



What is the Englewood Quality of Life Plan?

The Englewood Quality-of-Life Plan is the result of a community driven process initiated by LISC Chicago that engaged residents, community leaders, youth, elected officials, schools and churches. These stakeholders are working together to make positive changes that will improve the quality of life for all Englewood residents and benefit the city at large.

Who is involved in the planning?

- Aldermen from wards throughout Englewood
- City of Chicago
- Community groups, such as the Resident Association of Greater Englewood (RAGE)
- Greater Englewood Community Development Corporation
- Local churches
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation Chicago ([LISC Chicago](#))
- Teamwork Englewood (LISC Neighborhood Lead Agency)

When was the plan developed?

Englewood completed its first [Quality-of-Life Plan](#) in 2005 as a part of LISC's New Communities Program, and has spent the last 11 years implementing the plan's strategies.

What was accomplished?

Among the group's numerous successes:

- ✓ Spearheaded development of the Englewood Center, a 13-acre shopping center at 63rd and Halsted streets, anchored by a \$3.5 million Whole Foods supermarket;
- ✓ Assured that residents were involved in the construction of the Whole Foods Market and St. Bernard Hospital expansion;
- ✓ Developed an urban agriculture district—and the city's only organic farm—that provides jobs and fresh produce;
- ✓ Became the first community to roll out the Large Lot program that allows homeowners to purchase city-owned vacant lots for \$1;
- ✓ Improved relationship between the CPD and the community through the Englewood Police Youth Baseball League;
- ✓ Established a re-entry program to support previously incarcerated individuals and their families.

FAQs cont'd

Why is there a need for another plan?

Much has changed in Englewood over the last decade; the time is right to plan again in 2016.

What are the elements of the new plan?

The current plan is being guided by five task forces focusing on the following areas:

- Health and Wellness
- Housing
- Jobs and Economic Development
- Public Safety and Security
- Youth and Education

What is the Englewood Quality-of-Life Fund?

The Englewood Quality-of-Life Fund was established in 2016 as a community facilitator and convening organization that works to catalyze economic development, quality education and healthy living for the Greater Englewood community. The efforts of the Fund are executed through partnerships and policy advocacy.

What does the Englewood Quality-of-Life Fund hope to accomplish?

The Fund's initiatives are designed to strengthen community stakeholders' ability to teach each other how to advocate for Englewood, and provide services that contribute to the economic, political, and social vitality of the community so that everyone can have the opportunity to live ultimately in a safe, nurturing and sustainable environment.

The Fund's first fundraising effort on #Giving Tuesday, November 29, hopes to be able to fund a variety of projects:

- The purchase of new equipment for the 2016 Champions of the Junior Bears Football Team the Ogden Park Vikings;
- The creation of a college fund for children who were victims of gun violence in Englewood in 2016;
- Creation of a "Welcome to Englewood" sign/billboard;
- Support for Englewood Codes students;
- Community beautification, public art projects and more!

The Fund has secured a commitment from a donor to match the first \$10,000 raised.