

North Lawndale Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements

PULASKI ROAD TO ROOSEVELT ROAD

Community Workshop 2: Placemaking

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This is an opportunity to reimagine Ogden Avenue as a **multimodal transportation corridor**, as a hub for **community activity**, and catalyst for **economic development**.

- 6:00 pm **Arrival** (10 min)
- 6:10 pm **Project Overview Presentation** (20 min)
- 6:30 pm **Placemaking Presentation** (20 min)
- 6:50 pm **Group Exercises** (60 min)
- 7:50 pm **Next Steps** (10 min)

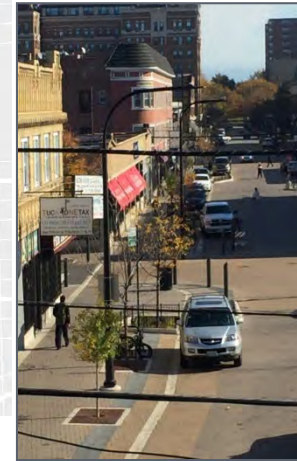
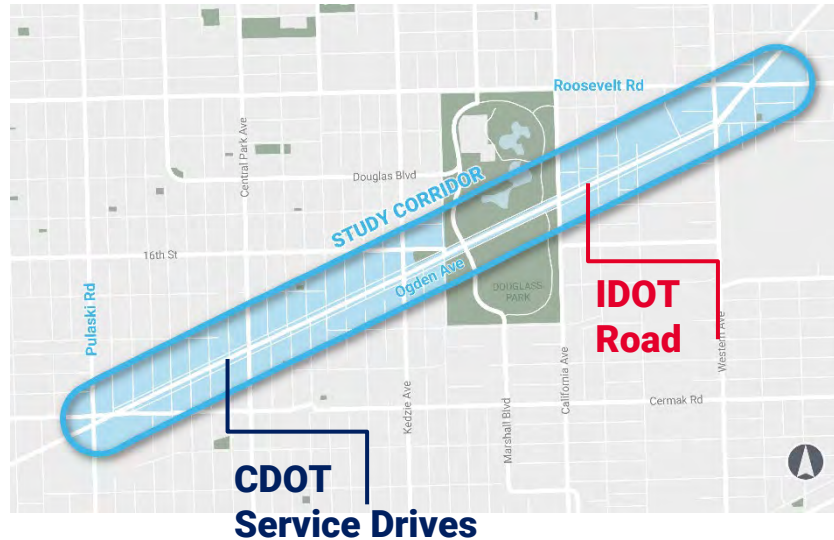
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces and quality-of life amenities for residents.

Streetscapes consist of infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and placemaking improvements with the goal of creating unified, safe, walkable, and attractive street. The streetscape projects are comprehensive and include public right-of-way improvements from building face to building face.

The Project Includes:

- Public Outreach
- Placemaking and urban design strategy
- Concept design & engineering
- Detailed design & engineering
- Construction of the corridor



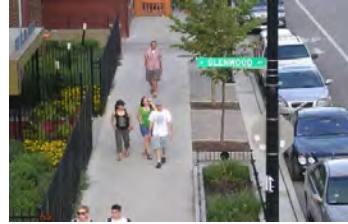
Scope Elements



Street Geometry



Drainage Improvements



Sidewalk Improvements



Light Pole Identifiers



Road Resurfacing



Lighting



Intersection Improvements



Gateway Identifiers



Landscaping/Sustainability



Seating Areas



Curb Extensions / ADA Upgrades



Pavement Markings

Project Timeline



Community Engagement Timeline



Community members will be involved during every stage of the project. In addition to these activities, there will be e-newsletters, one-on-one stakeholder meetings, and youth engagement initiatives. Comments and questions are welcome at any point in the project at info@ImproveOgdenAve.org.

Community Engagement Plan

The reimagined Ogden Avenue should reflect North Lawndale’s priorities and serve the community’s needs. The team is committed to **build on previous community input**, **prioritize transparency** throughout the project, and **engage the community early and often**.



Community Advisory Group Meetings



INVEST South/West Roundtable Updates



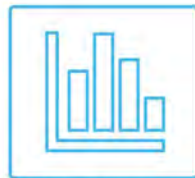
Stakeholder Meetings



Topic-Specific Workshops



Public Meetings



Public Surveys



Website and Newsletter Updates

Community Engagement: Community Advisory Group

Aldermanic Offices

- 28th Ward
- 24th Ward
- 22nd Ward

Community Organizations

- CAPS District 10
- Carole Robertson Learning Center
- Cinespace Film Studio
- Douglass Park Advisory Council
- Equiticity
- Farm on Ogden
- Firehouse Art Center
- Harmony Church
- I AM ABLE
- Juvenile Protection Association
- LAMP
- Lawndale Christian Development Corporation
- Lawndale Christian Health Center
- Legacy Charter School

- Marshall Square Resource Network - Enlace Chicago
- Marshall Square Resource Network - Latinos Progresando
- New Covenant CDC
- NLCCC
- North Lawndale Employment Network
- North Lawndale Historical and Cultural Society
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Sinai Community Institute
- Sinai Health System
- UCAN
- West Side Association for Community Action
- Wintrust Bank

Agencies

- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
- Chicago Department of Planning and Development
- Chicago Transit Authority

Community Engagement: Public Meeting 1



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PUBLIC MEETING

INVEST SOUTH/WEST NORTH LAWDALE: OGDEN AVENUE PULASKI TO ROOSEVELT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

AGENDA
 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Registration
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Meeting

THE CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT), IN COORDINATION WITH ALDERMEN SCOTT (24TH WARD), ALDERMAN RODRIGUEZ (22ND WARD) AND ALDERMAN ERVIN (28TH WARD), IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING OF THE OGDEN AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT!

