

# ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL

COMMUNITY MEETING

JULY 13



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# LAND AND ANCESTOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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## THE AGRO-ECO DISTRICT PROJECT RECAP

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1.75 MILES

GARFIELD BLVD

57TH ST

58TH ST

59TH ST

60TH ST

HALSTED ST

RACINE AVE

ASHLAND AVE

DAMEN AVE

63RD ST

INVEST SOUTH/  
WEST

ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL

# HOW WE GOT HERE: A VISION FOR THE TRAIL

**2005**

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



**2005**

**2006**

Growing Home opens Wood Street Urban Farm



**2007**

Burnham Trails Centennial Plan

**2008**

Greater Englewood Community Plan by DPD



**2009**

New ERA Trail Community Vision Plan

Greater Englewood Task Force + Openlands



**2010**

**2014**

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



**2015**

# HOW WE GOT HERE: A VISION FOR THE TRAIL

**2016**

Health Impact Assessment says trail can remediate health inequities

New Century Trail Plan

**2017**

Grow Greater Englewood established

59th Street Line Concept Plan by DPD

**2018**

City of Chicago obtains the elevated line

**2021**

Englewood Village Farm and Plaza established

GGE+ SmithGroup Englewood Nature Trail Plan

**2022**

Englewood Nature Trail Framework Plan begins

CDOT begins Phase I Engineering

RAISE Grant Awarded

**2026**

Anticipated construction start



**2015**

**2020**

**2026**

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COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARRETTE





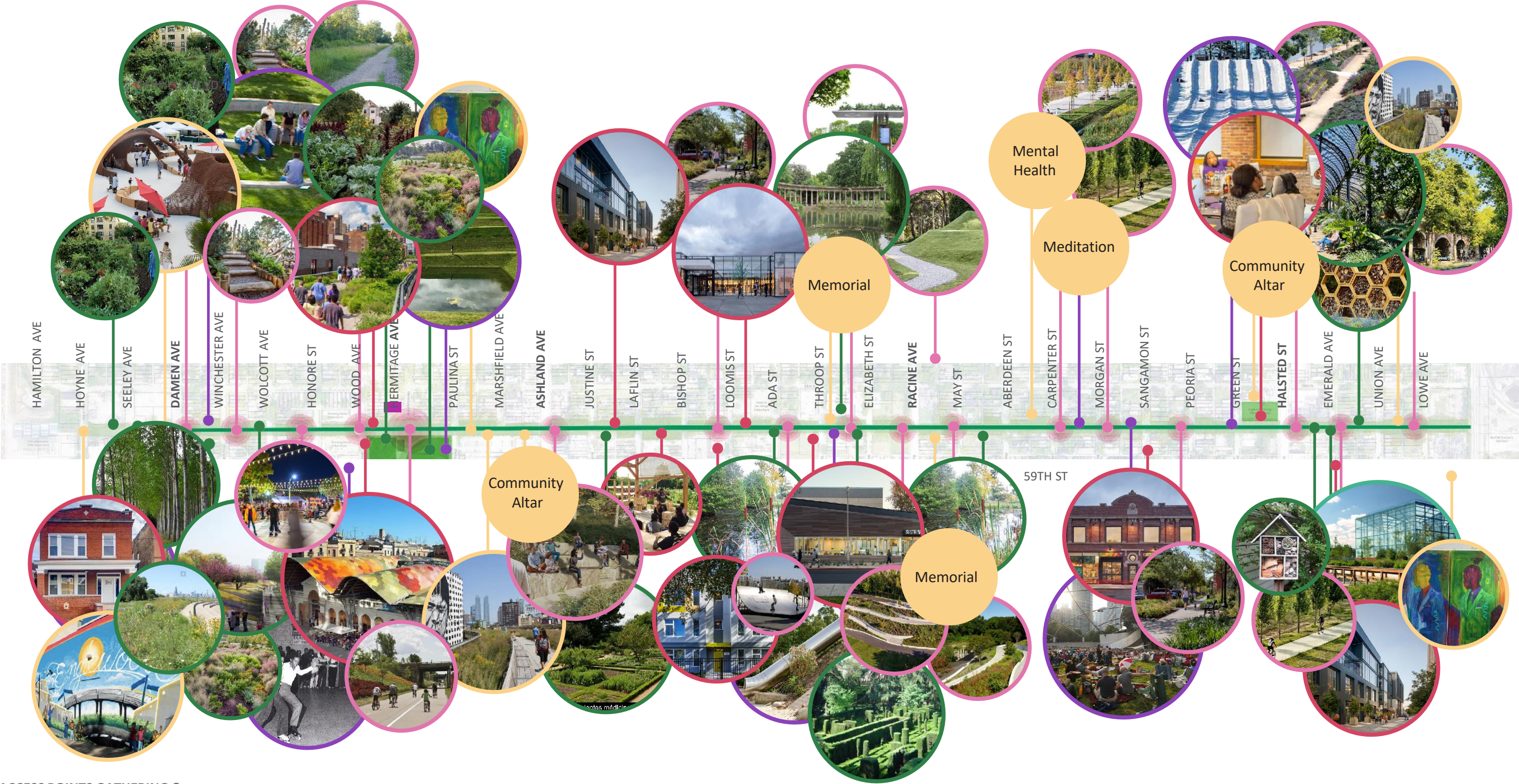


# JULY 2022 MEETING

## WHERE WOULD YOU START?



# HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?



- ACCESS POINTS GATHERING & SOCIALIZING
- BIOREMEDIATION, GARDENS & FARMING
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVATION
- PUBLIC ART & MEMORIALS

# AUGUST 2022 MEETING

## COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

CWB is the local, democratic, and shared ownership and control of community assets

	 LOCAL	 DEMOCRATIC	 SHARED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In the hands of the residents of the neighborhood in which the development is built	Acknowledges power dynamics and allows everyone's voice to be heard (e.g. one person, one vote)	In the hands of many people; broad-based
<input type="checkbox"/>	In the hands of residents of another Chicago neighborhood or of another city entirely.	Hierarchical and exclusive, prioritizing privileged voices over those most marginalized	Concentrated in the hands of just one person or a privileged few



# COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING (CWB) UPDATE

The CWB Planning and Pre-Development Grant is a nearly \$4 million program that awarded up to \$150,000 to 27 early-stage CWB projects.

