

Date	Please describe your interest/relationship with the SDP.	Please share any additional comments about the proposed SDP update below.
4/16	I am an advocate for bird friendly buildings.	[blank]
4/16	I'm a concerned citizen living in the Chicago area.	SHAME on the city for completing ignoring migratory birds in the SDP. Our buildings are devastating to wild bird populations.
4/16	I am a taxpayer	[blank]
4/16	Chicago resident and bird lover	Protect the birds!
4/16	I am a resident of Chicago	[blank]
4/16	I am a concerned citizen who has lived here for 9 years.	We need to take measures to protect migratory birds and improve air quality in the city.
4/16	Just from emails	[blank]
4/16	Concerned group of Chicago residents	[blank]
4/16	I have been a resident of Chicago for over 20 years and am concerned about the future of our city and our planet.	Bird protection should be mandatory. Chicago is a death trap for migrating bird populations; our buildings are having a profoundly negative impact on this critical part of our ecosystem. This component should not be option but a requirement for new development.
4/16	Bird protection	[blank]
4/16	Chicago resident, Chicago Bird Alliance affiliate	Bird protection must be mandatory
4/16	Member of the public	Please add regulations to protect birds from dying from collisions. Chicago is behind in making these changes and we need to be a leader on this for cities!
4/16	Concerned Chicago resident	The SDP update needs to include mandatory measures to protect migratory birds.
4/16	I am a current tax paying resident in the city of Chicago who cares about my community and its feathered friends .	[blank]
4/16	resident of River North, leader in resident association	It is an embarrassment that Chicago remains the deadliest city in the US for migratory birds when it is such an easy correction to make. Please prioritize bird friendly construction and natural habitats. Bird loss and eco system harm is spiraling out of control which impacts healthy continuity of all life and quality of life. This needs to be a priority.
4/16	Concerned citizen	[blank]
4/16	Citizen advocating for our shared environment.	Please do everything possible to save the lives of migratory birds and to provide native habitat for non-migratory and migratory birds.
4/16	Chicago needs to PROTECT BIRDS.	Bird protection should be mandatory, full stop. At the very least the Basic Bird Protection should required so that high risk features/facades are covered. New York and other cities are showing the costs for doing this is minimal. Chicago is the greatest threat to birds in the U.S., we should be leading the way on this and not laggards.
4/16	Resident/homeowner	Light pollution is problematic- reduce streetlight intensity and stop flood light installations. This is a health hazard to people (breast cancer) animals, insects and plants.
4/16	Citizen of Chicago who is ecologically concerned about where we are heading.	I love the progress Chicago has made and this feedback and planning is another positive step to the future!
4/16	A concerned citizen. I would like to see Chicago lead the country (and the world) in sustainable and smart development practices.	As a user of LEED, Green Globes, WELL, and fitwel, (and others) I am pleased to see Green Globes ranked equivalently to other certifications listed in this draft and am thrilled that GBI's Journey to Net Zero program is included.
4/16	I am a sustainability consultant and I work with clients pursuing SDP as part of their sustainability journey.	Nothing is being done to protect bird life despite minimal costs and major mental health benefits
4/16	Long time Cook county and Chicago resident	[blank]
4/16	Citizen of chicago	I beg you, please prioritize bird protection. It's heartbreaking to see dead birds on the sidewalk on an almost daily basis. There are many simple, aesthetically pleasing solutions to stop fatal bird collisions.
4/16	Resident and thus stakeholder	Please make bird migration concerns a high priority.
4/16	Concerned citizen	The current draft does NOT meet critical needs, nor does it take into account overwhelming public support. Chicago is the #1 American city that poses the greatest risk to bird protections. I, and many others, implore you to add bird protections into the SDP.
4/16	I want to see Chicago, my hometown city, set THE example for what cities should be prioritizing for the future.	Please make proposals that can actually work.
4/16	chicago resident and business owner	1) No plan that does not reduce bird fatalities can logically be called 'sustainable'. 2) 'Voluntary' or incentive-based solutions don't solve crisis situations.
4/16	My interest in the SDP is that it address the reality that Chicago is the most deadly city in North America for migrating birds.	Please revise to include a measure requiring new construction to meet standards for bird safety. If we continue to allow thousands of birds to be killed by buildings in Chicago, there will be consequences felt throughout all North American ecosystems.
4/16	I'm a citizen of Chicago who recognizes Chicago's integral role in bird migration and believes the city should do better to prioritize being a leader in sustainable building practices.	[blank]
4/16	Chicago resident	Please make bird friendly design mandatory
4/16	[blank]	[blank]
4/16	I'm interested in SDP because it has the power to help the environment in a crucial period of time. Migratory birds come through Chicago via the Mississippi Flyway, but thousands are killed in our city by window strikes.	Please please do the right thing and help the birds. I'm sick of picking up dead birds off the sidewalk every day during migration season.
4/16	It's in your power to mandate bird safety building design. Birds are crucial to a healthy environment! Please do the right thing! Mandating bird-friendly design doesn't add significant cost!	Bird Protection and renewable energy!
4/16	Concerned taxpayer.	Bird strike and bird habitat protection are vital to a future with a *somewhat* functioning food web. Chicago is vital to migrating birds. We are LOSING. SO. MANY. These are easy fixes! Your grandchildren and their children will thank you!
4/16	I am a US citizen and visitor to Chicago.	My primary reason for responding to this survey is to stress the importance of bird protection measures.
4/16	I volunteer with Chicago Bird Collision Monitors	[blank]
4/16	My interest is the hope that Chicago will do its part to support important environmental and wildlife issues and be a leader for other major cities	[blank]
4/16	Voter and Birder	Nearly 1,000 songbirds perished during the night after crashing into the McCormick Place Lakeside Center's windows, the result, according to avian experts, of a deadly confluence of prime migration conditions, rain and the low-slung exhibition hall's lights and window-lined walls. "It was just like a carpet of dead birds at the windows there," said Willard, a retired bird division collections manager at the Chicago Field Museum, where his duties included administering, preserving and cataloging the museum's collection of 500,000 bird specimens as well as searching for bird strikes as part of migration research. Each birds hit the McCormick Place windows because the facility refuses to place decals on the windows that are only visible to birds. The decals are readily available from Amazon. Only through regulation and a fine will McCormick end this annual carnage.

4/16 Concerned citizen
4/16 I am a Chicagoan, teacher, birder, environmentalist
4/16 BCM volunteer
4/16 I care about sustainability

I am a lifetime resident of Chicago and a longtime volunteer and assistant steward at a Chicago Park District
4/16 natural plantings area and bird sanctuary.

4/16 I know that both human lives and wildlife get the brunt of greed and short-term thinking.
4/16 To Save Birds' Lives
I live in the Chicago area and work in Chicago. I deeply care about the natural world, preventing biodiversity
4/16 losses and curtailing climate change while also helping people.
4/16 Human who has to live on this planet.
4/16 I care about wildlife and life in general.

4/16 I am an Illinois resident and I care about the impact Chicago and the state of Illinois has on wildlife.

4/16 [blank]
4/16 I have a vested interest in the protection of wildlife in this city.
4/16 Wildlife here
4/16 Birds and the environment
I live in Chicago and value the environment highly. I support Friends of the Chicago River and birding
4/16 organisations. I bike and use public transport.
4/16 Concerned citizen.
4/16 Condo owner in Chicago
4/16 member of Illinois Audubon Society and former director with Will County Forest Preserves
4/16 Chicago resident
4/16 community member (Chicago resident and homeowner)

4/16 Chicago citizen

4/16 Chicago resident

4/16 Professional Architecture Guide, Chicagoan
4/17 Chicago resident
4/17 I'm an environmentalist who works on prairie restoration in the south suburbs.
4/17 Bird protection policy

4/17 [blank]

4/17 Concerned resident of Chicago
4/17 Resident of Chicago

4/17 I am a 4th generation and longtime Chicago resident and feel a sense of pride and responsibility in the city.

4/17 I'm a concerned citizen, educator and resident.

4/17 Citizen concerned about sustainable practices and being a good steward of our natural environment.
Please pass an ordinance to make new buildings bird friendly so that they can pass thru Chicago and make it to
4/17 their breeding grounds to the north.
4/17 I want to live in a city that favors the health of its environment and the health of its citizens.
4/17 None

4/17 I care about the migratory birds that pass through Chicago's deathtrap twice a year.
4/17 I am a Chicago resident
4/17 citizen
4/17 Concerned citizen

4/17 I want a city built in an intentional way that is good for all its living creatures.

It is so easy to save migrating birds. Why can't Chicago get this right? It doesn't cost us anything.
Please make bird safety protections at buildings mandatory
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Birds play a critical role in the health of our environment. We plant and manage native plantings areas to attract wildlife, yet we fail miserably at protecting it. Chicago must no longer ignore a very serious threat to bird mortality. Chicago should be a leading example in bird protection. Requiring bird-friendly measures for new buildings and major renovations through SDP is a small step toward making Chicago safer for millions of migrating birds on our flyway. The urgency is NOW!
I've lived in Philadelphia, NYC, LA, Boston, and Chicago. Chicago and its residents think of themselves as on par with these other cities but you'd be hard-pressed to find people who move here from top-tier cities who agree with this or stay long-term. It is embarrassing seeing Chicago's sheltered long-term residents think their city is so great when Chicago leadership's small and short-term thinking and cronyism keep it back.
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It is irresponsible and disgraceful to not take into account bird protection.
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Chicago should be a leader on bird protection. We are a major thoroughfare for bird migration and we need to protect the precious wildlife that remains.
Please please please do something to prevent migratory bird deaths. We need safer glass solutions for them, not more empty buildings
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Why not do all of these things? Please do include bird protection measures though

Please make the bird protection requirements for construction mandatory.
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On October 4-5, 2023, more than 3000 birds were killed overnight as they migrated through Chicago. McCormick place has taken action to prevent this occurrence in the future, but that's just one building. The proposed SDP is disappointing. Making bird friendly building modifications optional is making the life of birds optional. Rather than following the solutions outlined by Bird Friendly Chicago, Chicago Bird Collision Monitors, Chicago Ornithological Society, and more, the Chicago Department of Planning and Development has chosen to ignore these suggestions and allow corporations a pass when it comes to the lives of thousands of birds. Chicago can do better. NYC, San Francisco, and other peer cities have been able to make these changes. Chicago can too!

Mandatory bird protection for all buildings...not voluntary...please we can do this...Chicago should be a leader in this regard...really in all regards for advancing healthy natural urban ecosystems...
Following DPD proceedings, some of these (100% ARO, green roofs, electric appliances) should be required. I'd also recommend that zero on-site parking should be added to this list as a way of incentivizing alternative transit (community benefit).
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The SDP should make bird protection mandatory. Chicago is on the route of migratory birds and so many of them die here each year. We are behind major cities in becoming a bird friendly city. Please include mandatory bird protection requirements.

Please listen to your constituents. It is almost peak migratory bird season and we are once again seeing MASSIVE bird deaths. Chicago is years behind its peer cities and local leadership continue to be a huge threat to environmental sustainability. Do better.
<https://news.wttw.com/2019/04/04/chicago-most-dangerous-city-migratory-birds-study-finds>
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As the deadliest N. American city for migrating birds, Chicago should be a leader in mitigating needless migratory bird deaths.
It's critical to adopt bird-friendly measures to reduce the high death rate of migrating birds coming through Chicago.

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Please make bird protection steps mandatory. We can do so much better to protect declining populations of birds. Right now, we encourage and shrug off disasters and are a complete embarrassment.
Bird protection must be mandatory
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Birds are our primary wildlife and need to be protected.
100% need to prioritize building codes that require bird protection on every building. Chicago is a huge migratory bird route and if nothing else that must be done. Especially if we're going to grow the human population here.

4/17 City of Chicago resident and homeowner for 22 years
4/17 I am a citizen of Chicago

I am a member of Urban Environmentalists Illinois, a chapter of YIMBYAction. I am an advocate for dense multi-family and mixed-income housing in Chicago.
4/17 I am concerned about our city's woeful and stubborn refusal to consider multispecies design as we plan for the future of our city.

We are disappointed that Chicago chooses to ignore a serious threat to wildlife. As the American city that poses the greatest risk to migratory birds, Chicago should be leading efforts to provide bird protections. Instead, peer cities outpace Chicago on this issue while demonstrating these requirements can be implemented with no significant delays or expense to building projects. Requiring bird-friendly measures for new buildings and major renovations through the SDP is a small step toward making a safer city for the millions of birds that travel through our region. These birds play a critical role in the health of the environment, and their declining numbers should impress upon the city the urgency to protect them.
4/17 I am a member of Urban Environmentalists IL and I work in architecture.

4/17 Climate and environment quality of life for all living things
4/17 None
4/17 I have been a resident of Chicago for the last 67 years. I vote in every election!

4/17 I am a resident of Chicago, an active volunteer, a working professional in media, and member of the community.

I am a home owner in Chicago and are deeply troubled by the high number of bird strikes into building along the Lake Michigan Shore and what can be done to reduce the risk to migrating birds
4/17 I am speaking up to appeal the recent decision NOT to protect migratory birds passing through Chicago area by neglecting to enforce bird friendly design standards in new buildings as well as old. Not protecting our wildlife has long-term devastating effects on our environment. I am disappointed that this great city does not align with other major cities for this kind of protection.
4/17 I'm a bird lover who's devastated by the constant senseless bird deaths. We are in a biodiversity crisis and this is one thing we can actually do to help, especially since Chicago is such an important city in terms of bird migrations (and so deaths).
4/17 Birder, bird lover, concern for bird species declining numbers.
4/17 Citizen and taxpayers within the City of Chicago. I am always in favor of pro-environmental and sustainable design.

I am a citizen of Chicago and hope to participate in making it a better environment for humans, and others who live here or migrate through. Let's get this city moving forward into the 21st century please!

Passionate outdoor-activity participant; volunteer canoe guide with Friends of the Chicago River; birder; volunteer plover monitor at Montrose; 38 year resident, taxpayer and voter in Chicago; concerned environmentalist.
4/17 City resident
4/17 Citizen

4/17 Architect

4/17 Lifelong Chicagoan
4/17 Chicago Citizen who cares about the future

4/17 Im just a concerned Chicagoan
4/17 Better bird friendly buildings.

