# LOGAN SQUARE BLUE LINE EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN







# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

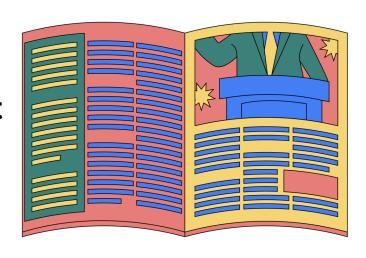


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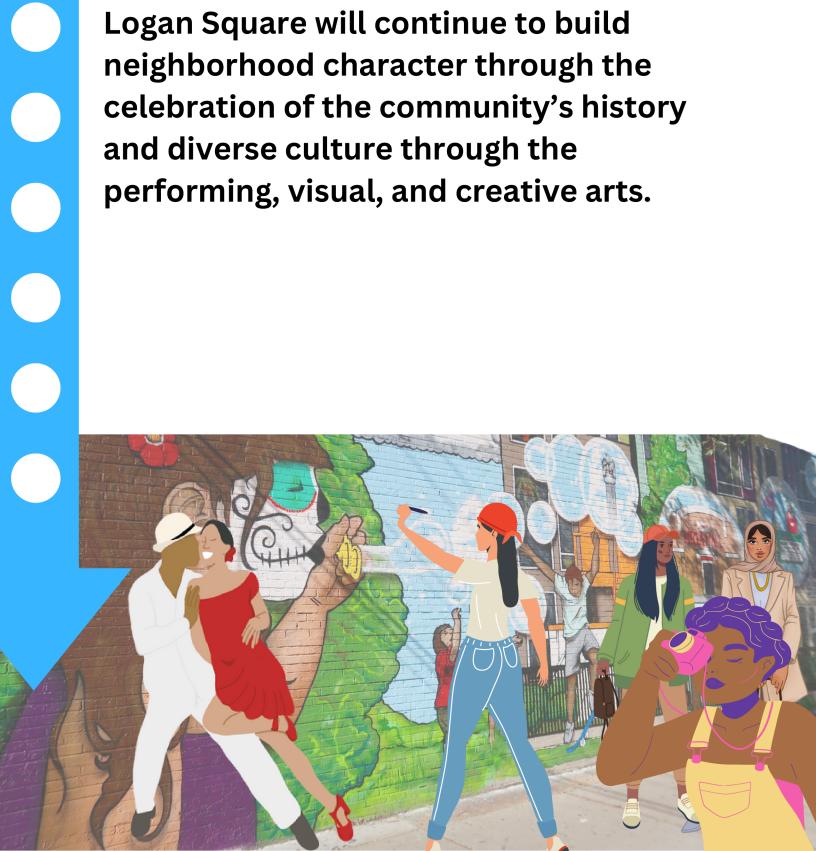


For more than a year, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has been working with Palenque LSNA, and the residents and businesses of Logan Square to create a plan for equitable development around the Logan Square Blue Line station. Through conversations and collaboration, this planning effort has identified strategies that can carry out the community's vision for the area. This magazine illustrates those recommendations to encourage neighborhood discussion about the plan and process.

This is also a new communication tool CMAP is using to engage folks in the planning process, and your feedback is welcomed and appreciated!

# ARTS AND CULTURE

Logan Square will continue to build neighborhood character through the celebration of the community's history and diverse culture through the performing, visual, and creative arts.



Logan Square will provide ample opportunity for creative expression and access to cultural experiences to enhance local quality of life and health.

Build relationships
among Logan Square
social justice and
social service
organizations, and area
arts and culture
organizations to
ensure that cultural
representation and
inclusion manifest in
program offerings and
events.







Connect artists and culture makers with opportunities to carry out programs in new spaces and venues and with new partners.



Logan Square will promote and provide equitable access to arts and culture

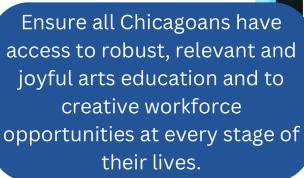
Promote awareness and appreciation for the value of the city's cultural sector—its current and historical contributions—to residents and those beyond Chicago's borders.













# **COMMUNITY IDENTITY**

Logan Square will strengthen its identity by centering a culture of inclusion and celebration of the neighborhood's history, diversity, and culture.





