

# ChicagoHistoryMuseum

## Plan It!

### READ:

In 1909, architect and urban designer Daniel Burnham led a group of businessmen, civic leaders, planners and city developers in writing the *Plan of Chicago*. This plan was produced in partnership with the Commercial Club of Chicago. This was a group of leaders in business, education, cultural organizations, and philanthropy (giving money to support causes and organizations that help people). The plan gave city officials ideas for redesigning parts of the city and new things to add. Some of these ideas like Navy Pier, Grant Park, the Magnificent Mile, and the lakefront parks and paths were used! It also gave other cities around the country the idea to re-envision their own cities and how people live and work in them. City planners still use some of these ideas when designing cities today!

### DO:

- **Look** at the pictures from the 1909 Plan. How are things drawn? What details are shown? What makes these drawings unique?
- **Create** your own picture of what your community should look like! Be sure to think about: what kind of buildings you will need, how people will get around, and how to make it unique.
- **Build** your city out of building toys.

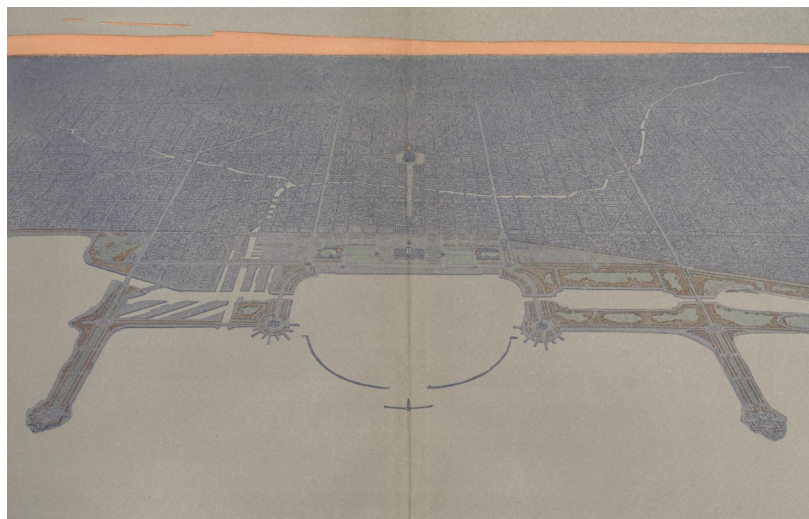
**Approx. Time:** 30—45 minutes

**Materials:**

- ⇒ Paper/Pencil
- ⇒ Drawing Supplies
- ⇒ Building Toys

### SHARE:

- **Share** your plan with your family, tell them about how your city is organized and what makes it special.
- **Post** pictures of your plan and built city on social media with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies.