4/17 I am concerned that bird and wildlife safety isn't being taken seriously with the new development plan.
4/17 Citizen of Chicago

It was truly disappointing to learn that there were no mandatory protections to reduce bird mortality included in the 2024 SDP, especially since the simplest measure (lights out during peak migration) meets a key SDP priority (energy savings) as well as raises awareness and reduces light pollution. Chicago is an incredibly important part of the migratory pathway for much of North America, yet because we haven't made the effort, we have been cited as the most dangerous city for birds in the U.S., adding to the narrative about the "dangers" of our great city.
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Transportation is the biggest source of carbon emissions in Illinois. We should make more walkable and bikeable neighborhoods that include plentiful secure bike parking, and good transit connectivity. The next largest source of emissions is heating. We should focus on building electrification by encouraging ground source heat pumps, district heating and cooling, and air source heat pumps. In order to reduce carbon footprints in new construction, we should give more favorability to mass timber as a construction material. This is a carbon sink, and costs are now almost at parity with concrete and steel. Indoor air quality is also a major problem for public health. PM2.5 is an invisible and deadly pollutant. We can mitigate this with ERV systems. We cannot consider ourselves a world class city with world class leadership if we continue to bow to the interests of developers concerned only with profit.

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we're not doing enough, the developers do nothing but pollute and make life miserable with the current equipment and practices --and we must Protect birds!! stop with these glass buildings!!
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It is deeply concerning that the City of Chicago is not taking bird protection seriously. After watching the news segment & learning about the inaction of our City, I am deeply disturbed that there is not more being done. The measures needed to protect migratory birds are minuscule compared to the impact bird collisions are having on ecosystems far outside of our own. It is shameful to dismiss this issue when other cities are taking lawful action.

I find it hard to believe that after the devastating news of hundreds or maybe even thousands of bird strikes into buildings along the lake shore tis past year, that by the way made national and world news, that you have the audacity to not make changes to address this preventable, horrific event. You have the power to do something about this and significantly reduce this risk of this happening again and again. It is shameful that you took no action on this with all the evidence and overwhelming public support. Please do your job and fix this problem. Make the bird friendly designs for buildings mandatory, please!

It is difficult to choose only 10 menu strategies above. I hope that the DPD chooses strategies that can be combined to integrate many of the items that need to be addressed for a sustainable and healthy future for our communities over time.

Protections for birds should be mandatory. There is no time to waste... the bird populations are declining rapidly and our own survival depends on theirs (as well as the rest of the ecosystem/nature).
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We need to be a leader in bird protection strategies!

Thank you for the opportunity. Please make bird friendly mandatory. Chicago could be doing so much more. Building codes to protect wildlife is table stakes. Why are we cleaning up leaves (important insect habitat) from the DuSable medians in April, before insects can hatch? Someone should be coordinating environmentally responsible actions across government agencies.
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Bird protections need to be mandatory.

The SDP should get stricter, but not force the need for 3rd party certification. For many certification is chosen based on cost. Rather a project should focus on what makes sense for the locations needs and adhere to overall stricter requirements from the city to create a better baseline of buildings. I'm so concerned about Chicago's decimation of migratory birds. I found a dead belted Kingfisher on Wabash and Washington and wish Chicago would be a leader on this issue instead of one of the worst in the nation
Let's protect our environments and safe futures!
If we continue to kill all of the birds we'll destroy ourselves in the process. Please think of the future not just short term gains.
Better bird friendly buildings!

Chicago is on one of the largest migration paths for birds and we are currently ranked as one of the DEADLIEST cities for birds. Other cities such as New York already have way more aggressive policies such as requiring all new construction and additions to buildings above a certain height. We're concerned about energy, so why are we not requiring buildings to turn their lights off when the building is unoccupied or making them draw their shades at night? Birding generated the most amount of money than any other hobby, we should be trying to make Chicago a safer place for birds and encourage birders to visit Chicago rather than making them hate us for killing so many.
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4/17 Resident
4/17 Extremely high
4/17 [blank]
4/17 Homeowner

4/17 Concerned citizen and homeowner

4/17 Chicago citizen and enjoyer of minimally polluted air and clean water
4/17 I am an advocate for greener developments and want to make my community healthier.

4/17 Chicago downtown resident
4/18 Chicago citizen
4/18 I am a property owner in Chicago
4/18 Concerned citizen
4/18 Bird watcher, concerned citizen
4/18 I'm a Chicago resident interested in sustainable development.
4/18 Interesting in improving the city's urban environment
4/18 Citizen
The protection of animal migrations reflects on humanity's concern for ALL inhabitants of our fine-tuned planet. Self-centricity is shortsighted. Thank you Nancy Faust

4/18 Citizen/resident of the city of Chicago
I am a local transportation policy advocate and concerned citizen seeking greater environmental sustainability
4/18 in Chicago.

Concerned citizen of Chicago who knows we can do more to protect our natural environment and bounty while
4/18 at once improving life in the city for all inhabitants.
4/18 This is my city
4/18 Interested in making our city as human and animal friendly as possible through tangible action
4/18 Citizen

4/18 I'm a sustainable design specialist at an A&E firm in Chicago.
4/18 I live in Chicago and want my niece to grow up in a greener, healthier city.

4/18 Citizen and Taxpayer residing in the city of Chicago

4/18 [blank]

4/18 Developer representative
4/18 To improve Chicago's landscape to help migrating and resident birds' survival.
4/18 Provide safe passage for migrating birds. If New York City can do it, Chicago can do it better.
4/18 protecting birds

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Very disappointed with past decisions. Know we can do better!!
Please ensure the protection of birds.
Make bird protections required for new buildings!!!
All the strategies are laudable and should be incentivized. But bird protections need to be required.
The city is the worst in the US for migrating birds. Optional doesn't cut it.

I would love to see progress on reducing noise levels throughout Chicago but especially on industrial corridors, since persistent exposure to loud noise levels is linked with lower public health. Also prioritize clean air by schools for the health, safety, and academic performance of our students. Car-lite and car free school streets would help tremendously.
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We need to require bird protection measures for all new and upgraded buildings. Chicago is right on the major bird migration path; currently its buildings kill thousands of wild birds every year. The standard protection measures are not expensive compared to building costs and have been successfully applied in many other cities
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Please protect birds with building design/codes
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Address all potential life-threatening issues for ALL species - Thank you, Nancy Faust

I am disappointed to see that bird protection continues to be an optional choice for developers, rather than a requirement for building and renovation projects. As your draft notes, Chicago's built environment has a tremendous impact on a major migratory flyway. On a single day in October 2023, over 1,000 dead birds were collected by Chicago Bird Collision monitors. Continuing to leave bird protection optional is irresponsible and unacceptable. I urge you to revise the 2024 draft and make bird protection standards mandatory.

The DPD should include reduced parking standards and transit oriented development as options.

Chicago is the top cause of excess bird deaths during migration. Our city is beautiful and lies in the midst of scenic natural bounty. We cannot continue to degrade or harm, kill its animals, and pollute with reckless abandon. There are ways to make Chicago a greater city than it currently is, meeting better standards for sustainability and ecological rehabilitation.
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I think the draft policy does a great job offering more options to fit different project types, without watering down the options such that a project can simply choose the easiest path and not do much better than business as usual. I hope that when it's published, DPD includes a version of the menu of options categorized by applicable project type (resi/commercial/industrial) which would make it much easier to read by filtering out options that don't apply. It's also great to see more public health and equity options. Overall definitely feels like projects will be pushed harder to address various aspects of sustainable design and I appreciate that DPD has reserved the right to update/remove strategies when policies change so the SDP will continue being beyond code! I have some questions/comments, if any of these items can be clarified in the final published version: B7. I'm not clear on whether this applies only to mechanical systems or requires eliminating ALL on-site combustion (minus the noted exceptions). C3. Unclear what "other plants" might qualify here. Would a pollinator garden or other intentionally designed habitat be accepted? C4. Is there a minimum area for this landscaping? Previously I have seen high rise projects achieve this with just planters which doesn't seem in line with the intent. If the intent is to have more intensive planting I suggest adding language about a minimum area or planting depth. C7. Would projects with no asphalt paving comply with this by default? F4/5/6/7 - could there be a compliance path for projects with little or no on-site parking, e.g. funding a charger installation at on-street parking? LEED Zero - there are multiple standards under the "LEED Zero" umbrella. I think "LEED Zero Carbon" is the one the draft is referring to, since it's the only one that adds onto a LEED certification. Recommend clarifying which LEED Zero rating qualifies.
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Please add bird safety design to the City building code for new construction buildings. Otherwise, we may be complicit in the extinction of migratory birds.

Please make Chicago more bird friendly. As bird casualties mount - the pressure from news sources and voters will increase. Be forward thinking and make Chicago safe and green for all creatures!

Align CDOT's Travel Demand Management policy objectives with the sustainable policy. The TDM strategies could be further supported by the sustainable policy. Provide a longer transition period, especially for projects that recently completed or are undergoing entitlement approvals.
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As a longtime resident of Chicago and retired clinical social worker deeply concerned about the environment, I am troubled by the city's failure to prioritize bird safety in its recent Sustainable Development Policy (SDP) draft. Despite overwhelming public support, the Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) omitted mandatory bird protection measures from the policy update, neglecting a critical aspect of wildlife preservation. Chicago stands as a significant threat to migratory birds, yet it lags behind other cities in implementing necessary bird-friendly regulations. Peer cities have demonstrated that such measures can be incorporated seamlessly into building projects without significant delays or costs. It's imperative that Chicago takes proactive steps to protect the millions of birds passing through our region. Requiring bird-friendly standards for new constructions and renovations is a modest yet essential measure to safeguard these vital creatures and support the health of our environment. Bird protection must be made mandatory in Chicago's Sustainable Development Policy. The declining bird populations underscore the urgency of this issue, and it's time for the city to lead by example in prioritizing wildlife conservation.

4/18 I am interested in saving millions of birds that are getting killed by Chicago buildings.

Fully support the proposals EXCEPT the bird protections should be MANDATORY. It's a matter of life and death for animals, while the other issues are not quite as urgent. Bird-friendly glass is more affordable than ever and using it increases costs very little, especially when the building design itself is bird friendly. There's no excuse to ignore a life and death situation because of small costs. There's a huge cost to ecosystems and bird populations if this is ignored.

4/18 Chicago citizen

Regarding question * 3. 10 menu strategies (many are unknown to me) It would be helpful if this survey had at least some brief explanation of "workforce development" for example.

4/18 Volunteer with Chicago Bird Collision Monitors Volunteer with Cook County Forest Preserves

4/18 I'm interested in the SDP as a citizen who cares about our world and what we shape it to be

4/18 I am a supporter of sustainable policies

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Bird protections must be mandatory!

Please reconsider your decision and pass a birds friendly law that can save millions if birds lives. Optional friendly buildings is not good enough, businesses care only about money they don't care about birds or animals. Please do something permanent to save all these innocent birds lives! I also wanted to say that water is important, but reducing and rationalizing water, this is communism, when you don't allow people to have water, soon you will start rationalizing electric power and gas? This is 3rd world and communist countries practices. Also transportation in common development should have priority, the Chicago trains are old, dirty and rides are expensive. Busses I have no idea since in my area don't work. And stop destroying green spaces and habitats to build more houses, could you remodel old houses? Why don't you ask people split their recycling materials? Thank you! We should do everything to live in harmony with nature, and to protect animal species

I have no relationship with SDP, I'm mostly interested in SDP passing a law that will protect birds/migratory

4/18 birds permanent. As other big cities were able to do this I am confident that Chicago can do this too!

4/18 I'm an avid birder and realize the importance of song birds in our community.

Bird Friendly Chicago, its partners, and its supporters asked the city of Chicago to make bird protection mandatory in this update, a measure that would be critical in preventing bird mortality. Unfortunately the DPD failed to do so, even in the face of overwhelming public support for this measure. We are disappointed that Chicago chooses to ignore a serious threat to wildlife. As the American city that poses the greatest risk to migratory birds, Chicago should be leading efforts to provide bird protections. Instead, peer cities outpace Chicago on this issue while demonstrating these requirements can be implemented with no significant delays or expense to building projects. Requiring bird-friendly measures for new buildings and major renovations through the SDP is a small step toward making a safer city for the millions of birds that travel through our region. These birds play a critical role in the health of the environment, and their declining numbers should impress upon the city the urgency to protect them.

4/19 None

I'm very upset that bird protections aren't mandatory for new buildings. The costs of implementing these protections are minimal and are the least we can do to show respect for the other creatures that share this space. This is especially critical in Chicago as it's a direct pathway for migratory birds - yet other cities with a less critical location are bypassing us in this regard. Please reconsider and make bird protections required!

4/19 I'm a Chicago resident who cares deeply about the environment and our role in it

It's time available metrics and technologies are incorporated at the start of new projects. Evidence of mass bird deaths is an obvious matter to alleviate.

4/19 Ordinary citizen, bird and natural resource advocate

Section 3A, paragraph 4, sentence 2 of the draft SPD currently states "DPD strongly encourages all new construction and renovation projects that create or replace window glazing to choose either A.1 Bird Protection (Basic) or A.2 Bird Protection (Enhanced) in its compliance pathway." The words "strongly encourages" should be changed to "requires". Requiring bird-friendly measures for new buildings and major renovations through the SDP is a small step toward making a safer city for the millions of birds that travel through our region. These birds play a critical role in the health of the environment, and their declining numbers should impress upon the city the urgency to protect them. Chicago needs to step up and be a leader, not the "second city".

4/19 Concerned citizen

4/19 I am a sustainable developer

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It would be helpful to incorporate qualities of New Urbanism while pushing for more resilient and responsible development.

4/19 Interested in having more resilient communities with better urbanism qualities

4/19 Citizen, user of city parks

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I care deeply about wildlife, especially birds, and I want to urge those who compiled the SDP to include bird

4/20 protection as a key policy in urban development.

4/20 Want to see Chicago become a better place for the environment.

4/20 Keeping our city safe for ALL residents.

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4/20 Bird watcher, concerned citizen.

Protect Chicago's migratory birds and shore birds. Thank you.

4/20 [blank]

I am disappointed with the draft 2024 Sustainable Development Policy, which fails to make bird protection a requirement for new construction and significant renovation projects. Rather than assigning a point value along with all the other menu options developers can choose from, I believe bird-friendly mitigations should be mandatory. Chicago is in a critical flyway for migratory birds who can fly thousands of miles only to die in preventable ways in Chicago. When 1,000 birds died one night upon flying into glass walls at McCormick Place last October, the tragedy made news around the world. Please rescind the weak language in the draft policy and require strong protections for birds.

