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Logan Square Blue Line Action Plan **Taking Action** in Logan **Square** 

## Introduction

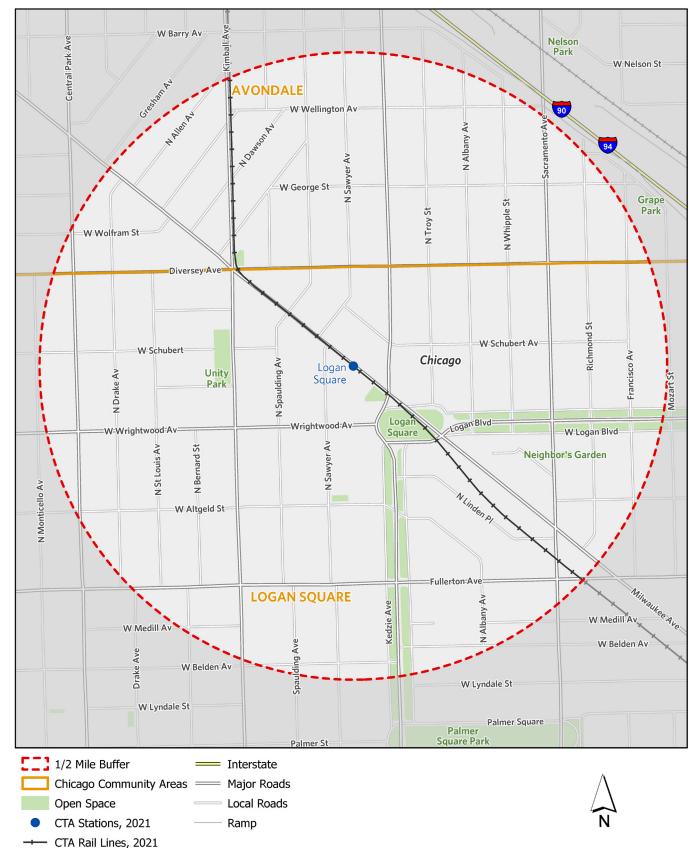
# Taking Action Around the Logan Square Blue Line Station

The Logan Square Blue Line ETOD Station Area Plan is a joint effort between Elevated Chicago, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), and a Community Table of local community organizations to facilitate equitable growth within the 1/2 mile radius around the CTA Blue Line station in Logan Square. Palenque LSNA, Center for Changing Lives, and LUCHA comprise the Logan Square Community Table, which met periodically to review recommendations from past plans, discuss progress made, identify overarching goals and priorities, and develop strategies to activate the plan as a dynamic call to action. Notably, Palenque LSNA's youth leaders played a significant role in developing this plan, particularly sharing their ideas and molding the strategies from their unique perspectives and lived experiences.

Equitable growth includes celebrating and prioritizing local culture and retention of current residents. Recognizing the opportunity to leverage the benefits of transit oriented development (TOD) to contend with displacement and other adverse impacts of gentrification, the planning process for Logan Square sought to produce a strategic action plan that enables the community to achieve its goals as defined in this plan.



#### Project Map





Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 2022

## **Project Overview**

This action plan for the Logan Square CTA Blue Line station area builds upon collaborative, community-led solutions that address neighborhood displacement and inequities, particularly building upon local efforts by Palenque LSNA and other groups to achieve the objectives of the community's Here To Stay movement. By taking a holistic approach to planning for the station area, the strategies outlined in this plan consider a variety of intents, including boosting transit ridership, encouraging more walking and biking, preserving legacy and small businesses, protecting the immigrant community, providing safe and welcoming spaces for the existing community, and making the built environment more accessible and safe for all users regardless of age or ability.

In addition, this action plan focuses on a range of critical community aspects, including neighborhood spaces, economic development, housing, community identity, access and mobility, health and environment, and arts and culture. The plan's strategies address these community elements through two specific lenses:

- 1. Advancing principles of equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD)
- 2. Preserving spaces that enable longstanding residents and businesses to stay in Logan Square

Planning for community improvement and transformative change is nothing new to Logan Square. The community has a storied history of proactive planning, social justice activism, and community engagement, which has been led in large part to decades of leadership and advocacy from Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA). In fact, LSNA celebrated its 60th year anniversary in May 2022 at its Annual Congress and Palenquefest. This anniversary event also marked the organization's own transformation with a new name Palenque LSNA, with the LSNA moniker now standing for "Liberating Spaces through Neighborhood Action."

This planning process builds upon past and ongoing community improvement efforts from organizations like Palenque LSNA, LUCHA, Center for Changing Lives, Elevated Chicago, Chicago United for Equity (CUE), and other local partners. From the Here To Stay Quality of Life Plan and Elevated Chicago Logan Square Blue Line ETOD Workplan to CDOT plans for La Placita and CUE's Racial Equity Impact Assessment for the Milwaukee Avenue Complete Streets Project, this planning process is rooted in a broad diversity of plans, studies, and on-the-ground projects that advance community improvement efforts, particularly to protect equitable and inclusive spaces in Logan Square, In addition, community strategies from this process will be developed through the lens of advancing equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) principles and preserving spaces for those who have lived and worked in Logan Square for years and even decades.

The central element of this plan is a series of strategies accompanied by details that turn the plan into a dynamic actionable document that Palenque LSNA and its partners can reference on a regular basis to achieve the goals defined in the plan. In particular, the strategies are organized in an action plan table that identifies the following details for each strategy: a lead implementer, the type of project (infrastructure, program, or policy), phasing of the task, immediate next steps, partners, potential funding sources, potential barriers, level of complexity, and a cost range estimate. The more detailed action plan table is provided in the appendix, while the main body of this document provides a general overview

### Why is this work necessary?

For over a decade, the city has promoted the benefits of increased development around transit stations. In that time, over 90% of development activity has occurred in predominantly white neighborhoods on the North Side. The predominantly Black and Brown neighborhoods in other parts of Chicago have missed out on the job growth, amenities, and quality of life benefits that often come with increased activity around transit. Elevated Chicago is working to disrupt that cycle by prioritizing the needs of Black and Brown communities and working with the City to address local concerns.

#### Who does the work benefit? Who asked for it?

Elevated Chicago works with neighborhoods across the city that are experiencing displacement that primarily stem from gentrification. Displacement typically forces residents out of the neighborhood due to either an influx of new residents and rising costs or the lack of investment (public and private) pushing people to look elsewhere for options that meet their needs.

Elevated Chicago asked CMAP to aid in the development of an ETOD action plan in both types of communities – one where gentrification and disinvestment are causing changes in the community. Working with communities along the CTA Blue, Green, and Pink Lines, Elevated Chicago representatives chose the Logan Square Blue Line eHub as a priority. The ETOD action plan is intended to advance the ongoing community improvement efforts that members of the Logan Square Blue Line (LSBL) Community Table are already working on to address issues relating to housing, economic development, access and mobility, public health, sustainability, arts and culture, community identity, and neighborhood spaces.

#### How does it benefit the community at large?

Equitable transit-oriented developments (ETODs) intentionally seek to bring positive enhancements to Black and Brown communities by leveraging existing neighborhood transportation assets. ETOD projects elevate the community's collective voice in decisionmaking processes and focus on community benefits such as affordable housing, public health, strong local businesses, and environmental sustainability. In addition, ETOD projects are sensitive to the impact that decades of disinvestment have had, work to change the narrative around the community's strong network of amenities, and accentuate the positive contributions that long-time residents have made in making the community what it is today.

#### Who can the process/product harm?

Private speculators and public spending that generate new investment in an area can lead to increases in rents levied by landlords and property taxes paid by homeowners. If certain elements that maintain the affordability of an area are fixed (e.g., crumbling infrastructure, lack of school funding, declining business activity, crime, potholes, etc.), people with more money and resources may take advantage. In the event this process does not address the needs of the most vulnerable, they will end up harmed. Increased development can bring both good and bad things. Certain people may want the amenities found in other neighborhoods but fear the traffic and parking problems that go with them. On the flip side, some people may not want new amenities as they are comfortable with the area as it exists today. Recognition of these conflicting preferences of existing residents is critical to creating meaningful community dialogue, countering the prospects of displacement, and establishing shared ownership and responsibility.

# **About the Project Supporters and Funders**

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is our region's comprehensive planning organization; helping the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois implement strategies for transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. We fund major transportation projects in the region.

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is charged with financial oversight, funding, and regional transit planning for the region's transit operators or Service Boards: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace Suburban Bus and Pace Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit. The RTA has provided funding to compensate RAC members.

**Elevated Chicago** is a non-profit collaboration of 17 public, private and nonprofit organizations - including CMAP -that have come together to build equity into transitoriented development in Chicago by improving health, safety, climate resilience, and cultural vitality indicators of people of color living and working near transit.

**Palengue LSNA** is a non-profit organization that acts as a catalyst for Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Immigrant communities and allies. Palengue LSNA is a convener of member institutions that support the community, such as service organizations, schools, places of worship, and block clubs.

## **Acknowledgments**

This Action Plan for the Logan Square Blue Line ETOD Station Area Plan is the product of an ongoing collaboration of multiple individuals and groups, including residents, business owners, community leaders, and other stakeholders who participated in meetings, interviews, and other outreach efforts since the start of the planning process. These various people provided their time, expertise, stories, and lived experiences to confirm community values, identify key priorities and community issues, and brainstorm strategies and policies that lay the foundation for this report and set the stage for the overall ETOD Plan.