Logan Square will be a strong, vital community with a strong sense of community that centers a sense of belonging for all residents, especially immigrants and those who are vulnerable to displacement and gentrification.







# HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Logan Square will build up local capacity to access fresh food, manage physical and mental health, and foster a clean, sustainable environment.



#### **GOAL:** Logan Square will achieve food security.

Provide students with healthy, consistent meals.

Support local food businesses and Entreprenuers

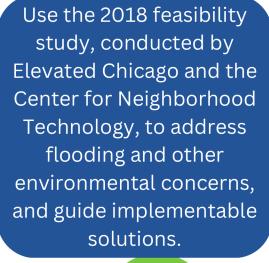
Provide information about local gardens, groceries, food pantries, and truck and cart vendors that community members can access for fresh produce and food

Leverage church spaces to create food pantries

Convert vacant lots to to garden spaces that offer fresh produce to the community



# **GOAL:** Logan Square will have cleaner air and lessened flooding in the community



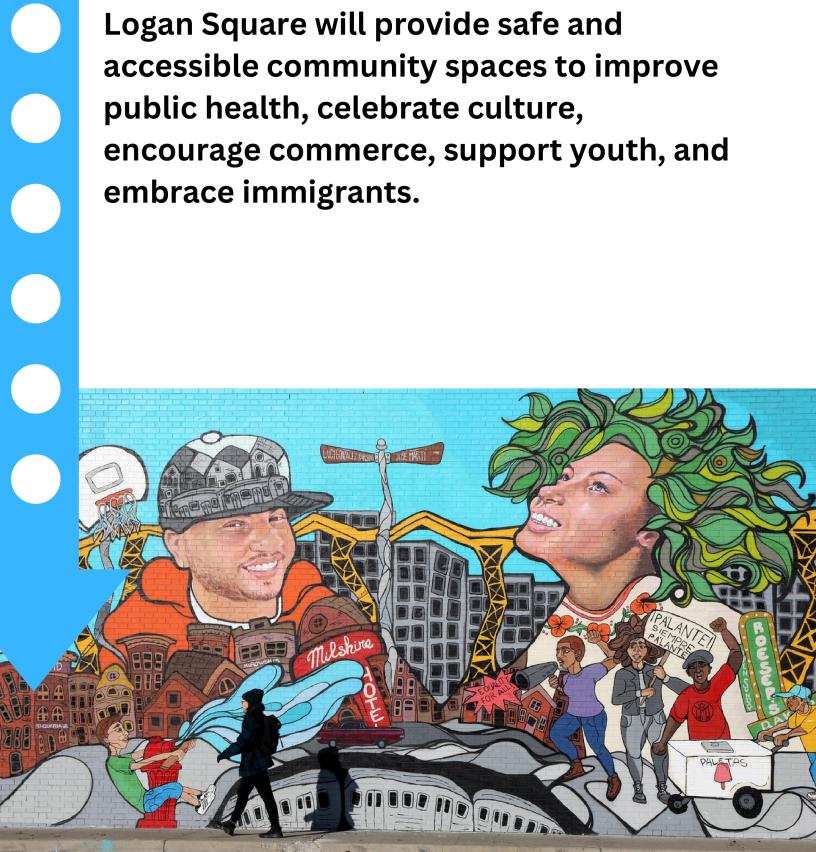


Use CMAP's Community
Area Emissions Summary as
a baseline to establish
appropriate benchmarks
and action steps that can
reduce greenhouse gas
emissions now and into the
future.

Coordinate with the local ward offices to identify blocks to implement Chicago's Green Alley program as part of a local pilot program. The Green Alley program, which began in 2001, is an environmentally friendly initiative that identifies improvements to address rainwater that collects in alleys and floods surrounding areas