4/20 I'm a member of friends of the Chicago river.
4/20 Resident

4/20 Ensuring we are stewards of the environment and habitats around us

I work at a large regional funder, have a environmental science and urban policy background, and work often
4/20 with government and NGO.

4/20 Concerned citizen.

4/20 Chicago homeowner

4/20 None
I am a citizen of the greater Chicago area, with environmental concerns about the Sustainable Development
4/20 Policy.
I am a professional in ecological restoration and want to ensure that new construction takes ecological impacts
4/20 into account.

I am a volunteer with the Cook County Forest Preserves and work hard to educate the public about urban
4/20 wildlife, and sustainability.
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4/20 Citizen

4/20 Resident of Chicago with interest in the future livability of the city
4/20 Chicago resident, housing professional
4/20 Community member
Concerned Chicago-area resident interested in maximizing sustainability of the region for people, animals and
4/20 the environment.

4/20 Master naturalist and architecture fan.
4/20 user of parks for birding and other recreation
4/20 Bird protection

4/20 Chicago resident and concerned citizen.
Member of Friends of the Chicago River & Chicago Ornithological society. Interested in fostering a biodiverse,
4/20 sustainable city that's friendly to birds!

4/20 I am a resident of Chicago, a committed environmentalist, and a bird watcher.

4/20 I am a life long Cook County resident and Sierra Club member. And I am an avid bird advocate.
4/20 I am a bird watcher

4/20 I am a resident of Chicago.

4/20 Community member

4/20 Keeping our city safe and habitable for wildlife, birds, aquatic life. Doing all we can to prevent climate change

4/20 I am a concerned citizen and a landscaper focused on ecological and sustainable design and building practices.
4/20 Chicago resident, Field Museum volunteer, Chicago River paddler and nature lover.

4/20 Longtime resident of Chicago, conservationist

Please create stronger protections for migrating birds. We want to avoid losing 1000 birds in one day by running into McCormick place as happened recently. Birds play a vital role in our environment, and Chicago has an opportunity to show their commitment to protecting them. Thank you.
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Protecting migratory birds is essential, both for the environment and maintaining the ecological environment around us, as well it relates to PR and avoiding another event like at McCormick place last year

Please strengthen bird protections! This is a major migratory climate and Chicago has the potential to demonstrate how economically and politically easy it is to strengthen migration, in an area which sees exceptional migration patterns. Please please strengthen this!
I urge you to rescind the weak language in the draft 2024 Sustainable Development Policy and require strong protections for birds.
Building in bird protection should not be optional - we KNOW what it takes to prevent mass bird strike deaths

Replace diesel buses, schools and otherwise, with renewables. (electric battery sourcing and storage)
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Bird protection is critical and must be accounted for in ALL new construction. Far too many are dying due to building collisions in Chicago.

Bird protections can be done without increasing glass building facade costs. Glass that is anti reflective can be mandated for all new construction. Laws put into place to turn all lights out during bird migration seasons along migratory paths are vital for saving avian lives. Birds are vital to humans in pollinating foods, trees, and garden plants; in millions of dollars in bird watching industries, and in keeping down agricultural and disease born insect pests. Their numbers are depleting world wide rapidly. Please protect birds along Chicago's migratory flyways.
REQUIRE bird protection in the Sustainable Development Policy.

Decarbonization and material reuse should be a priority; Air quality enforcement and prevention of idling vehicles; bird protection and aquatic habitat protection should be stronger and enforceable
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Disappointed in failure to require protection for migrating birds. Also disappointed in lack of emphasis on integrating access to nature into all city neighborhoods.
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Enhance protections for migrating birds!!

Adoption of bird protection requirements for new construction.

I can not believe the bird friendly issue is not being addressed! It's not that hard to implement, and it would save thousands of lives! The entire ecological community here is stunned by this!
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It is important to find a balance that works for all stakeholders. Wildlife makes a big contribution to the quality of life of local residents and it is our obligation to support the habitat of birds, insects and other critical elements of the larger ecosphere in which we live.

Chicago is the number one deadliest city for migratory birds - more must be done to protect them!

The requirements for bird safety measures in construction must be mandatory, not just an option. This is critical for birds, the environment more generally, and Chicago's reputation in the world community.

I am deeply disappointed with the draft 2024 Sustainable Development Policy released Monday by the Chicago Department of Planning and Development. It fails to make bird protection a requirement for new construction and significant renovation projects. I want the weak language in the draft policy rescinded and require much stronger protections for birds. Chicago and the Chicago-Calumet River system are part of a critical flyway for migratory birds who can fly thousands of miles only to die in preventable ways in Chicago. A devastating 1,000 birds died one night when they flew into the glass walls at McCormick Place last October. It was a tragedy that made news around the world.
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It is imperative that bird protection be a requirement, not merely something that will afford point value. Making buildings safe for birds is not difficult and should be done in every case.
The revised SDP needs much stronger language for migratory bird protection, and to lead the way with a proactive, comprehensive sustainable plan for the Chicago area.
I would like far stronger language concerning bird safety in new construction. This should be a necessity rather than an option. Chicago is on a major flyaway & thousands if birds die here every year. This is preventable!

Very disappointed to know that bird protection was not made a requirement. As a giant city along a major migration route we kill a disproportionately high number of migrating birds. Along with this outsized destructive impact comes an outsized responsibility to preserve these precious members of our ecosystem, without whom the world would become unrecognizable.
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The current draft revised policy fails to make bird protection a requirement for new construction and significant renovation projects but rather one of many possible sustainability options. We are in the midst of a migratory bird crisis and such voluntary policies are not strong enough to ensure a healthy population for the many species traveling thru Chicago. I urge you to rescind the weak language in the draft policy and require strong protections for birds.

4/20 I pay close attention to many things in our city.

You all can get such an easy, cheap (\$\$), and worthwhile win if someone there gives a [REDACTED] about protecting migrating birds. Make places turn off lights and put up bird safe films on windows. It saves literal death from happening, is SOOO easy, and you all get the benefit of not looking like uncaring capitalists. Just do it please.

4/20 I am an environmental activist.

The draft revised policy - the first update since 2017 - fails to make bird protection a requirement for new construction and significant renovation projects but rather "assigns a point value to bird-friendly mitigations along with all the other menu options developers can choose from to reach a 100-point target." Chicago and the Chicago-Calumet River system are part of a critical flyway for migratory birds who can fly thousands of miles only to die in preventable ways in Chicago. A devastating 1,000 birds died one night when they hit the glass walls at McCormick Place last October. It was a tragedy that made news around the world. This is not protection for the birds. Please make protection for migrating birds a stronger part of the regulations.

4/20 Lincoln Park resident and environmentalist

Please make bird protection a requirement for new construction and significant renovation projects. Please make bird protections mandatory for new construction and renovations. The preventable slaughter of thousands of birds annually is unacceptable and criminal and you can do something about it.

4/20 Citizen concerned about bird protection and sustainable development.

Making bird-safe buildings is super important in Chicago given its location along the flyway for migratory birds. This needs to be addressed as a mandatory requirement for glass-clad buildings. Airport/airplane noise abatement.

4/20 Birder and owner of real estate
4/20 I'm a citizen in Chicago.
4/20 I care about the environment
4/20 Chicago concerned citizen

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4/20 Resident of Chicago
4/20 As a resident of Chicago I am interested in making Chicago a better place.
4/20 I am an advocate for migratory birds and their safety as they fly through our area.
4/20 Supporter of bird-friendly policy for Chicago and surrounding area.

How about doing something more than trusting the developers to protect migrating birds. We need to protect our planet!
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I live in the Chicago CBD and frequently find dead birds on the sidewalk. Most sad for me is they almost always are beautiful birds that I never see in the environment here so I know they have come from somewhere much farther north and are limited in their numbers and distribution. Please take action to REQUIRE stronger standards on High Rise buildings. I have lived in high rise apartments for 17 years and I am prepared to spend

Someone needs to develop a strategic plan to deal with dog waste. Streeterville has 11,000 dogs and there are virtually no provisions made for dog waste. Dog owners/walkers allow their animals to destroy landscaping and urinate anywhere they want. Dog waste is constantly smeared on sidewalks when people step in it. There should be a cleanable available dog relief area on every block to divert the deposition of waste and a cultural marketing program to train owners on their responsibility.

4/20 more to have buildings built and renovated to make them safe.
4/20 Use the river for recreation and work
4/20 I'm a fan of birds
4/20 Member of the public.
4/20 community member
4/20 I am interested in protecting our migratory birds.

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You are getting terrible press for your lack of protection for migratory birds.
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Please protect our environment and inhabitants for future generations. Thank you

4/20 I am a tax-paying resident of the City of Chicago. Born here and have lived here for most of my life.
4/20 I am concerned about our migrating birds

Chicago has a unique position as it is situated in the path of major bird migrations. I have seen firsthand the carnage that results from these migrating birds hitting the city at dawn and colliding with glass buildings. Please let's emphasize building guidelines that take our unique position into account and let's make mandatory certain steps that existing buildings (like McCormick Place) MUST take to limit the damage done to these migrating birds, such as extinguishing interior lights during migration. It may seem insignificant to planners, but the death toll is very real and it is avoidable. We can and SHOULD strive to do better. Thank you for your consideration.
Please require new buildings be LEED certified.
Humans and their buildings kill millions of birds every year. This planet of ours must be shared, or it will no longer be there for us. Please understand the imperative facing us. The weak language on the current draft must be replaced by strong, decisive language, which makes a firm, explicit commitment to bird protection in our communities.

I am a concerned citizen and voter who wants to see our city firmly commit to environmentally sound--and bird
4/20 protective practices.
4/20 City resident
4/21 A Friend of Chicago River

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4/21 I live in Streeterville and I want to see sustainable growth in conjunction with the Alliance for the Great Lakes

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I am a Chicago resident and believe as a city Chicago needs to use its policy power to push development to
4/21 take care of nature and communities to the full extent possible.
4/21 Animal rights & protection
4/21 A resident and homeowner in Chicago
4/21 Architect
4/21 Chicago resident

Chicago is the deadliest city for birds! The new policy should include provisions that all buildings must comply with to change this trend. There is always an argument for increased financial cost and that hindering development. However, what is the best policy when all of the costs are taken into account? What's the benefit of a lower cost in the short term if it means extinct birds in the long run? And what else is harmed in our ecosystem because of the loss?
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Please make bird safety a top priority.

4/21 I support Bird Friendly Chicago.
4/21 concerned citizen birder
4/21 Chicagoan

Protecting birds should be mandatory not optional. They are an important part of our natural environment. Birds contribute significantly to ecosystem balance and health. Their roles include natural pest control, pollination, seed dispersal, nutrient cycling, and creating habitats. Birds serve as indicators of environmental health. Understanding the role of birds is crucial in appreciating and conserving them for the benefit of the environment.
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4/21 Bird protection language, general planning for sustainable design throughout city

Nudging and setting effective requirements for above protections will serve all citizens as well as addressing legacy inequities.

I am an urban ecologist and focus on the intersection between the economy and the environment. As a native Chicagoan I am deeply invested in both the built and natural environment of the city. I work in the environmental space and have supported a variety of city initiatives around climate, recreation, sanitation equity and flooding. I'm interested in sustainable and equitable development of the city and wish to see Chicago as a global leader for addressing sustainability and segregation. I am interested in the city advancing workforce development partnerships with City Colleges certificate holders, diversifying municipal departments and retaining diverse talent of all educational backgrounds. Furthermore Chicago has lost 30% of its Black

4/21 population and policies must protect Black Chicagoans from being pushed out of the city.
4/21 Involved citizen
4/21 I want to see the city do more to protect birds.

4/21 Interested in protecting birds
I am a Chicago resident who knows that our built environment mutually affects us and the living world we rely on.

4/21 Resident of Chicago concerned with the alarming number of dead birds I find on the streets every year
4/21 Bird-friendly new and current development initiatives/projects.
4/21 I care about the environment
4/21 Interested citizen

4/21 Interested in bird protection in Chicago.
4/21 I'm a concerned Chicago resident.

I am a resident of Chicago (8 years). I care about the SDP because it has a significant impact on our built environment and is the city's best opportunity to address conservation, climate change, and adaptation.
4/21 I'm an engaged citizen with an interest in sustainability.
4/21 I like animals
I'm a Chicago citizen who cares about sustainable policy and the effects that these decisions have on human and non-human city dwellers.

4/21 Bird protection is critical. Make the proposed ordinance mandatory
4/21 Just a Chicagoan who cares abt the way the city is shaped, & the way things are constructed.

4/21 Chicago citizen, work in the architecture industry, naturalist
4/21 Concerned member of the community

4/21 I think saving birds is so important. Not sure why tinted glass in buildings would be OPTIONAL
4/21 Saw on TV
4/21 Birder for years and member of Illinois and Kane County Audubon

4/21 City of Chicago Resident

4/21 I believe in the rights of people to have their voices heard.

4/21 I am live in Chicago and should have a say in the the Policy.
4/21 Preserving wildlife

4/21 Architect and resident of Chicago
4/21 Follower of initiative to reduce deaths of migrating birds.
4/21 Chicago Resident

4/22 Homeowner
4/22 Bird protection

4/22 I am a lifelong Chicagoan, here for the protection of migratory birds...
4/22 Personal interest as resident of Chicago
A very concerned student of OSU who runs a lights out program for campus—I know the toll buildings have on birds and I have been in contact with people from Chicago who see the damage the city does to the bird populations. Please prevent avian window collisions.

4/22 To mKe Chicago more bird friendly

4/22 citizen
4/22 Concerned resident of Chicago

It has been made public the weak language regarding the bird protection a requirement for new construction and significant renovation project is rather weak but rather "assigns a point value to bird-friendly mitigations along with all the other menu options developers can choose from to reach a 100-point target. The Cut the Red Tape initiative took into deep consideration the needs of developers. It would be wise for the City of Chicago to strengthen language and be led by local bird advocates whom are essential to providing context, research and information with regards to the cities millions of visiting/migrating birds. Our city is a destination spot and it is essential that we lead by example in negotiating development policies that are in concert with the natural world. Furthermore as it pertains to productive lots consider their proximities to industrial corridors and farms/gardens exposure to wet and dry deposition. I believe there needs to be increased fines for violators of air and water permits to violators in EJ communities or urban ag industrial zones. Finally brownfield development needs more attention and the city must do something about landholding and absentee landlords to address their contribution to vacancies and impediments to development that is equitable in Black and Brown communities.

