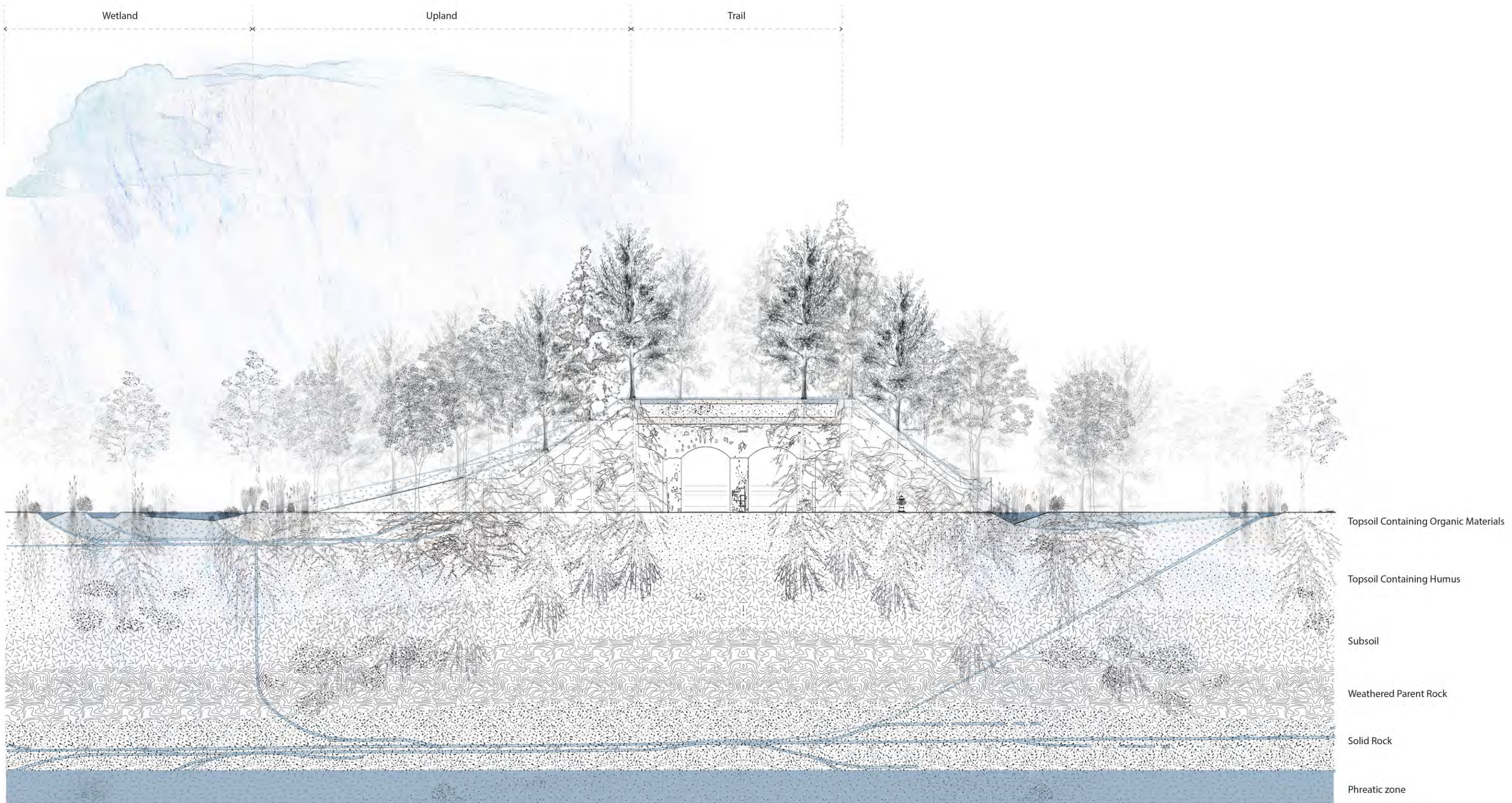
**COMPLETED
ART WORKS**

ACCESS, PUBLIC SPACES, AND PROGRAM A CROSS THE AGRO-ECO DISTRICT

