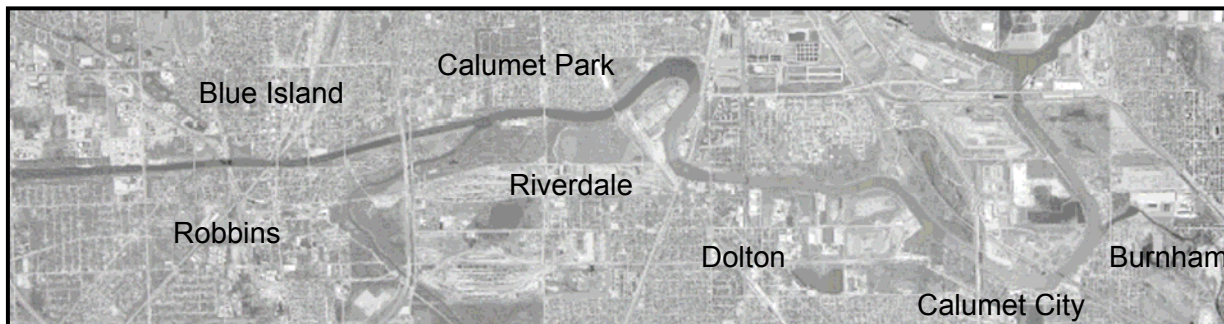


CALUMET RIVERS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

This is a unique planning project to stimulate economic development and investment in the seven communities linked by the Cal-Sag Channel and the Little Calumet River: Blue Island, Burnham, Calumet City, Calumet Park, Dolton, Robbins, and Riverdale.

The project focuses on this river corridor as an important environmental amenity and economic asset. It is based on the assumption that by strategically working together, the communities will be able to accelerate and expand the potential economic impact of their individual efforts.

The goal of the project is to catalyze economic development that will create jobs and enhance community and environmental quality. Key products will include a shared economic development and land-use vision; identification of priority projects and development sites; recommended actions to implement the vision and projects; and an outline of steps to build the necessary planning and development capacity.



Calumet Rivers Development Project Corridor

How will this project happen?

- By building on existing planning and development activities e.g. the South Suburban Brownfields Assessment Project, Chicago Southland Tomorrow Corridor Initiative, South Suburban Tax Reactivation Project, Common Ground, and South Suburban Calumet Area Open Space Initiative;
- By engaging public and private stakeholders and leaders in developing and promoting the vision through a series of roundtables and interviews;
- By drawing on best practices in developing “working” rivers and coordinating economic development activities in multiple communities;
- By identifying short and long-term development and investment opportunities that take advantage of local assets and regional growth dynamics;
- By facilitating communication among communities and across sectors.

How long will this project take?

This project began in the fall of 2005. The shared economic development and land use vision will be completed by September 2006, and the identification of priority projects and development sites will occur by early 2007.

Who is working on this project?

The project is being led by a Steering Committee representing the seven communities and other stakeholders. The project is being managed by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, a not-for-profit municipal organization that provides technical assistance and joint services for 42 member municipalities in southern Cook and eastern Will Counties.

The consulting team is comprised of Business Districts, Inc., experts in developing market-based commercial development plans for mid-sized communities; the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, the official comprehensive planning agency for the six counties that form the greater Chicago metropolitan region; and Vandewalle & Associates, which has extensive experience in preparing economic positioning and redevelopment strategies for brownfield sites.

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Creating a living, working river for the communities of Blue Island, Burnham, Calumet City, Calumet Park, Dolton, Riverdale and Robbins

Calumet Rivers Develop Project Steering Committee

A Steering Committee representing the seven communities and other stakeholders provides information and direction for the project and its outcomes. The steering committee consists of people representing the following communities and organizations:

- City of Blue Island
- Village of Burnham
- City of Calumet City
- Village of Calumet Park
- Village of Dolton
- Village of Robbins
- Village of Riverdale

- Calumet Area Industrial Commission
- Chicago Southland Economic Development Council
- Combined Transport International
- enterpriz Cook County
- Fay's Point LLC, Blue Island
- Grand Victoria Foundation
- Harris Bank
- Metropolitan Planning Council
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- Mittal Steel
- Openlands Project
- Ozinga Bros., Inc., Riverdale Marina
- Robinson Engineering Ltd.
- Simborg Industrial Real Estate/Development Inc.
- Westway Terminal Company

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