Recognition and gratitude are extended to the Community Table, project partners, and countless community members who contributed to this report and the overall project in a collective effort to address the challenges and opportunities impacting an equitable future for Logan Square.

#### **Community Table**

Center for Changing Lives Elevated Chicago LUCHA Palengue LSNA

#### **Project Partners**

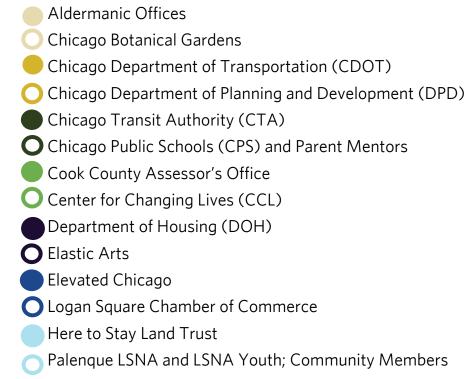
1st Ward Alderman Daniel La Spata 32nd Ward Alderman Scott Waguespack 35th Ward Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa Carmen Martinez, City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development Chicago Department of Transportation Chicago Transportation Authority Others

# **Our Topic Areas**

After a thorough review of the planning documents for the area in Logan Square, the major themes of the recommendations included: neighborhood spaces, economic development, access and mobility, housing, community identity & arts, and health & environment. Throughout each of these topics is an overall concern with safety improvements and general quality of life issues. The section that follows presents the action items for each of the topic areas. Each topic area has a brief background on the topic, some notable recent events or progress made, data points relevant to the area, and the lead implementation actors and agencies, as well as partners.

#### **Lead Implementers**

The agencies and organizations that are responsible for implementing the action items are primarily government agencies, but also include advocates.



#### **Cost and Phasing**







# **Neighborhood Spaces**

#### Community Data

#### 18

Schools, including 11 public schools, within a 1/2 mile radius of the CTA Blue Line Logan Square Station and various bus lines, which emphasizes the accessibility of local schools via transit

25 Years in operation for Palenque LSNA's lauded Parent Mentor Program, which has servied as a model for other communities and allowing countless parents feel more engaged with the growth and education of their children and other students in the local neighborhood schools

### **Recent Activity**

- Palenque LSNA is taking steps including teacher recruitment, dual language programs, more culturally and historically relevant.
- walkability, and public health in the neighborhood.
- LUCHA and Center for Changing Lives also offer services that support immigrants.
- Hermosa into Logan Square.
- station canopy renovation, and Market Plaza and rotary redesign.

### Background

A core aspect of any neighborhood is the collection of spaces that define housing, economic, social, educational, and recreational opportunities for the community. From a diverse housing stock, commercial corridors, and employment centers to schools, parks and open space, and public plazas, a dynamic community with social and economic vitality is rooted in providing a variety of neighborhood spaces that meet the diverse needs of residents, businesses, and organizations, as well as safe sanctuary for immigrants, LGBTQ+, youth, and other marginalized people.

Over its 60+ year history, Palengue LSNA has worked valiantly and tirelessly to protect spaces for those who have made Logan Square their home for years, particularly in the face of gentrification and displacement pressures. In fact, the rebranding of LSNA that coincided with its 60th Annual Congress in May 2022 accentuates the organization's focus by integrating it directly into its name, transforming from the Logan Square Neighborhood Association to Liberating Spaces through **Neighborhood Action.** 

Commercial and residential spaces are summarized in more detail in the Economic Development and Housing sections, respectively. This section describes the various other spaces that provide opportunities, resources, and safe haven in Logan Square. Achieving ETOD in Logan Square includes community input on and equitable access to the development of new businesses, community services, residential buildings, and employment-generating uses. Preserving safe and accessible spaces for students, youth, immigrants, and long-time residents is just as important to ETOD and highly crucial to ensuring those who want to stay in Logan Square can do so without fear of displacement, exclusion, or oppression.





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Major open space enhancement projects being pursued in Logan Square, including La Placita and the canopy renovation at the CTA Blue Line Logan Square Station, Market Plaza and rotary redesign, the north and south Mega Mall sites, and the Grace United/Unity Park site

investment in culturally affirming curriculum, and celebration of cultural heritage - to advance La Cultura Cura in schools, which encompasses transformative curricula that make learning

 Logan Square has taken advantage of grant programs, such as the 2020 Healthy Chicago 2.0 Community Seed Grant from the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC), to support community place-keeping strategies by promoting cultural resilience, youth activity,

• In addition to being actively involved in immigration law reform, Palengue LSNA became a legal clinic in 2019 for Erie Neighborhood House offering comprehensive immigration services.

• Considerations are being made to expand the Armitage Avenue Welcoming Center from

Coordination with CDOT, CTA, and partners to continue refining plans for La Placita, the CTA

Logan Square will build a safe and accessible network of community spaces that provide opportunities for health, recreation, commerce, and culture.

Logan Square will provide a network of schools and youth spaces with opportunities that honor culture, support mental health, nurture restorative justice, and encourage community stewardship.



Build upon ongoing open space efforts around the CTA Blue Line Logan Square
Station, including La Placita and the redesign of the station canopy.

 Capitalize on new open space opportunities like the rotary redesign and market plaza, Mega Mall north and south sites, and Grace United/Unity Park site.

 Create a strategic plan that advances a sustainable and culturally aware school ecosystem, including support of neighborhood schools, targeted teacher recruitment, active student councils, and a community-driven elected school board.

 Build upon current efforts to advance the La Cultura Cura concept that provide for culturally and historically relevant school curricula.

 Coordinate with local schools to shift from transitional bilingual education to dual language.

Emphasize language and literacy in early childhood programming.

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Logan Square will be a safe and welcoming neighborhood for immigrants.

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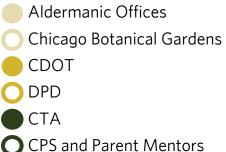
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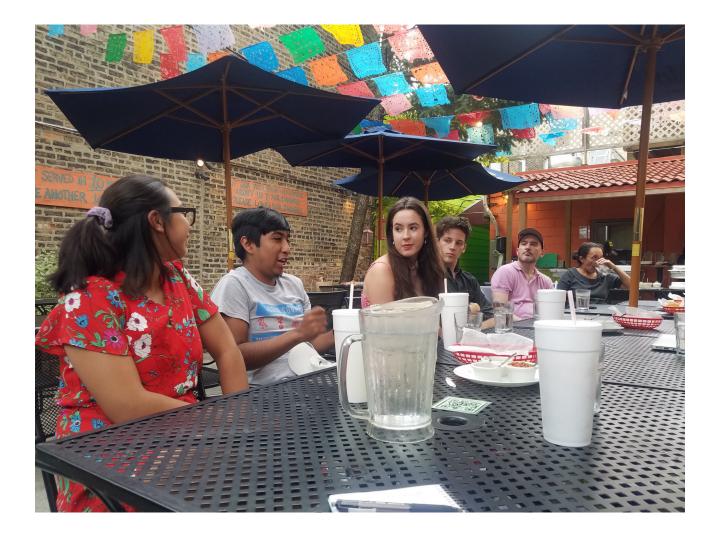
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# **Economic Development**

#### Background

A community's economic vitality determines opportunities, resources, and amenities available to its residents. Desired development can help communities thrive and grow, while incompatible development can lead to disinvestment and displacement of long-standing residents and businesses. To ensure that compatible development comes into the neighborhood and that existing businesses are supported, Logan Square should take a holistic approach to economic development which can help ensure Logan Square's business growth and sustainability.



#### Community Data

**2,365** Approximate number of businesses located in Logan Square's 3.23 square mile area.

### 96%

Percentage of Logan Square's residents who are employed, compared to 91.9% for the entire City

Logan Square is a well-supported community with a variety of resources to assist small business owners and employees.

Although Logan Square has resources to support its businesses, it lacks culturally sensitive and responsive resources to support its businessowners of color.

#### Recent Activity

- broadcasting current happenings in and around the community.
- members of color.
- Square and creating a pipeline for workers in growing sectors.



• Small businesses are continuously being promoted on Logan Squarist, a news site dedicated to

• Organizations such as Palenque LSNA, Center for Changing Lives, Cradles to Crayons, En Las Tablas, and Mujeres Latinas en Accion improve the lives of community members, especially

The Logan Square Chamber of Commerce hosts events and workshops to support business owners open to all community members. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chamber supported the community through initiatives such as encouraging development within Logan Logan Square will support small businesses and tenants by promoting existing policies, best practices, and anti-displacement incentive programs.



Logan Square will support legacy business owners and business owners of color.



Identify criteria to qualify what "legacy businesses" are.

Create a workshop series to build a business owners' toolkit.

Advocate for a space where these business owners can gather to sell and advertise produce, including the Logan Square farmer's market and independent markets.

> Create resource guides (grants, support groups, programming, etc) that can be applied to legacy businesses or business owners of color.

Preserve affordable, trusted essential businesses like laundromats and daycares.

Promote a mix of businesses, shops and restaurants that are relevant, appeal to and are accessible to a wide diversity of residents from different cultures and of different income levels.

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#### **Economic Development**

Logan Square will create comfortable community gathering spaces to support local businesses.

