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Ogden Avenue / North Lawndale Community Roundtable

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Agenda

1. Corridor Manager RFP Update – Caroline Rendon, LISC
2. Chicago Connected – Lauren Burdette, Office of Equity and Racial Justice
3. Vacant Lot Greening Sites – Brian Hacker, DPD
4. Urban Main Streets – Dionne Baux, Main Street America
5. Open Discussion and Next Steps

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Corridor Manager Update

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Chicago Connected Program

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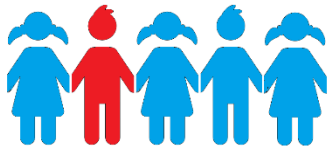
Monday, August 24, 2020

Data on internet access in Chicago confirms what families are saying – we have an inequity



1 in 5 children in Chicago lack internet access*

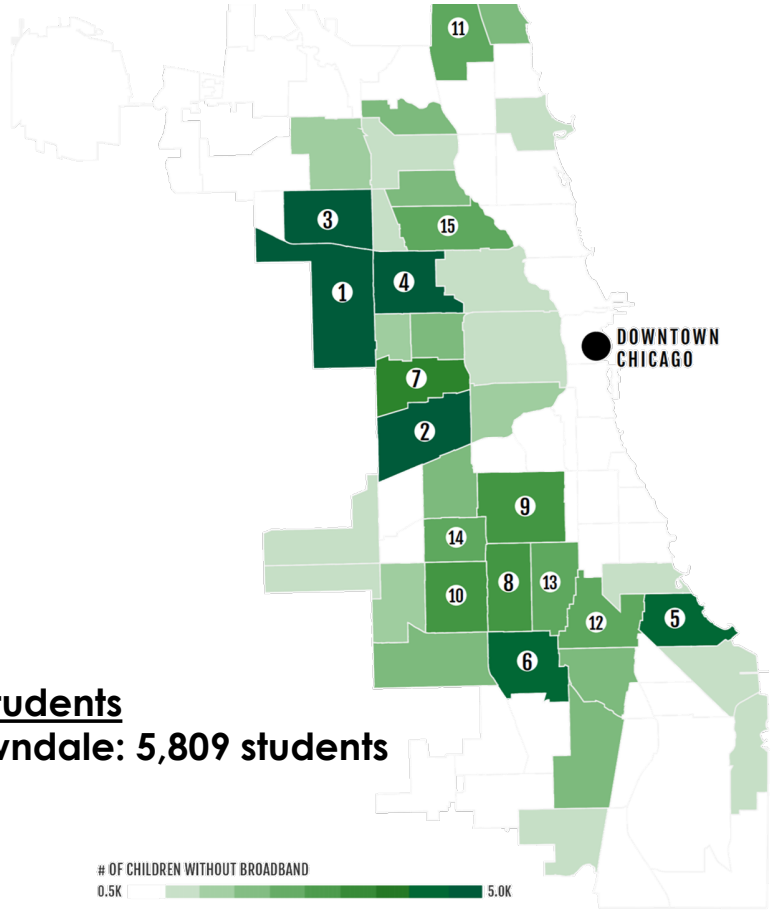
- **100,000 kids across 60,000 households**
- **Mostly African American/Latinx neighborhoods**
  - Just over **1 in 3 households in Austin**
  - Nearly **1 in 3 households in Humboldt Park**
  - Nearly **1 in 2 households in West Englewood**

The immediate COVID need for internet access will help build permanent infrastructure to bridge the Digital Divide

- **Even post-COVID, internet access is a critical issue to promoting educational outcomes and righting broader inequities (poverty, housing access, food access)**
- Research indicates that **internet access can improve students' GPAs and can improve standardized test scores**
- Internet access will help with engaging children in summer school and reducing summer crime

* "Digital Equity in Education", Kids First Chicago & Metropolitan Planning Council, April 2020 (students 18 and under)
** CPS Data for Google Meet and Platform Access from April 26 - May 2

Areas with the highest concentration of students without access to broadband are predominately on the South & West sides



Eligible Students
North Lawndale: 5,809 students

of Students

15 Most Affected Community Areas

1.	AUSTIN	WEST SIDE	7,801
2.	SOUTH LAWNDALE	WEST SIDE	6,624
3.	BELMONT CRAGIN	NORTH/NORTHWEST SIDE	5,218
4.	HUMBOLDT PARK	WEST SIDE	5,195
5.	SOUTH SHORE	SOUTH SIDE	3,994
6.	AUBURN GRESHAM	FAR SOUTHWEST SIDE	3,744
7.	NORTH LAWNDALE	WEST SIDE	3,550
8.	WEST ENGLEWOOD	SOUTHWEST SIDE	3,089
9.	NEW CITY	SOUTHWEST SIDE	2,992
10.	CHICAGO LAWN	SOUTHWEST SIDE	2,769
11.	WEST RIDGE	FAR NORTH SIDE	2,609
12.	GREATER GRAND CROSSING	SOUTH SIDE	2,539
13.	ENGLEWOOD	SOUTHWEST SIDE	2,392
14.	GAGE PARK	SOUTHWEST SIDE	2,366
15.	LOGAN SQUARE	NORTH/NORTHWEST SIDE	2,327

* See **US Census Bureau**, 2019, 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

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- **One of the largest and longest city-run internet accessibility program in the country (100,000+ students, 60,000+ households)***
  - Focus on high-speed, fixed-line, household internet access (wireline ensures reliability, consistency of speed, and can most quickly connect Chicagoans)
  - Includes a WiFi "hotspot" component focused on students in temporary living situations and the small percentage of homes where wired-service cannot be used
- **Student household eligibility based on six equity factors*:**
  1. ***Economic circumstances*** indicating that the cost of internet will likely be a challenge (e.g., Medicaid, eligibility for free meals, homelessness, UIC's researched-based Community Hardship Index)
  2. ***Student-level factors*** indicating students who are most likely to be disadvantaged academically (Diverse Learning, English Language Learning)

