



History of Lakeside

1880

Rolling Mill Co. opened its South Works facility on the Lakeside location. Originally outside Chicago's city limits, the site was annexed by Chicago in 1899.



1901

After 21 years of operation under the Rolling Mill Company, South Works was acquired by U.S. Steel and grew to be the largest producer of structural steel in the world.



1958

The mill produced steel that built America's roads, bridges, skyscrapers and cities. In its prime, the mill employed 20,000 people.

Generations of South Chicago families grew up in the shadows of the mills, benefiting from the jobs and economic activity generated by the steel industry until the late 1970s and 1980s when the steel mills throughout the area began to close.



1992

U.S. Steel at South Works closes their mill due to market forces affecting the entire U.S. steel industry.

1997

More than 100 buildings that once stood on the site were demolished. The closure of this plant and other industries had a devastating impact on the communities of South Chicago.

1999

In April 1998, SOM and the City of Chicago led a team of planners, community leaders, and concerned individuals in the creation of a vision document to plan for the future of the historic South Works site. The design called for a new lakeside community providing housing, services, economic activities, and open spaces for Southeast Chicago residents.

Building upon that vision, in February 1999, the City of Chicago issued *From Steeltown to Hometown: A New Era for South Chicago & South Works*, providing a document which presented a framework for future development.

2004-2007

Chicago Lakeside Development, LLC acquires the site and creates a master plan with SOM, Sasaki Associates and Antunovich Associates.

2010 - Today

City of Chicago Plan Commission Approvals.

The Chicago Lakeside Master Plan, Phase 1 Residential / Business Planned Development and Lakefront Protection Ordinance is also approved.

RDA and TIF Financing (\$98M) for Phase 1 is approved.

Lake Shore Drive extension opens to public in Q3 2013