YOU'RE INVITED
ISW: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Public Meeting #1
 Stone Temple Church
 3622 W. Douglas Blvd.
 April 12, 2023
 6:00 PM. to 8:00 P.M.

Local food will be provided!

A kid's station will be setup with coloring activities.

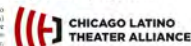
Please contact the project team at info@improveogdenave.org with any questions. We look forward to working with you to make Ogden Avenue safer for everyone and to transform this corridor into one that reflects the unique identity of North Lawndale.



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Chicago Latino Theater Alliance Announces Inaugural Inicios: Chicago Latine Playwright Festival

The Chicago Latino Theater Alliance (CLATA) is proud to announce the inaugural Inicios: Chicago Latine Playwright Festival, a multi-day celebration of Latino theater in Chicago. The festival will feature a variety of performances, including plays by emerging and established playwrights. The festival will be held at the Chicago Latino Theater Alliance, located at 1100 W. Chicago Ave. The festival will run from April 21st to April 23rd, 2023. The festival will be a celebration of Latino theater in Chicago and a platform for emerging and established playwrights. The festival will feature a variety of performances, including plays by emerging and established playwrights. The festival will be held at the Chicago Latino Theater Alliance, located at 1100 W. Chicago Ave. The festival will run from April 21st to April 23rd, 2023.



Chicago Latino Theatre Alliance Anuncia Inicios Inaugurales: Chicago Latine Playwright Festival

El Chicago Latino Theatre Alliance (CLATA) se complace en anunciar el festival inaugural Inicios: Chicago Latine Playwright Festival, una celebración de teatro latino en Chicago. El festival incluirá una variedad de actuaciones, incluyendo obras de dramaturgos emergentes y establecidos. El festival se celebrará en el Chicago Latino Theatre Alliance, ubicado en 1100 W. Chicago Ave. El festival correrá del 21 de abril al 23 de abril de 2023. El festival será una celebración del teatro latino en Chicago y una plataforma para dramaturgos emergentes y establecidos. El festival incluirá una variedad de actuaciones, incluyendo obras de dramaturgos emergentes y establecidos. El festival se celebrará en el Chicago Latino Theatre Alliance, ubicado en 1100 W. Chicago Ave. El festival correrá del 21 de abril al 23 de abril de 2023.



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ISW North Lawndale: Mejoras al Corredor de la Avenida Ogden

ANUNCIO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA #1

El Departamento de Transportación de la Ciudad de Chicago le invita a la primera reunión pública para el proyecto de las Mejoras al Corredor de la Avenida Ogden en el área de Calle Pulaski a la Calle Roosevelt. Los detalles de la reunión son los siguientes:

Fecha: 12 de abril de 2023
Hora: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Ubicación: Stone Temple Church, 3622 W. Douglas Blvd, Chicago, IL 60623

Propósito de la reunión:

- Introducir el proyecto y compartir información sobre el corredor
- Proporcionar al público múltiples oportunidades para opinar sobre el futuro de la Avenida Ogden.

Todos los miembros del público interesados están invitados a asistir a esta reunión. Durante esta reunión, el equipo del proyecto presentará una breve introducción al proyecto y propondrá múltiples oportunidades para que la comunidad aporte su opinión sobre el futuro de la Avenida Ogden. Los miembros del equipo del proyecto estarán presentes para conversar y responder a sus preguntas. Después de la reunión, todos los miembros de la reunión estarán disponibles en la página web del proyecto, improveogdenave.org.

El lugar de esta reunión es accesible para personas con discapacidades. Si tiene necesidades especiales de alojamiento debe comunicarse con la persona que proporciona el alojamiento al menos 7 días antes del evento del 2023.

Para más información, por favor comuníquese con Vanessa Izary, Coordinadora Planificadora, Departamento de Transportación de la Ciudad de Chicago, 312-742-0318, Vanessa.Izary@cityofchicago.org

ISW North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements

Public Meeting #1 Ad

The Chicago Department of Transportation cordially invites you to attend the first public meeting for the Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements project from Pulaski Road to Roosevelt Road. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: April 12, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Stone Temple Church, 3622 W. Douglas Blvd, Chicago, IL 60623

Purpose of the meeting:

- Introduce the project and share information about the corridor
- Provide multiple opportunities for the public to provide input on the future of Ogden Avenue.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend the meeting. During this meeting, the project team will provide a brief project introduction and multiple opportunities for community input on the future of Ogden Avenue. Project team members will be available for discussion and questions. All meeting materials will be made available on the project website after the meeting, improveogdenave.org.

The location of the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations or assistance are needed, please contact the individual listed below by April 7, 2023.

