



Neighborhood Action Initiative-Bronzeville Neighborhood

Bronzeville, located 10 minutes south of downtown Chicago, has been the heart of Chicago's Black community for over a century. This community is known for its rich civil rights legacy and numerous cultural, political, and science contributions. Today, Bronzeville enjoys a renaissance driven by an entrepreneurial spirit to keep its history alive.

Chicago's Invest South/West Initiative seeks to create an equitable development strategy by re-activating corridors that have once served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, and quality-of-life amenities for residents. In Bronzeville, the proposed and City-owned site at 47th Street and Vincennes is envisioned as a first and catalytic step in this strategy to build upon and reflect the neighborhood's history and pride.

After several community stakeholder meetings and a review of previous plans, a key priority is to create better connectivity along 47th Street, enhancing its safety, walkability, and vibrancy. Residents want to be able to support local businesses and services that meet everyday needs and support the endeavor to build local equity. At the proposed site and in future developments, there is community support for a mixed-use typology with market rate and affordable housing, commercial and retail uses. This approach would allow for phased investments that foster sustainable growth on adjacent blocks, while elevating cultural vibrancy.

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