

Ted Wysocki

As the President & CEO of CANDO (Chicago Association of Neighborhood Development Organizations) 1984 -- 2001 Chicago, IL

Ted Wysocki built the organization into the largest citywide coalition of economic development organizations in the US, with over 80 non-profit Chicago neighborhood-based retail and industrial development organizations and over 120 citywide non-profit and for-profit firms as members.

- Collaborated with the Chicago Department of Planning & Development to designate *Model Industrial Corridors*.
- Launched the *Retail Chicago* program in 1986 with the Chicago Department of Planning & Development.
- Initiated the *Demonstrating, Enabling & Empowering Development [DEED]* program to launch and support community development in Chicago's Auburn-Gresham, Englewood, North Lawndale, and West Humboldt Park communities.
- Developed *Brownfield Redevelopment Institute* with Empowerment Zone funding in 1995.
- Attracted capital, as a Community Development Financial Institution, for CANDO's *Self-Employment Loan Fund* to provide micro-financing for emerging women- and minority-owned businesses.
- Managed the *CANDO City-Wide Development Corporation* providing SBA and bank financing for Chicago businesses and the purchase and rehab of mixed-use properties.

As the President & CEO of Local Economic & Employment Development [LEED] Council d/b/a North Branch Works February 2002 – February 2014

Ted Wysocki advanced a community development model, which integrated economic & employment development programs with sustainable development by collaborating and partnering with local business, government, and community leaders.

- Secured federal Office of Community Services grant to establish loan fund for tenants of the *Green Exchange* [the redevelopment of the former Cooper Lamp Factory], who agree to hire low-income individuals.
- Designed and implemented two-year city TIF-funded *Community Jobs Initiative* initially focused on the Green Exchange which included a website, *worklocal.org*, to match residents to local job openings.
- Explored a social enterprise based on management of transitional jobs program, *Green LEEDers*, previously funded by the City, to provide further on-the-job training and work experience for graduates.
- Secured state funding for a *Green Careers Pathway* training program, which includes Green Carpentry & Weatherization, Solar Installation, and Home Energy Auditor training.
- Convened the *Chicagoland Green Collar Jobs Initiative* in 2007.
- Initiated *North River Corridor Infrastructure Task Force* to meet with City officials quarterly to identify & monitor improvements for traffic mitigation.
- Launched *Computer Skills Training* program for low-income Chicagoans in 2008, adding advanced MOS certifications in 2010 with state funding to *Eliminate the Digital Divide*.
- Directed the first demonstration corridor for the *Clean Air Counts* campaign of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus [2003-2007].
- Established *Entry-Level Industrial Skills Training [ELIST]* program for low-income, low-skilled Chicagoans in 2004 with state funding.