For more information, contact Vanessa Izary, Coordinating Planner, Chicago Department of Transportation, 312-742-0318, Vanessa.Izary@cityofchicago.org

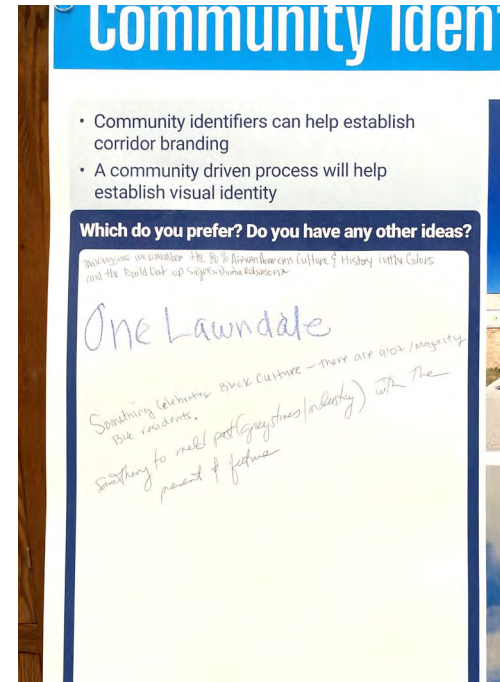
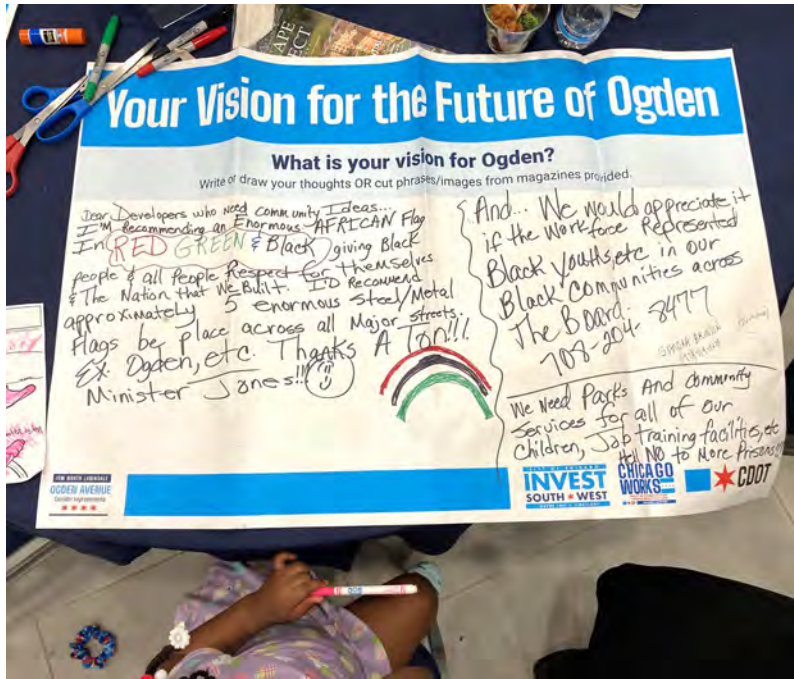
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OGDEN AVENUE NORTH LAWDALE: OGDEN AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS



Community Engagement: Public Meeting 1



Community Engagement: Community Workshop 1



OGDEN AVENUE
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 1: CORRIDOR IDENTITY
Group Activity 1 - Define Corridor Theme

Table #: _____

Instructions

- Answer questions 1-4 to provide feedback on the preferred corridor identity.
- Members of the project team will begin each table to answer questions.

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275 - out
Conitas
Route 66
Keep Route 66
Route 66
Route 66
Antrom

ONE LAWDALE

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND COLORS

1 Which of the 3 themes do you think best represents Ogden Ave?
 Route 66
 African American History and Colors
 One Lawdale

2 Are there additional themes that should be considered?

3 Continued Are there forms, patterns, and colors that would represent the corridor theme? Draw or color below:

OGDEN AVENUE
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Place Route 66 Bold and Big
Highlight North Lawndale
Celebration!

- Have history of N.L. = African American
- Entrees / Dining area Outdoor Dining
- Area for concerts or music
- Highlight Cattle Bros Station/Car Wash of its history tourist spot
- Space for celebrations on the corridor.

lights
Colors
Sculptures
art
History
PI (Call generation)

Amey's market
Outdoor vendors set up

CDOT
Email your questions and comments to the project team at fd@highways.ogden.gov

Community Engagement: Public Survey 1



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Thank you for taking the time to share your local expertise on Ogden Avenue. This survey asks about your connection to Ogden Avenue, your experience in the corridor today, and your vision for the future of Ogden Avenue. It is 24 questions and will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Your responses will help shape the corridor design.