In May 2023, The Englewood Community Investment Vehicle was awarded a maximum grant of \$150,000 to start a community investment vehicle in Englewood.

What is a Community Investment Vehicle (CIV)?

CIVs are a legal structure that allows residents to pool their financial resources to buy and control neighborhood real estate assets, such as shopping centers or multi-family housing.





SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND PRINCIPLES

# LAND USE PLAN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## 1. COMMUNITY FIRST

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

## 2. STRENGTH

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

## 3. HEALTH AND SECURITY

Create an Agro-Eco district with the Englewood Nature Trail at the center that follows an agroecology approach to improve the social determinants of health of the residents of Englewood and West Englewood by providing a safe place to work, heal, play, celebrate and grow food.

## 4. STABILIZE

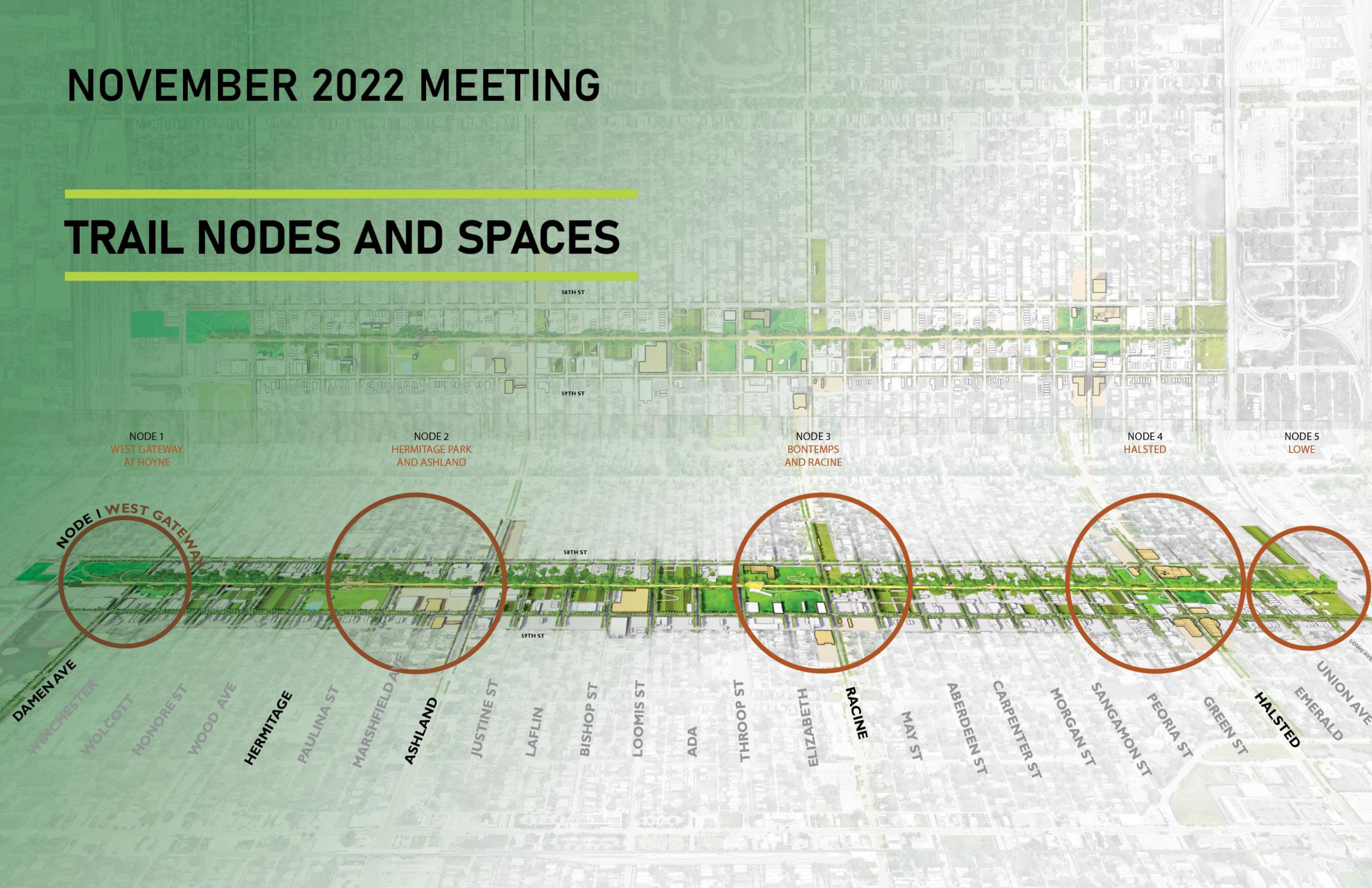
Position the land surrounding the trail to provide a sustainable future and economic security for the current residents of Greater Englewood by providing opportunities to create generational wealth via community investment and by stabilizing housing.

