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## WELCOME TO sMAP

Welcome to sMap, an interactive mapping tool that connects community leaders and residents to help plan for the future! SMap allows residents to place points on a map of their own community, marking assets, opportunities, and issues. This information enables local leaders to make informed decisions to improve the greater community. Making your own map is just a few clicks away!

## CREATING AN ACCOUNT

In order to make a map, you need to create an sMap account. To get started, visit [www.smapapp.com/chicago](http://www.smapapp.com/chicago), and click "Sign Up" to complete the form. A verification message will be sent to the email account you provided. This message will include a link to verify your account. If you do not receive the message, please check your 'junk' inbox, as the email may have been marked as spam. Once your account is verified, you are now ready to make your own personal map!

## CREATING A MAP

To start, click on the "create your own map" button at the top of the page. First, you have to name your map and provide a description. This helps those reviewing your input to understand your point of view as a community member. It is most helpful to include a description of your role in the community, such as resident, business owner or operator, or community service provider. Once you have entered this information, click "submit" to create your map and begin adding content.

The next page will include a map with a boundary line showing the planning area. On the left hand side, you have the common google-map options, including zooming, street view, and satellite view of the map. On the right hand side, you will see a legend filled with icons. These icons are used to categorize individual points, and represent the different types of feedback which you can provide, such as marking dangerous intersections or places you like to spend time. To make a point, click directly on the map at the location you would like to make that point. A window will open directly above where you clicked. In this window, you can select what type of point you want to make, using the legend on the right to help determine which option is appropriate. You can then add a title for that point, description of why you chose that point, include a link or URL to any website relevant to the point, and upload a photo related to that point. The more information you can provide, the better. Once you have filled out all the fields you want, click submit to make the point. You will notice the icon you chose will appear at that location. And that's it, you have made a point. You can add as many points as you want to your map to help demonstrate your thoughts and concerns on the community at hand. All changes you make to your map are automatically saved, and you can come back and add more at any time. **NOTE: DPD requests that you complete your sMap by July 5, 2016 so it can be included in the information provided in the next round of public meetings.**

## OTHER FEATURES

Once you have completed your map, you can share it through social, and also view maps made by other community residents in the "Map Gallery". In addition, you can click the "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" symbols to demonstrate that you agree or disagree with that comment.

On the Home Page you can click "summary maps" to see maps created by all participants, as well as maps broken down to contain all of a single icon.

Though sMap, we hope you will be able to provide thoughtful input to your community and play an important role in planning for the future!

## OTHER WAYS TO ENGAGE

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