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Our bird species are dying, along with other plant and animal species. We need both to help our planet. Humanity seems to care less and less about these issues, so, please someone in power please help foster change.

Many good things here! Best of luck in prioritizing the most effective and impactful updates.

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Please care about all living things, birds, animals, trees, plants
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Birds need immediate protection as their numbers are falling and many species can be permanently lost. Updating the city's building and mandating new infrastructure be bird friendly, as well as incorporating native landscapes that can sustain birds, will go a long way in preventing disaster.

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Please do not let the opportunity pass by to make Chicago a safe city for native and migrating birds. Updating the code to support better bird protection is the least we can do.

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probably not your department, but all of the curb cutouts, road stripes, reverse lanes for bikes are all detriments to travel and make driving increasingly difficult for senior citizens who pay a LOT of taxes.

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How we care for our environment represents how we care for our citizens - Chicago is known as a deadly city for both its citizens (health and disparities) and its wildlife. The city must do better.

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I walk by the Bank Of America building every morning. During warm weather months I see AT LEAST 2-3 dead birds on the ground from flying into the glass. It is so sad and seems like something that we should be able to prevent.

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Thousands of migratory birds die every year in building collisions in Chicago. It is appalling and unacceptable that mandatory protections are not included in any new construction permits. Please make Chicago a world leader in bird safety for migrating species. We are currently the worst in the world.

It is incredible that you rate the bird protection at the same level as sump pumps and work force development. Chicago migration flyway hazards are main driver of bird deaths. When bird species are gone, they're gone. You can't change a design or standard and bring them back. What are you thinking?

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Required bird safe construction and lighting within 1/4 miles of lakefront. Required charging for all residential parking. Credit to eliminate residential parking. Credit to eliminate non-residential parking, providing only spaces for building maintenance / contractor vehicles.

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Make bird protections mandatory not optional. We don't need another McCormick Place massacre Please provide strong protections for birds. Thank you.

It is absolutely essential to make BIRD SAFETY (bird-friendly glass and other protections) MANDATORY for new constructions & major renovations in Chicago. NYC and SF did it easily, we can too. (The world recoiled in horror at the images of the 1000 dead migrating birds at McCormick place in a "single night" last autumn - let's make sure that heartbreaking sight doesn't keep happening.)

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We need to do as much as possible to prevent bird strikes on windows, by whatever means necessary We live in a crucial migration corridor. Chicago needs to be held to a higher standard for bird protection. Buildings safer for birds should be REQUIRED, not suggested

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I am a designer that believes we can be doing more to implement changes of policy and practice to create healthier environments which includes bird friendly glass and other nature focused changes in our approach to everything we do.

4/22 Concerned citizen

4/22 I am a college student studying environmental interest with an interest in ornithology.

4/22 I live in the city of Chicago

4/22 bird protection

4/22 I work in Chicago.

4/22 I am a resident in Chicago and care deeply about taking care of the natural resources that sustain life. i bicycle from vernal hills (Lake County) to Chicago Loop (Cook County). i appreciate beauty and public access. nature is beauty.

4/22 Concerned citizen

4/22 I'm an interested community member.

4/22 I am a concerned tax payer who lives in Chicago, 60626

4/22 Saving bird lives

4/22 I am a Chicago resident.

4/22 Tax paying citizen invested in seeing progressive policies to protect and conserve wildlife.

4/22 Chicago resident, concerned about bird migration

4/22 No relationship.

4/22 No relationship

4/22 Previous IL resident and frequent return visitor, family still lives in Chicago area.

4/22 Builder, investor, homeowner and tax payer

4/23 Help migrating birds, our environment

4/23 Resident interested in living in a more sustainable and beautiful city.

4/23 Community member

It is critical that the City of Chicago prioritizes sustainability and finds a path forward that benefits all residents as well as our nature - our lake, our rivers, our forest preserves, parks and greenways. We need more nature and we need to take much better care of the nature we have. It is the right thing to do - even in instances where the decisions may result in greater expense or temporary inconvenience we need to do all we can to increase our, and nature's resilience.

4/23 our, and nature's resilience.

4/23 I am interested in sustainable practices.

4/24 I'm interested in the SDP being a first step in the city protecting birds from window strikes

4/24 Member of the public

4/24 We are a local org with a focus on environment and community that has served on the Rivers Task Force

As a long time resident of Chicago, with significant involvement in various conservation groups and organizations as an educator and author connecting Chicagoans of all ages with conservation and nature in the city, and why it matters.

As a Biologist, Environmental Scientist, Birder, I believe the SDP should be designed to sustain all wildlife especially birds.

4/25 Chicago resident and taxpayer

4/25 Member of Friends of the Chicago River

4/25 Student passionate about sustainability and future civil engineer

4/25 Resident of Chicago

4/26 I'm a concerned citizen

4/26 citizen

an architect practicing in Chicago, typically on high rise commercial and residential structures in downtown central business district

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Chicago should be a leader in bird protection based on the number of birds it kills every year. Please do something.

Chicago has one of the highest death rates for migratory birds. If we want to restore the ecosystem and keep it from crumbling, we need to prioritize saving our birds.

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Please prioritize bird friendly design in the sustainability development policy. Rescind weakened language and make bird protection a higher priority.

Please rescind the weak language in the draft policy and require strong protections for birds. Thank you!

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thank you for trying to go clean and green in Gotham

The city of Chicago is well known for being a death trap for migratory birds. Every year thousands of birds are killed as a result of window collision. The Great Lakes are an important migratory corridor for birds during migration. Chicago has a responsibility to be better stewards of the world and to take measures to stop the needless deaths of these birds by making it mandatory for businesses to treat their windows with bird safe glass treatments. The lights out program needs to be strictly adhered to as well.

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Chicago must (and can!) do better with protecting migratory birds. Make no small plans.

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I think some of these items are extremely important, others just raise the already high cost of building, and make real estate ownership unrealistic for younger generations and smaller businesses.

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These improvements will help our city healthier, more sustainable and more beautiful for generations to come.

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I am ashamed to live in a city with a magnificent skyline that contributes to the deaths of so many songbirds and migratory bird. To the point where the architecture is starting to look tainted to me - what is the point of its beauty when it is harming the environment? I hate that our city is known as #1 in bird deaths. It should be the opposite - we can do better!

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Bird protection from window strikes should be required for all new construction projects

You must make bird safety a separate requirement for all new construction in this city. Additionally, air quality monitoring and indoor air quality are critical tools for our survival against the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and poor health outcomes from wildfire smoke. Air quality measures should be separate, mandatory requirements as well.

Some strategies should not be optional, such as bird friendly and community benefits especially when in proximity to residents and natural habitats, conservation projects, large trees, that directly work against these initiatives. Developments should mitigate negative consequences on communities like displacement, environment, and conservation in a intentional and impactful way - not just performative or extractive.

Revising the SDP to make certain overall environmental goals, including bird-safety, MANDATORY, would be a step in the right direction towards requiring such measures of ALL Chicago building projects - new construction AND renovations - commercial AND residential. The future of birds in the Americas is dependent upon cities taking responsibility for helping to safeguard their passage during spring and fall migration and throughout the year. The time to act was forty years ago. But the time to act is also NOW. NOW. Send a signal to developers that while some desirable features are optional, protecting nature, including endangered birds, is NOT OPTIONAL. The deals of today will be broken-down buildings torn down some day, but the birds killed by these buildings will never be replaced. The offspring they never have will never grace our world with song, color and contributions beyond measure to economic and social benefits, from pollination and insect eating, to recreational and emotional well-being for people here and throughout the migratory flyway. Does this department enjoy continuing to buttress Chicago's earned reputation as one of the worst, if not the worst, city for migratory birds in the world? The birds killed here are birds of the world. To put them on the same level as some of these other categories, as a discretionary "choice" item, is simply appalling and heartless. Please, do better. Fix this.

Stop the senseless bird deaths, require bldgs to prevent window & bldg bird strikes. Chicago holds the title of the WORST city in the US for bldg bird strike deaths. Other US cities have passed and enforced building codes to prevent bird strikes, its achievable.. Just Do It for God's sake and Nature's sake!

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As a teacher in and resident of Chicago, I am concerned about how we continue to grow our city in a sustainable and responsible manner.

- 4/26 I live in Chicago
- 4/26 Community member
- 4/27 Chicago citizen
- 4/27 Advocate for wildlife and natural spaces
- 4/28 chicago resident
- 4/28 Citizen
- 4/28 Chicago resident
- 4/28 Concerned citizen
- 4/29 i'm a community member
- 4/29 I am concerned about bird migration and sustainability issues in our city.
- 4/29 Resident of neighborhood adjacent to McCormick Place
- 4/29 None; a voting citizen.
- 4/29 It's my home town, born and raised.
- 4/29 Ensuring our communities use sustainable resources and preserve nature.
- 4/29 Friend

- 4/29 I care deeply about the environment and hope the SDP works hard to protect all species and the environment
- Interested in bird migration strategies to save more birds from building collisions. McCormick Center, TURN
- 4/29 OFF YOUR LIGHTS AT NIGHT!
- 4/29 For many reasons including caring about the wildlife that live here and pass through
- 4/29 I am interested in saving the planet. Since I live in Chicago, this interests me

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Bird safety is way more important than the average person knows. They are incredibly important to our survival, and we are ruining their survival by destroying their habitats and not doing anything at all to mitigate their crash deaths when they are easily avoidable by simple measures that other cities have already implemented and found helpful. It's wild that we still have to fight for this. Listen to environmentally conscious people and people who love birds.

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The number of migratory birds that die in Chicago is unacceptable

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Make the McCormick Center turn off its lights at night so thousands of birds aren't killed on their migratory path.

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Bird protection is so important. We lost 1000 in just one day last year!!

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Chicago has an important role to play in the conservation of wildlife in our hemisphere. Millions of birds fly over Chicago every night during the height of their migration between the sub-tropical and tropical forests to our south and the boreal forest and tundra to our north. Many stop over in Chicago, and tens of thousands of them collide with windows and die each year. These birds are not pigeons and house sparrows - they are warblers, flycatchers, hummingbirds, tanagers and other birds, many of whom never see a city, glass, or city lights except on migration. Many are rare or declining. Chicago is the most dangerous city for migrating birds because it is near the river of birds migrating through the middle of our country, and because it generates so much light, which draws birds off their migratory route. In recent years, great strides have been made in making window glass that birds will not collide with - and that people enjoy. This glass adds little to the cost of a building and is getting less expensive all the time as demand grows. Many major cities such as New York, San Francisco and Toronto are requiring this glass in new buildings. Our coalition, Bird Friendly Chicago, has worked with the DPD for 4 years developing model regulations and a guidebook to show developers how to implement them. Skokie and Evanston have taken our work and implemented bird-friendly Regulations. Please make bird-friendly regulations mandatory under the Sustainable Development Policy. I fear that these innocent birds are now caught in the back and forth between city government and developers. Every bird-killing building that goes up adds to the toll on these birds that are also facing habitat loss, cats, pesticides and climate change. This is one problem that we can solve easily. Please help the birds by making bird protections mandatory in the new sustainability checklist. Judy Pollock on behalf of Chicago Bird Alliance jpbobolink@gmail.com (847) 962-7868

Chicago is "O'Hare" for birds too. How many casualties are tolerable at O'Hare that can be avoided by strong advocacy for safety? Birds are international citizens who ensure that polar regions and rainforests are stable--much to our benefit. Please strengthen language requiring awareness of building and renovation on bird populations.

1. With all respect to the sustainable development policy, there is one policy that I don't think that it is useful, green roof for buildings, you can just open google earth and zoom out to see how Chicago is located in a green area, having a green roof for a building in Chicago is like trying to add a cup of water to the pacific ocean!, I understand that this requirement is essential and very important in a city like Dubai, which is surrounded by desert, or maybe Las Vegas, but not in Chicago, the problem that the cost and effort to have a green roof is not a something you can ignore, the load of the water and soil plus the effort to maintain this area, it is not worth it, Chicago already have a lot of green areas, you can encourage surface green areas but roof green areas, I don't think that this is a practical or useful policy in this city. 2. Electrical Vehicles, of course everyone concerns about the environment encourage electrical vehicles, however, it is not as promising and perfect as it sounds, if we dig deeper we will find that EV is not as clean as everyone thinks, to produce EV, factories are not running by batteries! it is using a lot of energy to give us this huge battery, additionally the people of the US are not EV fans, and this is statistics not an opinion, so although I still encourage EV, but not that excited about its future make bird protection mandatory

Basic protection for birds should be required for all planned developments and municipal buildings. Unfortunate that this requirement was stripped to facilitate private development and maximize municipal revenue generation. This is neither a new issue nor a radical approach. Developments do not need to be bird killing machines to be economically viable. The City of Chicago is extremely shortsighted, irresponsible, and simply on the wrong side of history here. Sustainability of the built environment is too dynamic an environment to let these policies sit. Please create a schedule for more frequent updates. Good job updating this! City gets a head pat.

As many as 3 billion birds die each year through collision with buildings. Chicago ranks as the most dangerous city in the US for bird collisions. Bird Protection must be a REQUIREMENT, not a menu option. Pass a Bird Protection Ordinance with full enforcement power!

4/30 [blank]

4/30 Home owner

4/30 Interested party.

4/30 I am a concerned environmentalist and am active with the birding community in Chicago

5/1 Chicago citizen and voter

5/1 As a Chicagoan these are issues that effect all of us and the future of our city

I want bird protection measures to be made mandatory. Urban bird fatalities are devastating to migrating bird populations.

5/1 Care about environment and wildlife

5/1 Promoting a healthy environment.

5/1 Chicago city resident

5/1 Advocate

5/1 I am a concerned citizen writing in primarily about migratory bird safety

5/1 General interest

5/1 Concerned Chicagoan

5/1 I care about birds.

5/1 I'm a Chicago resident.

5/1 I keep seeing dead birds by buildings and really want our city to do better

5/1 [blank]

5/1 i love birds and animals

I'm an urban planner living and working in the City of Chicago. I care about meeting climate goals and having a world-class built environment.

5/1 Chicago Resident

5/1 Friend of animals

5/1 Helping to support this particular initiative

5/1 Chicagoan

5/1 Citizen

5/1 Just a member of the general public.

5/1 I'm interested in making the city safe for both people and nature.