## 5. PATHWAYS FOR WORK AND WEALTH

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

# NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING

## TRAIL NODES AND SPACES



NODE 1  
WEST GATEWAY  
AT HOYNE

NODE 2  
HERMITAGE PARK  
AND ASHLAND

NODE 3  
BONTEMPS  
AND RACINE

NODE 4  
HALSTED

NODE 5  
LOWE

NODE 1 WEST GATEWAY

DAMEN AVE  
WINCHESTER  
WOLCOTT  
HONORE ST  
WOOD AVE  
HERMITAGE  
PAULINA ST  
MARSHFIELD AVE  
ASHLAND  
JUSTINE ST  
LAFLIN  
BISHOP ST  
LOOMIS ST  
ADA  
THROOP ST  
ELIZABETH  
RACINE  
MAY ST  
ABERDEN ST  
CARPENTER ST  
MORGAN ST  
SANGAMON ST  
PEORIA ST  
GREEN ST  
HALSTED  
EMERALD  
UNION AVE

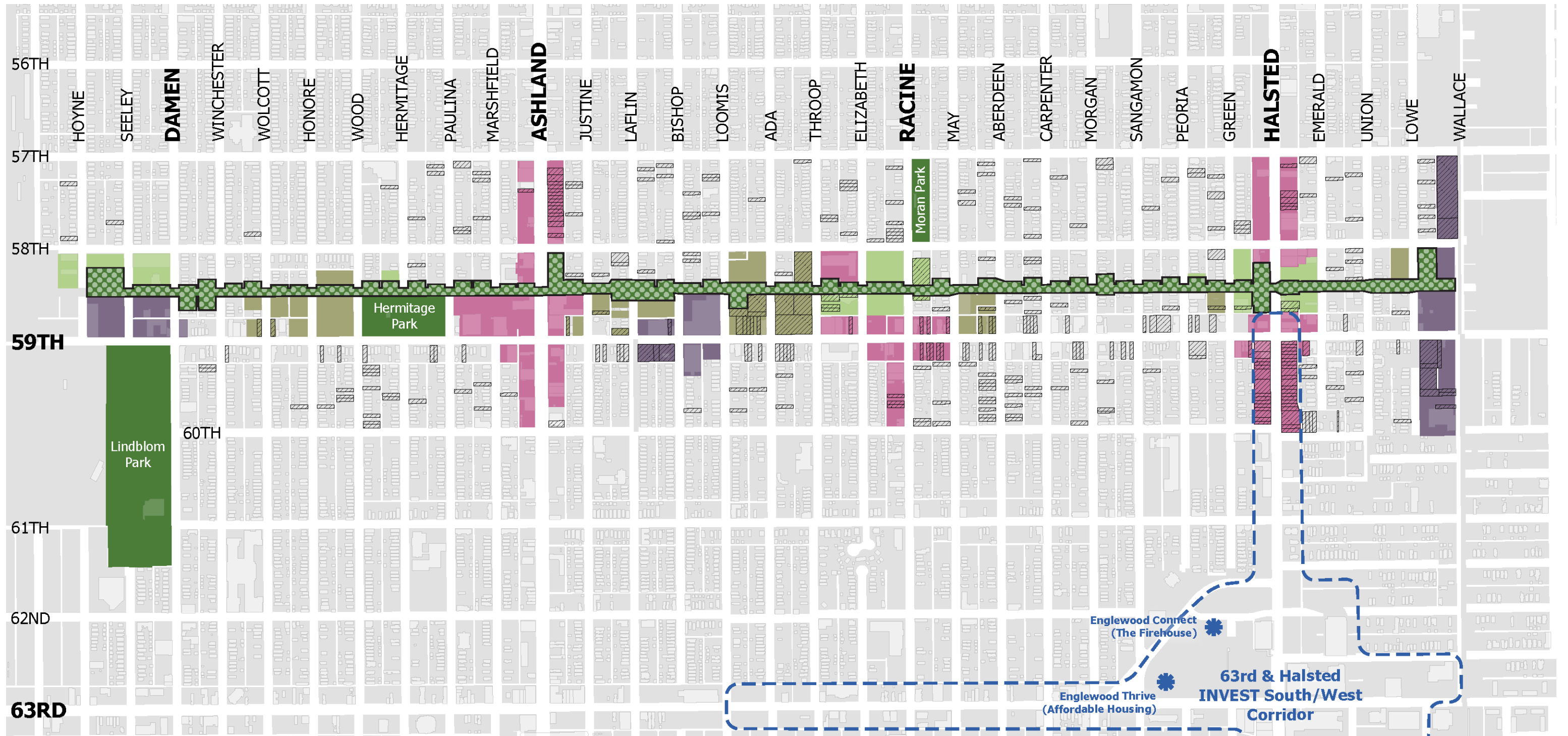
**MARCH 2023 MEETING**

**CDOT PHASE I STUDY: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**





# MAY 2023 MEETING - LAND USE



## OPEN SPACE USES

- Englewood Nature Trail
- Public Parks
- Cultural Landscapes
- Agricultural Growing Sites

