Flooding impacting > 140 acres (~20% of total land in Robbins or 0.22 sq. miles)
Challenges of the Previous Work

- Engineered solutions focused only on stormwater management
  - Effective, but high cost ($6M)
  - Provided 25-year level of protection
  - Solution impacted at least some homes
  - Plans for future development incomplete and not integrated with stormwater alternatives
  - No added benefits beyond flood control
Continuous Flooding
Lack of investment & services
Vacant land
Lack of sports fields
Lack of major open spaces
Poor relationship to transit
Opportunities

“Let’s design a flood control solution that will maximize local assets and spur economic development.”
Vision Plan for Robbins

- MWRD would like to assist in implementing a local plan
- Maximize local assets
  - People
  - History
  - Transportation
  - Proximity to industry, city
- Guided by and partnered with the Village
Job creation
Potential for transit-oriented development
Creation of recreational spaces
Connections to the regional resources
Community Engagement

Public meetings and workshops

1. No Relocation of Residents
2. Solve the Flooding
3. Respect and engage the historic legacy of Robbins
4. Attract new residents
5. Facilitate development of affordable housing and retail
6. Inspire job creation
7. Create space for youth sports and seniors
8. Engage nature through learning, fishing, walking, & rowing
9. Establish a strategy for maintenance and maximizing the value of land around the park
Vision:
A green-blue stormwater solution for Robbins which includes wetlands, lakes, parks and playfields
3 Development Districts

District 1 – Robbins Park
District 2 – Transit-Oriented Development District
District 3 – Industrial District
Core Group for Infrastructure and Pre-Development Leadership:
Village of Robbins
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
Cook County
South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority

Land Holders:
South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority
Cook County Land Bank Authority
Housing Authority of Cook County
OpenLands

Stakeholder Engagement

Technical Experts:
Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
Regional Transit Authority
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Chicago Botanic Garden
The Nature Conservancy
South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association

Funders/Influencers:
Cook County
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Illinois Housing Development Authority
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
The Nature Conservancy
South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association
Metropolitan Planning Council

Other Interested Partners:
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Chicagoland Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Argonne National Lab
Illinois Association of Park Districts

Stewards/Workforce:
U.S. Department of Defense / Innovative Readiness Training Program
Morton Arboretum
Chicago Botanic Garden
OAI, Inc.
Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Millennium Reserve

Potential Private Partners:
UIC’s Voorhees Center
Impact Engine
MacArthur Foundation
Grand Victoria Foundation
Chicago Community Trust
Rural Studio
Corvias
Owner of Robbins Power Center
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