Logan Square will encourage and enforce anti-displacement strategies for businesses treasured by the community.

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Enlist a partner to help local entrepreneurs navigate the permit system.

Identify an umbrella event organizer that supports easy approvals and participation from new local business, entrepreneurs, such as vendors and crafts.

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# Housing

12% Percentage of homes Percentage of homes in Logan Square built since 2000.

### 66%

in Logan Square built before 1940, with a majority comprising the neighborhood's older but high quality housing stock.

**11%** Percentage of affordable housing units that are considered "Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing" based on a City study.

### 70%

Percentage of renters in Logan Square most likely to be cost burdened in comparison (households are considered housing cost burdened if they spend more than 30% of their income on housina).

#### **Recent Activity**

100% affordable, which is a major achievement for the community.

### Background

A balanced housing supply helps ensure that households of all incomes and age groups have access to the assets in Logan Square and the larger Chicago Region. A mix of housing types is needed to allow residents to age in place and provide homes for community members as their housing needs change. Understanding the housing supply and potential future demand will help Logan Square develop a balanced mix of housing that serves the current and future. Homes are more than just physical locations. Where someone lives impacts their access to resources, amenities, and opportunities. Many homes in the area have been de converted from multi-family to larger singlefamily homes, leaving a shortage of housing options. Being able to travel from one place to another is vital to the success, livability, and comfortability of a community.



Source: Bickerdike

### 90%

Percentage of occupied housing stock in Logan Square.

### 26%

Percentage of units in Logan Square are considered affordable by Chicago's Department <sup>3yrs-ongoing</sup> of Housing.

#### 31%

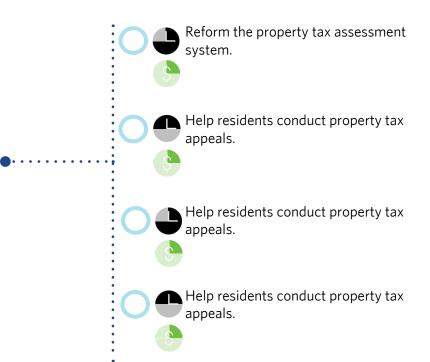
Percentage of owneroccupied units considered to be cost burdened.

Opening in May 2022, Emmett Street Apartments just north of the CTA Blue Line Station is

Housing

Housing Logan Square will preserve neighborhood affordability and diversity through a wide range of housing options

Logan Square will collect and disseminate data about local housing and collaborate with partner community-based organizations; and create a main location to house the different data points and



Housing

Logan Square will create an affordable housing task force across the multiple surrounding wards to give feedback on any new development proposals.

Establish Community Driven Zoning in all wards in Logan Square and Hermosa.

Pass the 606 Affordable Residential Area Preservation Ordinance.

Ensure housing includes rental and for sale, at both market and affordable

housing price ranges.

Logan Square will maintain housing affordability and choices and support the establishment of a community-led land trust.

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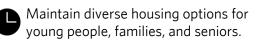
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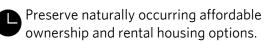


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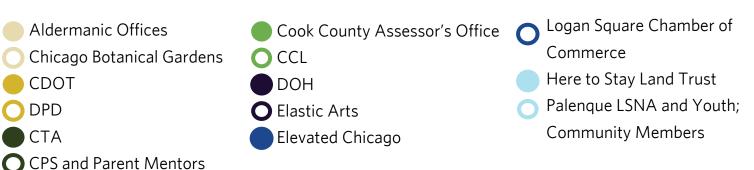
Leverage the requirements in the recently adopted Connected Communities Ordinance to preserve affordable housing by limiting the conversion of two- to fourflats into single-family homes.

Continue to seek funding and partnerships.

Make use of tools like the Community Land Trust - Here to Stay - to prevent displacement, preserve affordable housing, and promote home ownership, especially for those who are most vulnerable to displacement from rising property values and taxes.

Help create housing COOPS as an option of affordablity.

Advocate for and develop more affordable housing units so that current residents can stay in the community, and the community can continue to welcome new immigrants.



## **Community Identity &** Arts

### Background

Logan Square has a multi-faceted identity. The neighborhood has grown into a majority Latinx community with a mix of income levels, gender identities, documentation status, age cohorts, and other diverse identity markers. Logan Square's identity is also tied to its accessibility to transit riders, bicyclists, pedestrians, and people of all abilities. Combined with the community's hallmark penchant for social justice, these identity qualities provide for steadfast advocacy of ETOD concepts and the preservation of community spaces.





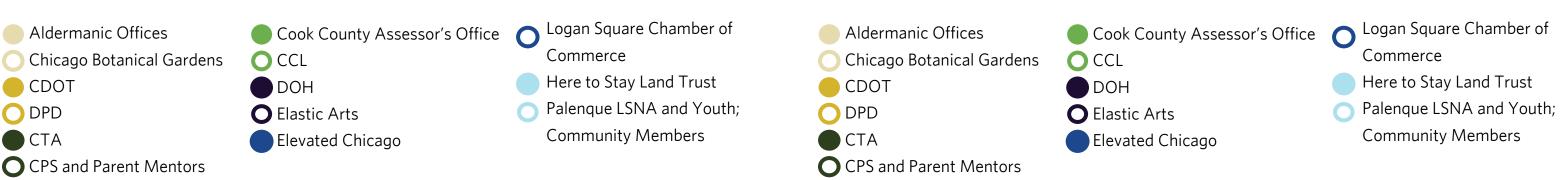
Logan Square will use arts and culture events to unite longtime community residents with new residents across the divides of race, language, class, income, background and culture. Embrace the breadth of history of the community from its beginnings as an indigenous settlement, to European immigrants, to Mexican and Latinx immigrants, and the current mix of residents.

Incorporate streetscaping like public art, benches, and wayfinding in Logan that reflects the culture and history of Logan Square.

Engage artists, creative businesses, and cultural organizations to advance the
 quality of life in Logan Square in a manner that respects all cultures and perspectives who live and work there past, present, and future.

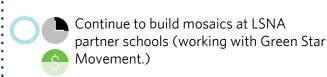
Provide a platform for and visibility to artists who focus on immigrant life to elevate and support their crafts and facilitate creative expression of the immigrant experience in Logan Square.

Logan Square will build partnerships with venues and spaces to bring cultural offerings to populations who face barriers to access and might feel unwelcome in more traditional cultural spaces.





Logan Square will use art and creative design to express community identity through the visual representation of community values and the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of residents, as well as express the more intangible aspects of community identity that extend beyond the physical environment.



Celebrate the diverse heritage of Logan Square residents through the built b environment and events.

## **Access & Mobility**

### Background

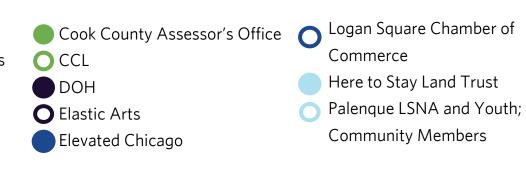
Being able to travel from one place to another is vital to the success, livability, and comfortability of a community. When residents have the ability to move, opportunities to grow and succeed become open. Despite Chicago's vast and connected transportation system, not everyone can move and travel in an equitable way. Evaluating Logan Square's current transportation assets can help determine the community's strengths and where further improvements can be made to make the neighborhood a more inclusive place to access and traverse, regardless of ability, income, or transportation choice.

Logan Square will express both the past and the present in community spaces, events, and area businesses so that former, current, and future residents feel "seen," valued, and welcome.

Improve public spaces (like La Placita) to have seating, programming, and artwork that is inspired by and expresses the culture of Black, Afro-Latinx and Latinx residents.

Explore improving dedicated outdoor space at the 606.

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The 606, which is a 2.7mi elevated trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, is an amenity that residents can enjoy.

Logan Square has many transit options available to its residents, including six bus lines, the CTA Blue Line, and four Metra lines. Bikeand scooter share programs are also available throughout the community, increase transit variety.

CMAP conducted a parking survey in Wicker Park and Bucktown, which have similar community characteristics and parking conditions as Logan Square. According to the survey, parking occupancy is highest on late Friday and Saturday evenings, when parking meters are free.

No fatalities occurred between 2015 and 2019. However, there were a number of crashes along Logan Square's busiest streets, such as California Avenue, Kimball Avenue, and Kedzie Avenue.

Advocate for safer conditions for pedestrians and cyclists.

### **Recent Activity**

- Lime, Spin, and Superpedestrians are scooter companies that acquired two-year contracts with Chicago to deploy 3,000 scooters throughout the city in 2022. In addition to these three companies, Divvy bikes will deploy an additional 1,000 scooters that can be found in the same docking station as their bikes.
- Logan Square's 35th ward faces high parking demand through the use of residential parking permits, where visitors are forced to circle the block for parking.
- In June 2022, Chicago Department of Transportation announced the installation of concrete curb-protected bike lanes in pre-existing buffered bike lanes, such as those found on Milwaukee and Kedzie Avenues.

Address safety and reliability concerns for CTA services.