1. Are you familiar with the Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements project? Check all that apply.

- I am not familiar with the project
- I have attended an INVEST South / West Roundtable (ISW) where the project was presented
- I attended the project's first public meeting on April 12th
- I am a Community Advisory Group member
- Other (please specify) _____

2. What is your relationship to Ogden Avenue? Check all that apply.

- I live on or nearby
- I work on or nearby
- I commute or pass through the corridor on my way somewhere else
- I am a student at a school in or nearby the corridor
- I own a business along the corridor
- I own a property along the corridor
- I am a visitor (if you are a visitor, please include your reason for visiting in Other below)
- Other (please specify) Life Long NK Resident

3. How often do you visit Ogden Avenue? Please place an X on the sliding scale below.

Never _____ Almost every day X

Any Questions So Far? In person or comment form (10 minutes)

The image shows a digital comment form titled "Community Workshop 2: Placemaking COMMENT FORM". At the top left is the "OGDEN AVENUE Corridor Improvements" logo with three red stars. The text on the form reads: "Please write your question or comment in the area below. When complete, please provide to a project team representative or email to the project team at info@improveogdenave.org." Below this is a large area with horizontal lines for writing. At the bottom left is the CDOT logo (Colorado Department of Transportation) and at the bottom right is the website www.ImproveOgdenAve.org.

3 Community Workshops to gather targeted feedback

Corridor Identity Workshop

August 2023

- Discuss potential corridor identity themes
- Generate ideas for corridor identifier designs

Placemaking Workshop

October 2023

- Discuss potential placemaking opportunities and locations
- Discuss locations for corridor identifiers

Street Design Workshop

December 2023

- Discuss potential roadway configurations
- Discuss tradeoffs with placemaking opportunities

Placemaking Workshop

Presentation

What is Placemaking? And how might placemaking be applied to Ogden Avenue?

Small Group Breakout Sessions

- 01 Collage Exercise
- 02 Mapping Exercise

Together we will:

- Generate ideas for placemaking elements and potential locations along Ogden Avenue

What have we heard from the community so far?

According to respondents, Ogden Avenue is a unique street as a space within the neighborhood and as a connection to the rest of the city.

When asked about the best features of Ogden Avenue today, respondents highlighted its views of downtown Chicago, quick connection to the rest of the city, its existing community resources, and the large potential of its right-of-way.

"Community resources like Douglass Park, the walking areas on Millard and Ogden, the Farm on Ogden, dining outdoors at the Green Tomato Cafe..."

"It is an angle street running counter to the other main angle streets. It could be a profoundly useful transit corridor."

"You can quickly get to certain areas because it runs diagonally"

"It's [Ogden's] connection to many neighborhoods."

"La vista al centro de Chicago."

"In certain pockets of Ogden Avenue you can still feel the sense of community."



Respondents want more reasons to visit Ogden, with a mix of public spaces and businesses that reflect the local community.

When asked about what would make Ogden Avenue a great place for them and their community, respondents highlighted spaces for recreation, additional local businesses, and community spaces.

“Something that drives economic development. Something that centers and supports community ownership of businesses.”

“For [Ogden] to be active and vibrant, while conserving the community’s culture. Ogden Ave has for many years represented a division between North and South Lawndale, it would be good if [Ogden] were to unite us.” *translated from Spanish*

“I would like Ogden Avenue to feel like a celebration of the community it is a part of.”



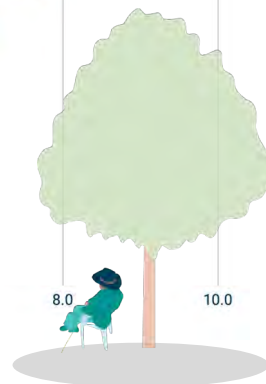
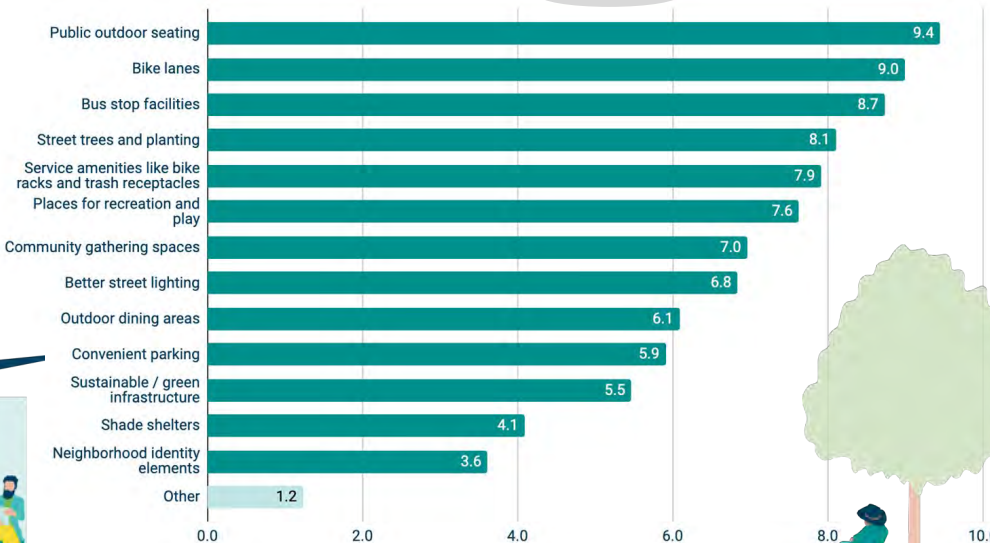
“Create a safe space for people to enjoy being in their community.”



Respondents express a desire for baseline amenities to be provided along Ogden Avenue.