## BUSINESS USES

- Neighborhood Commercial Center
- Food Processing/Manufacturing Center

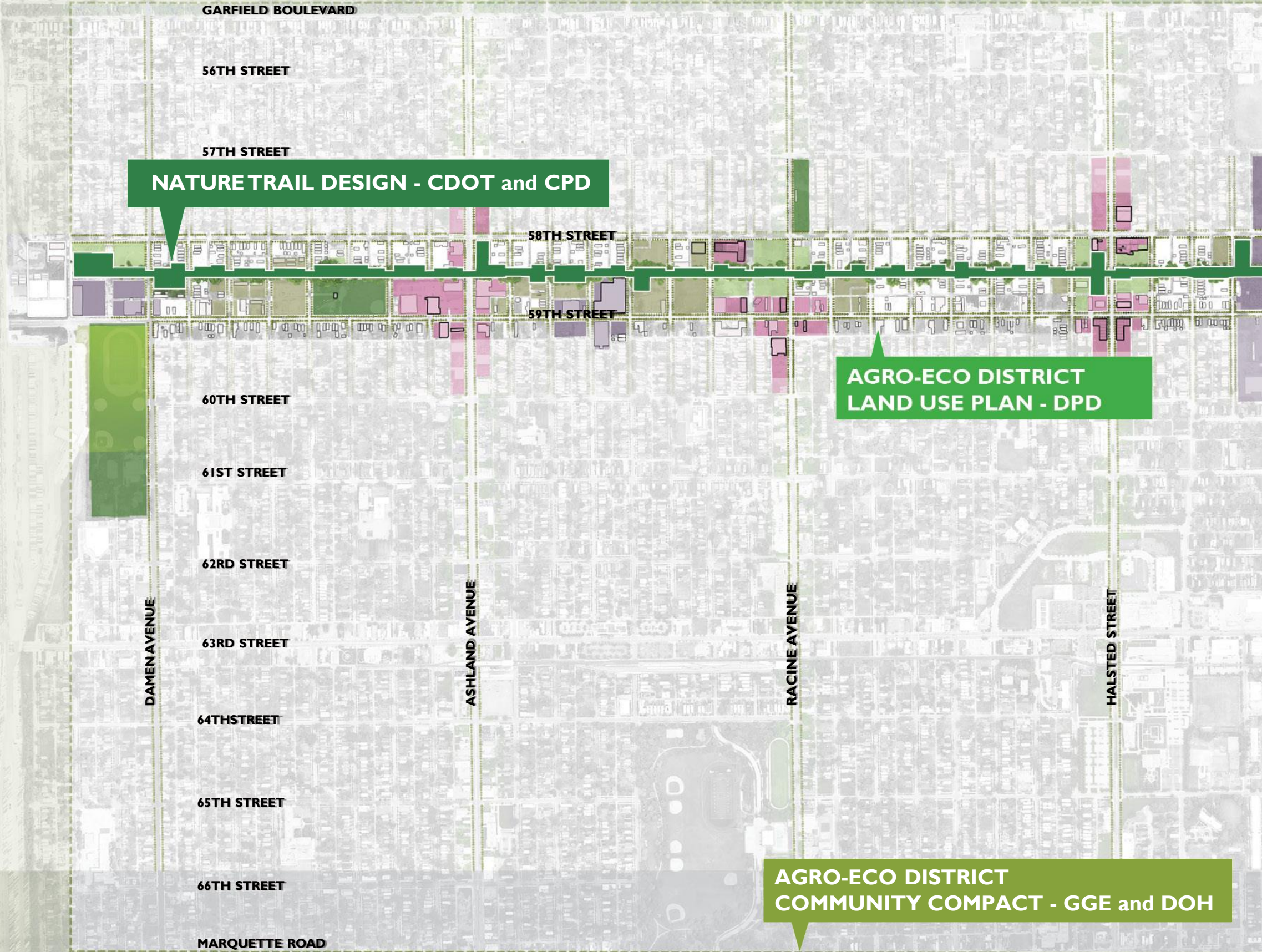
## OTHER

- City-owned Parcel
- INVEST South/West Corridor



0 700 ft

# AGRO-ECO DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPACT



# 02

**ACTIVITY AND DISCUSSION:  
WHAT IS THE CHARACTER OF  
EACH NODE?**

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# FIVE TRAIL NODES

NODE 1  
WEST GATEWAY  
AT HOYNE

NODE 2  
HERMITAGE PARK  
AND ASHLAND

NODE 3  
BONTEMPS  
AND RACINE

NODE 4  
HALSTED

NODE 5  
LOWE



NODE 1 WEST GATEWAY



## WHAT IS THE CHARACTER OF EACH NODE?

**Character planning focuses on the way an area looks and how it functions, instead of only how it is used.**

**Character planning says what unique attributes set a place apart, what existing features are valued, and how a place should look and feel in the future.**

## EXAMPLES TO CONSIDER

**Do I wish this space had more greenery?**

**Is there a building I always look towards and love?**

**Would this place be easier to access with a wider sidewalk?**

# TABLE FOCUS: TWO NODES

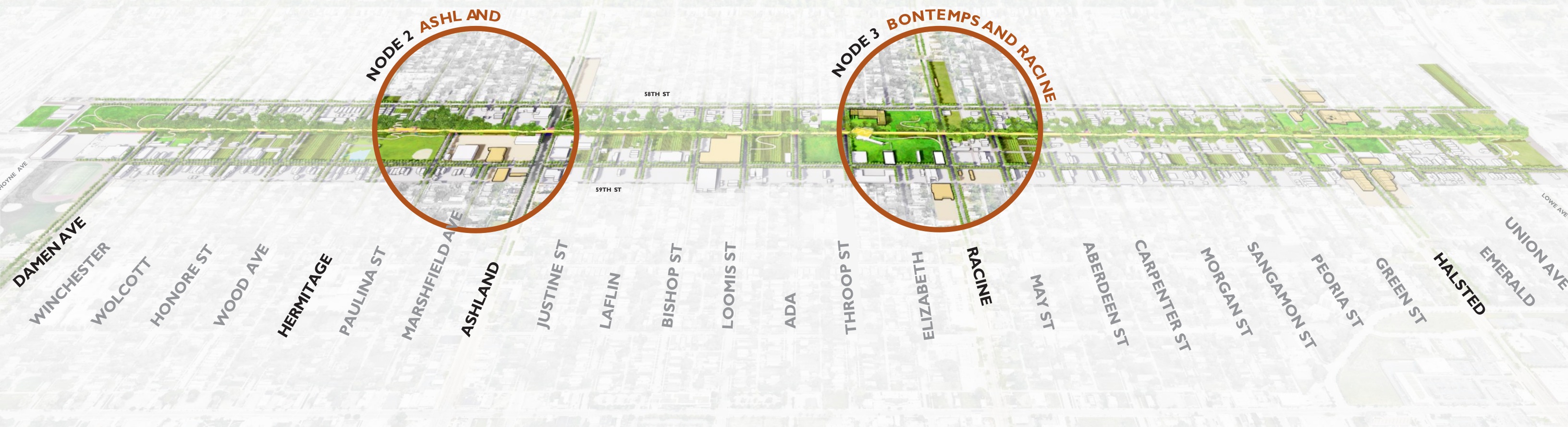
NODE 2  
HERMITAGE PARK  
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NODE 3  
BONTEMPS  
AND RACINE