5/1 I am a citizen of Chicago

5/1 Resident of Chicago

5/1 If we can prevent unnecessary bird deaths due to migratory patterns then we should.

5/1 I have no current relationship, but I do find the mission of the SDP very very important.

5/1 I'm a citizen of this city and want to see more sustainability moving forward

5/1 Citizen

5/1 Chicago resident concerned about sustainability and environmental practices in local government.

I don't have a relationship with SDP. I was unaware of it until someone said that our city's design and light fixtures kill thousands of birds annually.

5/1 Conservation and belief that helping our environment is a critical principle in my own personal value system.

5/1 Chicago resident

5/1 Very interested in SDP.

5/1 Concern for migratory birds.

5/1 Chicago citizen

5/1 None.

Very interested in how they can help Chicago be more sustainable for people, animals, and the environment in full

5/1 Resident of Chicago

5/1 Chicago citizen

5/1 Voter

5/1 I live in Chicago near the lakefront and feel strongly about environmental issues.

5/1 I'm a concerned citizen seeking improvement on conservation.

5/1 Resident

5/1 I like birds

I'm just a citizen of Chicago with a passion for conservation. Chicago is right in the middle of an incredibly rich natural habitat and it's crucial that we steward it wisely for the wellbeing of the natural world, our own

5/1 wellbeing, and that of our visitors and future residents.

5/1 I am a concerned citizen.

5/1 Just want to see nature conserved.

I live in the loop and I have seem so many dead birds lately on the ground from crashing into buildings. It breaks

5/1 my heart. I just saw one this morning stunned to move.

5/1 Concerned citizen. Architectural engineer professional.

5/1 I love birds and all animals.

5/1 Supportive of it.

5/1 Bird protection

5/1 Resident of Chicago

No relationship with SDP. I am a resident of the City of Chicago with an interest in the health and vibrancy of my community.

5/1 Citizen of Chicago who believes in the overall health and development of this great city.

General concern about the climate, humankind's impact on it, and the impact on those who can do the least

5/1 about it but are also affected the most, children and animals.

5/1 A concerned citizen

5/1 Friend

I am always interested in sustainable methods, no matter the area. Our planet is not getting any healthier, we

5/1 need to do better.

5/1 I'm a Chicago citizen who loves the city

5/1 Resident

5/1 I live in Chicago

5/1 Chicago resident who values sustainability.

Given Chicago is the biggest city thoroughfare for migratory birds, we should be leading in this area. If political process wise you can't make it a requirement, then you can make its point value so high that developers are absolutely incentivized to choose that option from the menu. Of all the options on the menu, this is the one leading to actual deaths. Let's do something immediately impactful for our environment and for animals who we share this city with. Thank you.

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Please make bird-safe building measures mandatory.

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Please keep up the work to protect migratory birds

Chicago poses the greatest risk to migratory birds of any American city. Our city should be a leader on this - make bird protections a requirement for new construction!

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Bird protection has to be mandatory, and future building residents and owners should not be burdened with upgrades that could be incorporated at the point of construction. Thanks for all your hard work on this update.

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Good luck!

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Don't go back on your word to protect migratory birds.

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Please prioritize bird saving measures.

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The SDP should take an all of the above approach to sustainability placing an emphasis on green infrastructure, urban canopies, and native horticulture.

Anything we can do to help birds and prevent pedestrian and bicyclist deaths would be greatly appreciated. This city is a car hellscape that is ripe for better public transit and more protected bike lanes.

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DPD should require bird-friendly measures for all new buildings.

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Do all of them, except the [REDACTED] affordable housing requirements

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I am also a very big fan of permeable streets and sidewalks. I think it would work great in pedestrian areas and would help mitigate storm water issues.

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Please consider imposing more stringent requirements for the protection of wildlife, including migratory birds.

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5/1 None, I simply live in Chicago [blank]

5/1 I'm a Chicago citizen who cares about sustainability and climate change. I am an Edgewater resident, and I feel that the Sustainable Development Policy (SDP) should be a priority for the city. [blank]

5/1 Chicagoan interested in sustainable development. [blank]

5/1 I'm a Chicago resident. [blank]

5/1 I am interested in the health and flourishing of migratory birds. [blank]

5/1 I live in Chicago [blank]

5/1 Concerned Citizen [blank]

5/1 [blank] Loving the food waste program, would love to see it expanded.

5/1 Hopefully it will help to mitigate the harm caused to Chicago area wildlife [blank]

5/1 Concerned Chicago resident [blank]

5/1 Chicago city resident [blank]

5/1 Primary interest in reducing the number of bird deaths in Chicago [blank]

5/1 Resident of Chicago [blank]

5/1 Chicago resident concerned about birds [blank]

5/1 Not affiliated [blank]

5/1 [blank]

5/1 Concerned member of the public

5/1 Wish to see the people and nature coexist in this beautiful city - citizen.

5/1 Bird protection [blank]

5/1 Chicago resident [blank]

5/1 I don't have any relationship with the SDP. This is the first I've heard of it. [blank]

5/1 Concerned citizen of Chicago [blank]

5/1 I care about sustainable development in the city of Chicago. [blank]

5/1 [blank]

Local wildlife needs to be protected against urban encroachment, especially if they're being harmed consistently due to inaction.

5/1 Community advocate [blank]

5/1 High interest in sustainability [blank]

5/1 I live in Chicago [blank]

5/1 I'm new to this organization but love Chicago and care about the future of our city. [blank]

5/1 High. Environmentally conscious resident. [blank]

5/1 I live in Chicago. [blank]

5/1 Resident of Chicago [blank]

5/1 Care about birds [blank]

5/1 I'm a Chicago resident and I care about birds, especially birds that are living in or passing through Chicago. [blank]

5/1 I am a member of the community with a personal interest in sustainable development.

I have served on a community organization board that works with the alderman on zoning and building requirements. I also advocate for TOD and community engagement in policy making.

5/1 Average Chicagoan.

5/1 I am a resident of Chicago and want to improve my city. [blank]

5/1 citizen [blank]

5/1 I am a friend of animals and am concerned that the welfare of birds are not being taken into account. [blank]

5/1 concerned citizen [blank]

5/1 I just discovered it today [blank]

5/1 Concerned Chicago resident [blank]

5/1 I am a Chicago resident [blank]

5/1 Concerned citizen of Chicago [blank]

5/1 Concerned Chicago citizen [blank]

5/1 General well being and health of the city and it's wild life [blank]

5/1 I am a citizen of chicago [blank]

5/1 Concerned citizen [blank]

5/1 Want to build a better future for us all, which includes taking care of our planet [blank]

5/1 City resident [blank]

5/1 No relationship [blank]

5/1 Chicago resident and graduate student of urban planning. [blank]

5/1 Would like to see bird protection measures mandated for new construction [blank]

5/1 No relationship, but respect the cause. [blank]

5/1 I'm a lifelong Chicago resident and a new home owner

5/1 Concerned citizen [blank]

5/1 I am a resident of Chicago. [blank]

5/1 I am interested in our city's sustainability as a city resident and advocate for our green spaces and wildlife.z

5/1 I'm a Chicago resident [blank]

Took the survey specifically for the bird protection! Requiring new/renovated/repared development to incorporate means to reduce/eliminate bird collisions is an easy way to protect our birds! Bird protection members are a no brainer. So incredibly easy to do, not particularly expensive and no downside at all.

Looking forward to the future! [blank]

[blank] [blank]

Please make more parks and nature in Chicago with NO DOGS ALLOWED! I am tired of dog [[REDACTED]] and [[REDACTED]] everywhere.

Cohabitation and renewable energies are the future of this world, and we no longer have the time to ignore climate change and the destruction it causes for all walks of life. [blank]

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Chicago poses the greatest risk to migratory birds of any American city. Our city should be a leader in this. 10,000 birds are attempted to be rescued by Chicago Bird Collision Monitors volunteers every year...and that's a tiny fraction of collisions. At McCormick Place's Lakeside Center last year, 969 birds died in a single day. Our building standards must incorporate migratory bird safety. Please ensure bird protection is more than a menu item amongst others that developers have successfully worked around for years via paying penalties/fees/offsets. This is not a hard thing to require in new construction and you're failing our habitat for something that requires so little on the part of developers and builders.

Just make it a mandatory change. It's really not even that expensive to put some film up on the inside of giant glass windows. Jesus Christ. Stop killing birds through negligence and greed.

I was disappointed to see measures to protect migratory birds may now be optional. This is a mistake—requiring these protective measures will save the lives of migratory birds, helping to support nutrient cycling and ecosystem functioning in our beautiful city. We need to take care of Chicago and do what we can to prevent loss of life and habitat.

protect native birds

I was linked to this survey in relation to protecting migratory birds. I think while a lot of this is very important, Chicago does not do nearly enough for its migratory birds for a city that is directly on one of the country's largest migratory paths. [blank]

[blank] [blank]

Spend my tax money on things that we actually need in Chicago, not another stadium for the Bears. [blank]

[blank] [blank]

The new SSP needs to include protection for birds. There is so much basic work to be done on this matter and it's lack of inclusion is unacceptable. [blank]

[blank] [blank]

5/1 I go to the university of Chicago and see dead birds outside the Eckhardt Research Center every day
5/1 Supporter
5/1 I am a Chicago resident who is passionate about environmental conservationism.

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[blank]

protection will inherently mean that the building is likely <40% glass facade, so one action may be awarded 30 points instead of 20 for basic bird protection or 10 for energy efficiency from reducing glass facades. Bird protection should be a mandatory feature for all buildings. By reducing glass facades and making glass facades that are proposed entirely bird safe glass energy efficiency can be accomplished simultaneously. There should also be requirements that unnecessary lighting is turned off- motion sensors and dark-skies compliant outdoor lighting should be mandatory for energy efficiency, bird migration protection, and reduction of light pollution. Third party certifications get massive points under this system, however there are many cost and marketing based incentives that already encourage developers to pursue receiving LEED or other certifications. Furthermore, it's not clear that these building certifications will have direct impact on Chicagoans versus some of the other menu strategies which will have direct and immediate effects on Chicago. Points for certifications should be lowered or removed. Green roofs should be lowered to 5 points for 50% and 10 points for 100%. I think it's better usage of space to incorporate solar on rooftops rather than create generally inaccessible rooftop garden/patio space which would be primarily a building amenity. Giving points for solar ready roofs but not solar panels themselves, given how relatively infrequently most properties are redeveloped, seems like it will provide developers with points that don't actually result in renewable energy generation. As many more points are given for renewable energy usage, this should be enough to encourage developers to include solar generation. Without getting points for merely preparing a rooftop for solar generation. Tree Health & non toxic pavement sealants are vague but regardless, should be mandatory. Trees that can't develop large canopies or are not expected to have long lifespans are not going to be able to provide the positive effects that urban forestry should have on the city. Productive landscapes should be removed- 500 sq ft is an extremely small plot for food growth, and will only benefit a handful of people. This same space would be put to better use with almost any other usage. EV charging stations are given high value, but this is a typical building amenity that is likely to be lowly used depending on the type of business operating out of a building. Naturalized river edge and aquatic habitat should each be increased by 5 points as they are expensive but meaningful additions to a river edge property. Native landscapes should be

As a river based non profit, we are eager to see more river edge revitalization and sustainable development in
5/1 the city.
5/1 I'm a citizen of Chicago so its policies affect me.
5/1 Chicago resident
5/1 Birds are important
5/1 I take great interest in supporting sustainability within our city

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5/1 City resident and professional engineer.

Bird protection should be mandatory, not optional. Chicago is the most dangerous city in the country for migratory birds, and the City has a responsibility to mandate safer construction practices.

5/1 I live in the city of Chicago. Sustainability overall is very important to me.
5/1 I work in Chicago and want it to be nice
I live in Chicago and would like to see the area build and renovated with modern and forward-looking
5/1 sustainable standards.

Electric vehicles are not the silver bullet car companies like Tesla are trying to push. It is much better for the environment, people's health and happiness, and productivity to have areas where cars are not needed for living. In fact, creating more pedestrian only areas is far better in all regards. It's safer too.
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5/1 Concerned citizen
5/1 I am a vegan
5/1 I am a Chicago resident and voter and care about policy in Chicago.

Please give migratory birds a fighting chance by enacting building requirements for new construction
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5/1 Interested citizen
5/1 Resident of Chicago
5/1 I have no relationship. Just here to voice my opinion about these birds dying.
5/1 Protect birds!
5/1 Concerned resident
5/1 None
5/1 City resident

Bird protection shouldn't be optional or on any menu. It should be required by law for all buildings.
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Protect birds!
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5/1 N/A
5/1 Resident of Chicago
5/1 Chicago resident
5/1 I'm a city resident and frequent voter who cares about sustainable development.
5/1 Bird lover, Chicago resident
5/1 I am a Chicago citizen who wants better, sustainable policies!
5/1 Environmental planner

I think Chicago should do more to protect birds, they didn't choose their flight path but we can help make it easier and safer for them.
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Please push forward policies that protect our communities, children and wildlife!
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I am a concerned Chicago resident interested in making Chicago a leader of sustainable development and
5/1 construction.
5/1 Animal welfare

The increase to bird protection is a welcome improvement but does not go far enough. Chicago is uniquely positioned to be a leader for bird protection, and should mandate the installation of bird protecting solutions in all new construction.
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5/1 I spent a career working to advance sustainability in the Chicago area. Thus I have great interest in it.
5/1 I am a citizen concerned with how city policy affects the natural environment.
5/1 None
5/1 [blank]
5/1 Love birds

[blank]
[blank]
Protect migratory birds
Save the birds!
[blank]

5/1 As a Chicago resident I have a lot of interest in furthering sustainable practices for the city.
5/1 Chicago resident
5/1 Bird supporter
5/1 N/A

The city needs to review it's rat poison techniques. Especially after it killed the male great owl in Lincoln Park.
Please consider the impacts of rodenticide and bird collisions
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[blank]

Chicago resident and someone who cares about cities, development, and making our cities the best
5/1 environments they can be.
5/1 No relationship
5/1 I'm concerned about migratory birds

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5/1 Chicago resident
5/1 None. Chicago citizen.
5/1 Chicago resident
5/1 Patron
5/1 Bird lover and proud Chicagoan
5/1 I don't know if I have one aside from the issues put forth in this survey.
5/1 Chicago citizen
5/1 Chicago resident
5/1 Chicago resident

5/1 [blank]
5/2 NA
5/2 Saving birds
5/2 [blank]
5/2 Saving birds
5/2 Chicago area resident
5/2 Concerned resident

5/2 Save the birds. If other cities can do it, so can Chicago.
5/2 I'm a Chicagoan who cares about sustainability. See
5/2 I am a resident of Chicago that cares about the city.