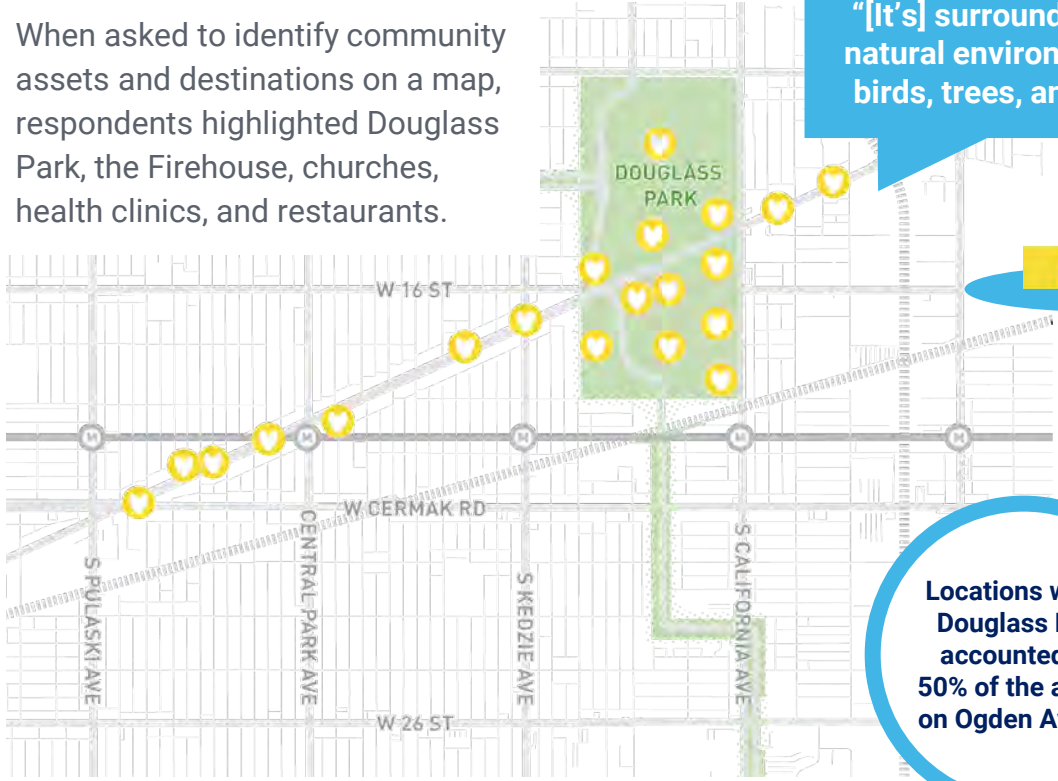
When asked to rank what they'd like to see along Ogden Avenue, respondents prioritized public seating, bike lanes, improved bus stops, street greenery, and basic street amenities like bins.

"Residents and visitors deserve to live, work, and relax in a beautiful and well maintained community."



During previous public engagement, respondents identified key community assets that exist along the project corridor today.

When asked to identify community assets and destinations on a map, respondents highlighted Douglass Park, the Firehouse, churches, health clinics, and restaurants.



“[It’s] surrounded by the natural environment with birds, trees, and water!”



Locations within Douglass Park accounted for 50% of the assets on Ogden Avenue

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What is placemaking and what might it look like on Ogden Avenue?

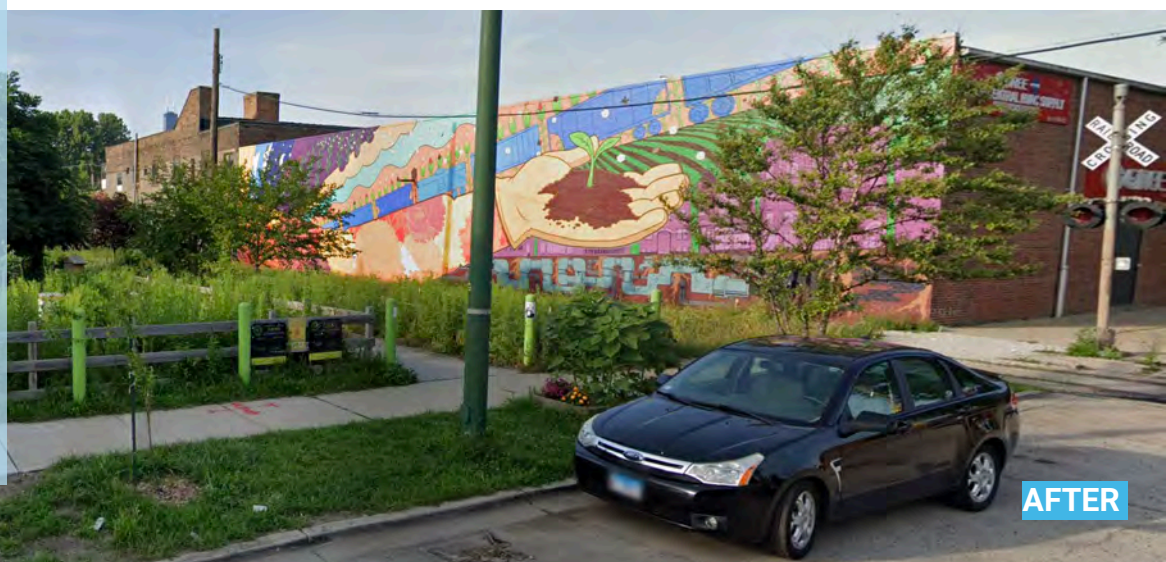
Placemaking is the collaborative and ongoing process of creating quality places where people want to live, work, play and learn.