NODE 2 ASHL AND

NODE 3 BONTEMPS AND RACINE



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NODE #3

# RACINE CORRIDOR

DAMEN AVE WINCHESTER AVE WOLCOTT AVE HONORE ST WOOD AVE HERMITAGE AVE PAULINA ST MARSHFIELD AVE ASHLAND AVE JUSTINE ST LAFLIN ST BISHOP ST LOOMIS ST ADA ST THROOP ST ELIZABETH ST RACINE AVE MAY ST ABERDEEN ST CARPENTER ST MORGAN ST SANGAMON ST PEORIA ST GREEN ST HALSTED ST EMERALD AVE UNION AVE LOWE AVE



Moran Park



Former Arna Bontemps Elementary School



63rd and Racine CTA Station



Ogden Park



Sherman Park

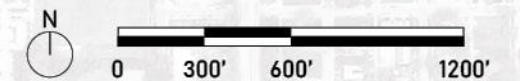


The Regenerator at Woods School



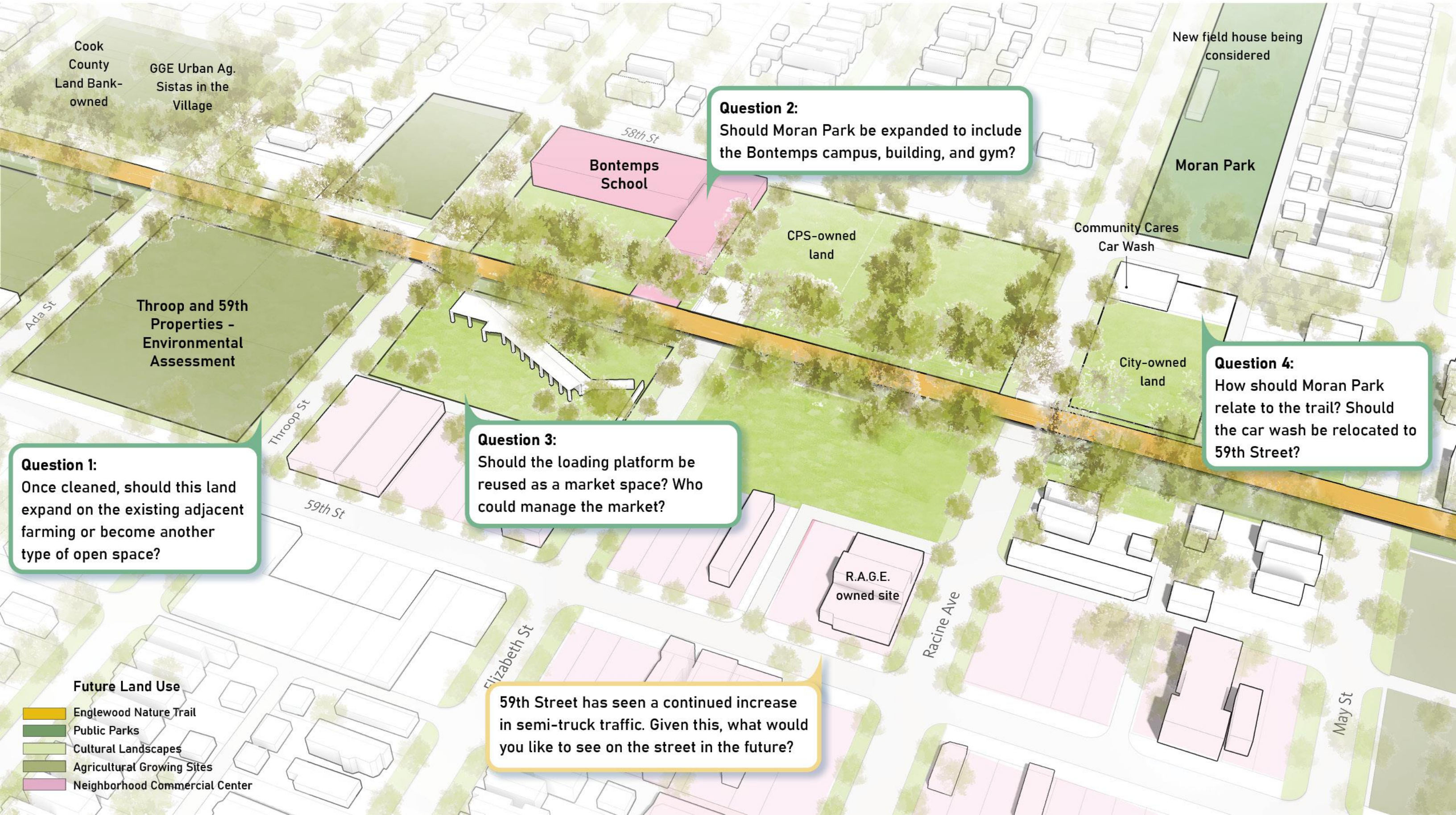
GoGreen on Racine Market

- Future Land Use**
- Englewood Nature Trail
  - Cultural Landscapes
  - Agricultural Growing Sites
  - Neighborhood Commercial
  - Food Related Manufacturing or Business





# RACINE CORRIDOR



**Question 1:**  
Once cleaned, should this land expand on the existing adjacent farming or become another type of open space?