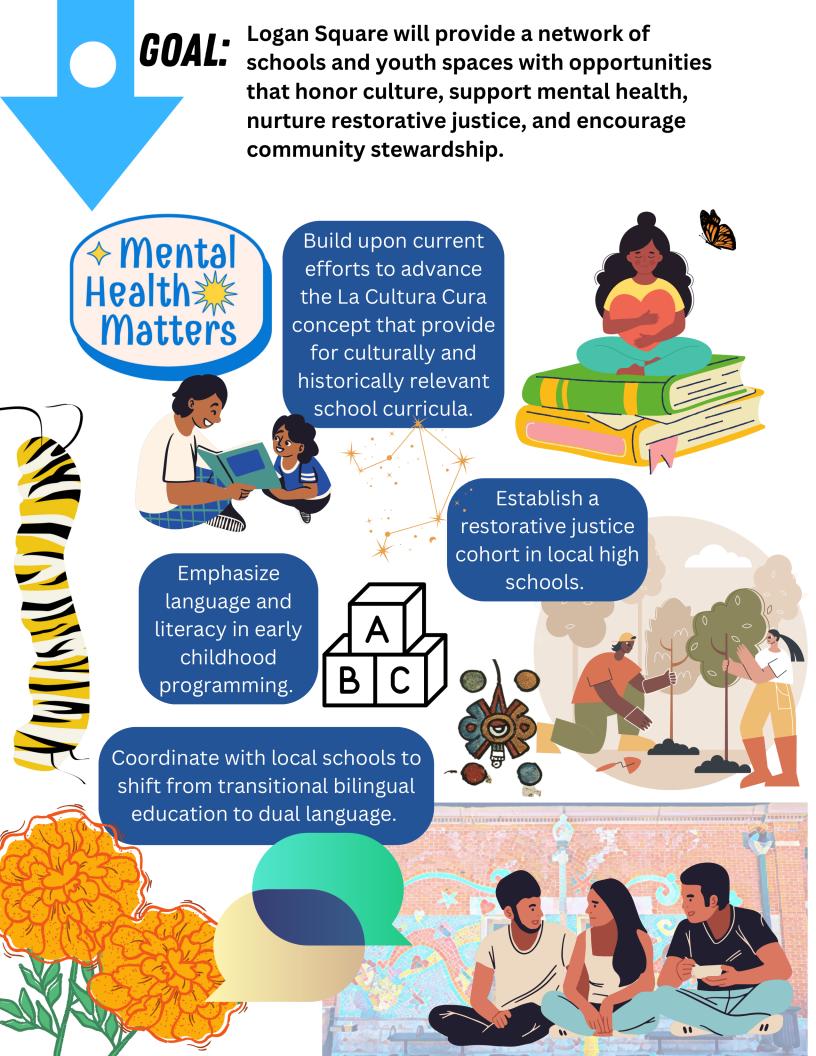
## NEIGHBORHOOD SPACES

Logan Square will provide safe and accessible community spaces to improve public health, celebrate culture, encourage commerce, support youth, and embrace immigrants.



Logan Square will build a safe and accessible network of community spaces that provide opportunities for health, recreation, commerce, and culture.







Create a strategic plan that advances a sustainable and culturally aware school ecosystem, including support of neighborhood schools, targeted teacher recruitment, active student councils, and a community-driven elected school board.



Work with youth to help express community identity from their perspectives and incorporate their needs in the design of public spaces.





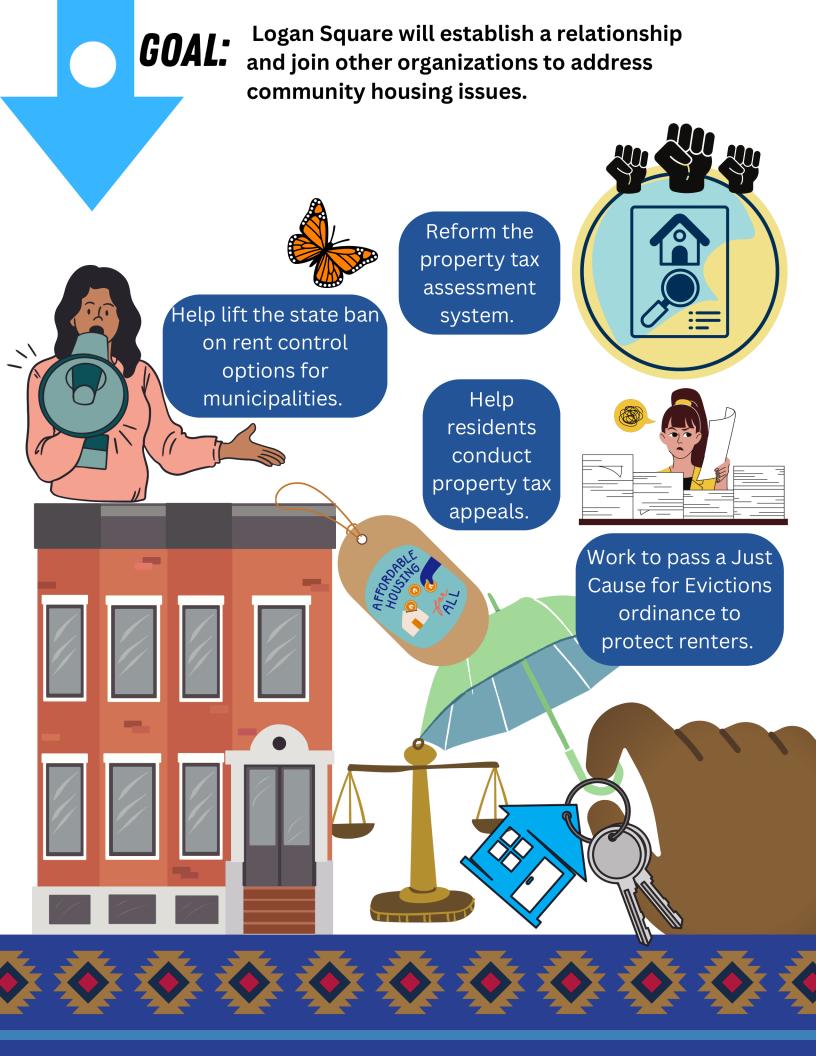
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# HOUSING