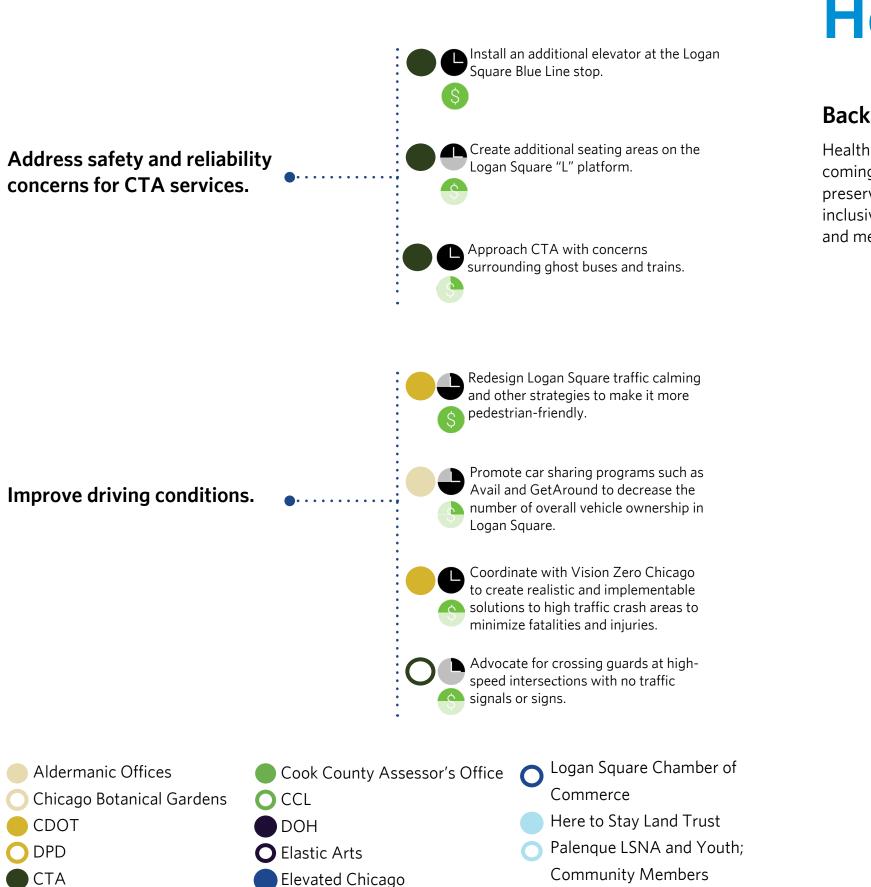
Build bus shelters along routes experiencing delays to keep riders safe and comfortable.

Put up LED signage at bus stops to depict accurate arrival times.

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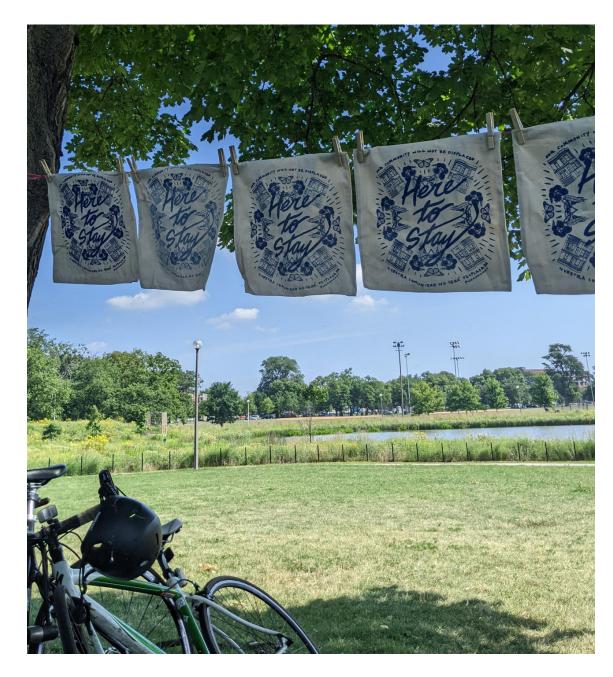
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# Health & Environment

### Background

Health and environment are two aspects of the community that are increasingly coming into greater focus in terms of their importance to a holistic approach to preserving spaces that enhance equitable access, long-term sustainability, and an inclusive sense of belonging for all residents and businesses. Access to healthcare and mental health resources are explored.



More places are needed where residents find ways to exercise and be together outside, which can serve as outlets to manage mental health. As noted in the Here To Stay *Plan*, Hermosa and Logan Square West are underserved by parks and open space, with **0.6 acres of open land per 1,000 residents** compared to a Citywide average of **3.9 acres**.

### **Recent Activity**

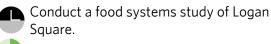
- The City's Expanded Mental Health Services Program Governing Commission is studying the Logan Square, Avondale, and Hermosa Expanded Mental Health Services Program, which benefited from a recent ballot measure to build a health clinic in the community.
- Community efforts to provide community-driven and culturally-inspired open spaces around the CTA Blue Line Logan Square Station, former Mega Mall site, and Unity Park provide the added benefit of increasing access to local spaces that can help in personal practices to manage mental health.

Logan Square will provide access to fresh produce and food.





Coordinate with Mission of our Lady of the Angels, Chicago Dream Center, and Common Pantry to provide information to families in Logan Square.



Create and circulate pamphlets and other information about food resources in the community, including local community gardens, groceries, pantries, and truck and cart vendors offering.



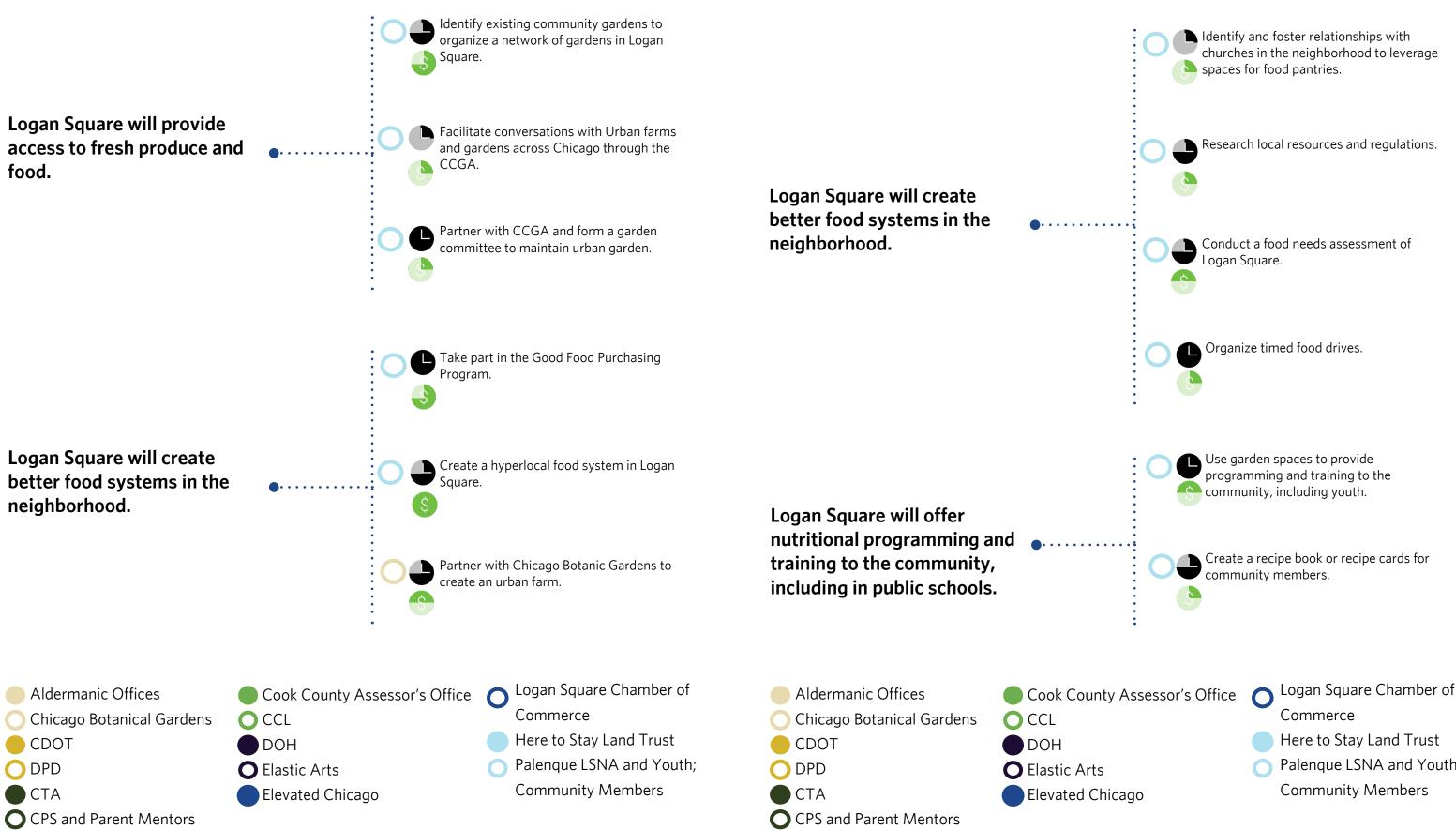
Use Social Media and virtual spaces to circulate information about food resources in the community.

Coordinate with community homeowners and property owners to purchase vacant lots through the large lots program and convert them into gardens.

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#### **Health & Environment**

Logan Square will offer nutritional programming and training to the community, including in public schools.

Logan Square will ensure parks and other outdoor spaces provide for physical activity and passive recreation.

