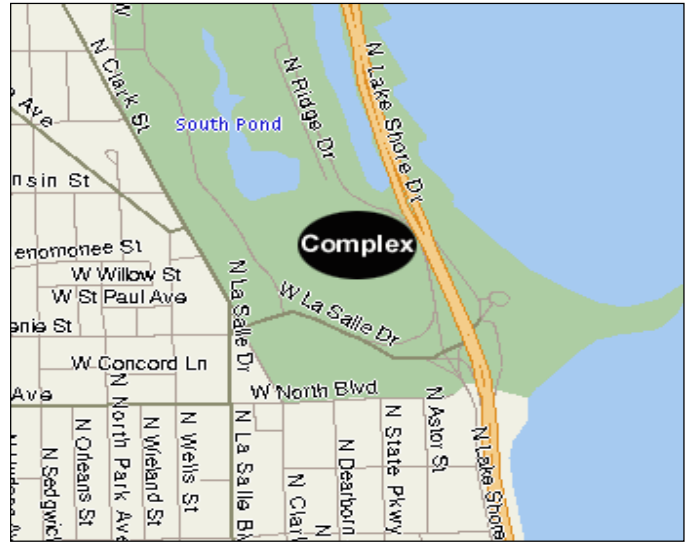


KEEP LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC

Keep Lincoln Park Public is an organization of concerned citizens opposed to the City Park District's ("CPD") proposal to build an oval shaped athletic field/jogging track ("sports complex") on 4 acres of open park space in the oldest and most historic section of Lincoln Park.

- 1) **Limited Use** – The area currently welcomes a multitude of recreational activities, including family picnics, various community fairs, fundraisers, and events, Frisbee, baseball, daily Boys and Girls Clubs activities, dog walkers, volleyball, tai chi, etc. Construction of this project will effectively eliminate the enjoyment of these populist activities, replacing this flexible, multi-use area with a structured, restricted one.
- 2) **"Lungs of the City"** - This is how Daniel Burnham and other original park proponents referred to Lincoln Park. Used by 7 out of 10 Chicago residents annually, these visitors overwhelmingly responded in a survey that the park's most highly valued features are its "open spaces".



Proposed site of park obstruction

The City Park District's own Lincoln Park Framework Plan, a plan for management and restoration of Lincoln Park, clearly states that the goal is to "respect and enhance existing land uses of historic significance and prohibit new facilities and land uses that are unrelated to historic land uses and that are not dependent upon being in Lincoln Park."

- 3) **Public vs. Private** – The athletic field/jogging track, with artificial turf, is proposed to cost \$2.2 million. One third of the proposed cost has been offered by the Latin School, which is located a few blocks from the proposed site, with the remaining expense to be covered by you the tax payer. Lincoln Park is Chicago's regional park. It is "unlike neighborhood parks; regional parks serve users from throughout the city, region and country." This definition of Lincoln Park as a regional park is listed as one of three key themes of the Framework Plan, "a vision of what this lakefront park should become and a direction for its evolution."

Time is of the essence.

We need your and your friends' support on this issue. Please visit the KLPP Website for updated information on how you can help.

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