5/2 I care about the city and am especially concerned and saddened by the high number of bird deaths.
5/2 Just here for the birds - regular citizen

5/2 I'd like the planet to be inhabitable by humans for generations to come. The SDP is a tangible way to do that.

5/2 Attendee

5/2 Concerned resident of the city of Chicago.
5/2 Chicago resident
5/2 Chicago resident
5/2 I am a lifelong Chicago resident and want to make our city safer for migrating birds.
5/2 Community member
5/2 Chicago resident
5/2 Degree in urban planning from DePaul university
5/2 Concerned citizen

5/2 Concerned citizen
5/2 I love birds a LOT
5/2 I'm a citizen of Chicago and I want to protect our environment as
5/2 Supporter

5/2 I am a citizen of Chicago, deeply interested in keeping Chicago sustainable.
5/2 I am commm
5/3 City resident, concerned with sustainability and economic justice
5/3 Private citizen, Birder
5/3 concerned resident of Chicago
5/3 I see way too many dead and hurt birds around this time of year it's very upsetting

5/3 Local developer

5/3 I'm an environmental science student with a strong interest in protecting our city's natural resources.
5/3 I want Chicago to be environmentally friendly!
5/3 Member of the Chicago Ornithological Society

Developer-owners have a profit motive to choose menu items that also reduce recurring building costs (like renewable energy to earn utility credits, etc.). Therefore, it's less likely that companies will choose menu items from the bird protection, public health, and transportation categories to make their point totals. I suggest that you definitively require companies to select at least X number of items from these categories, or the options will be ineffective in achieving any of the policy goals you are setting forth.

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Bird protection MUST be required. Chicago kills more birds than any other city in the country. More and more studies are showing the damage is worse than we think. We need to be better.

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I ♥ 🐦!
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Stop letting developers make the choice. Our city needs to be better. If they want to build here they can help it get better.

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Please prioritize the health and safety of migratory birds! Chicago shouldn't be a leader in killing birds! It's not that hard to save bird's lives. I live at North & Vine (6333 W North ave) and there are birds flying into the windows and dying daily.

please get rid of the rat poison that is destroying birds who are natural predators. Please make all the big buildings be in compliance so be migrating birds don't crash into this windows and die. It is important for the environment but also disgusting to see the dead birds downtown and a bad look for the city.

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Please change "strongly encouraged" to "mandatory" for bird friendly design. We need immediate action.

I LOVE OUR EARTH
[blank]
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Chicago is well-known to be one of the deadliest cities in the US for migratory birds. If we are interested in being a sustainable city, surely we cannot allow ourselves to play such a significant role in the endangerment and extinction of migratory North American birds.

Bird protection should be a mandatory for new building designs and remodels.

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As a developer of often all-residential buildings (i.e. not office/commercial), I would be disappointed to lose any points for achieving LEED Silver (it looks like this fell off the list of certifications and the minimum LEED to get any points is LEED Gold?). I've done several LEED buildings now and Silver is by no means an easy feat, and Gold is often very challenging and very expensive for resi-only buildings. Previously LEED Silver gave us 80 points, but now LEED Gold gives us 80 points and there are no points awarded for Silver. Bird Glass - very few projects pursued this in the past, because many of us really don't like seeing the frit (the polka dots) on our most valuable facades. It also does impact the experience and visibility of the glass from the interior, and it is more expensive than typical window wall. I'm sure DPD has looked at other ordinances, but for Madison, for instance, the way they classify hazard zones essentially means that almost every expanse of window wall we have needs to be fritted, despite the fact that we have a lot of solid wall interspaced between the window wall, canopies, etc. I've yet to see a bird ordinance that I like, but I think we need better guardrails on where these hazard zones are. Maximum 40% glass facade - does spandrel glass count toward this? Makes sense for a lot of areas outside of downtown, but won't see it used in the areas we are developing. Exceeding requirements for Accessible Dwelling Units - I really do not see any market rate multifamily developer pursuing this strategy EV Charging - took away the ability to combine it with third-party certification. A lot of residential projects were using this path and would be disappointing to lose credit for future projects. Waste Diversion - similarly took away the ability to combine it with third-party certification, which is a bit disappointing. They are still valuable when other certifications don't require them in the same degree.

Please help pass stronger legislation to protect migratory birds. Also, Chicago should look into waste to energy options. It's unfortunate all of our city waste goes to a landfill.

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5/4 Sustainable business professional in Chicago.

5/4 [blank]

5/4 I am a resident of Chicago and am a member of the birding community.

5/5 I'm looking to find solutions to the bird migration problems I see in my area

5/5 Chicago citizen

5/5 I am an advocate for bird-friendly policies in urban centers.

5/6 Member of public

5/7 Citizen

5/7 I live in Chicago

5/8 Exterior lighting and energy efficient clean air technologies, such as Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation.

I see dead birds all the time on the sidewalk by the Abilitylab in Chicago that have flown into their windows and
5/8 died. It's heartbreaking and dumb that these beautiful and important animals are dying!

I am a member of several environmental orgs and making sure we build a more sustainable and resilient city is
5/8 at the core of what we care about.

5/8 Resident of Chicago; environmental lawyer

5/9 My interest lies in making sure the city has greater bird protection policies

5/9 I live in Chicago and I'm concerned about migrating birds.

5/9 Citizen

5/9 I live in CHICAGO

I am concerned about the absence of strict policies regarding new construction and the welfare/well being of
5/9 birds.

I am an environmental anthropologist at the Field Museum of Natural History advocating for building practices
5/10 that are best for nature and people in Chicago.

5/10 Nature Lover

5/10 Very interested

5/10 Public

5/10 Resident of Chicago & concerned citizen

As an avid lover of nature, master gardener and Tree Keeper, I am very concerned and involved in taking care of
5/10 Mother Earth and all God's creatures.

I am a citizen of Chicago concerned about climate change and species extinction that loves spending time
5/10 outdoors.

Protect the birds!!! For goodness sake.

I would like to see bird protection as a higher priority - as the leading city in bird mortality rates, bird-safe measures throughout the city ought to be mandatory.

I would love to see implementation of mandatory bird protections for buildings in Chicago. Chicago is the most deadly city for migratory birds in the US. It's unacceptable to not address this issue given Chicago's key location in the migratory paths of countless birds.

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I live in Minneapolis. Birds that don't make it through Chicago are that many fewer birds that don't make it to Minnesota. Chicago can and must do more to protect wildlife which pass through the city.

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I appreciate that you guys are proposing a dark sky compliant lighting component to the policy. There could be some additional parameters added. Also, Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation is known as the most cost effective way to provide a safer, cleaner indoor air. Studies from government labs have proof. I'm a founding board member of the Lighting and Darkness Foundation and have expertise in both of these areas involving lighting technology. I'd love to provide additional input if needed. Thank you, Devin Wall, President, Louvers International, devin@louversintl.com 847-514-9642

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I think the weighting of each requirement needs refinement. There are some that require a lot of government or other oversight and give very little in terms of points on this scale. If they are not properly weighted developers will have no reason to pursue the more difficult actions when they can do smaller things and get just as many points towards their overall score. Some of these just need to be requirements and not optional bonuses, bird protection should just be a requirement going forward, it was something you guys talked about before and walked back, and so too should building electrification. I like the proposal for the most part but would like to see some stronger enforcement of the aforementioned topics and some reevaluation of the scores attributed to each action. While it is clear that within the themes there are hierarchical points for more sustainable actions (e.g., basic bird protection vs enhanced bird protection), it is apparent that across categories there is less cohesion for sustainability benefits. For example, workforce development receives the same amount of points as EV fast charger installment, despite workforce development having greater economic and social impacts than EVs and the fact that EVs, though helpful in the climate transition, ultimately entrench our reliance on personal vehicles (and therefore the intensive natural resource requirements that come with it). I believe there should be greater review of how these categories work together to incentivize developers towards priorities for Chicago. Here are just a few things that stood out: 1. Building electrification should be given more points for projects without natural gas. The low cost of natural gas incentivizes developers to use it; however it has implications for climate and indoor air quality. 2. Productive and Native Landscapes should receive more points. Both support biodiversity and contribute to stormwater retention. Stormwater retention, in turn, reduces runoff that carries pollutants into larger bodies of water, like the river and lake. These factors become more important when one considers that a green roof is weighted lower compared to onsite solar (which will likely be on the roof), so developers may be incentivized to employ solar rather than a green roof. In this case, the benefits of a green roof are lost without an adequate substitute in the productive landscape and native landscape options. 3. Tree health should receive more points. Trees can significantly reduce urban temperatures and also reduce stormwater runoff. This category could be tiered to provide more points in heat island areas. 4. Water use reduction should have more points. Many areas of the U.S., including the Midwest, are losing groundwater reserves. As climate change worsens, water use will become an increasingly salient issue. Policies that prioritize water conservation now can save time in the future. 5. Workforce development should receive more points. To break the cycles of inequality and ultimately reduce the disparities many of the sustainability factors seek to address, people need access to good, stable jobs. 6. Waste diversion should receive more points. Manufacturing steel, cement, and other construction materials is highly energy- and water-intensive. Prioritizing recycling shifts the construction industry towards decarbonization. 6. Consider reducing the number of points building certification receives, especially with respect to other point categories that certification is

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I am most concerned with making buildings bird safe. I would like the city to require it, rather than just make it an option.

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Chicago is known as the deadliest city nationally for migrating birds. Other big cities, like New York City, already have Bird-Friendly Design requirements, and Chicago should, too. In addition, we need to prioritize plants and trees truly native to the Chicago region in all landscaping to help reduce flooding, create climate-appropriate biomes, and provide wildlife habitat. Do not let Chicago define "cultivars" as native plants, which weakens good policy and provides loopholes for developers.

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Creating natural native landscapes for biodiversity and recreation and contemplation are especially important to me.

I am an avid bird watcher, keenly aware that Chicago is one of the largest and most important bird migration 5/10 pathways in the entire country.

5/10 I work for an alternative transportation nonprofit and am a certified Tree Keeper with OpenLands.

Resident of Chicago and Registered Nurse concerned about the health and well-being of residents and the 5/10 environment
5/10 I am an advocate for sustainability.
5/10 interested/concerned citizen

Protecting migratory birds is of heightened importance in Chicago because the City is the U.S. Serengeti of bird migration. The lake creates a barrier that concentrates bird movement right along the shoreline and through downtown - at great peril!

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In my view, we must protect our remaining wildlife through any means necessary.

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Chicago has reaped the benefits and grown into a world class city in no small part to the abundance of natural resources and wildlife that only hangs on in the few remaining vestiges that are left. It's high time we began to repay our debt, and at the very least do what we can to mitigate continued deterioration of our ecosystems.

5/10 Chicago resident
Our planet is in crisis. It takes a combined effort to turn things around. Increasing awareness, changing our view on landscape aesthetics, pressuring building management to turn out the lights, etc. will make a huge 5/10 difference
5/10 Suburban resident
5/10 Chicago resident
Protecting natural elements in urban areas to address climate change and other issues is important to quality 5/10 of life in urban areas and the planet.
5/10 I have grandchildren. They need a world to live in.
5/10 INTERESTED LOVER OF NATURAL WORLD.

My interest in the SDP comes from being a citizen of Chicago who wants our city to adopt the best policies for 5/10 the future of all living things in our region

5/10 I am a Chicago resident and have concerns about the future design and sustainability of our communities.

5/10 Interested citizen and architectural professional

5/10 Cook county resident

5/10 Cook county resident

5/10 I care about the environment and wildlife and own a Chicago business.

I am a resident of the City of Chicago and I care deeply about Chicago being a leader for sustainable development that values nature.

5/10 I am an environmental activist and member of 350 Chicago working to encourage divestment from fossil fuels

5/10 and educate our community about the climate crisis.

5/10 Certified Treekeeper with Openlands

5/10 Retired environmental scientist but interested in these issues.

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Unlike every other category here, bird protection currently has no baseline standard. Standard bird friendly building measures (similar to other city ordinances) should be required and points awards ONLY for ELEVATED bird friendly building measures.

I have worked to reduce bird collisions for over 10 years. It is past time to recognize Chicago's placement on the Mississippi Flyway and how imperative it is to make passage through Chicago safer for migrating birds. Plummeting populations and mass deaths like last year speak for themselves! Make buildings bird friendly now!

Require true native species to the Chicago region to be used in all landscaping solutions. Require Bird Safe Building Design for all new and remodeled buildings.

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Please make all bird protections mandatory for development. We can be the leaders in protecting our migratory birds who are critical to the ecosystem and biodiversity and the beauty of our city.

5/10 I am mainly concerned about the bird protections and ensuring that all protections are mandatory in this policy.

You should explain some of the above to those not familiar with some of the categories--- or provide a little more detail. I did not know what all of the categories meant exactly. A VERY IMPORTANT issue is public transportation issues. Get people out of their cars and onto public transportation. Stop putting all efforts into better highways/expressways/streets but have better access for pedestrians/bicycles. Make buses and the subway system safe! Safety is a huge issue. I was a lifetime user of the CTA but now rarely use it but do use PACE bus very often and METRA. Also the transportation systems should be run by people WHO DO NOT RIDE AROUND IN THEIR SUVs BUT ACTUALLY TAKE THE BUSES AND TRAINS. I hope Mr. Brandon Johnson is listening. And maybe he and his detail should take the bus or the train one day, especially at night.

Focusing on protection of native landscapes, wildlife, and quality habitat will ultimately benefit every other area listed above

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Protecting migratory birds in a city that is in the middle of a flyway should be a priority.

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Prohibit artificial turf in residential or commercial landscapes.

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Chicago should require new building projects to include "local ecotype" native plants and trees (not cultivars of natives) to encourage climate and habitat sustainability appropriate for our region. Such developments should also include required strategies for preventing bird collisions and death. Thank you.

I am a long-time volunteer as a Chicago Park District assistant steward in a native plants and migratory bird sanctuary. I am a life-long resident of the City of Chicago.

5/10 Live in Chicago

5/10 I want to help make Chicago a more livable place for humans and nature.

5/10 I think it is a good idea.

