

### Permeable Alleys

The city launched a pilot program to test permeable alleys, which allow rainwater to be returned to the ground, rather than running off into the overtaxed wastewater system.



### Green Housing Demonstration Project

The city and its partners retrofitted four abandoned bungalows with green technologies, and built five energy-efficient homes. "We want affordable housing not just to be affordable to buy but affordable to operate," the Department of Environment's David Reynolds says.

### Greentown

Many of Chicago's landscaping companies are located in the suburbs, so Mayor Daley is creating an enterprise zone on the beleaguered west side to attract them, nurseries, and other green businesses that will employ residents and spur economic development.

## Greening the Windy City

Chicago took first place in 2003's Nations in Bloom: The International Awards for Livable Communities for its holistic approach to urban environmentalism. The competition is run by a nonprofit based in Berkshire, England. "They were amazed that Mayor Daley turned Meigs Field into a park," says Shirli McMAYON, Director of Natural Resources for the Chicago Park District and lead organizer of the award presentation, which took place in Apeldoorn, Netherlands. "It clearly showed that the mayor is passionate about green space."

LEED Library 

Green Roof 

Green Fueling Station 

City Hall

### Northerly Island

Formerly Meigs Field, this was home to a small airport until Mayor Daley took it over and converted it into a park and nature preserve. The area was envisioned by Daniel Burnham as a park when he unveiled his White City at the Columbia Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

### Garfield Park Conservatory

Millions of dollars have been spent restoring the conservatory, which had fallen into disrepair due to a lack of resources and become a bastion of patronage jobs. It is now at the center of a neighborhood revitalization effort on the west side of Chicago, where the destruction from the 1968 riots is still evident.



### Large-Scale Brownfield Remediation Sites

The City of Chicago has borrowed more than \$70 million from the federal government to remediate hundreds of acres of brownfield sites, taking on liabilities that most cities avoid.

### Calumet Open Space Reserve

This program will rehabilitate one of the largest wetland areas in North America. Despite numerous abandoned industrial sites more than 2,000 species thrive in the area. The Ford Calumet Environmental Center, designed by Studio Gang, will serve as a resource for industrial remediation and community activism.