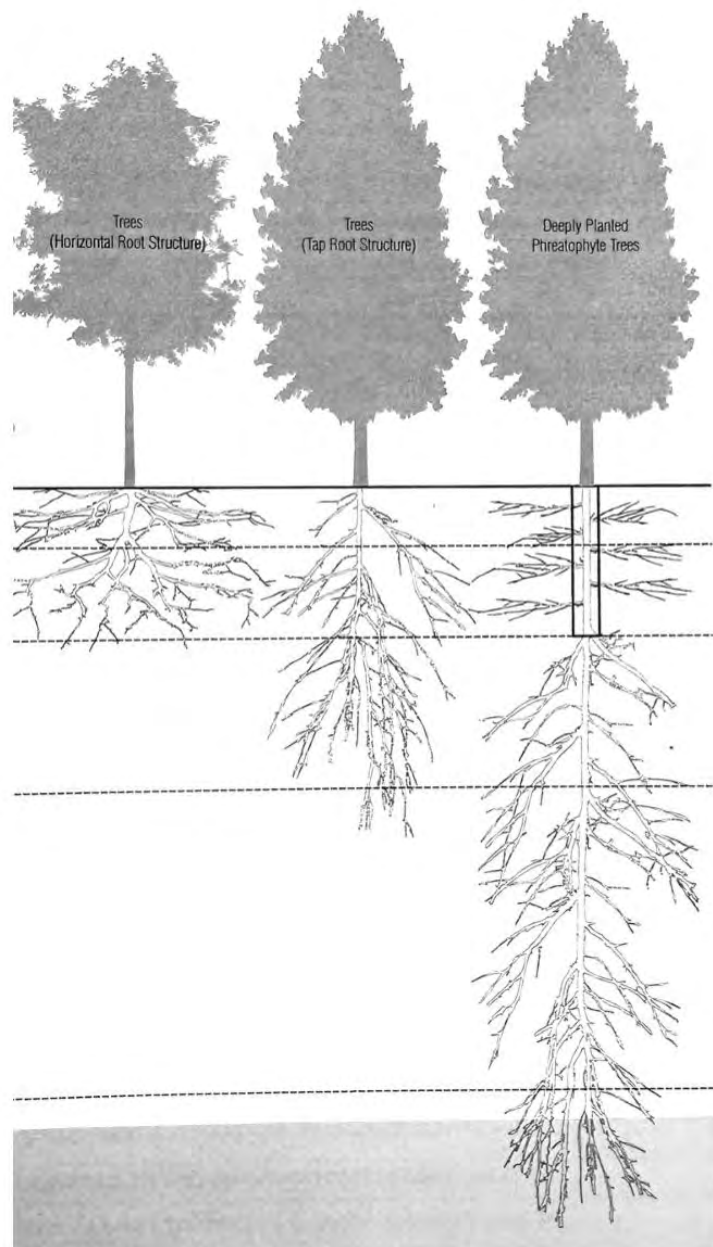
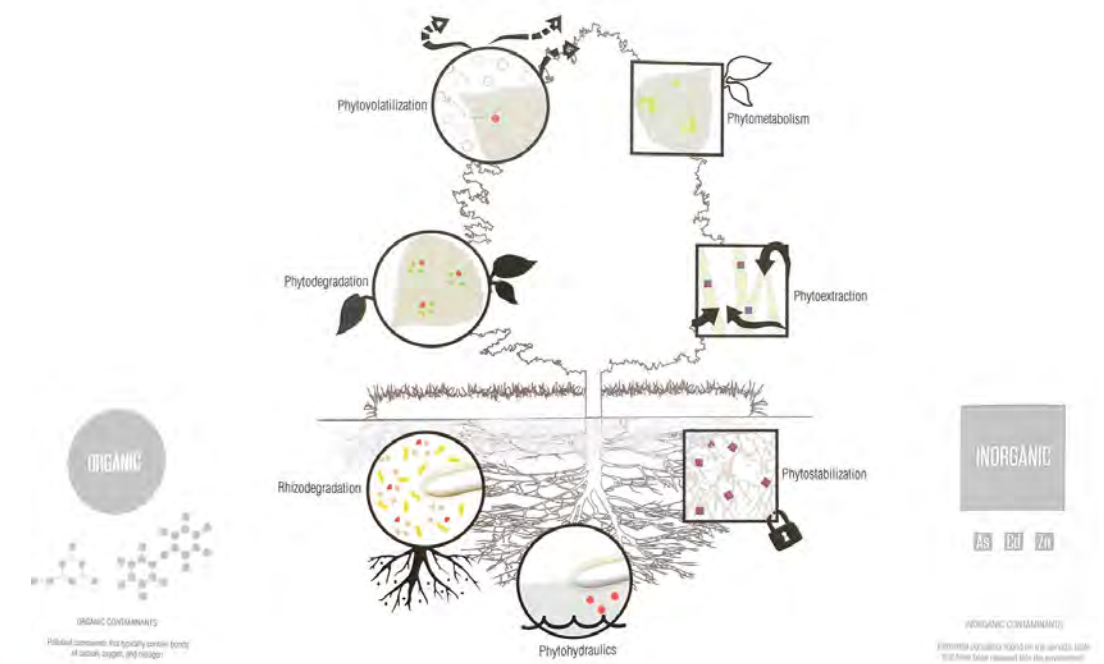
CHICAGO'S BOTANICAL RICHNESS



