



## Chicago Metropolis 2020

The guiding principles for Chicago Metropolis 2020 were enumerated in The Commercial Club of Chicago's 1999 report, *Chicago Metropolis 2020: The Chicago Plan for the Twenty-First Century*.

Since its inception, Chicago Metropolis 2020 has:

### Early Education and Afterschool Education.

- Created and led a coalition of organizations and government agencies to develop a common agenda for Early Childhood Education that resulted in: legislation creating the Early Learning Council and Preschool for All; and dramatic increases to the State's investments in young children. As a result Illinois is a national leader in high quality programs to serve at risk three-and four year olds.
- Created the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM) in collaboration with the University of Illinois. This web-based data and mapping system for the first time offers a picture of where young children live and where early childhood services are available
- Published *Childcare Solutions for Your Employees (2001)*; *The Economic Impact of the Early Care and Education Industry in Illinois (2005)*; *Early Childhood Education in Suburban Chicago: Mapping today's capacity for tomorrow's investment (2009)*
- Led a statewide coalition to pass in 2010, the Illinois Afterschool Youth Development Program Act, that will—over time—increase the quality of programs and make them accessible to more residents of the state.

### Development & Transportation

- Prepared *Building Our Economy: Transportation for a New Illinois*, which proposes a new perspective on transportation – to see it not as an end in itself but as a means to produce long-term employment and economic expansion.
- Wrote the legislation that created the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), an agency that integrates planning for transportation and development. Assisted CMAP in drafting their "GO TO 2040" regional plan which is fully consistent with the Metropolis Report.
- Produced, *Time is Money: The Economic Benefits of Transit Investment*, showing high economic return for our region's economy from investing in transit.
- Led the effort for RTA Funding and Reform legislation in 2007.
- Quantified regional economic benefits of CN acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad, which is helping relieve congestion in the freight-choked center of the region.
- Published *The Metropolis Freight Plan: Delivering the Goods*, which continues to shape public debate and public policy about logistics

## Housing

- Wrote the legislation that, for the first time, required Illinois to produce a Comprehensive Housing Plan.
- Launched with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus *Homes for a Changing Region*, an ongoing campaign designed to create more diverse housing opportunities throughout the metropolitan region that has resulted in nine community balanced housing plans to date.
- Played a major role in creating Illinois' first Supportive Housing Action Plan
- Published *Home Grown: Local Housing Strategies in Action*, a best practices guide for suburban municipalities.

## Criminal Justice Reform

- Led the CLEAR Initiative to rewrite the Illinois Criminal Code. About 80% of the rewrite has been passed and signed into law. The remaining 20% should be voted on spring 2011. We will have an Illinois Criminal Code that is less complex and easier to understand.
- Drafted and helped to pass and get signed into law The Crime Reduction Act of 2009 and the creation of a Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC). Launched SPAC to gather data and inform policy makers and administrators about how to correct and manage the justice system.
- Helped implement a new statewide assessment instrument and information collection/dissemination process for every person in the criminal justice system
- Developed, helped to pass and implement **Juvenile Redeploy Illinois and Adult Redeploy Illinois**, using economic incentives to divert non-violent youth and adults to community care and away from more costly prison care.
- Participated in the conceptualization and implementation of Sheridan and, later, Southwestern Drug Prisons.
- Developed and helped to pass Certificates of Rehabilitation and Certificates of Good Conduct legislation to help people with records to get jobs
- Assisted in the creation of a new Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Developed the Illinois Child Trauma Coalition to establish policies about child exposure to trauma and its relationship to violence later in life
- Supported the creation and production of the Child Trauma public awareness DVD series, *"Stories for Children that Grownups Can Watch"* and *"A Clingy Thing,"* which demonstrates clinginess as a symptom of trauma and provides families/caregivers with information and resources to help their children.
- Advocated for public recognition of trauma and for a consistent definition that would allow service providers to claim federal dollars to treat children exposed to trauma, as well as for a formal diagnosis of childhood trauma in the manual used by psychologists and clinicians to diagnose mental health disorders.

- Finalizing an action plan from the 400-person Collaborative on Reentry to the Mayor of Chicago and the Governor in the spring 2011. Co-chaired 2006 Mayor's Policy Caucus on Reentry

### Political Reform

- Created CHANGE Illinois! a coalition representing more than 52 organizations and 2 million Illinois residents working on political reform including campaign finance and redistricting.
- Led the CHANGE coalition's successful effort to enact the first limits on campaign contributions in the state's history.

### Regional Learning

- Created a curriculum game for school age children called Metro Joe, which teaches lessons about the region, its history, and its challenges.
- Sponsored in cooperation with Openlands, a book and a summer-long exhibit in Millennium Park called *Revealing Chicago*, which reinforced Chicago Metropolis 2020's central message for the Chicago region of being One Region, One Future.

### Burnham Plan Centennial

- Used the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett's *Plan of Chicago* to challenge the region's communities and institutions to look toward the future and recognize the value of regional planning, including a public awareness campaign with international media results reaching millions of people. This public platform for planning helped to launch public involvement and support for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) GO TO 2040 plan.
- Convened and facilitated a network of 300 partner organizations who led more than 1,000 educational programs, plans and projects for children and adults throughout the Chicago region
- Engaged more than a million visitors to two Burnham Pavilions designed by international architects in Millennium Park as the visible statement of the future-oriented Centennial
- Educated tens of thousands of library patrons and airport passengers through an exhibit prepared in collaboration with the Newberry Library and displayed at more than seventy venues throughout the region.
- Created a community showcase that built capacity for six community organizations to broadcast their neighborhood assets to a wide audience
- Created a *Chicago Choices and Changes Curriculum* in collaboration with the Polk Brothers Center for Chicago Education, including workshops for more than 500 third and eighth-grade Chicago Public School teachers; initiatives in 32 demonstration

schools; and ongoing literacy programs that engage students with their neighborhoods and the city.

- Advanced more than 20 Green Legacy Projects in collaboration with Openlands, which will add more than 46 miles of new trail and thousands of acres of protected open space to metropolitan Chicago.