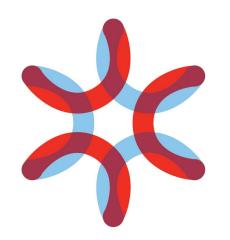


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AEG Chicago Q1 Stakeholder Challenge: Critical Infrastructure & Resilience

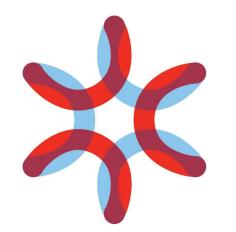
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Introduction to the IMD

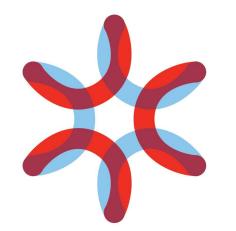
- Established in 1941 via an act of the IL General Assembly
- 560 acres of:
 - Hospitals
 - Universities
 - Medical research facilities and labs
 - Biotech business incubator
 - Government agencies
 - Raw land development acres (~29 acres)
 - Over 40 healthcare related facilities



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Root Problem

Historically, development patterns, plans and zoning regulations in the IMD have not prioritized sustainability. As sustainability has emerged as a critical component of urban development, the IMD has worked to align its strategies with modern recommendations.



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Key Obstacle

The IMD has included sustainability initiatives in its master plan and design guidelines. Legislative efforts are ongoing to adopt measurable sustainable design standards that will ensure developments in the IMD follow a more universal sustainability strategy.



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Benefits

- Lower carbon footprint
- Improved health outcomes
- Higher quality of life
- Closing health equity gaps
- Creating a denser and more well-connected urban environment

To achieve Chicago's Carbon & Equity goals, the most critical obstacle for Illinois Medical District to overcome is:

Completing procedures that will allow us to formally adopt modern sustainability goals in our written plans and zoning regulations, which will guide future developments toward becoming part of a more universally sustainable ecosystem in the IMD.