AGRO-ECO DISTRICT BOTANICAL CONCEPT



6 BIO HEALING STRATEGIES



Populus tremuloides



Liriodendron tulipifera



Populus deltoides



Quercus bicolor



Pseudotsuga menziesii



Fagus sp

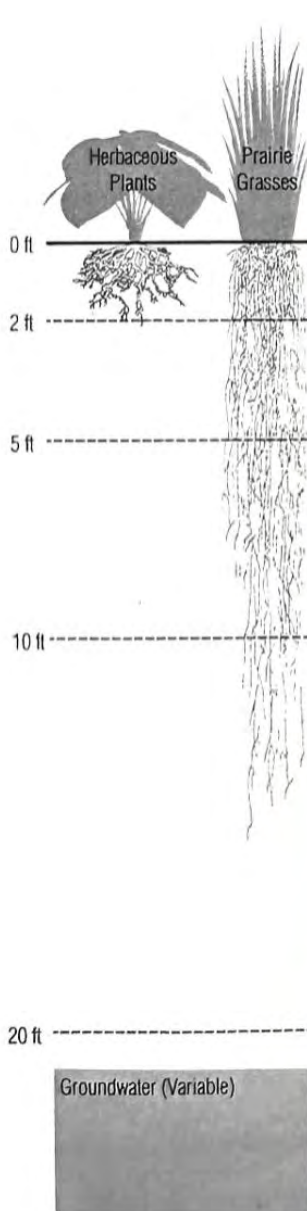
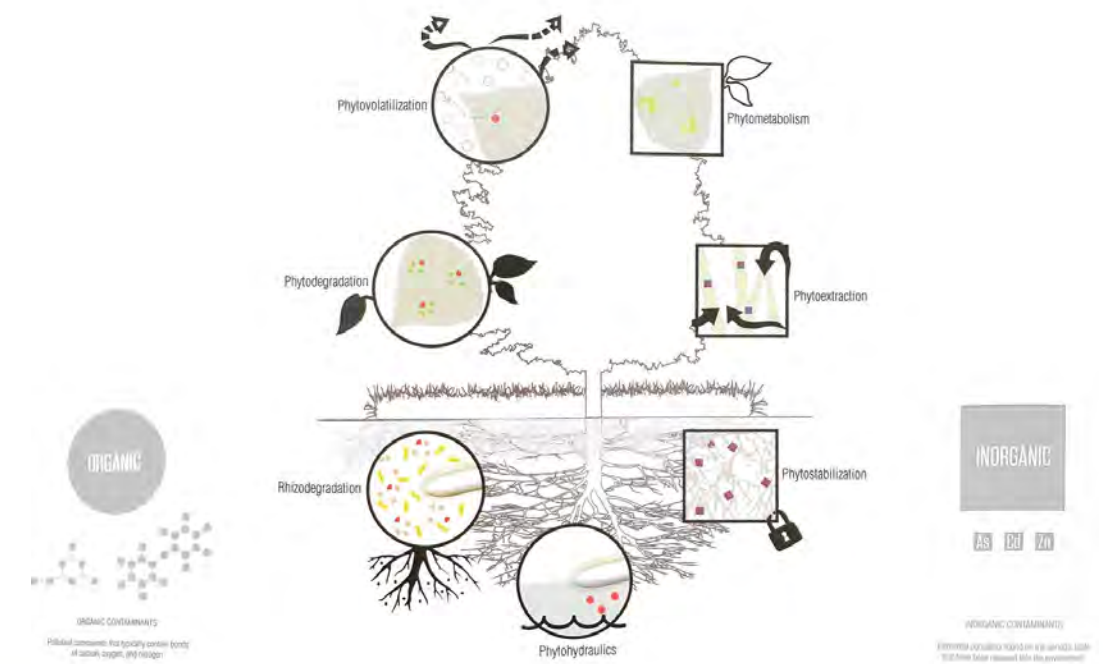


Salix sp



Taxodium distichum

6 BIO HEALING STRATEGIES



Chicago's Prairies



Brassica juncea



Helianthus annuus



Cichorium SP.



Typha angustifolia



Sporobolus sp.