Partner with Bickerdike and other organizations to create nutritional cooking classes. Identify key individuals in Logan Square who can provide nutritional programming and education.

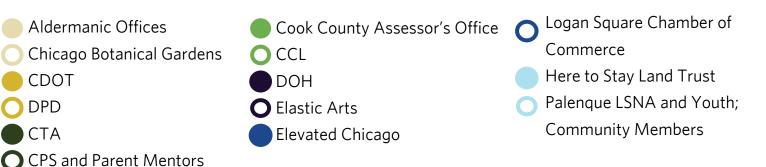
Coordinate with public schools to hold nutritional-oriented events (i.e. garden/ 🔈 nature walks).

Advocate for required nutritional programming in public schools.

Use the 2018 feasibility study conducted by Elevated Chicago and CNT to guide implementation of solutions to address flooding and other environmental concerns in Logan Square.

Utilize CMAP's Community Area Emissions Summary as a baseline to establish appropriate benchmarks and action steps for reduced greenhouse gas emissions to reach in the short- and longterm.

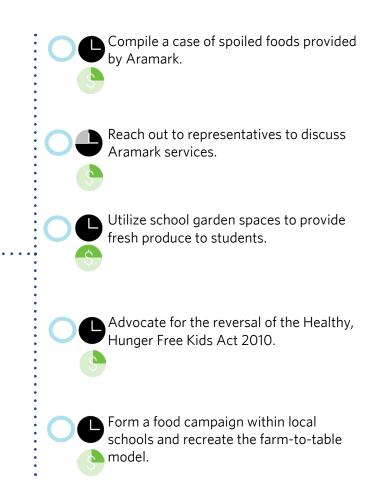
Coordinate with local Ward offices to identify blocks to implement the City's Green Alley Program as part of a local pilot program.



#### **Health & Environment**

Logan Square will provide students with healthy, consistent meals.







#### **Health & Environment**

Logan Square will advocate for Mental Health Resources in Logan Square . Coordinate with Mayor Johnson's office and their mental health campaign.

Continue to add mental health services in the community.

Coordinate with Thresholds to open a new location or provide care in a key area in Logan Square.

Coordinate with the new Hermosa, Logan Square, and Avondale Mental Health Clinic to provide mental health support to the Logan Square community, primarily newcomers.





The following pages contain the complete tables for the action items presented in the housing, vacancy, transportation, and community and economic development topics. Larger, more readable versions of these tables can be found at https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/ logan-square-blue-line-action-plan

## **Action Items Table**

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-	quare will build a safe and accessible network of or reation, commerce, and culture.	community spaces	that provide oppor			•				
1.1	Build upon ongoing open space efforts around the CTA Blue Line Logan Square Station, including La Placita and the redesign of the station canopy.	CTA; CDOT	Infrastructure	0 to18 months	Maintain open com- munication with CTA and CDOT to obtain status of ongoing projects.	Palenque LSNA	Projects already funded	Coordinating the ongoing projects to see them through completion.	3	\$\$\$
1.2	Capitalize on new open space opportunities like the rotary redesign and market plaza, Mega Mall north and south sites, and Grace United/Unity Park site.	Respective property owners (CDOT; Fifield Co/Terraco Real Estate; Grace United)	Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	Contact property owners to understand their short- and long-term visions for their properties and determine how the neighborhood's ideas can be integrated.	Palenque LSNA	TIF	Navigating varying ideas and community disagreements on how to best utilize available land in the neighborhood.	4	\$\$\$
-	quare will provide a network of schools and youtl ental health, nurture restorative justice, and enco			r culture,						
2.1	Create a strategic plan that advances a sustainable and culturally aware school ecosystem, including support of neighborhood schools, targeted teacher recruitment, active student councils, and a community-driven elected school board.	Local Schools	Policy	0 to 18 months	Create an internal out- line for the contents of the strategic plan that can be shared with lo- cal schools to initiate conversations.	Palenque LSNA Youth and Parent Mentors		Coordinating with multiple local schools led by different LSCs, student councils, and other leadership.	4	\$
2.2	Build upon current efforts to advance the La Cultura Cura concept that provide for culturally and historically relevant school curricula.	Local Schools	Policy	0 to 18 months	Assess the progress of current La Cultura Cura efforts and iden- tify additional next steps.	Palenque LSNA Youth and Parent Mentors		Coordinating with multiple local schools.	3	\$
2.3	Coordinate with local schools to shift from transitional bilingual education to dual language.	Palenque LSNA Parent Mentors	Policy	0 to 18 months	Identify and contact the appropriate school leaders at each local school to initiate conversations.	Local schools		Coordinating with multiple local schools.	4	\$
2.4	Emphasize language and literacy in early childhood programming.	Palenque LSNA Parent Mentors	Policy	0 to 18 months	Identify and contact the appropriate school leaders at each local school and early childhood provider to initiate conversations.	Local schools and early childhood providers.		Coordinating with multiple local schools and early childhood providers.	3	\$

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-	Square will provide a network of schools and you nental health, nurture restorative justice, and enc									
2.5	Establish a restorative justice cohort in local high schools.	Palenque LSNA Youth	Program	0 - 18 months	Create a set of goals for a restorative justice cohort.	Local high schools		Finding a restorative justice best practice(s) that fits each local high school.	2	\$
2.6	Continue to advance the neighborhood's strong leadership programs for youth, parents, and emerging community leaders.	Palenque LSNA Youth and Parent Mentors	Program	Ongoing	Take stock of current programming and roster of leaders to help identify gaps and needs.	Local schools, churches, and other orgs w/ strong community leaders		Managing the stress and potential burnout of leaders and dealing with leadership turnover.	1	\$
2.7	Work with youth to help express community identity from their perspectives and incorporate their needs in the design of public spaces.	Palenque LSNA Youth	Program	18 months to 3 years	Develop a youth-led survey to evaluate how local youth envision Logan Square's community identity.	Local high schools		Managing the stress and potential burnout of youth leaders and deal- ing with turnover.	2	\$
3. Logan S	quare will be a safe and welcoming neighborhood	d for immigrants.			1	T	I			
3.1	Create safe and intentional spaces centered around immigrant connectedness and mobile commerce.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	Ongoing	Identify existing spaces and potential available land that can accommodate safe spaces for immigrants.	CCL; immigrant- owned businesses; Logan Square Chamber of Commerce		Involving immigrants due to concerns about documentation status.	3	\$\$
3.2	Coordinate public art and neighborhood spaces to tell the immigrant story in Logan Square.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	Ongoing	Identify local artists who have experience with or interests in immigrant-inspired art.					
3.3	<ul> <li>Build upon ongoing efforts to support immigrant rights and provide immigration services:</li> <li>New Americans Initiative</li> <li>Community Navigators</li> <li>ENH Legal Clinic Site</li> <li>Promotora de Salud</li> <li>Public education efforts like Carnaval de Cariño and Día de los Muertos</li> </ul>	Palenque LSNA	Policy	Ongoing	Assess the progress of current efforts to identify any gaps and needs.	Immigrant service providers		Navigating the typical red tape and political opposition of getting immigration policies enacted at the City, County, and State levels.	5	\$

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-	quare will support small businesses and tenants b acement incentive programs.	y promoting existi	ng policies, best pr							
1.1	Create policies that combat displacement of businesses.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Policy	0 to 18 months		Palenque LSNA		It may be difficult to implement or maintain enforcement.	4	\$
1.2	Identify existing policies, best practices and, anti-displacement incentive programs for small businesses and tenants.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Program	0 to 18 months	Compile a list of grant opportunities that businesses can apply to or that organizations can apply to on the businsses' behalf.	CCL		Some businesses may not need financial assistance but would want to take advantage of this opportunity.	1	\$
1.3	Prioritize the implementation of anti- displacement measures.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Policy	Ongoing	1 1	Palenque LSNA		There may be competing priorities that are all using the same pool of money, resources, and manpower.	1	\$
1.4	Host local hiring fairs to foster reinvestment back into Logan Square.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Program	Ongong	Reach out to local schools for partnerships for local school fairs, or partner with youth to promote housing and job fairs.	CCL		Find appropriate funding to support this program.	2	\$\$\$
1.5	Provide financial incentives to create and keep businesses owned by legacy owners or business owners of color.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Program	Ongoing	Acquire funding to dedicate to financially assisting legacy business owners or business owners of color.	CCL		Find appropriate funding to support this program.	2	\$\$\$
1.6	Locate spaces that could act as food and beverage incubators.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	that Palenque can purchase; reach out to the Hatchery about facilitating or creating	Avondale Cloud Kitchens (local case study); the Hatchery			4	\$\$

