

Neighborhood Action Initiative-Englewood Neighborhood

Englewood has a rich history as a commercial and cultural hub in Chicago and the "Greater Englewood" area prides itself on being one of the South Side's oldest and most prominent communities. Englewood Square has proven a successful development in large part due to the community's strengths – a strong sense of community pride, ample transit and street access, and recent City planning and economic development efforts. In 2016, Englewood Square Phase I opened with the new Whole Foods Market and 22,000 square feet of complimentary retail. The proposed development of Englewood Square Phase II on the remaining vacant land will further leverage these retail assets by establishing a walkable and robust, mixed-use town center with additional neighborhood serving retail, multifamily residential, professional and community services. Quality of life is at the forefront of the proposed development plan as it outlines ways to support community needs, job creation and housing choices as well as expand accessible open space in Englewood to provide opportunities for recreation, special events and public art to celebrate Englewood's past and today's community and culture. Building-off Mayor Lightfoot's Invest South/West initiative, this plan will enable timely investments that create sustainable improvements, foster additional investment on adjacent blocks, and elevate cultural and artistic vibrancy.

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