



# 2019

## YEAR IN REVIEW

For Elevated Chicago, 2019 was marked with an active slate of programs, advocacy work and grant-making, along with the celebration of our second anniversary. Here is a look back at our 2019 highlights.



### JANUARY

Our research and advocacy led to passage of an eTOD ordinance by Chicago's City Council, expanding TOD incentives to bus routes and requiring an equity-based policy plan



### FEBRUARY

A \$300,000 grant launches Culture & Climate Resiliency 2.0 and EcoDistricts work in our eHubs, leading to projects that combine arts and storm-water management near CTA stations



### MARCH

Our eTOD symposium at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago brings together 200 local and national experts, and debuts the Undesign The Redline exhibit in Chicago



### APRIL

After Chicago's historic mayoral election, our program director and Steering Committee members are appointed co-chairs and members of Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot's Transition Committees, producing a final report that includes a section on eTOD



### MAY

Funded by the Chicago Department of Public Health, \$150,000 in walkability grants is awarded to six community-based groups working in Elevated Chicago eHubs



### JUNE

Our largest funder, *Strong, Prosperous And Resilient Communities Challenge* (SPARCC), starts the three-year (2020-2022) renewal of its national initiative with support for Elevated Chicago and the other five cities in the cohort: Atlanta, Denver, Los Angeles, Memphis, and the San Francisco Bay Area



### JULY

Chicago's Office of the Mayor, city agencies and CMAP began pilot use of Elevated Chicago Community Engagement Principles and Recommendations



### AUGUST

We led an eTOD presentation for a 50-person delegation of City of Indianapolis and informed a 2020 site visit for 100+ leaders from Atlanta



### SEPTEMBER

We honed our Elevated Chicago "Plus" strategy (of working beyond our seven eHubs) with a tour of the 95th/State hub with CTA and Endeledo Institute (which was preceded earlier in the year by a tour of Wilson and Lawrence hubs with CTA and ONE Northside)



### OCTOBER

Elevated Chicago hosted the closing convening of SPARCC 1.0. with nearly 100 leaders from Enterprise Community Partners, NRDC, LIIF and sister cities



### NOVEMBER

We partnered with CNT and Enterprise Community Partners to produce a youth summit on urban planning with nearly 70 participants. The event was part of our climate resiliency strategy and our future youth engagement plan



### DECEMBER

Our steering committee awarded \$500,000 – our largest grants to date – as Equity Forward capital grants for predevelopment of community centers, affordable housing, vacant land activation, and community land trusts in our eHubs

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