Logan Square will preserve neighborhood affordability and diversity through a wide range of housing options.





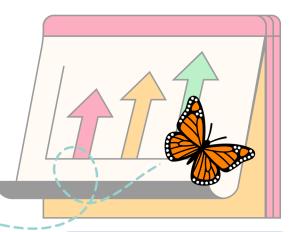
Logan Square will collect and disseminate data about local housing and collaborate with partner community-based organizations; and create a main location to house the different data points and community indicatives



Logan Square will create an affordable housing task force across the multiple surrounding wards to give feedback on any new development proposals.

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Create a partnership with the City's Department of Housing and follow new housing project creations.



Identify the connection between housing and development issues and address residential displacement risks.





Mandate the inclusion of larger unit types (two bedrooms or more) to better preserve affordable housing options for families.



Logan Square will maintain housing affordability and choices and support the establishment of a community-led land trust.

Advocate for and develop more affordable housing units to ensure residents stay in the community and the community continues to welcome new immigrants.

Leverage the requirements of the Connected Communities
Ordinance to preserve affordable housing and limit the conversion of two- to four-flats into single-family homes.

Explore housing cooperatives as an alternative to housing affordability and ownership



Maintain diverse housing options for young people, families, and seniors.

Preserve home ownership and rental options that naturally are affordable.

Make use of tools, such as the
Community Land Trust – Here to Stay,
to prevent displacement, preserve
affordable housing, and promote
home ownership, especially for those
who are most vulnerable to
displacement from rising property
values and taxes.





## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

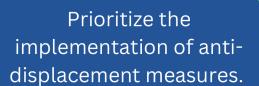
Logan Square will advance an equitable environment of commerce and entrepreneurship that supports small businesses, legacy businesses, and business owners of color.



Logan Square will support small businesses and tenants by promoting existing policies, best practices, and anti-displacement incentive programs.

> Provide financial incentives to create and keep businesses owned by legacy owners and business owners of color.

Identify existing policies, best practices and, antidisplacement incentive programs for small businesses and tenants.



Create policies that can counteract displacement of businesses and tenants.

Doing business in Logan Square for over 50 years!

Host local hiring fairs that can generate reinvestment in the Logan Square community











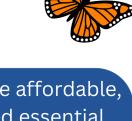


# **GOAL:** Logan Square will support legacy business owners and business owners of color.



LAUNDRY

Identify criteria that qualifies "legacy businesses".



Preserve affordable, trusted essential businesses like laundromats and daycares.



Create resource guides, such as grants, support groups, and programming, for longtime businesses and business owners of color







Advocate for a common space that allows these business owners to sell and advertise produce, including the Logan Square Farmers

Market and independent markets.





Promote a mix of
businesses, shops and
restaurants that are
relevant, appeal to and are
accessible to a wide
diversity of residents from
different cultures and of
different income levels.