**Transformative
placemaking
doesn't just
beautify a place –
it uses place as a
stage on which
communities build
power.**



BEFORE



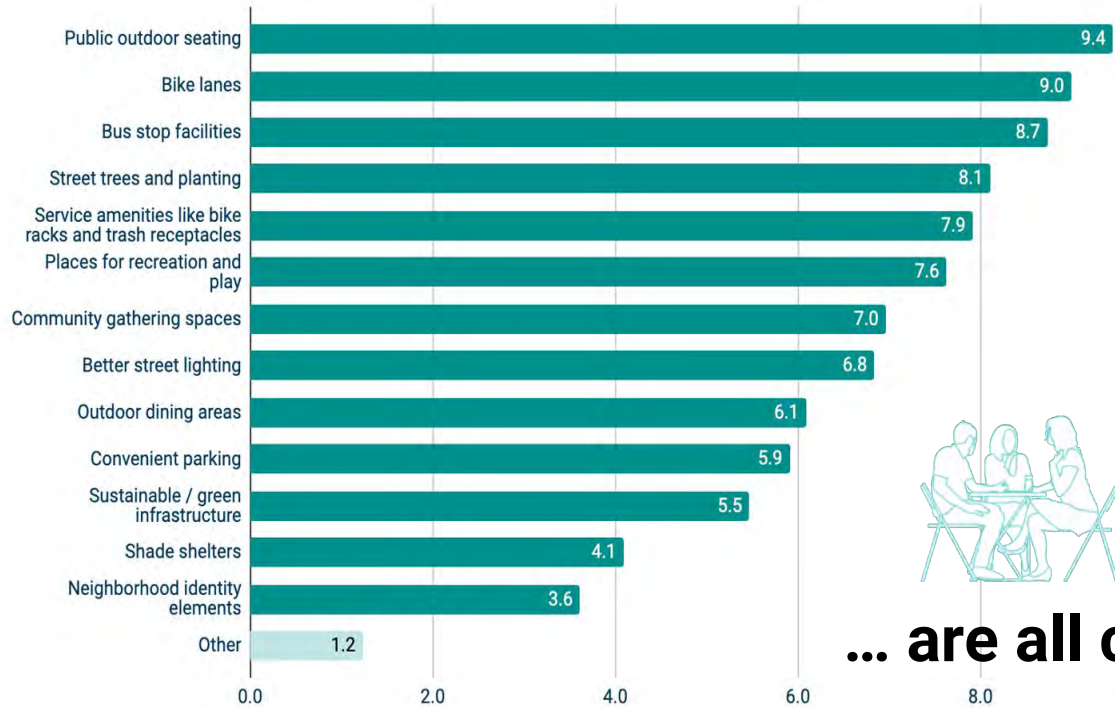
AFTER

Today we want to workshop what placemaking might look like on Ogden

We want to learn more about what is important to the community

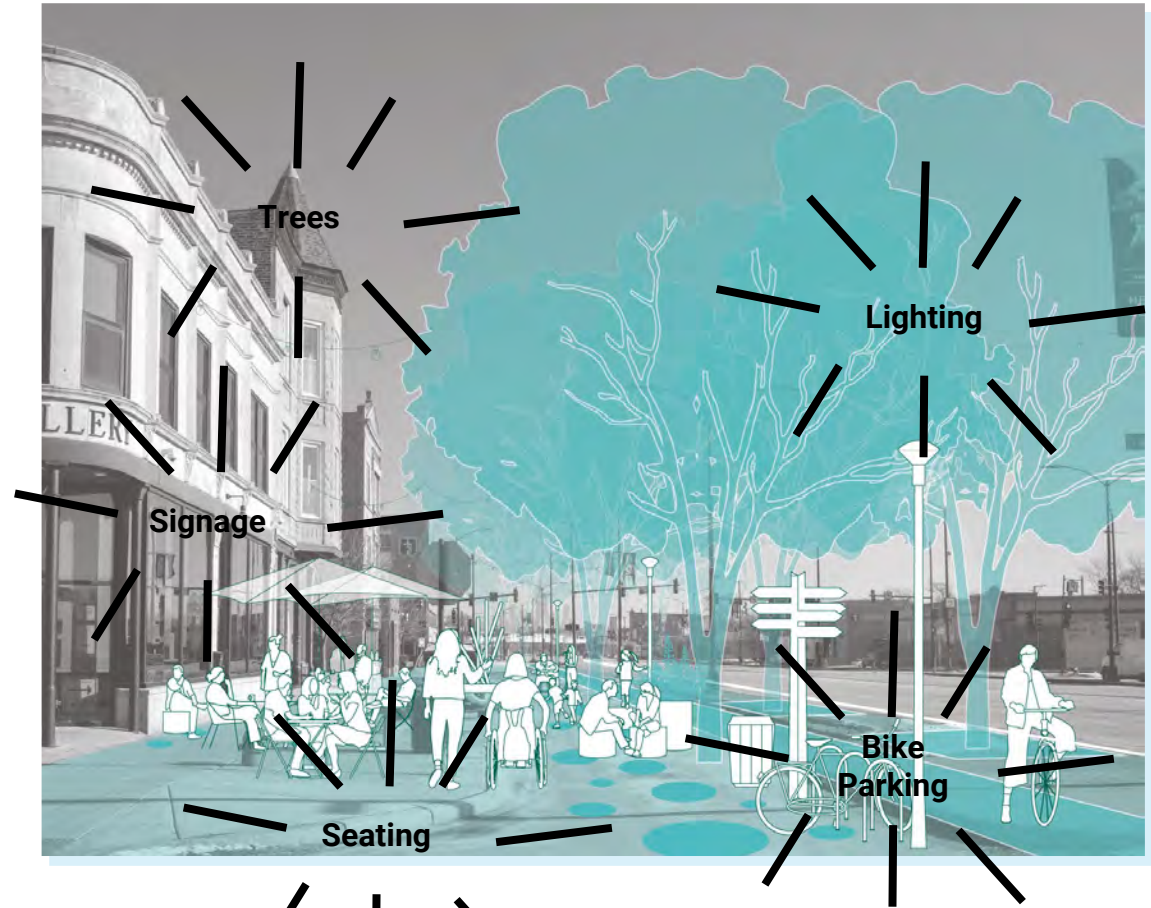


We know that...



... are all critical design elements

Today we want to focus on how all these different elements come together in compositions that will allow for the most optimal user experience.



Small Group Breakout Sessions

Instructions:

We will have breakout sessions with two activities. Each table is a small group.

Members of the project team will be at each table to answer questions.

