TOD and Industrial Plan
One of the first African-American municipalities incorporated for African-Americans migrating from the South in 1917

- Built without traditional planning layout.
  - Many streets were unpaved
  - Rural look and feel

- First African-American owned airport
Demographics

- Pop. Approx. 5200
- 95% African-American
- Median Age = 39
- Median Income = $24,000
- Increasing Latino population
• Underutilized lots and limited retail options
• Limited developable land due to flooding
• Potential for infrastructure improvements
• Surrounding South Suburbs

Neighborhood Character
Flooding (Pre-Robbins Park)
Flooding (Post Robbins Park)
Regional Trails
Transit Oriented Development

- Robbins Metra Station (Rock Island)
  - Rebuilt in 2008
  - ~90 weekday riders
  - ~60% of station area is vacant
- Previous RTA study completed in 2002
- CMAP, RTA & consultant collaboration
- Scope of Work
  - Review existing conditions
  - Interview stakeholders
  - Analyze market for housing and economic development
  - Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to transit
Industrial Development

- Site was waste-to-energy Resource Recovery Facility in 1997
  - Closed in 2000

- Anaerobic Digestion proposal to produce and sell methane gas
Community Outreach

• Kick Off meeting - April 16th
• Outreach Methods
  • Website & Facebook
  • Online Survey & Kiosk
  • Bi-lingual Postcards (also Spanish)
  • Cable access channel
  • Festivals and Events
• Steering Committee
• Key-person interviews underway
Thank You