

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #48 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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What is a Special Service Area?

Special Service Areas (SSA's) are locally controlled, locally funded taxing districts for local community development.

Local taxpayers govern them, and the funds they receive are used for public way beautification and maintenance programs, enhanced security, and landscaping services.

SSAs levy funds by placing tax assessments on the tax-paying properties within its boundaries. There are over 50 SSAs in the City of Chicago. A volunteer commission of local taxpayers governs each SSA.

Old Town SSA #48 was established on December 9, 2009, and was successfully reconstituted in 2018.

Old Town SSA #48 Commissioners

Jennifer Tremblay - Chair

Peter O'Brien - Vice Chair

Judy Erwin - Secretary

Mark Proesel - Treasurer

Don Klugman

Robert Block

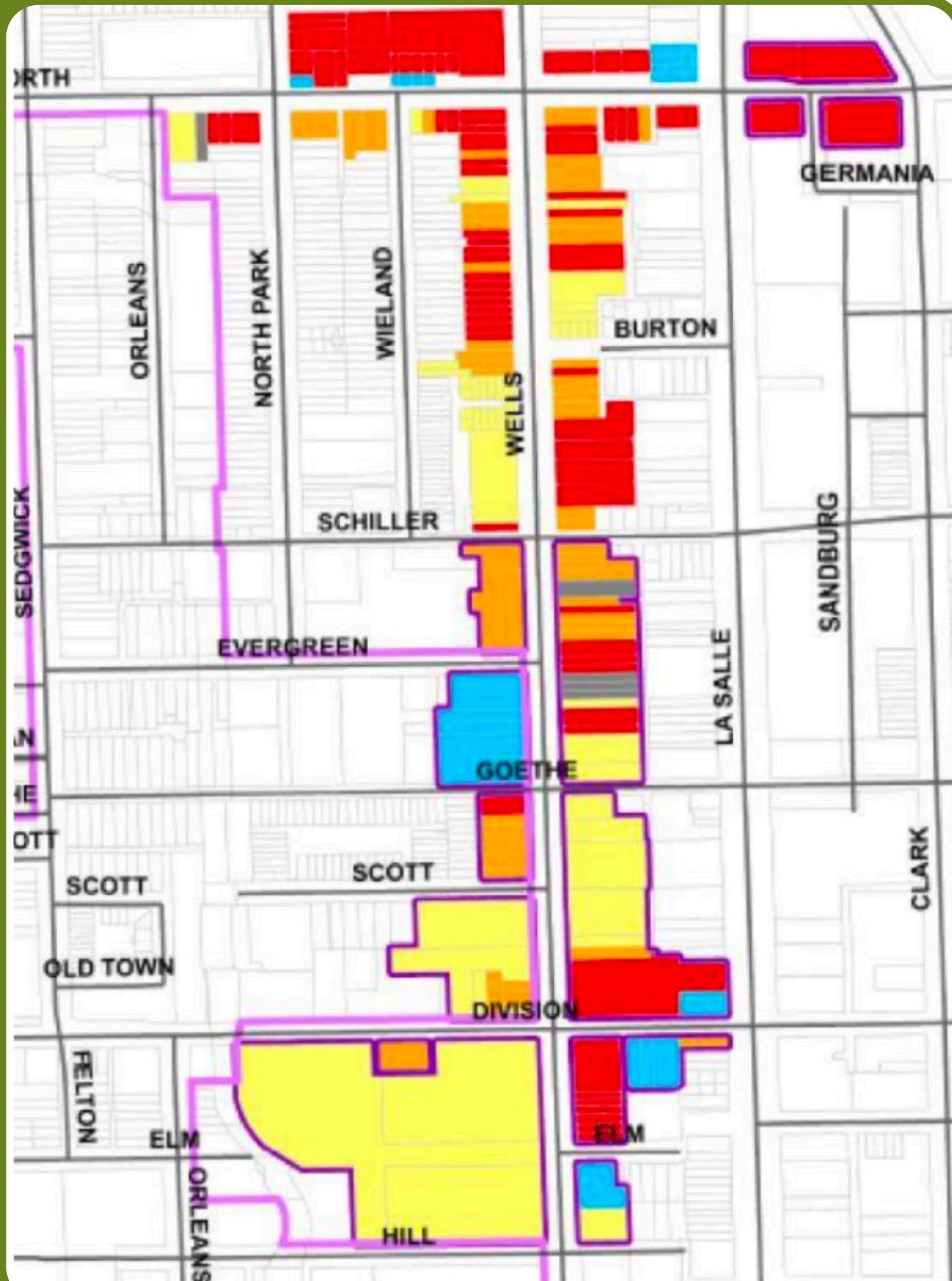
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Where is SSA #48?