We also want to address how we can enhance already identified community assets, [and others not yet identified] through site specific placemaking in the public realm



Collage Exercise

(45 minutes)

Space typologies:

- Service drives
- Intersections
- Sidewalks - next to:
 - ◆ Businesses
 - ◆ Vacant lots
 - ◆ Parks
 - ◆ Plazas
 - ◆ Underpasses

When I'm on a **sidewalk** near a **vacant lot**,
I would like to see _____ because _____.

When I'm at an **intersection** waiting to cross Ogden Avenue,
I would like to see _____ because _____.

When I'm on a **service drive** that may be converted to **non-vehicular use**,
I would like to see _____ because _____.

When I'm on a **sidewalk** near an **active business**,
I would like to see _____ because _____.

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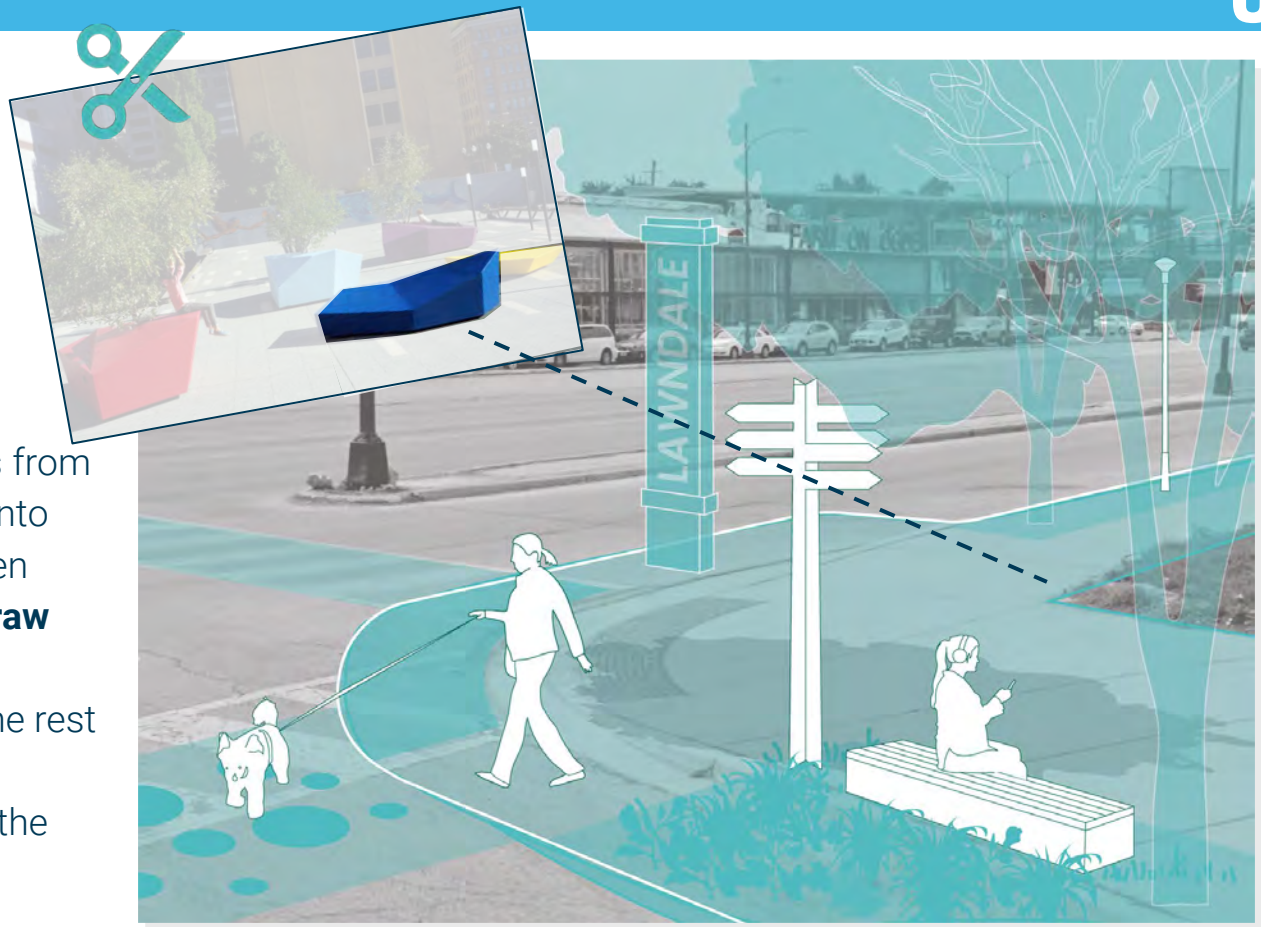
Workshop #2 - Placemaking