Pennisetum



Panicum varigatum



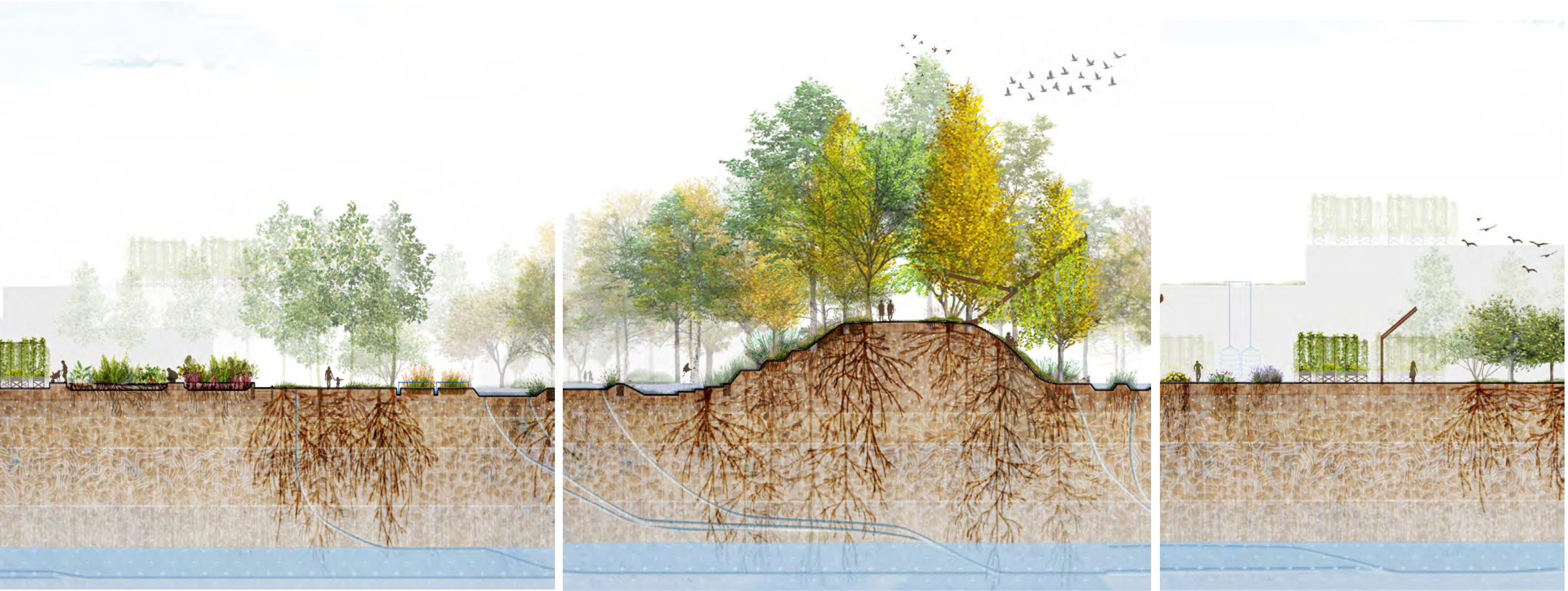
Miscanthus sinensis


AGRICULTURE IS CULTURE





- Agro-Streets
- Community Agro-Gardens
- Living Walls
- Fertile Grounds
- Fertile Undergrounds
- Conscious Irrigation
- Healing Wetlands
- Phyto Forest
- Golden Walks
- Community Agro-Industry
- Healing Wetlands
- Growing Courtyards
- Community Aeroponics
- Community Agro-Gardens
- Community Orchards
- Blooming Agro-Streets


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Blooming Agro-Streets

ADAPTIVE REUSE AT ASHLAND AVE.

1620 and 1625 W. 59th St.
5908 S. Ashland Ave.

Possible Program Elements:



ADAPTIVE REUSE AT BONTEMPS SCHOOL

5803 W. 58th St.
6,590 gsf floorplate

Possible Program Elements:

- CLASSROOM SPACE
- REST SPACES
- NEIGHBORHOOD SPA
- GREEN ENERGY
- CULINARY LAB
- SCENT LAB
- BOTANICAL CONSERVATORY
- ENERGY GARDEN
- VERTICAL FARMING



ADAPTIVE REUSE AT HALSTED ST.

5801 S. Halsted St.
8,350 gsf floorplate

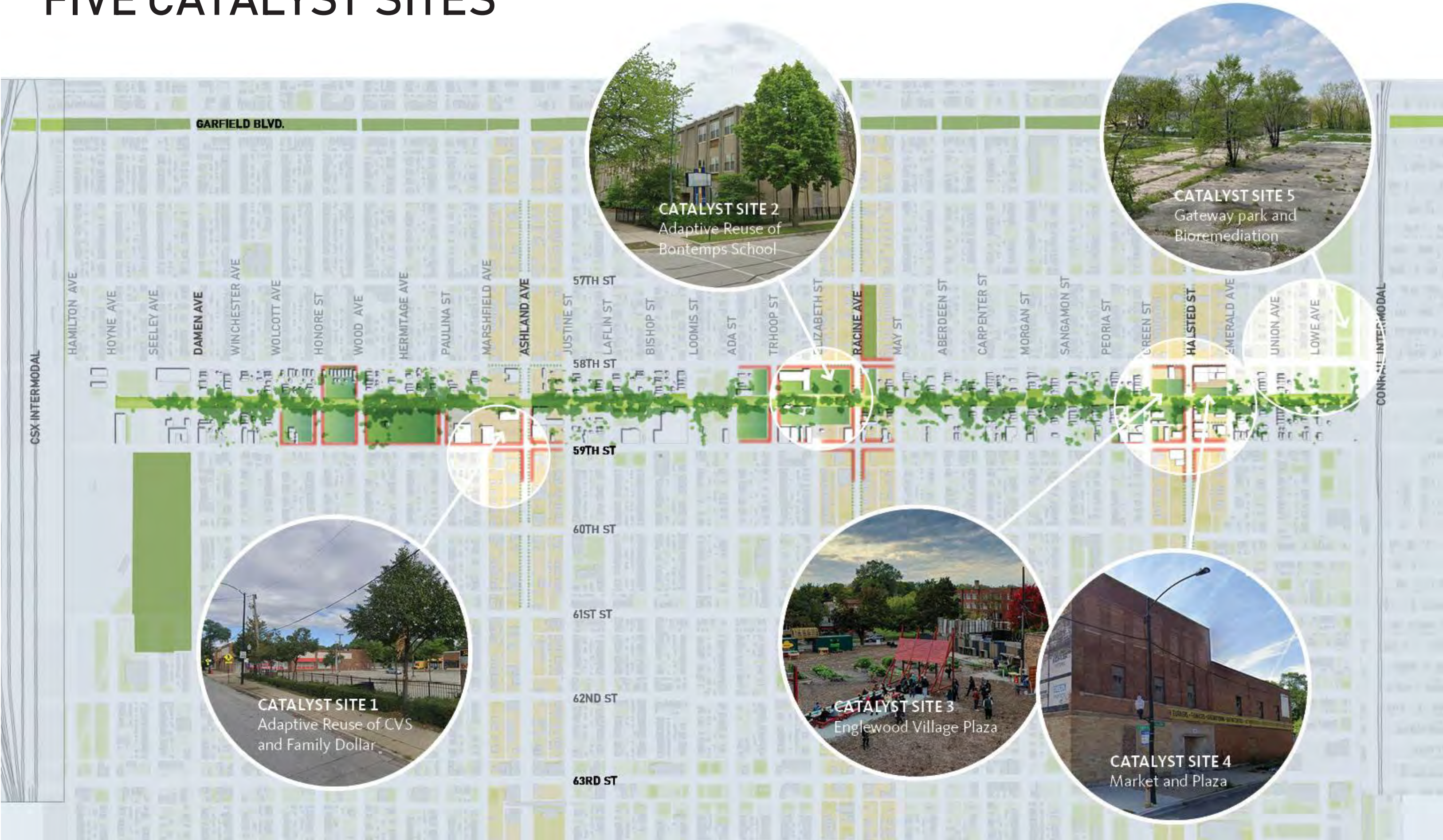
Possible Program Elements:



FIVE MAJOR NODES



FIVE CATALYST SITES

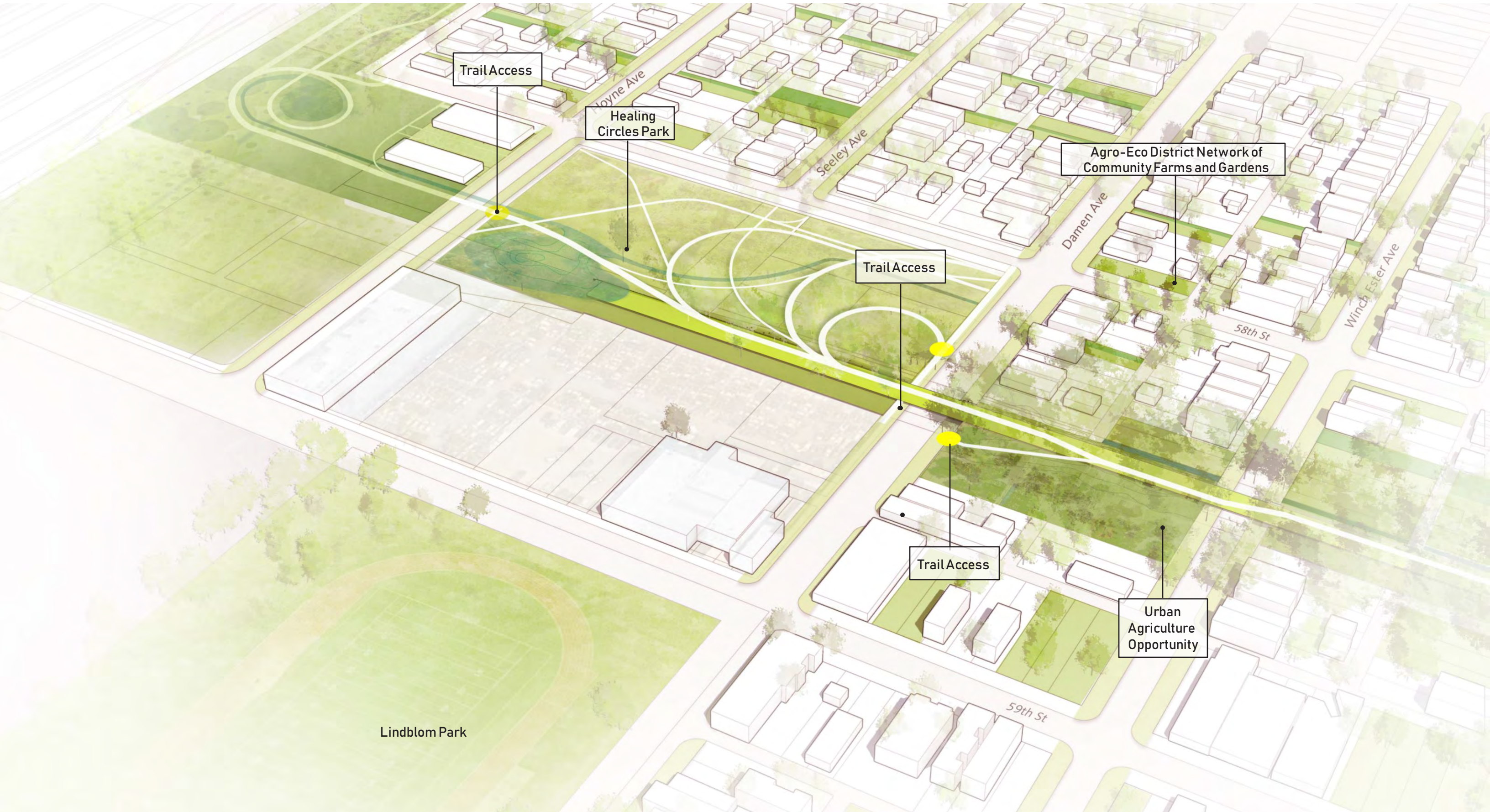


30 OPPORTUNITY SITES



NODE #1

HOYNE AVE. TO DAMEN AVE.



NODE #2

HERMITAGE AVE. AND ASHLAND AVE.



Expanded Growing Home

Urban Agriculture Opportunity

Growing Home of Ancestral Plants

Trail Access

Adaptive Reuse Opportunity CVS

Trail Access

Agro-Eco District Network of Community Farms and Gardens

Hermitage Park

Ashland Ave

Paulina St

Hermitage Ave

58th St

59th St

Wood St

Wolcott St

NODE #3

BONTEMPS SCHOOL AND RACINE AVE.