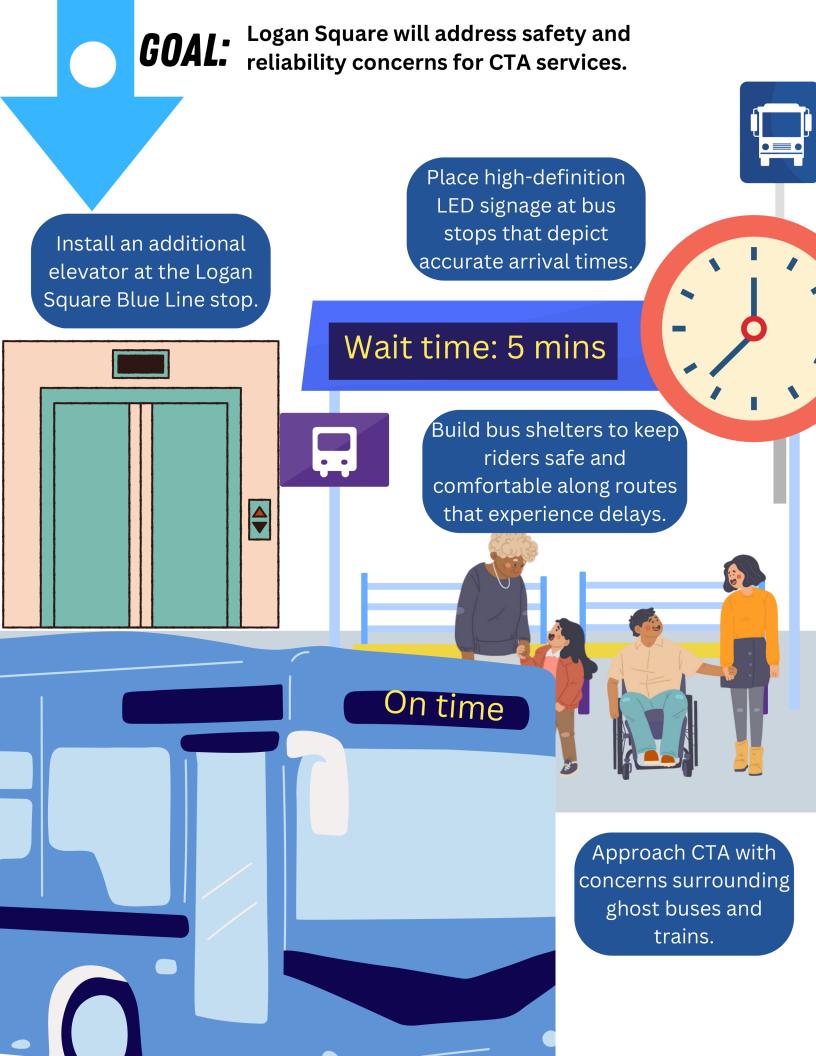
# ACCESS AND MOBILITY

Logan Square will provide for safe mobility, equitable access, and reliable service for all ages, abilities, and transportation choices.



**GOAL:** Logan Square will advocate for safer conditions for pedestrians and cyclists.





Logan Square will provide for a street network that allows for efficient car travel within a safe, welcoming environment for all users, regardless of mode of transport.



Coordinate with Vision Zero Chicago to create realistic and implementable solutions to high-traffic-crash areas to eliminate fatalities and injuries that result from traffic crashes.

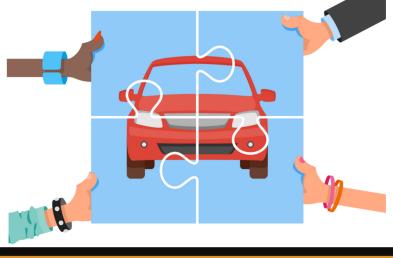
Advocate for crossing guards at high-speed intersections with no traffic signals or signs



STOP

Promote car sharing programs such as Avail and GetAround to decrease the number of overall vehicle ownership in Logan Square

Redesign Logan Square traffic calming and other strategies to make it more friendly to pedestrians.





# THANK YOU

Thank you to every single person who has participated in this process. This would not be possible without you — the community!

For questions and feedback, please reach out to Cindy Cambray, CMAP senior planner and project manager, at <a href="mailto:ccambray@cmap.illinois.gov">ccambray@cmap.illinois.gov</a>.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Logan Square Blue Line Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Plan and the process.



