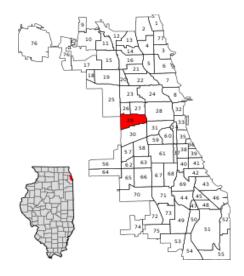
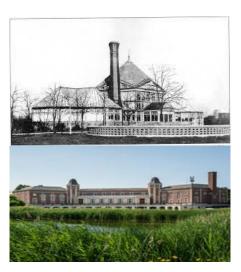


# **Douglass Park**





The former Douglas Park is a large Chicago Park District park that serves as a cultural and community center on the West Side of Chicago, Illinois. It was named after pre-American Civil War, U.S. Senator Stephen A. Douglas, but in 2020 the Park District voted to remove that name. It was renamed Douglass (Frederick and Anna) Park, for abolitionist Frederick Douglass and his wife Anna Murray Douglass. In 1934, Douglas Park became part of the Chicago Park District, when the city's 22 independent park commissions merged into a single citywide agency.

The park has served as a central location for recreation since it was first built. It currently houses a miniature course, five playgrounds, an outdoor swimming pool, soccer fields, basketball courts, and an oval running track. The park also retains its original lagoon, a wide variety of trees, and the original Jenney designed stone bridge. The greenhouse that attracted visitors from throughout city was torn down in 1905. Beginning in 2015, the park is the new home of the Riot Fest.

# OLYMPIC BID

Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid included plans to host the Olympic cycling competitions in this park, including a velodrome and a BMX course

# **RIOT FEST**

Riot Fest is an annual threeday music festival based in Chicago, Illinois, at Douglas Park. It specializes in rock, punk, alternative rock, and hip hop.

# **Population Demographics**

Total Population: 33,854

Median Age: 30.4

• Black: 87.4%

Hispanic or Latinx: 8.8%

Asian: 0.2%

• White: 3.0%

### **Economic Profile**

Owner Occupied: 18.8%

• Renter Occupied: 58.1%

 Median Household Income: \$26,781

#### **Education Statistics**

No Highschool: 24.5%

Highschool: 31.2%

Associate's Degree: 5.8%

Bachelor's Degree: 8.4%

Graduate Degree: 3.9%

# MUSIC FEST

Douglas Park is home to the Chicago Westside Music Festival, free annual festival created to fill cultural void on West Side of Chicago.