Agro-Eco Living Cycles Park

Trail Access

Adaptive Reuse Opportunity Bon Temps School

Agro-Eco District Network of Community Farms and Gardens

Agro-Eco Community Farm and Gardens

Moran Park

Agro-Eco Orchard Jazz Park

Agro-Eco Community Farm and Gardens

Rail-Yard Agro-Eco Playground

Blooming Memories Agro-Eco Healing Wetland

Rain Market Plaza

Adaptive Reuse Opportunity Leon's BBQ

Throop St

59th St

Elizabeth St

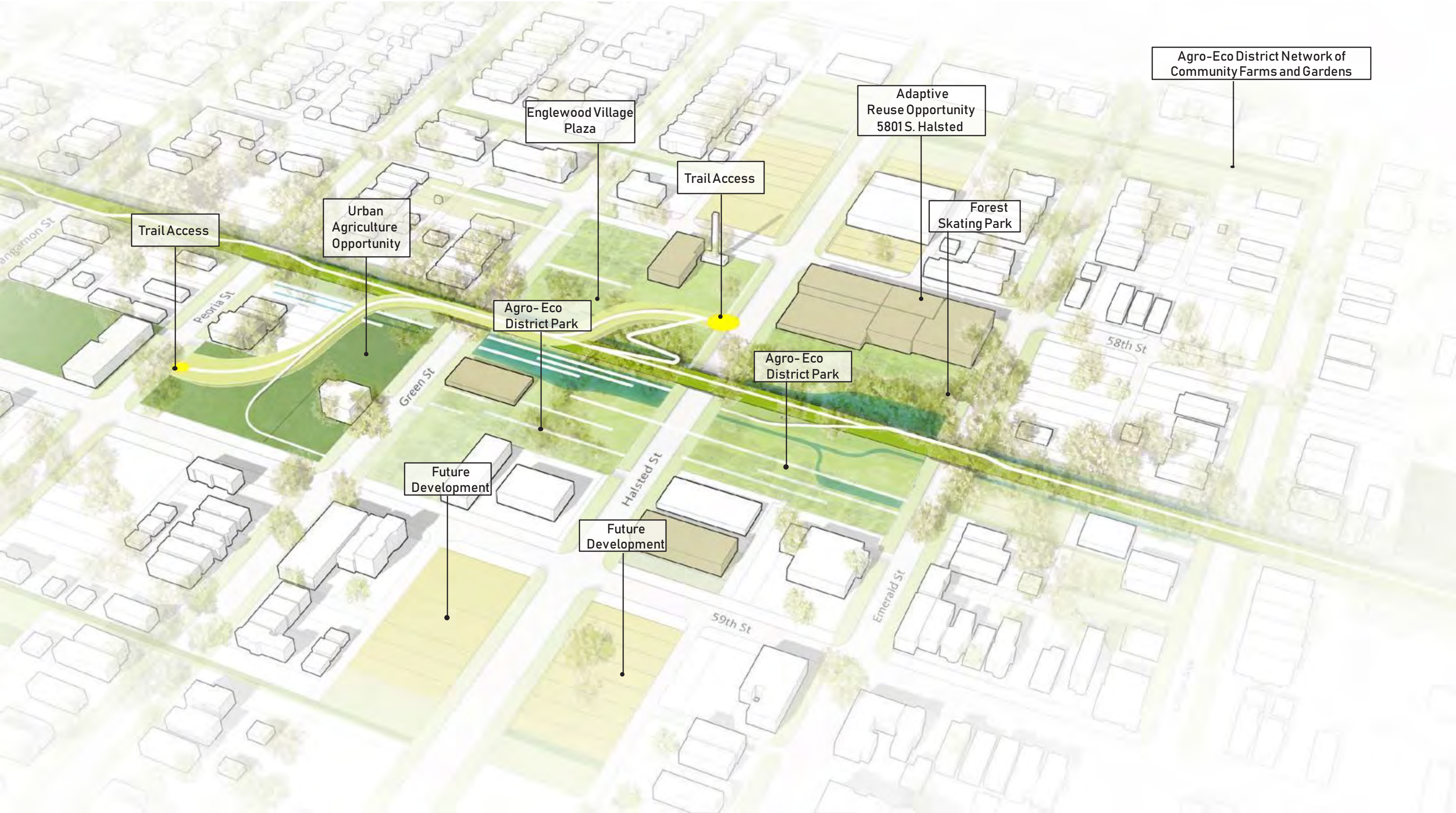
58th St

Racine Ave

May St

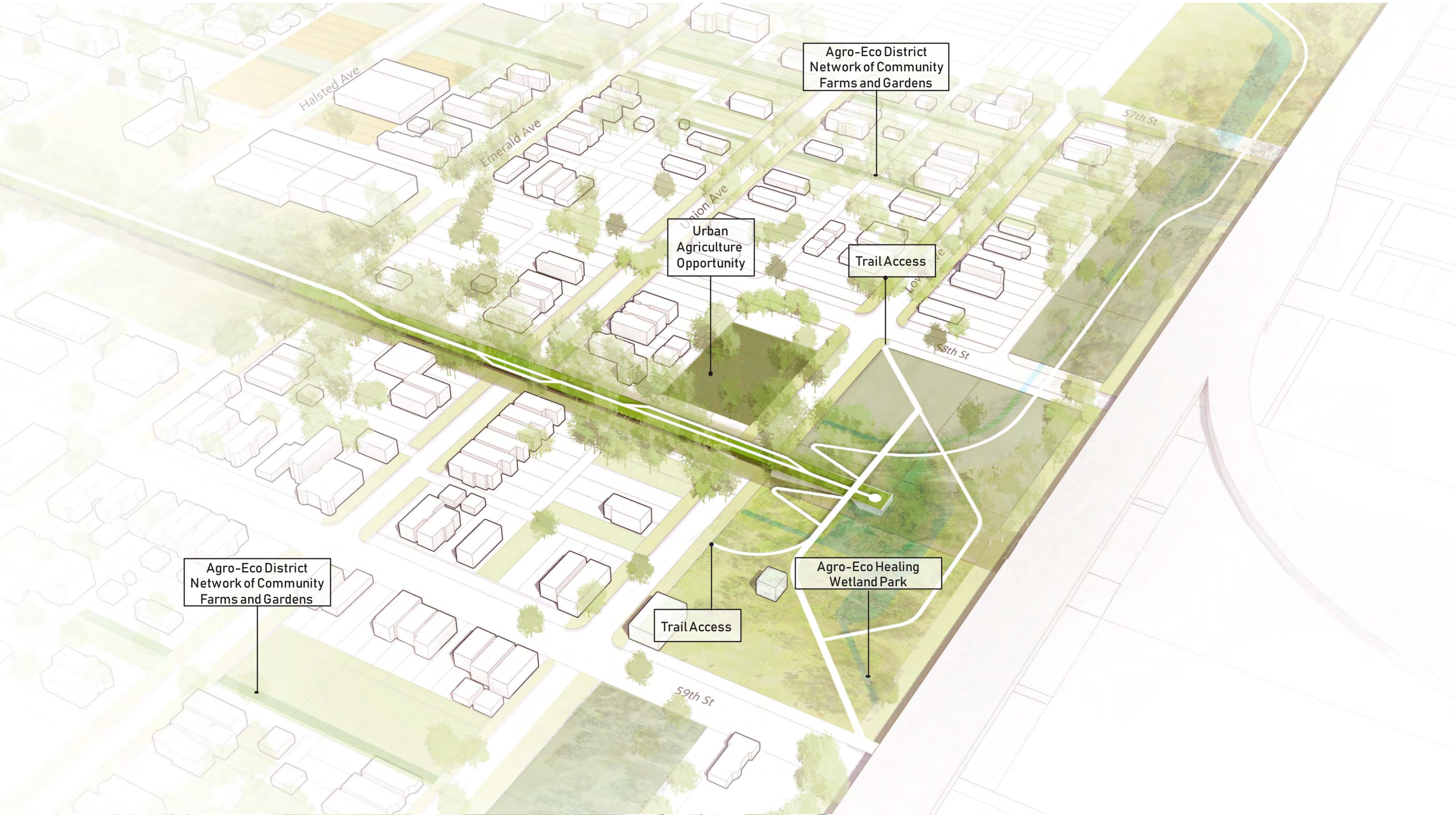
NODE #4

HALSTED ST.



NODE #5

LOWE AVE.



Agro-Eco District
Network of Community
Farms and Gardens

Urban
Agriculture
Opportunity

Trail Access

Agro-Eco District
Network of Community
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Trail Access

Agro-Eco Healing
Wetland Park

HOW WOULD YOU PROGRAM THE
PLACES ALONG THE TRAIL?