5/10 Concerned citizen

5/10 Citizen of Chicago

5/10 Active tax payer

Chicago homeowner active in growing and promoting use of native plants in urban landscapes. Member of Wild Ones national native plants education organization.

5/10 Chicagoan who cares about conservation.

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5/10 chicago resident
5/10 Interested Chicagoan in building design as relates to migrating bird flyways.
5/10 resident of Chicago
5/11 Citizen

None at this time.

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5/11 I am a Chicagoan invested in the environmental and economic health of the city.
5/11 As a citizen of Chicago

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It's important to care for the existing ecosystem amidst climate change so Chicago is a resilient city. It makes the city more pleasant and comfortable for us too

5/11 Citizen
5/11 I am a concerned citizen and nature advocate in Chicago
5/11 Concerned citizen and a sustainable STEM teacher and technology coordinator
5/11 Concerned citizen
5/11 Helping migrating birds

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Preserving wetlands is extremely important

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I work with several coalitions in Chicago who all believe that ensuring sustainable development is crucial
5/11 during this climate crisis. It is the responsible thing to do and is very much within Chicago's ability to do.
5/11 Home owner

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Chicago needs to require Bird Safe Building Design for all new and remodeled buildings

As the American city that poses the greatest risk to migratory birds, Chicago should be leading efforts to provide bird protections. Instead, peer cities outpace Chicago on this issue while demonstrating these requirements can be implemented with no significant delays or expense to building projects. Requiring bird-friendly measures for new buildings and major renovations through the SDP is a small step toward making a safer city for the millions of birds that travel through our region. These birds play a critical role in the health of the environment, and their declining numbers should impress upon the city the urgency to protect them.

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Community member of the Edgewater neighborhood who's also a treekeeper and cares about our local trees,
5/11 animals, and nature spaces.

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5/11 priority issue for me
5/11 Member of public/citizen.

These issues are extremely important to me and I believe impact every city citizen. We have an obligation to do what we can to maintain and improve our natural environment for the birds survival. Let's not let Chicago lag behind other major cities in protection for migrating birds, it is embarrassing. The carnage is heart breaking.

5/11 I am a homeowner in Chicago who works in the environmental field.

5/11 city resident

5/11 environmentalist

5/11 As a resident of Chicago

5/11 Local birder & volunteer.

Developments, especially those utilizing public funding, should be required to meet strategies within the eight thematic categories of this policy to the fullest extent possible.

No Idle, parked cars running motor. Electric landscaping tools These cause a lot of pollution ! thank you

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There should be more focus on bird-related policies. Our region is very important to birds and our organizations should reflect this.

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Look for and pursue very best practices for nature-friendly cities

Chicago is the deadliest city in the country for birds. SDP must move forward with protection measures to save migratory birds. We demand action!

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it is so essential that steps are taken to ensure new development in Chicago features windows/glass that are safe for birds. thousands upon thousands of birds die each year during migration due to window strikes. the building i work in in Andersonville has had at least one bird strike per day in the last week alone because of unsuitable glass.

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5/11 Chicago Resident, TreeKeeper, Tree Ambassador, Master Beekeeper

5/11 Concerned citizen.

As a Chicagoan, I'd like to see our city recognized for leadership in nature-friendly design and practices - NOT

5/11 an example of some of the worst

5/11 Chicago resident

Private citizen with a desire to conserve and protect birds and trees that we share space with. We need both to

5/11 exist.

5/11 citizen and resident of Cook County, thus impacted by urban development planning.

5/11 No prior knowledge

I volunteer with Birds in my Neighborhood by working with public schools to help children to better understand

5/11 and appreciate birds in their neighborhood and other neighborhoods worldwide..

Without protection of our natural world, man ceases to exist at all, in that nature is critical to mankind's very survival.

I am a lifelong Chicago resident and would love to see my city's development policies move forward in a much more sustainable direction as the future of both human and non-human life on earth becomes less and less

5/12 certain.

5/12 I live in Chicago

5/12 Individual who cares deeply about protecting birds and native plants.

5/12 I live in the city

5/12 I've been an active Openlands Treekeeper since 2017.

If we can make the bird protection policies mandatory instead of optional, I will consider this update a success. Chicago has long known that it is the most dangerous U.S city for birds, yet has continued to turn a blind eye to the thousands of preventable deaths it inflicts per year. We've already lost 1/3 of our North American birds since 1970. Now is the time for change.

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My biggest concerns are migratory bird protections and the use of native plantings. Also concerns for tree health and lake front and river protections. Thank you.

I don't know if this is relevant but ... There are a lot of asphalt covered alleys in Chicago and I wondered if the alleys could be more water permeable.

All of the above are critical now. Thanks to the DPD for efforts to protect the environment for all

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What's sustainable about making bird friendly code optional for developers?

5/12 citizen

5/12 I want to save birds.

5/12 Architect

5/12 Ally of the Chicago Bird Alliance

In our ecosystems, birds play many roles, including as predators, pollinators, scavengers, seed dispersers, seed predators, and ecosystem engineers. We should seek to actively protect birds during their migrations through Chicago. A million birds dying in one night as a result of flying into the McCormick Place windows is unsustainable and is a terrible reflection on our city. Disregard for Chicago's mature tree assets and urban tree canopy is equally unsustainable. Planting saplings does not replace mature trees. Tree oxygen production (and CO2, SO2, PM2.5 sequestration) are directly proportional to tree trunk diameter size. Trees 1–3 inches in diameter produced 6.4 lb Oxygen/year; trees 27–30 inches in diameter 200.8 lb O2/year; and greater than 30 inches in diameter: 243.2 lb O2/year). "Trees filter particles out of the air we breathe, which decreases our risk of respiratory illnesses, including asthma." "As of 2021, Black children ages 5 to 19 years old were 4.3 times more likely to have an asthma-related ED visit than white children [in Chicago]." "In some South Side neighborhoods, up to 59 percent of kids have [asthma], the dangerous respiratory condition." Thus, continuing and initiating Chicago Public Park plans that promote cutting down trees, expansion of the Obama Presidential Center location, the proposed Tiger Woods PGA golf course expansion, and the proposed Bears Stadium expansion directly and adversely impact Chicagoans' respiratory health outcomes.

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Caring about the safety of thousands of migratory birds (and avoiding tourists/citizens having to see lots of dead birds that could be prevented...) is an important step to take.

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- 5/12 Public. Researcher, CCAM Research Partners
- 5/12 Follow the topics and support the causes I find most important.
- 5/12 A concerned citizen of Chicago.
- 5/12 Care about the neighborhood
- 5/12 I want to do everything I can to protect nature & wildlife
- 5/12 I believe all Chicagoans deserve to live in a healthy, sustainable, equitable environment.

- 5/12 I am a citizen of Chicago.
- 5/12 The protection of rare species is crucial, and window treatments are easy to implement.
- 5/12 I'm unfamiliar with it.
- 5/12 Very Interested
- 5/12 Supporter
- 5/12 Protection of birds

5/12 I'm a Chicago resident interested in how the city deliberately and urgently tackles the climate crisis.

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5/12 Please make bird protection mandatory. There are so many measures that can be taken that aren't costly.

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Chicago has unfortunately developed an international reputation for the risk that its buildings pose to migratory birds. These birds provide vital ecological value throughout their migratory ranges and play key roles in mitigating effects of climate change, particularly through seed dispersal, pollination and pest insect control. If the bird safe components of the SDP are made optional rather than mandatory, precedents from other jurisdictions that have tried that approach suggests bird safe design will not be adopted consistently, as architects need to prioritize other mandatory design components, and the risk for birds will therefore continue to grow. Other cities like New York and Toronto have demonstrated the necessity and feasibility of implementing mandatory bird safe building design requirements — so why can't Chicago? Mandating bird safe design will also help to reduce the cost of these components by increasing market demand. For more information about bird safe design, please refer to the website for American Bird Conservancy or the Fatal Light Awareness Program. Thank you for considering other species as you modernize Chicago's approach to sustainable development.

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I am a researcher studying sustainable building design and impacts on urban biodiversity. I work with architects to facilitate adoption of green building design practices.

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Please make the SDP bird protections mandatory. After the terrible loss of birds in Chicago during the 2023 migration, news of which spread worldwide, Chicago must respond to this awful loss of native birds which mandatory regulations.

5/13 I have an interest in preventing preventable deaths of native birds in the Chicago area.

5/13 I am a very involved citizen who recognizes that sustainability is key to our city and climate change

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I support Openlands recommended changes: Require true native species to the Chicago region to be used in all landscaping solutions. Native plants and trees are essential to helping sustain wildlife habitat, mitigating flooding, and providing for pollinators. While other areas of Illinois require the use of native plants in landscaping, Chicago does not. This draft policy can be improved by requiring all relevant options to have at least 25% of all plants they use be native from the Chicago region. In addition, the current draft classifies cultivars as native plants, when cultivars are by definition not a native species. Require Bird Safe Building Design for all new and remodeled buildings. Chicago has ranked deadliest city in the US for migrating birds. Changes in lighting, window decals and bird safe glass can make a significant difference in the amount of bird collisions that lead to massive bird death. With this in mind, major cities like New York are taking the lead on requiring building design to minimize risk to birds. Meanwhile, Chicago is falling behind and it increasingly makes national news as a death spot for birds that fly across the globe. To protect wildlife, bird safe building design must be required for all new and remodeled buildings.

5/13 Chicago resident

5/13 Stand up for birds, wildlife and green spaces within the city.

5/13 As a nature lover, I am concerned that the policy does not do enough to protect birds.

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Regarding C.4, please do not define "cultivars" as native plants, which weakens otherwise good policy and provides loopholes for developers.

5/13 I am a volunteer with Citizens Climate Lobby Chicago

5/13 I work in an architecture and urban design firm

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5/13 Chicago resident

5/13 I am a Chicago resident.

5/13 Chicago Resident

5/13 Chicago resident

5/13 Resident of the city of Chicago.

5/13 I'm a Chicago homeowner

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5/13 Chicago resident

5/13 I run a NFP focused on habitat restoration for pollinators.

5/13 Chicago resident

Lots of low hanging fruit

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Please focus on sustainability long term and not on short term people-pleasers like lake front sports facilities and opulent sports stadiums with private owner. 100% please reject the ideas of a new Bears and Sox stadium as they are the ultimate symbol of unsustainable behemoths in a red-budget city.

Citizen or Chicago and want an active part in determining policy that affects my children and my children 's children.

Thank you so much for working on the 2024 SDP update! It is well known that native plants and trees are essential to sustaining wildlife habitat, mitigating flooding, and providing for pollinators. The draft policy could be improved by requiring all relevant options to have at least 25% of all plants they use be native to the Chicago region. Additionally, to get the true benefits provided by native species, it is important that the native species NOT be cultivars (and the language of the SDP should use specific language explaining this). Chicago is the deadliest US city for migrating birds. Birds fly through Chicago from as far away as the Southern tip of South America and the Arctic Ocean (how cool is that?!). During their travels, the windows of large, bright cities like ours disorient birds and cause collisions. We can easily preserve our city's natural heritage as a safe stop on the Mississippi Flyway through simple changes in lighting, window decals, and bird safe glass. In April of 2020, City Council passed an Ordinance to Amend Chicago Sustainable Development Policy to include stronger protections for birds. However, after four years of waiting to see those changes, a draft has been released showing that bird safety will be included only as an option amongst other measures. Please make bird safe building design a requirement (rather than an option) for all new and remodeled buildings. Thank you again for your work on the 2024 SDP update, and for considering my suggestions.

5/13 Chicago resident, citizen, and voter.

Although local environmental concerns are of course important, for the sake of the global environment and climate, we must prioritize actions and development that decrease Chicago's carbon emissions. That means moving rapidly towards total electrification, the development of green energy production and infrastructure, investing in public transport and bike lanes, and maintaining and growing our green spaces.

5/13 Chicago resident

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5/13 Chicago resident

We urgently need to stop that deadly carnage in Chicago for migrating birds. And WE CAN! Many other cities in the US proved it's possible. NY city has taken the lead on requiring building design to minimize risk to birds. In April of 2020, City Council passed an Ordinance to Amend Chicago Sustainable Development Policy to include stronger protections for birds. However, after four years of waiting to see those changes, a draft has been released showing that bird safety will be included only as an option amongst many others. Chicago can do BETTER! True native species to the Chicago region need to be used in all landscaping solutions. True native plants and trees to the Chicago area are essential to helping sustain wildlife habitat, mitigating flooding, and providing for pollinators.

I have been in Chicago for more than 20 years and so proud of the involvement of many communities in trying to improve different areas. Still, we need to improve more specific points such as Chicago native plants, tree canopy, birds protection, aquatic river habitat, landscape, industrial landscaped. buffer. When the environment is healthy (a nice tree canopy, etc), communities are healthy because there's an impact on each 5/13 of us.

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5/13 Chicago resident

5/13 Lincoln Park resident and daily North Pond Sanctuary visitor.
5/13 Employed at architecture firm; generally concerned about sustainability and the future of the city
5/13 I am in support of the SDP and would like to see it implemented

5/13 Chicago resident

5/13 I'm a resident of Chicago who cares about sustainability and how we protect wildlife.

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I like all of the menu strategies and fully support the policy this would put into practice
The bird related menu items should be more important, the amount of birds I've seen dying on the sidewalk from hitting buildings is very sad. Also the native plants should be given higher priority/value since it would be easy and important to implement, and change to language from using cultivar since that does not mean native to Chicago.

I was shocked to learn that Chicago is the deadliest city in the country for migrating birds. I think it's extremely important to require--not merely suggest, but require--developers to make new and renovated buildings safe for birds. We're on a major migratory route for millions of birds, who are already under severe stress from climate change and the loss of habitat. It is a relatively small and painless price to pay to make our buildings safe for these migrating birds.

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I am a member of Go Green Morton Grove, very concerned about climate change and the decimation of our native species.
5/13 Concerned citizen

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Bird Friendly Design Ordinance mandated that the DPD to reduce bird mortality by increasing the rating of bird friendly designs. Because developers are able to meet SDP requirements without implementing any bird friendly measures, developers not likely to implement bird friendly designs. Therefore, the draft SDP does not result in reducing bird mortality and therefore DPD has not satisfied the requirements of ordinance O2020-136.