Collage Exercise

(45 minutes)

Instructions:

- **Cut and paste** elements from the precedent images onto blank scenes from Ogden
- Feel free to **write and draw your ideas** as well
- **Share** your ideas with the rest of the group
- **Report back** themes to the entire group to recap

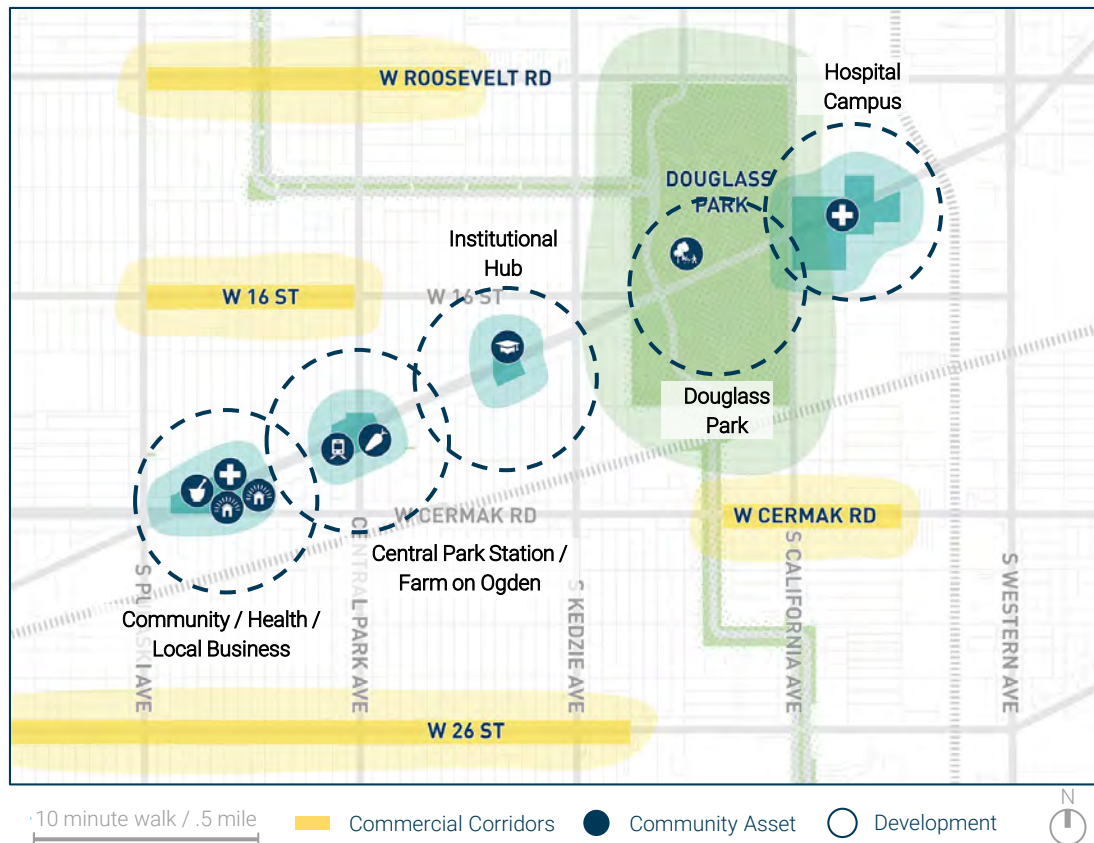


Mapping Exercise

(25 minutes)

Nodes:

- Community / Health / Local Business Hub
- Central Park Station + The Farm on Ogden
- Institutional Hub
- Douglass Park
- Hospital Campus



Mapping Exercise

(25 minutes)

Instructions:

- Place stickers with **placemaking ideas** you would like to see within each community asset node
- Use the empty stickers to **write ideas** not represented
- **Identify additional community assets** not yet shown on the map



Keep an eye out for Community Workshop #3: Street Design Invitation!



Email comments to the
Project Team:
info@improveogdenave.org



Fill out the Online Comment
Form & Subscribe to the Project
Newsletter on the Project
Website:
ImproveOgdenAve.org

THANK YOU!