

## GREATER AUBURN-GRESHAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Auburn Gresham is Chicago's best-kept secret. It's a classic Chicago community on the city's Far South Side that took shape during the early 20th century, when most of the neighborhood's bungalows, stores, schools, parks and churches were built. Today, Auburn Gresham is an African-American community that is using its many assets and dedicated residents to create a new era of prosperity.

Founded in 2000, the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC) focuses on comprehensive community development, working to improve the area's economic viability, housing options and social services while coordinating new development and investment.

### GADC's ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

**Showcasing 79th Street**, the main commercial corridor, with investment in the streetscape and storefront façades.

**Launching the Renaissance Festival**, an annual community celebration.

**Creating a quality-of-life plan** for Auburn Gresham's growth with input from more than 150 local residents and organizations.

### GADC's BOLD PLANS INCLUDE:

**Developing a transit village** around a new Metra station near the Auburn lagoons at 79th Street.

**Protecting our housing stock** by fighting foreclosures and developing new homes.



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## COMMUNITY SHOWCASE TOURS

The Burnham Plan Centennial's Community Showcase Tours introduce new audiences to the unique stories and bold plans of Chicago's neighborhoods. Told through the voices of community leaders and residents, the tours cover these six neighborhoods:

**ALBANY PARK** Chicago's Gateway to the World: *A legacy of culture, nature and movement on Chicago's Northwest side.* **HOSTED BY:** North River Commission [www.northrivercommission.org](http://www.northrivercommission.org)

**AUBURN GRESHAM** Rebuilding a Classic Chicago Community: *Using our people and assets to make a great place great again!* **HOSTED BY:** Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation [www.gagdc.org](http://www.gagdc.org)

**PILSEN** Discover Pilsen: *Healthy, vibrant and organized!* **HOSTED BY:** The Resurrection Project [www.resurrectionproject.org](http://www.resurrectionproject.org)

**QUAD COMMUNITIES** From Civil War to Civil Rights and Beyond: *Come experience the second urban renaissance in the capital of Black America.* **HOSTED BY:** Quad Communities Development Corporation [www.qcdc.org](http://www.qcdc.org) and Bronzeville Visitor Information Center [www.bronzevilleonline.com](http://www.bronzevilleonline.com)

**SOUTH CHICAGO** From Pollution to Solution: *'LEED-ing' the way in the Midwest!* **HOSTED BY:** Claretian Associates [www.claretinassociates.org](http://www.claretinassociates.org)

**WEST RIDGE** Gateway to India in Chicago: *Explore dynamic diversity and global connections on Devon Avenue.* **HOSTED BY:** Indo-American Heritage Museum [www.iahmuseum.org](http://www.iahmuseum.org) and Chicago Cultural Alliance [www.chicagoculturalalliance.org](http://www.chicagoculturalalliance.org)

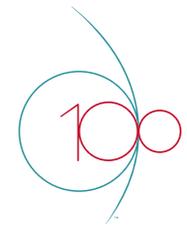


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# REBUILDING A CLASSIC COMMUNITY

*Using our people and assets to make a great place great again!*



THE BURNHAM PLAN CENTENNIAL

**BOLD PLANS. BIG DREAMS.™**  
COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

**AUBURN GRESHAM:  
REBUILDING A CLASSIC  
CHICAGO COMMUNITY**

1. **The Auburn lagoons**, a quiet spot with small lakes and parkland surrounded by some of the community's first homes and newer developments built since 1990. *Vincennes to Fielding, 79th to Winneconna*
2. **St. Leo's church tower**, site of the largest of the area's former Irish-Catholic parishes, now part of a campus for veterans. *7750 S. Emerald*
3. **79th Street**, the retail heart of the community with much of its revitalized commercial life. *Entire stretch of 79th Street*
4. **Morganway**, lined with tidy bungalows, is one of the city's largest and most effective block clubs. *Morgan Street from 67th to 87th Streets*
5. **Calumet High School**, a neighborhood landmark that now houses three Perspectives Charter Schools. *8131 S. May Street*
6. **St. Sabina's**, a 1933 Tudor Gothic church that is home to Father Michael Pflieger and his active congregation. *1210 W. 78th Place*
7. **Highland Theater**, one of the best examples of the area's many 1920s terra-cotta commercial buildings, now home to a large and active church. *7841 S. Ashland*
8. **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Entertainment Center**, which offers bowling, roller-skating and more. *1219 W. 76th Street*
9. **SOS Village**, a mixed-use residential development that creates a community for foster care families. *7600 S. Parnell*
10. **Hamilton Park**, a landscaping gem designed by the Olmsted Brothers and D.H. Burnham & Co.; opened in 1904, it was the first of the "Progressive Parks." *513 W. 72nd Street*