*Visit **CPS.edu/ChicagoConnected for more details on eligibility and other Frequently Asked Questions**

On-the-ground Collaboration

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Myths vs. Facts About Chicago Connected

Myth	Fact
It could take four years to get connected to the internet.	Eligible families can sign up for internet access **immediately**.
Families need to share a Social Security Number to sign up.	Families **do not need to have or share a Social Security** number to sign up. There are several other forms of ID allowed, such as a driver's license, a utility bill in the applicant's name, or even current employment badge / photo ID.
Families who sign up need to pass a background check.	Families who sign up **do not undergo a background check**.
Families will be responsible for secret additional charges (modem, data overages, etc.)	Families who sign up **do not receive a bill.** There are no connection or modem fees, with the exception of a customer that asks for excessive home visits or does not return equipment.

Questions?

To find out if you're eligible, call CPS at (773) 417-1060 or visit CPS.edu/GetConnected

Vacant Lot Greening – Potential Sites

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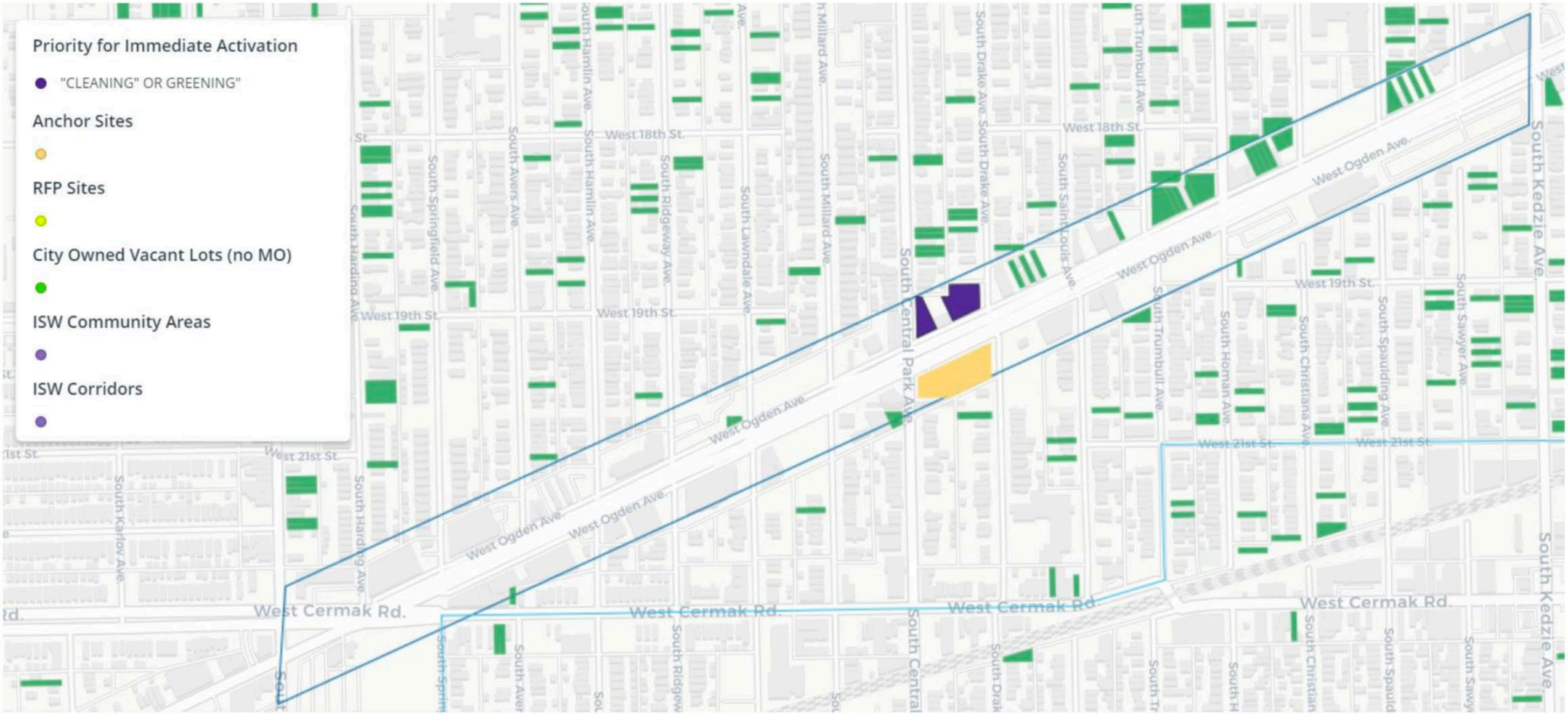
Priority for Immediate Activation
"CLEANING" OR GREENING"
Anchor Sites
RFP Sites
City Owned Vacant Lots (no MO)
ISW Community Areas
ISW Corridors
West 18th St.
West 19th St.
West 21st St.
West Ogden Ave.
West Cermak Rd.
South Central Park Ave.
South Kedzie Ave.
South Drake Ave.
South Millard Ave.
South Lawndale Ave.
South Ridgeway Ave.
South Springfield Ave.
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Open Discussion and Next Steps

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Next Steps

1. Selection & onboarding of Corridor Manager
2. Corridor visioning workshop and RFP release in fall 2020
3. Next Neighborhood Roundtable (late September)

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