**Question 3:**  
Should the loading platform be reused as a market space? Who could manage the market?

**Question 2:**  
Should Moran Park be expanded to include the Bontemps campus, building, and gym?

**Question 4:**  
How should Moran Park relate to the trail? Should the car wash be relocated to 59th Street?

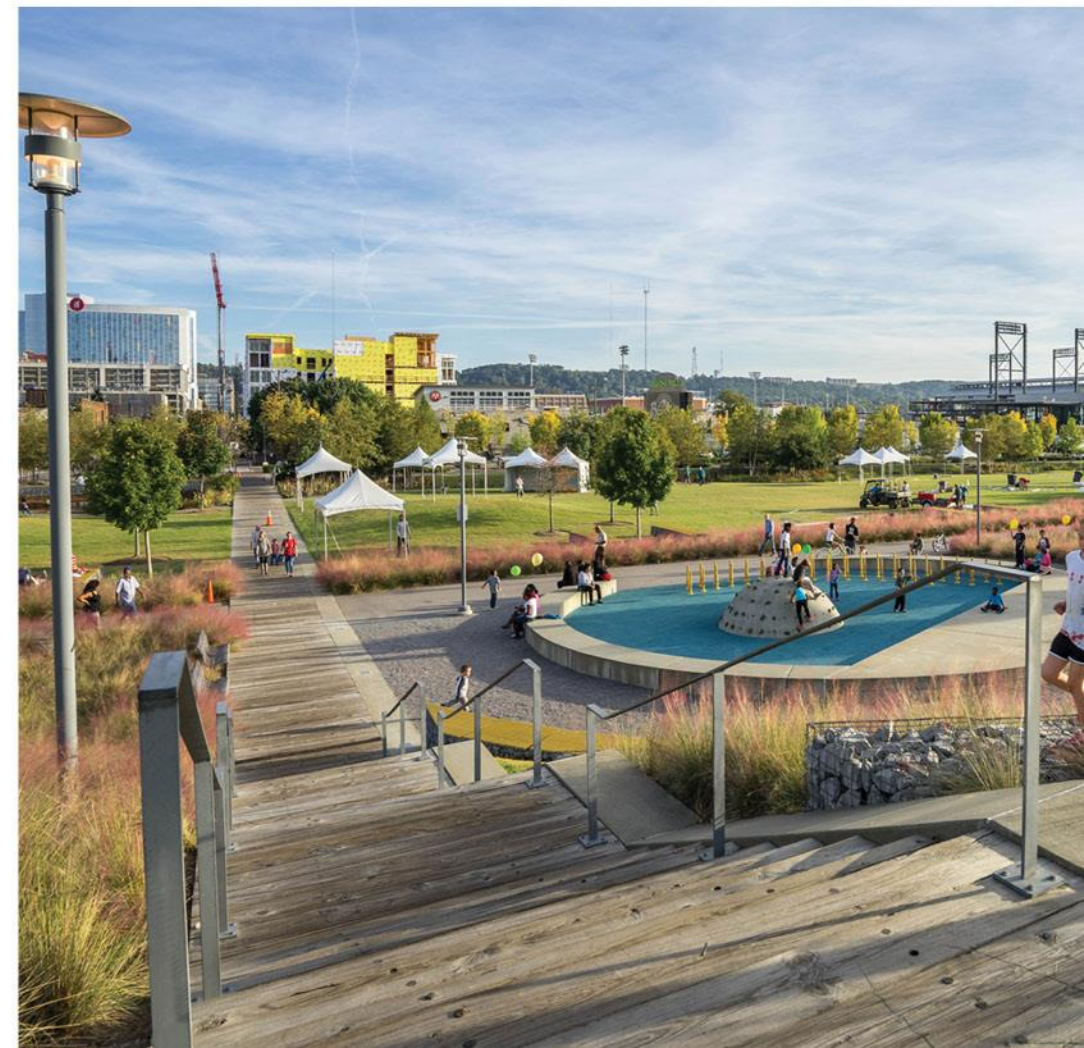
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# HOW SHOULD MORAN PARK RELATE TO THE TRAIL?

