

CUDAHY'S VISION: A VIBRANT ACCESSIBLE LAKEFRONT COMMUNITY

1. Neighborhood reinvestment & homeownership

2. Energized avenues

3. South Shore transit hub

4. Manufacturing strength & innovation

5. Lake Michigan Access



Initiatives

1. Invest in Cudahy's neighborhoods, advancing homeownership and walkable, friendly environments

- Bring more young families to Cudahy, working in collaboration with educational partners.
- Capitalize on the existing housing stock and provide clean, safe neighborhoods through focused action and resident and property owner cooperation.
- Increase the City's homeownership rate, particularly by focusing on neighborhoods with less than 50 percent homeownership.
- Create a focused message to market Cudahy's desired image in the region and among residents.
- Advance community, personal, and environmental health, focusing on new cultural and recreational opportunities.

2. Enliven the City's commercial avenues with an attractive mix of uses and activities

- Promote mixed-use redevelopment and quality appearance along the City's commercial avenues.
- Strengthen regional accessibility via the Lake Parkway, Cudahy's primary roadway connections, the bus system, and commuter rail.
- Maintain good roads, utilities, parks, schools, and services as the backbone for Cudahy's growth.
- Assure that new development contributes to the City's distinct character, urban form, and community health.

3. Promote Downtown Cudahy as the South Shore's transit-oriented, vibrant activity hub

- Continue downtown momentum with commuter rail station planning and development, public events and gathering venues, and aesthetic and road improvements.
- Preserve the historic flavor of the downtown.
- Collaborate with neighboring communities and General Mitchell International Airport to advance Cudahy's position in the South Shore area.

4. Celebrate Cudahy's manufacturing strength and heritage and grow innovative industries

- Maintain Cudahy's strong employment base by retaining the City's best existing businesses and attracting new businesses.
- Maintain Cudahy as an accessible place to run a business.
- Collaborate with local companies to encourage community involvement and improvements to property appearance, such as along Packard and Whitnall Avenues.

5. Capitalize on Cudahy's Lake Michigan access

- Collaborate with the County Parks Department to increase use of, access to, and views of, the lake.
- Increase community activity and programming in public spaces along Lake Michigan.

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