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2. Logan S	quare will support legacy business owners and bu	usiness owners of	color.								
2.1	Identify criteria to qualify what "legacy businesses" are.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	0 to 18 months	perceived businesse what char	op what some d "legacy es" are and aracteristics em legacy.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce		There are competing opinions on what legacy businesses are; reaching a consensus may be difficult.	1	\$
2.2	Create regular financial programming for these business owners to create support against other business competitors.	CCL	Program	0 to 18 months	the most financial r business o create cor		CCL; Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	CCL	May have to coordinate with different organizations to create such a program.	3	\$-\$\$
2.3	Advocate for a space where these business owners can gather to sell and advertise produce, including the Logan Square farmer's market and independent markets.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Program	18 months to 3 years	See Rec 3	3.1.	Mujeres de Artesanas con Carrillo; Palenque LSNA; CCL		There may not be appropriate/ safe spaces for vendors to conduct business on.	3	\$-\$\$\$
2.4	Create resource guides (grants, support groups, programming, etc) that can be applied to legacy businesses or business owners of color.	Palenque LSNA; CCL	Program	Ongoing	legacy bu in Logan S awarenes	Square for ss and to resources for	CCL		There may be business owners that may feel left out if there aren't resources created for them during the first iteration of prorgramming.	2	\$\$
2.5	Preserve affordable, trusted essential businesses like laundromats and daycares.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	18 months to 3 years	located ar business of to what su need, wha they are fa what they to be the	sinesses are and ask the owner as support they hat barriers facing, and ey foresee greatest e in staying in	local Alderman	SBIF	These businesses may be difficult to quantify; would need residential input to determine which businesses in Logan Square are "essential."	3	\$\$
2.6	Promote a mix of businesses, shops and restaurants that are relevant, appeal to and are accessible to a wide diversity of residents from different cultures and of different income levels.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Program	0 to 18 months	events sur events to resources munities,	rate outreach uch as tabling o promote s within com- , especially ne summer	Palenque LSNA; CMAP; CCL	Arts+ Pub- lic Life Chi- cago; Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Rent prices may make it difficult to establish business location.	4	\$\$-\$\$\$

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3. Logan S	Square will create comfortable community gatheri	ing spaces to supp	ort local businesser	5.						
3.1	Build a culturally empowering gathering space for local vendors to sell product.	Palenque LSNA	Program	18 months to 3 years	Identify a space for Latino vendors to advertise and sell their products.	Mujeres de Artesanas con Carrillo	Arts+ Public Life Chicago, Chamber of Commerce	To acquire, create, and design a culturally-relevat work space, residents need to contribute, which could put a burden on them.	2	\$\$
3.2	Work with vacant lot owners to create temporary business spaces.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Policy	0 months to 3 years	Identify all the vacant lots within Logan Square and determine their owners.	Palenque LSNA; CCL; DPD		Current owners of vacant lots may be unwilling to lease or sell their spaces because of the tax benefits they receive right now.	4	\$\$\$\$
3.3	Promote community land ownership to provide a space for Logan Square's business needs.	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Program	3+ years	Seek out community land trusts to allow for collaborate leases and shared spaces.	CMAP; CLTs		Gaining the capital to be able to purchase land in Logan Square.	5	\$\$\$\$
4. Logan S community	Square will encourage and enforce anti-displacmenty.	nt strategies for bu	sinesses treasued '	by the						
4.1	Identify current anti-displacement strategies already in place.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	Create a task force (LSNA Youth?) to look into anti-displacement strategies in Logan Square or strategies other communities already have underway.			It may be difficult to find active an- ti-displacement strategies that are actively being practiced.	2	\$
4.2	Identify businesses that may need assistance, financial or otherwise.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	Reach out to legacy businesses and business owners of color that appear to be struggling.	CMAP; CCL; Logan Square Chamber of Commerce		Business owners may be hard to reach.	2	\$
4.3	Explore if community land trust could be an effective tool for commercial property acquisition.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	18 months to 3 years	Meet with existing land trusts to understand best practices and foster collaboration.	Cook County Land Bank	IDHA	Land acquisition is costly and takes many years to carry out.	5	\$\$\$\$

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4.4	Explore with a partner if business incubation program could help to populate vacant storefronts with locally-owned, relevant establishments.	CCL	Program	18 months to 3 years	to learn from their	Chamber of	IL DCEO; Small Business Admin.	Landlords with vacant commercial spaces might not be willing to lease to start-ups or pop up ventures.	3	\$\$
4.5	Enlist a partner to help local entrepreneurs navigate the permit system.	Logan Chamber of Commerce	Program	0 to 18 months	for introductions to	Logan Chamber of		Permits, licenses and zoning ap- proval for businesses and events be very time consuming to secure.	2	\$
4.6	Identify an umbrella event organizer that supports easy approvals and participation from new local biz, entrepreneurs, ie vendors, crafts, et al.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	to take this role 0	Logan Chamber of		Approvals are rarely "easy" to secure.	4	\$\$

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1. Logan Sc	quare will establish a relationship and join other o	organizations to adr	Jress community h	ousing issues.						
1.1	Reform the property tax assessment system.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	3+ years	LSNA, The Alderman Office can partner with CCAO by hostin an informational session on property tax assessments for your community members, please contact the Outreach Team at assessor. outreach@ cookcountyil.gov.	ng Cook County Assessor's Office			5	\$
1.2	Help residents conduct property tax appeals.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	18 months to 3 years	Same as 1.2	Cook County Assessor's Office			2	\$
I I≺ I	Help lift the state ban on rent control options for municipalities.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	3+ years	LSNA housing task force may begin to work with Ward and State Representators offices to advocate fo ren control ban.	Ward offices; City of Chicago;			5	\$
1.4	Work to pass a Just Cause for Evictions ordinance to protect renters.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	18 months to 3 years	Same as 1.3	Ward offices; State Reps			4	\$
	Square will collect and disseminate data about locations; and create a main location to house th									
2.1	Establish Community Driven Zoning in all wards in Logan Square and Hermosa and Avondale.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	Ongoing	LSNA housing task force may begin to work with Ward office to advocate for a community driven process.	. Ward Office	City of Chicago		2	\$

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1 22	Pass the 606 Affordable Residential Area Preservation Ordinance.	Palenque LSNA	Ongoing	0 - 18 months	prevent affordable housing from being destroyed. \$15,000 is the cap for fee but group feels that it should be \$100,000/ unit.	Ward offices; City of Chicago; State Reps; DOH	City of Chicago		2	\$
2.3	Ensure housing includes rental and for sale, at both market and affordable housing price ranges.	Palenque LSNA	Ongoing		Consider: Reform the terms of affordability so that residents are only paying 30% of their income (housing is affordable).	рон	City of Chicago DOH		3	\$
-	quare will create an affordable housing task force on any new development proposals.	e across the multipl	e surrounding ward	ds to give						
	Identify the connection between housing and development issues and address residential displacement risks.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	I I I	Ward Offices			2	\$
3.2	Mandate the inclusion of larger unit types (2 bedrooms or more) to better preserve affordable family housing options.	Palenque LSNA	Program	3+ years	minimum 2 bedroom	offices; City	City of Chicago, DOH		3	\$
3.3	Create a partnership with the City's Department of Housing and follow new housing project creations.	Palenque LSNA; DOH	Program	Ongoing	Advocate for more	Ward offices; State Reps			3	\$

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-	quare will build a safe and accessible network of c	community spaces	that provide oppor			•		'	•	
4.1	reation, commerce, and culture. Maintain diverse housing options for young people, families, and seniors.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	Stop the demo of 4-flats as they should not be turn into single family housing.				3	\$
4.2	Preserve naturally occurring affordable ownership and rental housing options.	Here to Stay Land Trust; Palenque LSNA	Policy	Ongoing	LSNA can demand to renew the tear down policy from the city of Chicago.	War Office; DOH	IHDA		3	\$
4.3	Leverage the requirements in the recently adopted Connected Communities Ordinance to preserve affordable housing by limiting the conversion of two- to four-flats into single- family homes.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	Ongoing	Same as 4.1	DOH; Elevated Chicago			2	\$
4.4	Continue to seek funding and partnerships.	Here to Stay Land Trust; Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	Consolidate 4.4 and 4.5 and continue to apply for funding in order to keep adding housing stock to the land trust.				2	\$
4.5	Make use of tools like the Community Land Trust - Here to Stay - to prevent displacement, preserve affordable housing, and promote home ownership, especially for those who are most vulnerable to displacement from rising property values and taxes.	Here to Stay Land Trust; Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	Continue to apply for funding in order to keep adding housing stock to the land trust. Have State Representatives advocate for State Budget include a yearly line item for land trust.	Chicago Housing Trust; Housing Action Illinois; DOH			4	\$\$\$\$
4.6	Help create housing COOPS as an option of affordability.	Here to Stay Land Trust; Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months; On- going	LSNA can invite PICO (Pilsen Cooperative) for an information meeting to discuss the PICO model and see how Logan Square can replicate this model.	Cooperative Commu- nities of Chicago			3	\$
4.7	Advocate for and develop more affordable housing units so that current residents can stay in the community, and the community can continue to welcome new immigrants.	Here to Stay Land Trust; Palenque LSNA	Policy	Ongoing	Same as 4.6	PICO (Pilsen Coopera- tive)			4	\$\$\$\$

