

The scarcity of housing for low income people in Chicago makes it necessary to avoid clearing residential buildings wherever possible. In view of the fact that there are only 1.4 acres of park in North Kenwood-Oakland, (compared to 80.8 in Hyde Park and 79.0 in South Shore) there is a great need to increase the total park acreage without clearing housing.

One alternative is to make use of local street rights-of-way, such as 37th street, 41st street, and 45th street. There is an abandoned railroad right-of-way at 41st street which could be used as the first step in a continuous park mall plan.

These rights-of-way alone would add 11 acres of park to North Kenwood-Oakland without clearing one building. It would also be much safer for children to walk to school because there would be no through traffic. The through traffic would be eliminated by use of turnarounds at the ends of local streets. At a later date, these narrow walkways could be expanded to include athletic fields, community facilities, shopping, and enlarged school sites.

Another alternative is to use vacant lots and combined back yards and alleys for scattered "vest pocket" parks. The main advantage to this is the nearness of apartment and play space. There could be a park within full view of every apartment. There is also the advantage of "local option". Each block could make its own decision on whether it wanted a park and what facilities should be included.

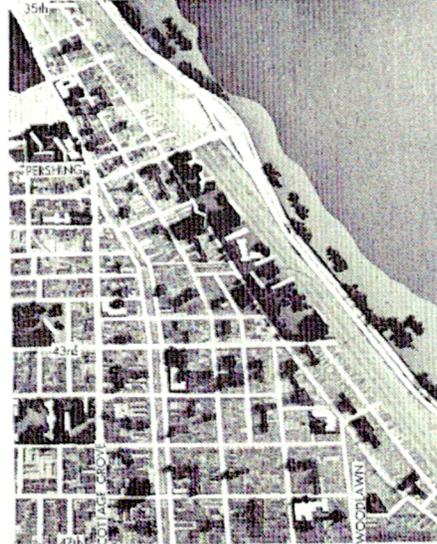
In both alternatives, it would be possible to include a system of day care centers, toilets, and tot lots, all within easy walking distance of the home.



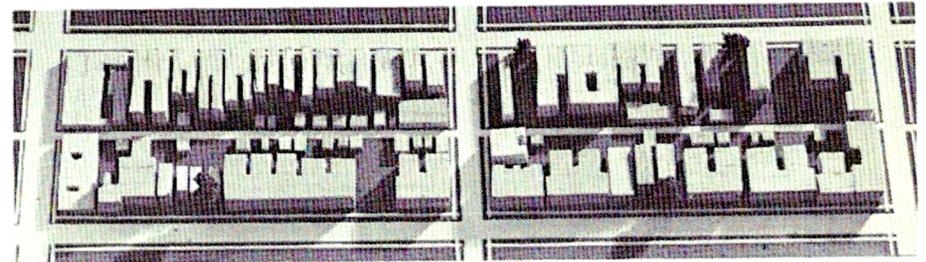
**VIEW OF GREENWAY
45th & GREENWOOD LOOKING EAST TOWARD WOODLAWN**



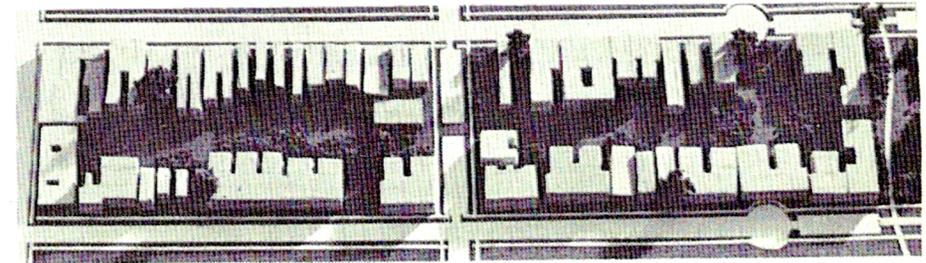
CONTINUOUS PARK MALL



**SCATTERED BACK YARD AND
"VEST POCKET" PARKS**



EXISTING STREETS AND ALLEYS



ALLEYS AND VACANT LOTS CONVERTED TO PARKS