

Chicago, Illinois Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment
46	Chicago	IL0002	199932	16	37	23

The Chicago RC is composed of seventy-one census tracts in a section of the City's south side.

Through its Course of Action, the Chicago RC will focus on specific strategies, highlights of a few of which are as follows:

Reduction of Tax Rates and Fees. Actions that this RC has in place and/or will undertake to reduce tax rates and fees include:

- Reduction of tax rates applying within the RC: the proposed RC shares a substantial border with the south cluster of Chicago's Round I EZ. The City believes that the goals of both the EZ and RC programs require that the employment tax credits available to EZ employers of EZ residents, and RC employers of RC residents, also be available to EZ employers of RC residents and RC employers of EZ residents.
- Fee waivers: Starting in 1994 the City, through its Empowerment Zone Office working with the Departments of buildings, Planning and Development, Water, Sewers and Transportation, offers fee waivers on construction and rehabilitation projects within the EZ and the State-designated Enterprise Communities. The proposed RC includes one EC and a portion of another.
- Property Tax Incentive Program: This program provides financial assistance to attract new industry, stimulate expansion of existing industry and increase employment opportunities. The City commits to work with businesses and community-based organizations in the RC to identify and to develop business projects that will qualify for these tax incentives, with an emphasis on retaining current jobs and creating new ones.

Improving Local Services: Actions that this RC has in place and/or will undertake to improve local services include:

- 311 Service Request System: The City commits to give special attention to analyzing non-emergency service requests from the RC, to identify recurrent problems that should be addressed and to resolve problems in the shortest possible time.
- One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS), Inc.: The OSCS is a 501(c)(3) established through the EZ.EC program to assist and facilitate financing for inner-city businesses. The City commits to expand the coverage area of the OSCS to the full RC within four months of designation, or April 30, whichever is later.

Crime Reduction Strategies: Actions that this RC has in place and/or will undertake to reduce crime include:

- Community Youth Pilot Program, designed to reduce/eliminate juvenile recidivism.
- Chicago Alternative Policing Strategies, designed to involve neighborhood residents and organizations in assisting the CPD in combating crime.