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	quare will use arts and culture events to unite long e divides of race, language, class, income, backgrou		esidents with new	residents							
1.1	Embrace the breadth of history of the community from its beginnings as an indigenous settlement, to European immigrants, to Mexican and Latinx immigrants, and the current mix of residents.	Logan Square community	Policy	Ongoing	leaders historic to discu goals an interpre	c ethinic groups cuss common	Chicago History Museum; IL	IL Human- ties Coun- cil, National Endowment for the Hu- manties	The different historic enthic groups in LS do not have existing relationships, there is no one agreed-upon local keeper of history in the community.	2	\$
1.2	Incorporate streetscaping like public art, benches, and wayfinding in Logan that reflects the culture and history of Logan Square.	CDOT	Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	CTA so advsory streetso art proj diverse	ry groups for scape and public oject include	Choose,	for Art;	Streetscape elements are very cost- ly, very time consuming to design, fund, build and maintain.	4	\$\$\$\$
1.3	Engage artists, creative businesses, and cultural organizations to advance the quality of life in Logan Square in a manner that respects all cultures and perspectives who live and work there past, present, and future.	Logan Square community	Program	Ongoing	Ask if th would c advisor would f alliance organiz busines	the alderman create an arts ry entity that foster an active e of cultural	Logan Square arts orgs	associated with this	Cultural organizationsa and artists don't often have a seat at the table when it comes to advancing quality of life issues in the community.	1	\$\$
1.4	Provide a platform for and visibility to artists who focus on immigrant life to elevate and support their crafts and facilitate creative expression of the immigrant experience in Logan Square.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	Work w artists t their tal public s	with immigrant to showcase alents in spaces, public ts and in vacant	Square Chamber of	associated with this	There are gatekeepers who prevent full access to spaces and platforms that would help elevate the visibility of immigrant artists.	3	\$

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	quare will build partnerships with venues and spa ers to access and might feel unwelcome in more t			ulations who						
2.1	Work with Elastic Arts to host a drum circle for neuro divergent families.	Elastic Arts	Program	0 to 18 months	Enlist a parent ment to contact Elastic ar introduce the idea a explore collaboration	nd LSNA Parent	DCASE	Important to offer low cost or no cost programs, but also important to pay instructors for their time.	1	\$
2.2	Explore partnership with Brinshore to build capacity to fully populate the Hairpin Arts Center with robust, inclusive programs.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	Contact Brinshore to propose initial collaborative ideas, follow up with pilot programs to build reputation capital a learn more about th center's operational constraints and features.	e Chamber for	DCASE; philanthro- py, ticket fees	The center is not well equipped for a variety of uses. Existing uses might not easily be accommodated or relocated.	2	\$\$
2.3	Work with Comfort station to create culturally relevant programs to LS residents.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	Continue to build of the successful Day of the Dead prograr with additional idea for collaboration.	n Comfort	DCASE; Aldermanic Office	Construction at the Logan traffic circle with disrupt operations at Comfort Station for some time.	2	\$
2.4	Build relationships between social justice and social service organizations and arts and organizations to ensure that cultural representation and inclusion manifest in program offerings and events.	CCL	Policy	18 months to 3 years	Plan a meet up or networking meeting so that social justice organizations can meet and form partnerships with an organizations.	DCASE; Ward offices	No cost associated with this action.	Both social justice and cultural organizations are thinly staffed and underfunded leaving little capacity to expand programs or consider new collaborations.	3	\$\$
2.5	Connect artists and culture makers with opportunities to carry out programs in new spaces and venues and with new partners.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	Foster a network of artists and creatives who can collaborate and refer opportuni- ties to each other.	DCASE;	No cost associated with this action.	Funding to pay for program expan- sions might be difficult to identify.	2	\$\$\$

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tation of c	equare will use art and creative design to express o community values and the hopes, dreams, and asp aspects of community identity that extend beyon	pirations of resident	s, as well as expre								
3.1	Continue to build mosaics at LSNA partner schools (working with Green Star Movement).	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	crea of pa evalution for n and	nosaic locations, plan out projects the next five	Chicago Public Art Group; ArchiTrea- sures; CPS	DCASE	Exterior walls often are in poor shape and require more extensive repairs to be "mosaic-ready."	2	\$\$
3.2	Celebrate the diverse heritage of Logan Square residents through the built environment and events.	Logan Square community	Policy	Ongoing	orga dive are p artis pron		DCASE; Ward offices	DCASE; Aldermanic Office	Residents from more dominant populations are likely to be better funded and crowd out visibility of other residents.	3	\$\$\$
_	Square will express both the past and the present i rmer, current, and future residents feel "seen," val		es, events, and are	a businesses							
4.1	Improve public spaces (like La Placita) to have seating, programming, and artwork that is inspired by and expresses the culture of Black, Afro- Latinx and Latinx residents.	CDOT; CTA	Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	CTA advi: stree lic a dive	et scane and hub-	Palenque LSNA	CDOT/ CTA percent for art funds	Public spaces are heavily traveled and see intensive use by multiple populations and constituencies.	4	\$\$\$\$
4.2	Explore improving dedicated outdoor space at the 606.	CDOT	Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	of sp 606 to id coul revie Neig begi	with local youth lentify where this d be a fit, and ew that work with	borSpace; Friends of the Bloomingda- le Trail	Chicago Community Trust, Chicago Park District, Trust for Public Land	Multiple stakeholders claim owner- ship over the 606 which has often marginalized or criminalize youth spaces.	5	\$\$\$

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1. Logan Sc	Square will advocate for safer conditions for pedest	trians and cyclists.											
1.1	Create clear, culturally-relevant wayfinding signage.	Ward Offices	Infrastructure	0 to 18 months	n te	may be confusing to navigate as a	Ward offices; Palenque LSNA	I TV - RIIII a In a I	Acquiring funding to create the	1	\$		
1.2	Build protected bike lanes on roads with high vehicular speeds.	CDOT	Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	C tl p S "	prioritizing Logan Square in their	CMAP; Ward offices; ActiveTrans	AARP Flagship Grant	Getting on CDOT's workplan.	4	\$-\$\$\$		
1.3	Continue the upkeep on sidewalks and bike lanes, such as fixing potholes.	CDOT	Program/ Infrastruture	18 months to 3 years	a fo	areas of concerns for sidewalks and	CMAP; Ward offices; ActiveTrans	Grant;	Finding a sustainable source of cap- ital to constantly fix deteriorating roads.	2	\$-\$\$\$		
1.4	Push for slower traffic speeds in areas currently perceived as high speed areas.	Ward offices	Policy/ Infrastruture	18 months to 3 years	h	Identify areas that have high perceived traffic speeds.	CDOT; IDOT	AARP	If roads are under CDOT jurisdiction, it could be difficult to	2	\$		

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2. Logan S	equare will address safety and reliability concerns	for CTA services.											
2.1	Build bus shelters along routes experiencing delays to keep riders safe and comfortable.	CDOT	Infrastructure	0 to 18 months		CTA; Ward offices	CDOT	Having enough boarding or sidewalk space to install shelters in the first place.	1	\$			
2.2	Put up LED signage at bus stops to depict accurate arrival times.	СТА	Program/ Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	lacking LED signage	Ward	AARP Demon- strations Grant	Acquiring enough funding to finance these sign installations.	3	\$\$			
2.3	Install an additional elevator at the Logan Square Blue Line stop.	СТА	Infrastructure	3 years to Ongoing	N/A (CTA's priority is to install elevators in all their stations that are currently not accessible; since	CMAP; Ward	CTA; Chicago ETOD Grant	Waiting for all "L" stations to be accessible before making already accessible ones even more accessible.	2	\$\$\$\$			
2.4	Create additional seating areas on the Logan Square "L" platform.	СТА	Infrastructure	18 months to 3 years	[waiting on cta to see how feasible this is]	СТА	CTA; AARP Flagship grant						
2.5	Approach CTA with concerns surrounding ghost buses and trains.	СТА	Policy/Program	Ongoing	CTA to increase the	CTA; Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	СТА	Ghost buses and trains are a city- wide issue; prioritization across all of Chicago will determine what services will be improved first.	2	\$			

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-	Square will provide for a street network that allow ent for all users, regardless of mode of transport.	vs for efficient car t	ravel within a safe,	welcoming						
3.1	Redesign Logan Square traffic calming and other strategies to make it more pedestrian- friendly.	CDOT	Program/ Infrastructure	3+ years	towards the traffic	CMAP; Palenque LSNA	Chicago ETOD Grant; America Walks	Finding funding/support to break ground.	5	\$\$\$- \$\$\$\$
3.2	Promote car sharing programs such as Avail and GetAround to decrease the number of overall vehicle ownership in Logan Square.	Ward Offices	Program	18 months to 3 years		Palenque LSNA		There may not be enough participants/interest to start this program.	3	\$
3.3	Coordinate with Vision Zero Chicago to create realistic and implementable solutions to high traffic crash areas to minimize fatalities and injuries.	CDOT	Policy	Ongoing	for the status of Vision Zero implementation and progress.	City of Chicago Offices and other participating agencies	СDOT	To be prioritized for Vision Zero, Logan Square must show adequate crashes that are fatal or serious.	4	\$-\$\$
3.4	Advocate for crossing guards at high-speed intersections with no traffic signals or signs.	CPS	Program	0 to 18 months	gain more information, as they employ	Ward offices; Palenque LSNA	CPS	There may be a lack of funding to be able to employ crossing guards - volunteering may be the best options.	2	\$-\$\$