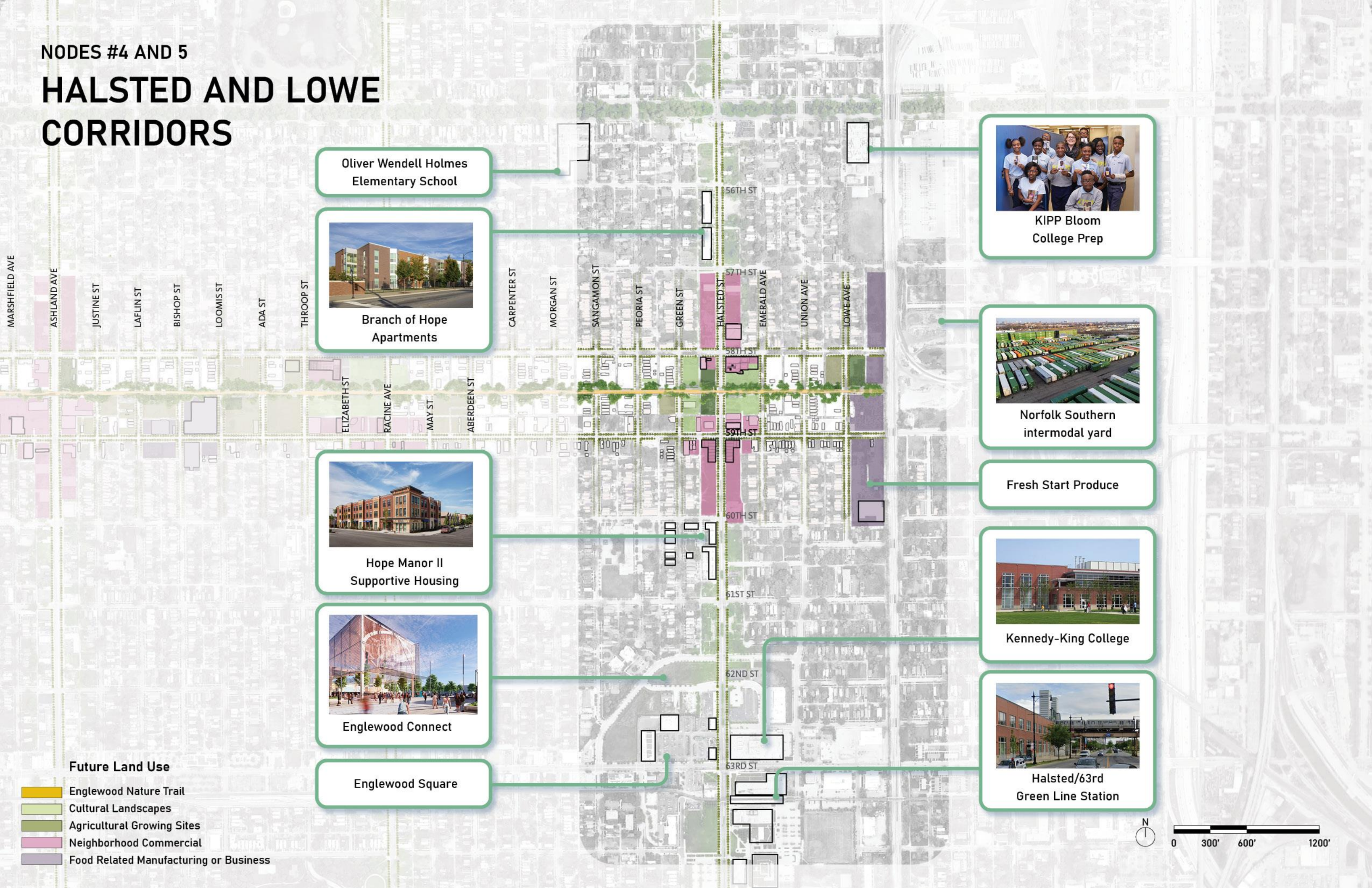


# HOW SHOULD MORAN PARK RELATE TO THE TRAIL?



# NODES #4 AND 5

# HALSTED AND LOWE CORRIDORS



Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School



Branch of Hope Apartments



Hope Manor II Supportive Housing



Englewood Connect

Englewood Square



KIPP Bloom College Prep



Norfolk Southern intermodal yard

Fresh Start Produce

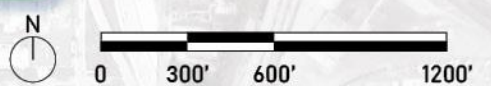


Kennedy-King College

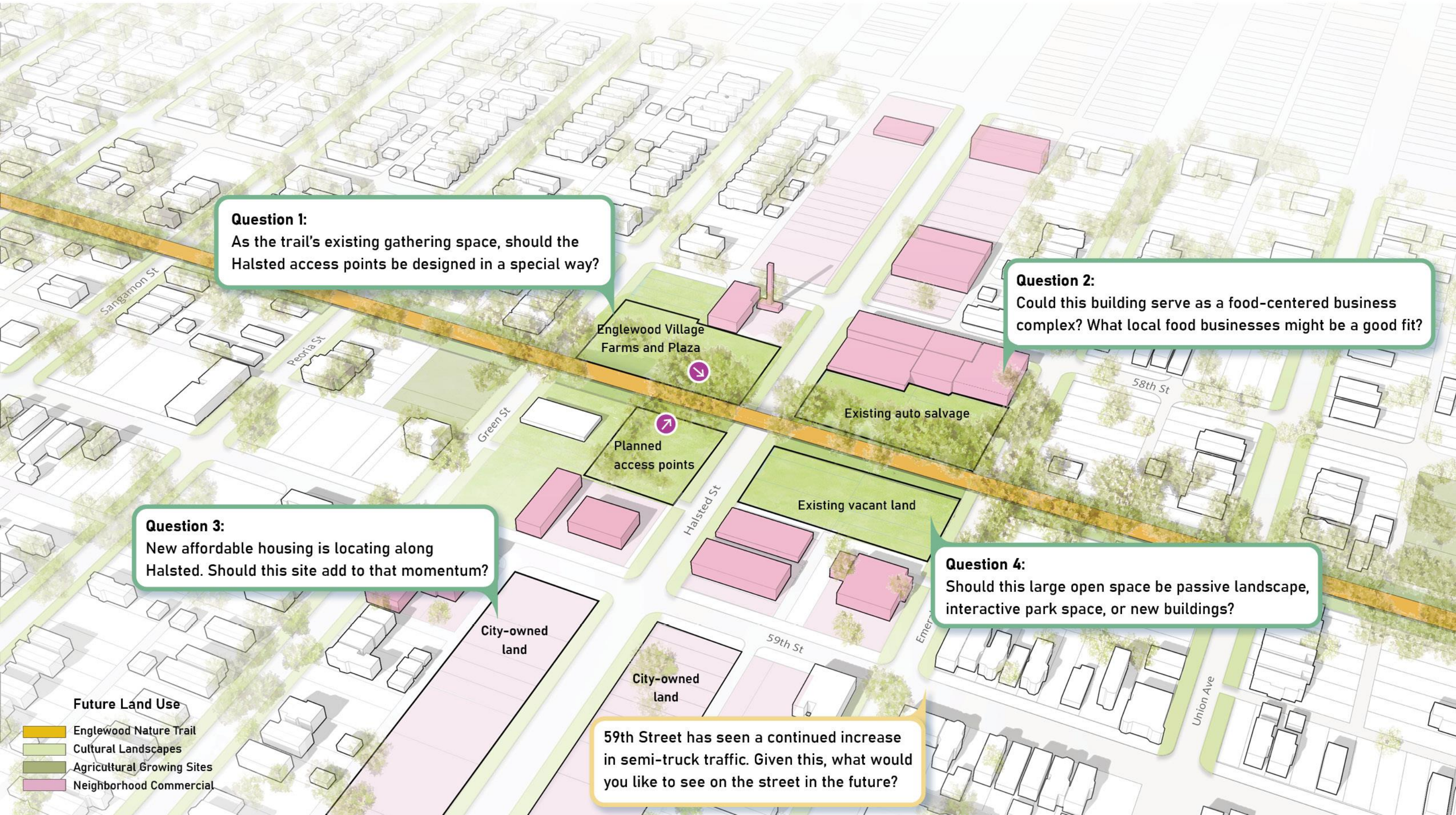


Halsted/63rd Green Line Station

- Future Land Use**
- Englewood Nature Trail
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# HALSTED CORRIDOR



**Question 1:**  
As the trail's existing gathering space, should the Halsted access points be designed in a special way?

**Question 2:**  
Could this building serve as a food-centered business complex? What local food businesses might be a good fit?

