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FAR SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

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The Far South Neighborhood Network was launched in 2022 and includes 13 communities on Chicago's South Side: Altgeld Gardens, Calumet Heights, Cottage Grove Heights, Fernwood, Golden Gates, London Towne, Morgan Park, Pullman, Roseland, Roseland Heights, Rosemoor, Washington Heights, and West Pullman. The lead agency for the Network is **Far South Chicago Coalition**, which will continue to engage their existing coalition and implement their vision to improve the quality of life for residents that have faced systemic disinvestment in their communities.

The Far South communities are rich in natural and cultural assets rooted in African American culture. The Far South is home to the Cal-Sag River and Channel, which was a part of the Underground Railroad, and the National APR Pullman Porter Museum & Pullman Visitor Center, which celebrates the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the first African American labor union in the country to win a collective bargaining agreement. The once bustling business and cultural corridor has seen a dramatic decline over the years. However, the region is poised for a revival due to the rise of resident-led programming and the return of local business.

LEAD AGENCY

Far South Chicago Coalition

COMMUNITY VISION

Caring community leaders, business owners, and engaged residents working together to create a thriving community

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES: A DUAL APPROACH IN FAR SOUTH



NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK IN ACTION

In 2021, the Far South Chicago Coalition released its Quality-of-Life Plan with the vision: "We are many bodies, but one mind, making a difference in the lives of people of the Far Southside of Chicago." **Issues areas and goals include:**

- **Communication & Collaboration:** The Far Southside of Chicago will close communication gaps and encourage collaboration.
- **Housing:** All residents of the Far Southside of Chicago will be empowered through homeownership and improved housing opportunities, especially our seniors.
- **Economic Development:** The Far Southside of Chicago will circulate and recycle the community dollar in Far South Chicago's Ethnic Wall Street by supporting each other economically.
- **Community Self-Care & Mental Health:** The Far Southside of Chicago will remove the mental health stigma and provide more services to address the community towards self-care and caring for each other, especially our children in the legislative system.
- **Culturally Vibrant Spaces & Environmental Justice:** The Far Southside of Chicago will preserve and cultivate cultural pride by improving visibility and unity across the region through beautification, introductions to green economies, and environmental justice.



"The investment in the Far South Chicago Coalition is not just an investment in a group of people; it is an investment in the residents, organizations, and future of the Far South Side. Through our continued partnership with United Way, FSCC is strengthening a connected and sustainable network of community partners equipped to collaborate, share resources, and respond to residents' evolving needs. By aligning organizations around a shared vision and the Quality of Life Plan, FSCC is helping partners leverage their collective strengths, expand opportunities, and produce meaningful economic and community change that can be sustained for generations.



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