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1. Logan So	quare will provide access to fresh produce and for	od.	I	,			r		1				
1.1	Coordinate with Mission of our Lady of the Angels, Chicago Dream Center, and Common Pantry to provide information to families in Logan Square.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	fc	each out to local ood organizations to ather information .	Lady of the Angels; Chicago Dream Center; and Common Pantry			2	\$		
1.2	Conduct a food systems study of Logan Square.	Palenque LSNA	Program	18 months to 3 years	cc at in cc st G tc pl he	each out to local olleges to inquire bout students nterested in onducting a food tudy of Logan sqaure. ive special attention o argiculture, lanning or public ealth (and adjacent) rograms.	U of C; UIC; Local Colleges		Students or schools may not be in- terested and/or the study may take more time that a semester or year. It might take more programming on Palenque's part.	4	\$		
1.3	Create and circulate pamphlets and other information about food resources in the community, including local community gardens, groceries, pantries, and truck and cart vendors offering.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	Lo or so hi Lo	ocate other food rganization in Logan quare and identify igh-priority areas in ogan square that may eed this information.				2	\$		
1.4	Use Social Media and virtual spaces to circulate information about food resources in the community.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	w m ci at or	Itilize Palenque's vebsite and social nedia profile to irculate information bout food rganizations in the rea.				2	\$		

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1. Logan So	quare will provide access to fresh produce and for	od (cont).								
1.5	Coordinate with community homeowners and property owners to purchase vacant lots through the large lots program and convert them into gardens.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	3+ years	Canvas Logan Sqaure neighborhoods to identify homeowners who would be interested in purchasing vacant lots.	Community members	CHIditarod Grant Program – CHIditarod Shopping Cart Race	Palenque will need to convince homeowners why purchasing these lots and turning them into gardens would benefit the community. Purchasing these lots through the Large Lots Program may also be difficult because it is a rotating program that has a long process. Converting vacant lots costs a lot of money and labor, planting di- rectly in soil is not recommended. Palenque and community members may need to reach out to other gar- deners or farms in Chicago, inkind materials, and rely on volunteers or community members.	5	\$\$\$\$
1.6	Identify existing community gardens to organize a network of gardens in Logan Square.	Palenque LSNA	Program	3+ years	Talk to owners of these gardens about starting a garden network. See if they are members of the CCGA.	Community garden organizers; resident gardeners		Gardeners may not be interested, and if they are starting a network depends on creating other garden spaces.	3	\$\$\$
1.7	Facilitate conversations with Urban farms and gardens across Chicago through the CCGA.	Palenque LSNA		0 to 18 months	Reach out to the CCGA.	CCGA; The Talking Farm (case study in Skokie)			3	\$
1.8	Partner with CCGA and form a garden committee to maintain urban gardens.	Palenque LSNA		Ongoing		CCGA		CCGA may not have capacity.	3	\$
2. Logan S	quare will create better food systems in the neigh	iborhood.	1			r	r		r	
2.1	Take part in the Good Food Purchasing Program.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	Ongoing	Sign-up for more information and reach out to the Chicago Food Policy Action Council.	Chicago Food Policy Action Council			3	\$
2.2	Create a hyperlocal food system in Logan Square .	Palenque LSNA	Program	3+ years	Begin to research hy- perlocal food systems and toolkits.	Greater Chicago Food Depository; Feeding America	USDA Urban Agriculture Programs at a Glance	Demands a lot of research and funding.	5	\$\$\$\$

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2. Logan So	quare will create better food systems in the neigh	nborhood (cont).				· ·	-	-			
2.3	Partner with Chicago Botanic Gardens to create an urban farm.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	3+ years	Reach out to CBG about the feasibility of an urban farm. Potentially reach out to Farm on Ogden to see how they fostered this partnership.	Chicago Botanic Gardens; The Talking Farm (case study in Skokie)		May demand a lot of funding and no clear instructions about CBG created or supported Farm on Ogden. Demands more research out outreach to find out the details of that partnership.	3	\$\$	
2.4	Identify and foster relationships with churches in the neighborhood to leverage spaces for food pantries.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	Reach out to local churches about creating food pantries in the area.	Local Churches		Churches may not have capacity or may not be interested in food pantries.	2	\$	
2.5	Research local resources and regulations.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months					3	\$	
2.6	Conduct a food needs assessment of Logan Square.	Palenque LSNA	Program	0 to 18 months	Reach out to local colleges to inquire about students interested in conducting a food needs assessment of Logan Square. Give special attention to agriculture, planning or public health (and adjacent) programs. Northwestern's public health program has partnered with Bickerdike before.	Local Colleges			4	\$	
2.7	Organize timed food drives.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	Advertise food drives to Logan Square residents.	Churches/ Community Members		Dependent on securing food pantry locations and the donations brought in by residents. May also demand volunteers to come help organize or sort products once this program is running.	5	\$	

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3. Logan S	quare will offer nutritional programming and train	ning to the commu	nity, including in pu I	ublic schools.			Community		1				
3.1	Use garden spaces to provide programming and training to the community, including youth.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	۲ د د	Partner with CPS schools and gardeners to create programming around school gardens.	garden organizers; resident gardeners; CPS	Seed Grants	Coordinating the ongoing projects to see them through completion.	4	\$\$		
3.2	Create a recipe book or recipe cards for community members.	Palenque LSNA	Program	18 months to 3 years						2	\$		
3.3	Partner with Bickerdike and other organizations to create nutritional cooking classes.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	E	Reach out to Bickerdike about nutritional classes/ programming events.	Bickerdike			3	\$		
3.4	Identify key individuals in Logan Square who can provide nutritional programming and education.	Palenque LSNA	Program	18 months to 3 years			Local restaurants and chefs; community garden organizers; resident gardeners			3	\$		
3.5	Coordinate with public schools to hold nutritional-oriented events (i.e. garden/nature walks).	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	s a ( ( ( ( ( ( ( ()))))))))))))))))))))	Reach out to CPS schools about walks and field trips to garden spaces in Chicago/nearby communities. Reach out to other farms and gardens in Chicago.	Local schools; CPS			3	\$		
3.6	Advocate for required nutritional programming in public schools.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	Ongoing	r t	Urge CPS schools to participate in the Farm to School Program in Chicago.	Local schools; CPS			3	\$		

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4. Logan S	Square will ensure parks and other outdoor spaces	s provide for physic	cal activity and pase	sive recreation.								
4.1	Advocate for park infrastructure for children.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	Ongoing		Chicago Park District			4	\$		
4.2	Hold health-oriented events (i.e. yoga, zumba, dancing).	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing		Chicago Park District; local activity instructors			4	\$\$		
4.3	Advocate for benches and other park amenities.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	Ongoing		Chicago Park District			4	\$		
5. Logan S	Square will provide for a more sustainable and resi	ilient built environr	nent in the neighbo	Jrhood.								
5.1	Use the 2018 feasibility study conducted by Elevated Chicago and CNT to guide implementation of solutions to address flooding and other environmental concerns in Logan Square.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	3+ years		CNT; Elevated Chicago			4	\$\$		
5.2	Utilize CMAP's Community Area Emissions Summary as a baseline to establish appropriate benchmarks and action steps for reduced greenhouse gas emissions to reach in the short- and long-terms.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	3+ years		CMAP; CNT			4	\$\$		
5.3	Coordinate with local Ward offices to identify blocks to implement the City's Green Alley Program as part of a local pilot program.	Palenque LSNA	Infrastructure	3+ years		Ward offices; CDOT			4	\$\$\$\$		
6. Logan S	Square will provide students with healthy, consiste	ent meals.										
6.1	Compile a case of spoiled foods provided by Aramark.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	Reach out to parents about the food being provided at CPS schools in the area.	Parents of school students; local schools; CPS			2	\$		
6.2	Reach out to representatives to discuss Aramark services.	Palenque LSNA	Program	18 months to 3 years	Communicate Armark findings to alderpersons and other govt. representatives.	Parents of school students; local schools; CPS			3	\$		

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6. Logan S	Gquare will provide students with healthy, consiste	ent meals (cont).			· · · · ·			•		
6.3	Utilize school garden spaces to provide fresh produce to students.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing		Parents of school students; local schools; CPS			3	\$\$\$
6.4	Advocate for the reversal of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act 2010.	Palenque LSNA	Policy	Ongoing	Publicize Armark findings.	Parents of school students; local schools; CPS		This is a federal level program that may be hard to address.	4	\$
6.5	Form a food campaign within local schools and recreate the farm-to-table model.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	They've implemented this model. Identify parents and teachers	Parents of school students; local schools; CPS		Depends on the food council within the schools and participation in the farm to table program in Chicago.	4	\$
7. Logan S	quare will advocate for Mental Health Resources	in Logan Square.								
7.1	Coordinate with Mayor Johnson's office and their mental health campaign.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	advocate for resources.	Mayor's Office			2	\$
7.2	Continue to add mental health services in the community.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	Utilize connections within the city government to advocate for resources.	Ward offices			4	\$\$

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7. Logan S	quare will advocate for Mental Health Resources	in Logan Square (	cont).	y								
7.3	Coordinate with Thresholds to open a new location or provide care in a key area in Logan Square.	Palenque LSNA	Program	18 months to 3 years	May not have capacity or desire to open a new location or pro- vide care in an area that does not have a location. (They do have a location in the Austin Community).	Ward offices			3	\$		
7.4	Coordinate with the new Hermosa, Logan Square, and Avondale Mental Health Clinic to provide mental health support to the Logan Square community, primarily newcomers.	Palenque LSNA	Program	Ongoing	health clinic about providing care and provide information to residents about the care provided by the bealth clinic	Hermosa, Logan Square, and Avondale Mental Health Clinic (opened in 2020-2021)			3	\$\$		