**Question 3:**  
New affordable housing is locating along Halsted. Should this site add to that momentum?

**Question 4:**  
Should this large open space be passive landscape, interactive park space, or new buildings?

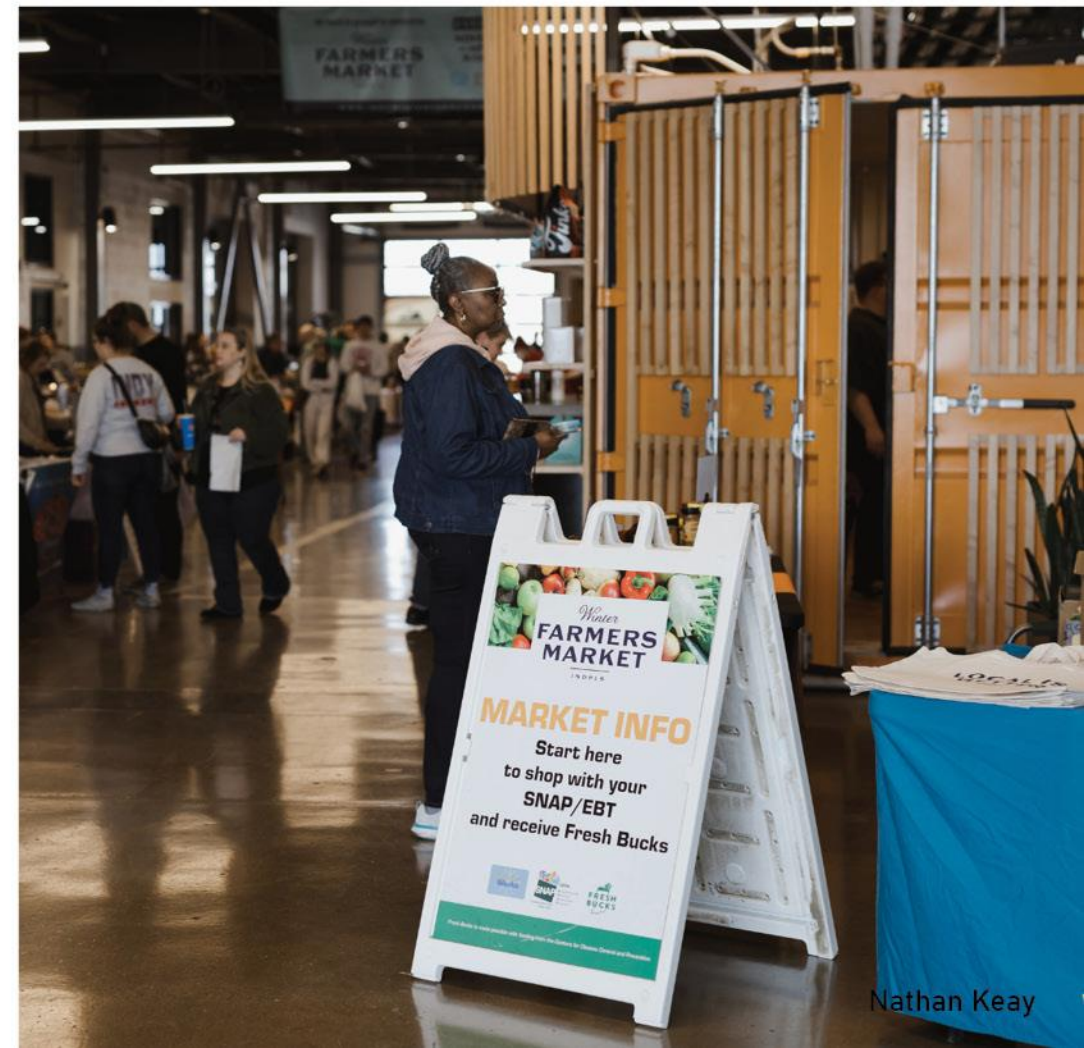
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# WHAT SHOULD 59TH STREET LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?

REPAIR

30

51  
67H  
51H  
60A  
30A  
60K  
60E

cta bus stop  
59 59th/61st

West to Midway Orange Line station  
Monday thru Saturday, early morning  
thru early evening





WHAT SHOULD 59TH STREET  
LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?



# STAY CONNECTED

CONNECT WITH  
GROW GREATER ENGLEWOOD

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CONNECT WITH  
THE CITY OF CHICAGO

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