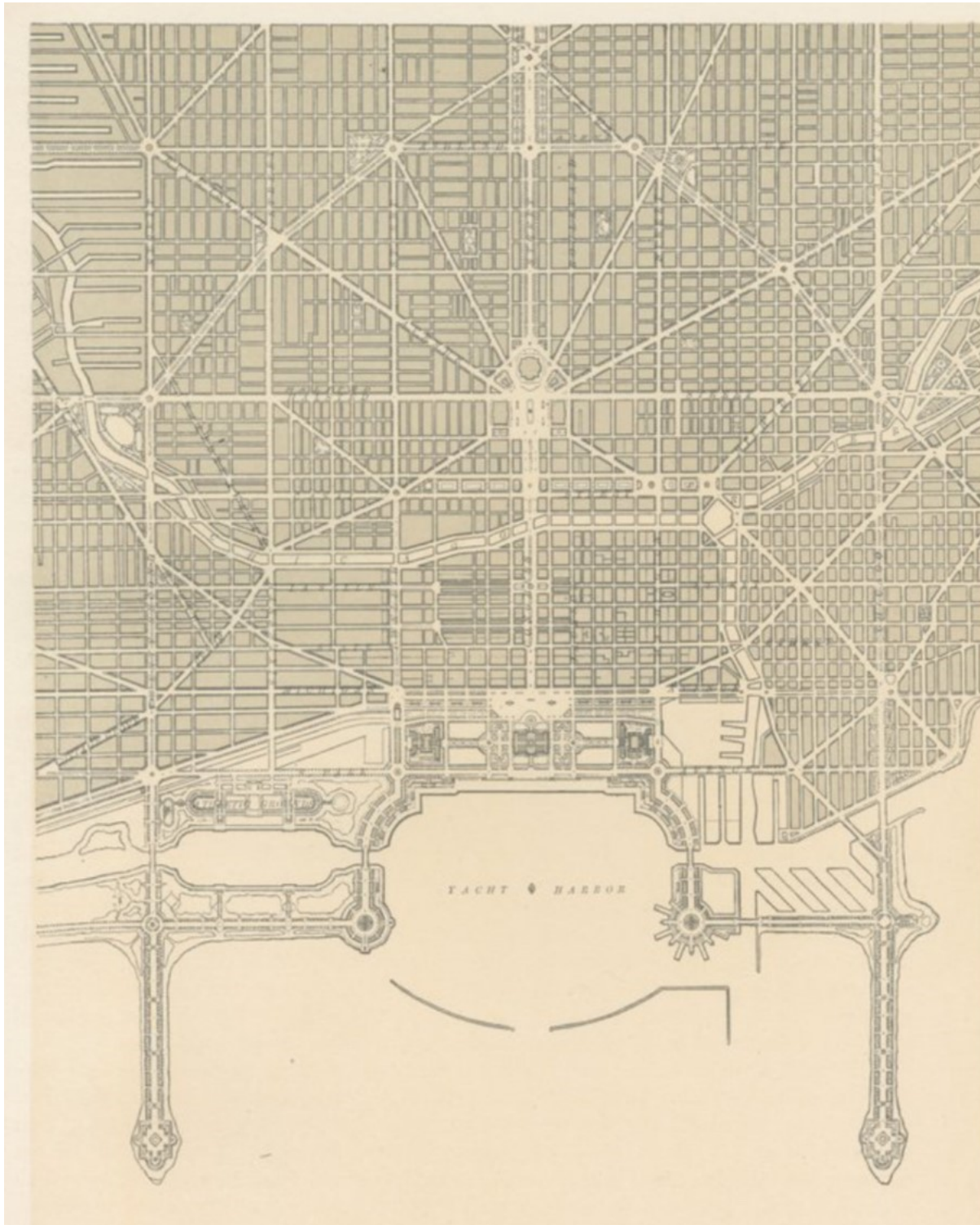


View of Chicago looking west. From the 1909 Plan of Chicago, Painting by Jules Guerin. ICHi-064844

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## 1909 Plan of Chicago—

Proposed map showing streets, railway stations, parks, harbors, Grant Park and the Loop area. The authors of the Plan wanted a city that worked as a complete unit.