Block Builder

Browse all City-owned vacant surplus property. This map seeks to increase transparency and to support residents in creating plans for their neighborhoods.

Check back here in the coming weeks for more information on purchasing available properties.

LOCATION

Enter an address Search Reset

COMMUNITY AREA

Englewood

WARD

Select a ward

SALE STATUS

Select a sale status

ZONING DISTRICT [\(more info\)](#)

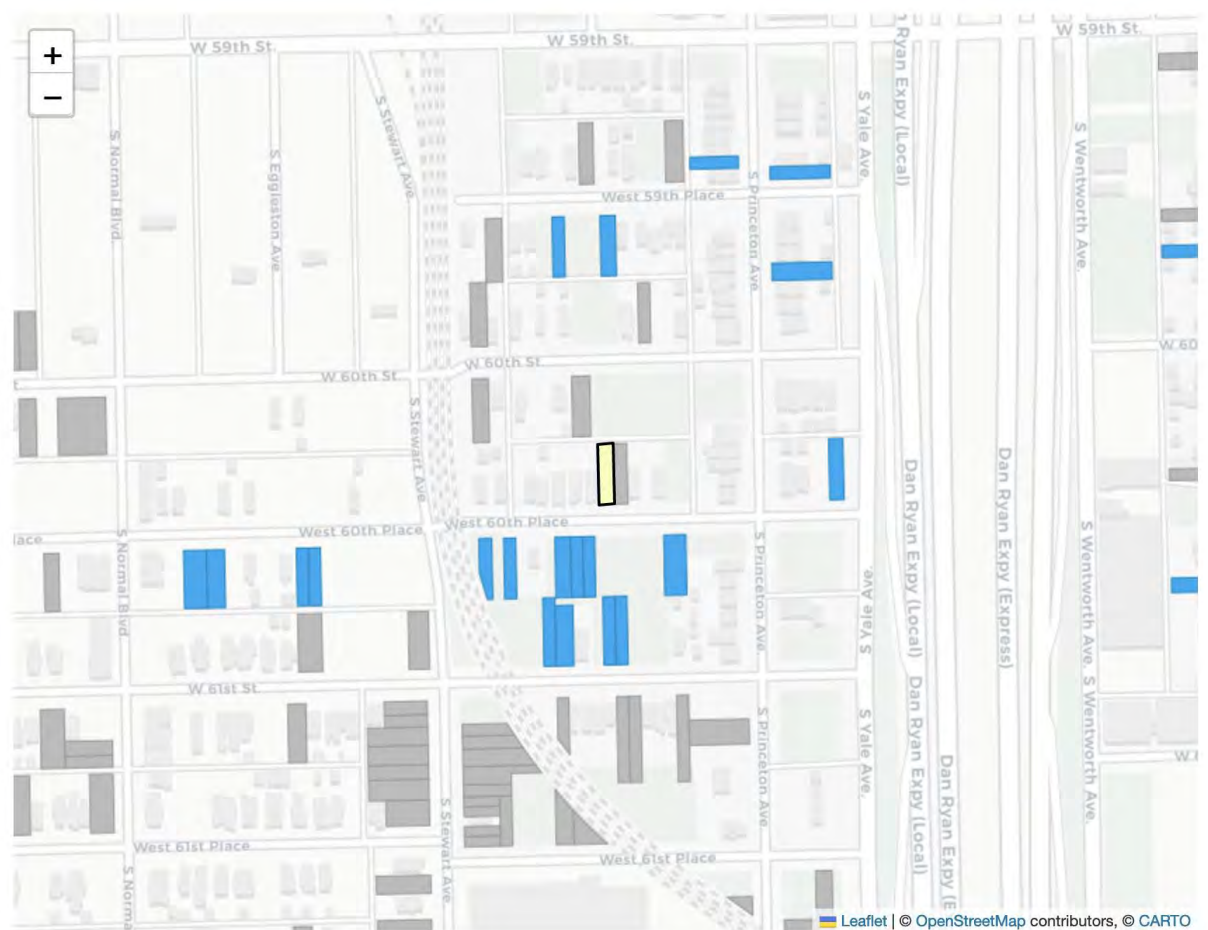
RS - Residential Single-Unit

SQUARE FOOTAGE

Select a square footage

Legend

- 179 City-owned lots for sale
- 574 City-owned lots not for sale



For sale

Address 328 W 60TH PL

PIN 20-16-407-019-0000 [\(info\)](#)


Community ENGLEWOOD

Ward (new) 20

Zoned RS-3

Sq ft 4,131

Owned by CITY OF CHICAGO



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BEFORE YOU LEAVE A SHORT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT BLOCKBUILDER

November 17th - City will market 2,000 vacant lots on the south and west sides

All lots have received an environmental clearance

All lots have a market value based on land sales in the immediate area

Applicants can apply for sideyards if they own adjacent property and housing developments if they have a proposal.

DPD & DOH identified areas to "hold back" due to active planning work.

This includes the blocks around the Englewood Nature Trail and other areas in Englewood and West Englewood



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THE CITY OF CHICAGO

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/englewood-trail>