

Protect, Preserve and Expand our Green Legacy: Englewood New E.R.A. Trail and Corridor Re-development



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ENGLEWOOD NEW E.R.A. TRAIL AND CORRIDOR RE-DEVELOPMENT

A community-wide planning process at the grassroots level in Chicago's south side Englewood neighborhood has undertaken a comprehensive plan to combine public open space amenities with green development. This multi-objective initiative is an outstanding example of the Centennial's Green Legacy Projects because it expands neighborhood green space, adds to the region's trail system, and uses green infrastructure to renew a neighborhood's environment and spirit.

The Englewood plan calls for: the transformative development of a two-mile New ERA (Englewood Re-making America) Trail on an abandoned, above-grade rail line; local "green" businesses along the adjacent corridor; and a mural by artist Rahmaan Barnes honoring the former rail junction community's special place in 20th century American history. Numerous pocket parks and gardens are also planned to enliven commercial and residential streets and complement the elevated urban trail corridor. Several community-based organizations are sponsoring the plan and Openlands is facilitating the planning process.

REGIONAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

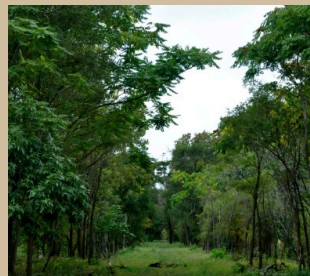
Our region's communities are connected through a network of open spaces and natural areas — greenways and trails, wetlands, parks and forest preserves — from southeastern Wisconsin through Illinois to northwestern Indiana.

A century ago, Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett unveiled their Plan of Chicago, a framework for growth in the greater Chicago area. Their vision included a network of forest preserve districts, open spaces and trails that laid the foundation for the green infrastructure that so enriches the quality of life in our three-state Chicago metropolis.

GREEN LEGACY PROJECTS

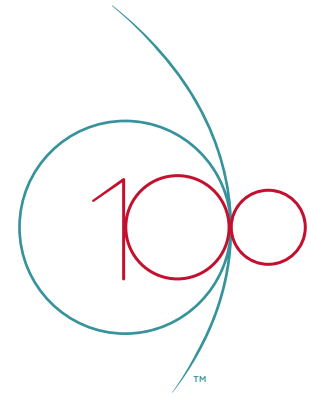
One of the priority goals of the Burnham Plan Centennial is to make real progress in closing important gaps in the region's green infrastructure, and to build momentum for creating the nation's greenest region during the next 100 years. Across the metropolitan area, the Burnham Plan Centennial and the nonprofit organization Openlands have identified more than 20 "Green Legacy" projects that close some of these critical gaps. When completed, these projects will help to:

- Complete Our Region's Trail System
- Connect Us to Our Rivers and Streams
- Expand Neighborhood Green Space
- Protect Our Shoreline
- Preserve Regionally Significant Open Space



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The Englewood New E.R.A. Trail and Corridor Re-development is sponsored by numerous community organizations and facilitated by Openlands. All of the Burnham Plan Centennial Green Legacy Projects build on many years of hard work by civic organizations, community residents, foundations and government. They are the enduring legacy of Daniel Burnham's Plan of Chicago, are critical to the long-term health of the region, and serve as catalysts for improving our quality of life over the next 100 years.

For more information about the Burnham Plan Centennial and its Green Legacy Projects visit

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BURNHAM PLAN CENTENNIAL GREEN LEGACY PROJECTS

- **COMPLETE OUR REGION'S TRAIL SYSTEM**
 - Burnham Greenway
 - Calumet-Sag Trail
 - Fox River Trail
 - Kankakee Riverfront Trail
 - Marquette Greenway Trail
 - Old Plank Road Trail
 - **CONNECT US TO OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS**
 - Chicago Riverwalk
 - Little Calumet River Water Trail
 - **EXPAND NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN SPACE**
 - Bloomington Trail
 - Englewood New ERA Trail
 - **PROTECT OUR SHORELINE**
 - Lake Michigan Water Trail
 - Last 4 Miles
 - Marquette Plan
 - Openlands Lakeshore Preserve
 - Waukegan Lakefront
 - **PRESERVE OPEN SPACE**
 - Calumet Open Space Reserve
 - Deer Grove Preserve
 - Hack-ma-tack Reserve
 - Kankakee Sands
 - Lockport-Joliet Heritage Park
 - Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie
 - Rock Run Greenway
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- Existing and Proposed Trails
 - Water Trails
 - Green Infrastructure