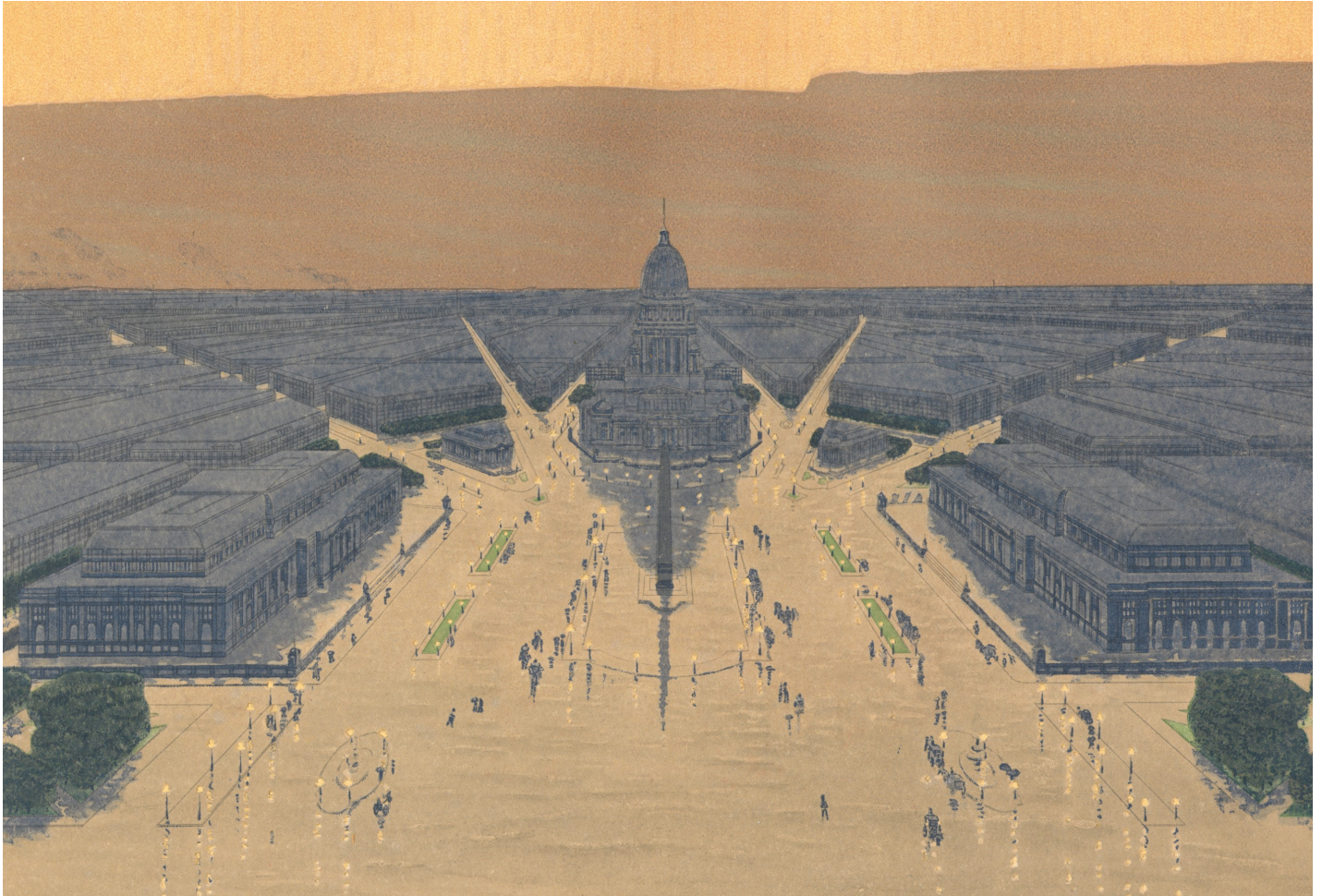


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## 1909 Plan of Chicago—

Proposed view of the Civic Center Plaza and its buildings. This would be the center of the city with roads and transportation leading to it. Painting by Jules Guerin.

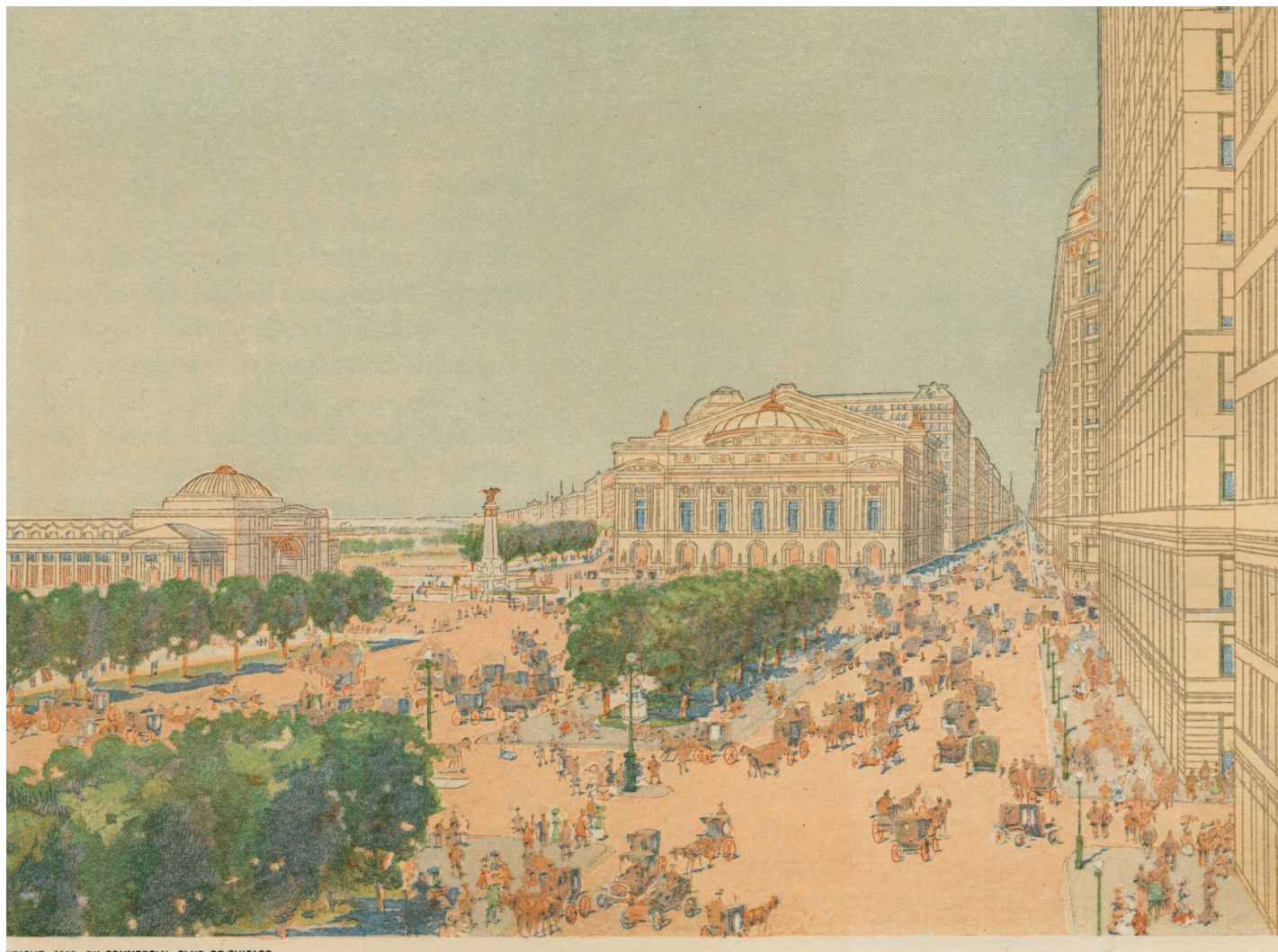


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## 1909 Plan of Chicago—

Proposed drawing of Michigan Avenue looking south. Painting by Christopher Bagge.



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## 1909 Plan of Chicago—

Proposed view of Grant Park at night. You can also see the proposed harbor and lagoons and a large park area to the south. Painting by Jules Guerin.



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