My professional work deals with making Chicago communities more compatible and accessible to nature. I also work and spend much of my time in the loop and surrounding urban areas.
5/13 I'm a resident of Chicago.
5/13 Concerned citizen
5/13 Concerned citizen
5/13 Resident
5/13 Chicago resident
5/13 Chicago resident

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Please maximize bird protections, native plantings, along with transit incentives
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Native plants and trees play a crucial role in supporting wildlife habitat, managing flooding, and sustaining pollinators. While much of Illinois mandates the use of native plants in landscaping, Chicago lacks such a requirement. I suggest adjusting the proposed policy to at least 25% native (to the Chicago region) plant usage for relevant projects. Also, there must be clarification around distinguishing true native species from plant cultivars. Bird collisions pose a significant threat to migratory birds in Chicago (the deadliest US city for them) since we are situated along the Mississippi Flyway. To mitigate this, there's a call for Bird Safe Building Design in all new and renovated structures. This initiative aims to address the high mortality rate of birds caused by collisions with buildings, a problem exacerbated by urban brightness and reflective surfaces. Inspired by precedents set by cities like New York, areas around Chicago have adopted and have been to implement bird-friendly building requirements. I urge you to include stronger protections for birds in the proposed SDP update with incentives for buildings to actually implement them.

5/13 Resident and property owner in Chicago

5/13 Resident of Chicago
5/13 work in Development of affordable housing
5/13 Chicago resident

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5/13 Chicago resident
5/13 Concerned about migratory bird safety.

This survey does not list the "create your own" menu option that allows developers to propose their own sustainable solutions. There MUST be transparency for these types of options and already if this survey is used as an indicator, it does not bode well for future transparency. Climate change is here and we cannot go forward weakly. We must be requiring natives in all landscape projects. We must be living in harmony with nature, instead of against it. Bird Friendly Design must be a REQUIREMENT. This policy can go further and now is the time to shape our future.

5/13 City of Chicago Resident and Conservation Policy Worker

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5/13 Personal and professional (creative reuse nonprofit)
5/13 General public

Please protect our birds and get the [REDACTED] lead pipes out

5/13 I am a resident of Chicago and avid birder and nature photographer.

5/13 Strong interest in protecting and providing habitat for birds

5/13 I am a Chicago resident.

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5/13 I care deeply for the City of Chicago.

I volunteer for the Bird Strike Survey at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I also reside in the

5/13 Chicago suburbs and would like to see the city look to being more sustainable.

5/13 Chicago resident

5/13 I am a longtime Chicagoan with a longtime interest in sustainable issues related to our city.

5/13 Chicago Resident

5/13 Chicago resident

I think that while the many efforts of this survey are laudable it sets up a false sense of scarcity that certain green practices should compete with others. I think there is room to do all of them. I am putting birds, green spaces and water front and center because they are what make the city livable. They should obviously be expanded in neighborhoods that have been historically neglected and lack green canopy and have poor air quality and in balancing this we also support equity and diversity giving all people a chance to connect to nature. Chicago is notoriously bad for birds and there are so many simple initiatives we can enact to better protect them especially against birdstrikes on downtown buildings during migratory bird season. This is a city that rallied around our piping plovers and we could use birds in the education of our city and getting people invested in green practices on all fronts.

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SDP needs to prioritize bird safety!

PLEASE prioritize bird protection.

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From Experience: we feel that the Third-party Building Certifications (e.g. LEED, Green Globes,) are statistically insignificant in proportion to what the "average" citizen, business or community member can contribute using a common sense approach along with working with the excellent resources of the SDP

Lying in the migratory flight path, Bird safe buildings are required for this city that kills tens of thousands of birds every year.

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5/13 Resident of the City of Chicago and concerned about the current and future state of the environment.

My family and I believe strongly in the power of the Sustainable Development Policy, especially since we are architects and teachers: we have children of our own. We are working for all our futures. Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.

5/13 Concerned citizen

5/13 chicago resident

5/14 None

5/14 I am a resident of Chicago

I live in Chicago and work for a non-profit, Teens Take On Climate, as an education manager. My goal as part of the organization is to provide young people with the knowledge and skills to have their voices heard about

5/14 environmental issues.

5/14 I am a concerned citizen.

5/14 I live in Chicago and want the city to be more nature nurturing

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I want bird protection to be mandatory for buildings, and reduce risk of death / extinction for migratory birds. Chicago is contributing to the death of thousands of birds each year. There are simple steps that can and should be done.

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5/14 I'm a resident of Chicago for 25+ years.

5/14 Protect resident birds and migrating birds

5/14 Climate advocate and planning professional

Thousands of migratory birds die needlessly every year due to governments' inability to make bird protection mandatory for the planet and our sanity. Just turning lights off, making windows bird-friendly during peak migration can save thousands of birds dying from window collision or excessive lights at night. Birds are essential pollinators for our planet, they reconnect people to n Protect the birds, the Great Lakes areas ecosystem is important Bird protection must be MANDATORY.

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5/14 Bidet and bird photographer from NYC

5/14 Chicago resident

5/14 Environmentalist

5/14 Concerned citizen that wants city to include bird friendly mandates on new and existing buildings

Wildlife protection is essential to maintaining sustainability. Chicago is the most dangerous city for birds and as a sustainability effort, policy to reduce harm to wildlife, including birds, should be encouraged and enforced. Chicago should take action to prevent further damage to bird populations and to prevent keeping the title of the "most dangerous city for birds".

getting more input from communities

I also support denser housing

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5/14 Work in informal education with people of all ages

5/14 I am a Chicago resident greatly concerned with making cities as sustainable as possible.

5/14 Bird protection needs to be mandatory

5/14 Chicago resident

5/14 Chicago resident

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5/14 Work for a neighborhood organization within the City, and volunteer for an environmental organization.

Concern over how low the points are for C.10 - Putting in parks on the river is a huge endeavor and should be work much more than 10 points.

Water is life. Therefore, I think it is imperative for the SDP to focus on preserving, protecting, conserving and restoring aquatic wildlife and habitats for the good of all. Importantly, one year ago, Dr. Sylvia Earle and the Mission Blue organization designated the Great Lakes as the first freshwater Mission Blue Hope Spot.

According to Dr. Sylvia Earle, "The Great Lakes represent both the figurative and the literal heart of the North American water system. A source of water for over 40 million people and more than 3,500 plant and animal species, many of which are unique to the Great Lakes, the inclusion of this critically important natural area as a Hope Spot will highlight the connection and significance of protecting inland habitats, as we really understand that the whole aquatic world; inland waters and the ocean beyond are one interconnected system." Let's do our part and focus on our unique and precious freshwater environment.

5/14 <https://missionblue.org/2023/05/the-great-lakes-named-mission-blues-first-freshwater-hope-spot/>
5/14 Advocacy

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I'm a Chicago resident and I am heartbroken every Time I see a dead migratory bird that's flown into a glass window on its way through our region.

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As a Chicago-based ornithologist and conservation scientist I have a vested interest in the SDP with regard to bird protection policy.

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5/14 Chicago resident

BIRDS Require Bird Safe Building Design for all new and remodeled buildings. Chicago has ranked deadliest city in the US for migrating birds. We are situated on the path of the Mississippi Flyway - a route for migratory birds that can fly from as far away as the Southern tip of South America all the way up to the Arctic Ocean. During their travels, birds face dangers from person-centered infrastructure, and large, bright cities and their windows become death traps for birds who are following their ancient flyways. Changes in lighting, window decals and bird safe glass can make a significant difference in the amount of bird collisions that lead to massive bird death. With this in mind, major cities like New York are taking the lead on requiring building design to minimize risk to birds, and areas around Chicago have adopted Bird Friendly Building design requirements, as well.

5/15 I live in Chicago and want to have a voice in the things that influence my community

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5/15 Chicago resident

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5/15 Want to be involved in improving the environment

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I am a landscape designer, LEED Green Associate, and have a strong interest in making our city healthy for years to come

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5/15 Concerned citizen

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5/15 I reside in the City of Chicago and I care about its environmental policies.

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5/15 Resident of Cook county 60610

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Citizen of Chicago invested in sustainable, green development and resources allocated towards saving and restoring natural space in the city

Prioritize restoring natural habitat and green space in the city. EV charging is low hanging fruit and can be added whenever. It takes substantially more effort and time to address the river, tree health, and bird safety but these are the issues where we don't have the time to wait.

5/15 I'm interested in the river

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5/15 Concerned resident

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5/15 Don't know much about it

[blank]

5/15 I love sustainability and this earth!!!

more community gardens

5/15 I volunteer regularly with ecology organizations in Chicago.

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5/15 I am a resident of Chicago with interest in creating a healthier, greener, less polluted, more natural city

[blank]

5/15 Community Member

[blank]

I am a landscape designer and am very aware of the lack of native plants available to the public. Maybe this policy will change that.

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5/15 I am a member of the public who is interested in the health of the Chicago River.

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5/15 Volunteer with Urban River

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5/15 Passionate chicago resident!

Combating climate change is the #1 priority, and the best way to do that is increasing energy efficiency and investing in the natural environment!

5/15 Chicago Resident.

Native plants and trees are essential to helping sustain wildlife habitat, mitigating flooding, and providing for pollinators. While other areas of Illinois require the use of native plants in landscaping, Chicago does not. This draft policy can be improved by requiring all relevant options to have at least 25% of all plants they use be native from the Chicago region. The Chicago region has more native vascular plant species than any US national park. Development projects should have no issue finding an appropriate native plant for some parts of their projects. In addition, the current draft classifies cultivars as native plants, when cultivars are by definition not a native species. When we require planting of native species, we must be precise in our language and encourage species that are native to our Chicago region. The SDP must lead in this effort and require some native plant use for all sustainable landscaping projects.

5/15 None; though I volunteer with local orgs relating to sustainability.

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5/15 Concerned citizen

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5/15 I'm a river ranger with Urban Rivers

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5/15 I'm a citizen. I want to participate in making Chicago a livable, enjoyable. Thriving community for all.

Thank you for this information and your impactful work.

5/15 Chicago Resident, Ward 49

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5/15 Fan of sustainability and how nature improves quality of life.

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5/15 Interested citizen

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5/15 Community member

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5/15 Volunteer with Urban Rivers

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5/15 I am a biologist and ecology is imperative to me.

All of these initiatives are important if we don't want to have problems. Please support all

I am in the sustainability committee in my high rise and I volunteer for urban rivers cleaning out the river once a week (for 5 years)

Since I am an active volunteer for urban rivers, (and will be swimming in the inaugural Chicago River Swim), it's so important to pay attention to everything that affects the Chicago River.

5/15 I am supportive of creating new aquatic habitats and maintaining public connection to the river.
5/15 Just a concerned citizen who loves rivers!
5/15 Avid amateur botanist. Cyclist.
5/15 interested Chicago resident

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5/15 Work with Eco Achievers as a building sustainability consultant.
5/15 Support of improving environmental and nature of the City
5/15 I am a volunteer with Urban Rivers and have helped work on the Wild Mile Project
5/15 I am a Chicago citizen.

In practice B.9, I would recommend adding other ComEd efficiency incentive programs focused on housing, specifically the Affordable Housing Incentive and the All-Electric Homes incentive, as acceptable alternatives to the ComEd Best Practices requirement. More information about both programs is available here: <https://www.comed.com/ways-to-save/for-your-business/incentives/new-construction-residential>.

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Please make bird protection a mandatory menu item. Thank you.

Productive, native plantings in public parks (and incentives for private entities to lean that way rather than ginkgo trees / ornamentals), should be top priority! A great place to start would be waterside along the river in our many parks.

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5/15 I work with Urban Rivers on the Wild Mile, Friends of the Chicago River, and the Cook County forest preserve.
5/15 I am an Openlands TreeKeeper and interested in all things trees and nature.

the point value given to the river is too low compared to the time, money and effort needed to create new aquatic habitat or naturalized edges. It requires permits from agencies like the Army Corps, which can take up to a year to get. As well as more specialized construction and maintenance to upkeep. Our worry is that for the properties located along the river, many people may choose to forgo the complexity of creating naturalized edges or aquatic habitat, and just keep their seawall, enshrining our disconnection from the river.

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Chicago has ranked deadliest city in the US for migrating birds, ahead of Houston and Dallas which are in the same aerial corridor.

Protect our river and naturalize the banks!

5/15 Member of Friends of the Chicago River and city resident.
5/15 City resident
5/15 Volunteer for Urban Rivers

5/15 Chicago Resident
5/15 I volunteer to clean up the river.
I am an advocate for the environment. I am also in urban rivers river ranger- I work to help keep them waters
5/15 clean & free of harmful debris

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A few questions come to mind when reviewing Item D.10. Have studies been conducted to determine how many Type A adaptable units are currently being adapted on new construction projects in Chicago, or to determine if there is a shortage of Type A adaptable units in the local market? Could alternate strategies be considered? For example, could a portion of market rate Type B units be increased in adaptability by providing Type A roll-in showers at those units? I suspect a more nuanced approach such as this could provide occupants with choices more attuned to their needs, and would likely be more financially feasible for the developer. Perhaps other innovative ideas can be explored to accommodate disabilities which are not already accommodated in the current accessibility codes.

5/15 Architect

5/15 Chicago River
5/15 I help clean garbage from the Wild mile with Urban Rivers.
5/15 Citizen
5/15 Chicago resident

I support the work of Urban Rivers in creating a cleaner environment for wildlife and people. Any environmental improvements are a step forward.

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Stop allowing the tearing down perfectly good buildings!

Although I think certifications are a great way to hold buildings accountable, getting a certification does not always mean the building is actually performing to the best of its ability. Would like to see some policy that revolves around setting a higher code minimum for buildings, rather than just achieving a certification.

N/A

5/15 Resident of Chicago
5/15 I recreationally use the Chicago River and want it to be clean.

It's vital that bird-safe glass is required, not optional, for new developments and re-developments. The city's Latin name is 'Urb in Horto' or 'City in a Garden'. Birds colliding into glass and dying or injuring themselves means that they cannot serve as natural predators for insects, and act as magnet for birders who help support the economy.

I am a taxpayer and 40-year resident of Chicago who is very concerned with the environment and our
5/15 footprint/effect on it.

Protecting natural habitats (and rebuilding those habitats) is of immense importance—not only for birds, but for biodiversity as a whole, for pollinators, for our access to nature, and for our resilience to climate change (ex: restoring wetlands and mangroves mitigates flooding in the surrounding areas). Supporting public health, including access to housing, is also of paramount importance.

5/15 Invested citizen (working adult)