

## Environmental Justice: Rooting for Change Air quality and pollution

### Objectives

SWBAT draw on top of images of the Southside Recycling plant to reimagine the space as healthy, productive, beautiful, fun, positive and full of resources for people.

### Background information

[#GenerallronOut](#) was a protest movement that worked to stop General Iron, a metal scrapping company, from operating a new facility on the South Side of Chicago, after moving from Lincoln Park.

General Iron is a metal shredding facility that was located in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. After years of complaints from community members around safety hazards and air quality, the facility was closed and relocated to Chicago's Southeast Side with the new name, [Southside Recycling](#). This new facility is located just 500 yards away from Washington High School and Elementary School. The surrounding neighborhoods are predominantly Latinx and Black.

With the protests, the [permit](#) for Southside Recycling to begin operating was not granted. The protests worked! For now, the facility will not operate and pollute the air of the surrounding communities. [Timeline](#) of events.

### Student facing presentation materials

#### [Slides](#)

#### Materials

- Low-opacity prints of aerial shots of halted facility (printed by Alphagraphics on 12"x18" cardstock)
- [Tempera paint sticks](#)
- [Skinny Sharpies](#)

**DAY 1:** Introduction with slides, class brainstorm to create a word bank full of ideas for things that could be part of a community, begin working on paper with sharpies and paint sticks. The materials can be used interchangeably, as the sharpie does work on top of the dried paint stick. Students may use pencil first if they want to.

**DAY 2:** Finishing details