On January 1, 2019, the boundaries of SSA #48 were expanded to the following areas:

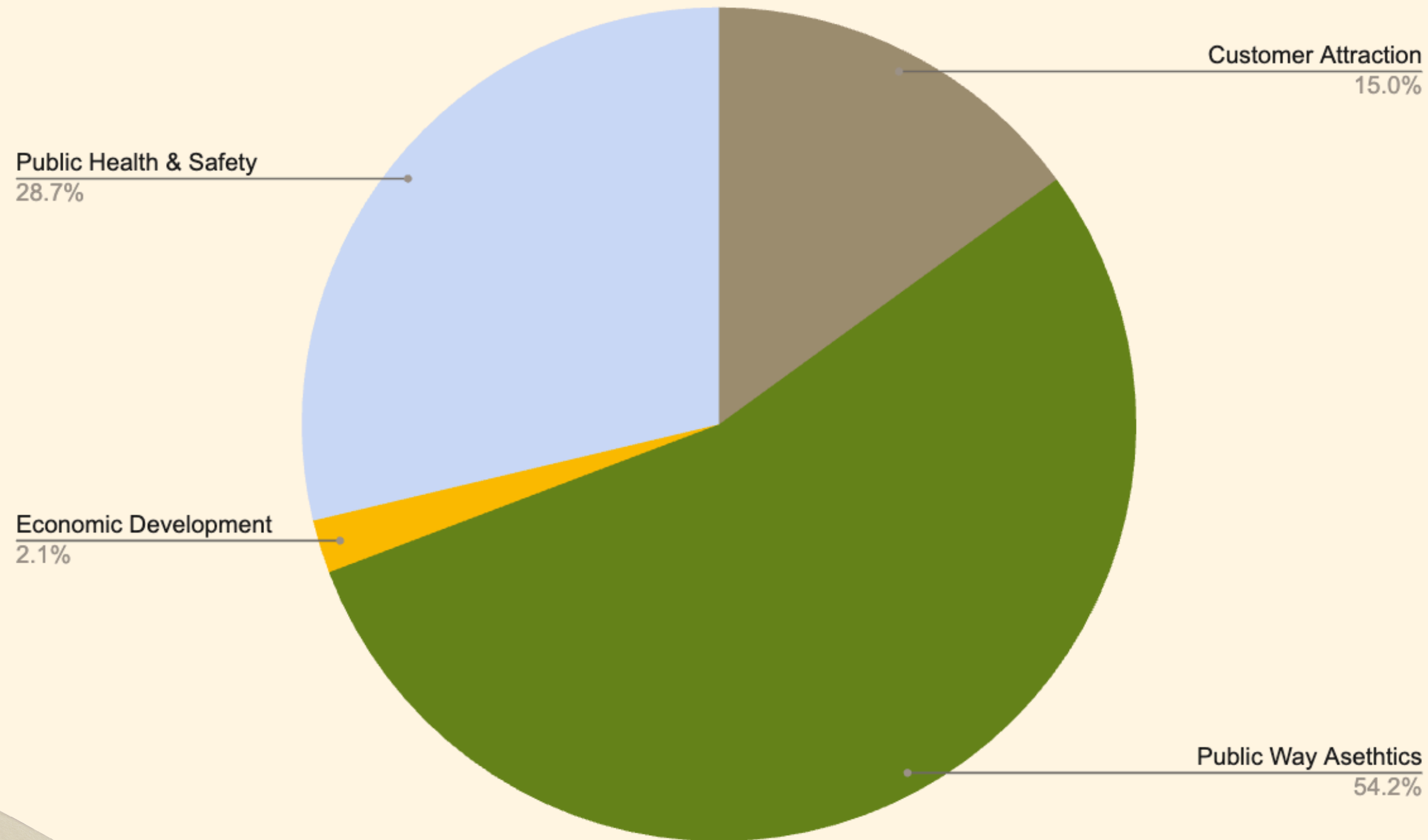
- * The north side of North Avenue is from North Park Avenue to Clark Street, and the south side of North Avenue is from Orleans Street to Clark Street.
- * From the North property line of Piper's Alley and Walgreens on Wells Street south to the north end of Hill Street on both sides of the Street.
- * The north side of Division Street from the driveway of 1212 N Wells to LaSalle Street and the south side of Division Street from the western edge of the Old Town Park development to LaSalle Street and north up the west side of Wells Street to the edge of the property line of 1212 N LaSalle Street.
- * Burton Place Park from Wells Street west to the alleyway at the east end of the park.



2023 Budget

In 2023, the Old Town SSA #48 Commission applied \$496,341 to activate the area for businesses and residents. Spending is broken down by category, as shown in the pie chart to the left.

Budget categories shift each year based on needs and priorities. For a detailed look at spending categories during prior years, please visit www.oldtownchicago.org.



Services Supporting the Area in 2023

Public Way Aesthetics

- Seasonal installation of flowers and plants along Wells and Burton Place
- Regular weeding of planters
- Snow removal services from November- April
- Holiday decorations on street lamps and trees
- Litter abatement services three days a week

Economic Development

- Strategic planning for Wells St. corridor improvements
- Business attraction efforts throughout the area



Public Safety

- Private security services run from March - December
- Shifts are Friday/Saturday evenings and rotating weekdays
- Officers have a vehicle on-site
- Utilize a variety of communication tools to stay in contact with CPD and local businesses

Customer Attraction

- Sponsorship for OTMRA's Wells Street Arts Festival and 12 other community events
- Social media and customer attraction materials printed for the area



Supporting Each Other

SSA #48 supports a community of residents, businesses, schools, and cultural centers visited by thousands each year. Theatre, distinctive shopping, and fine dining exist beside historic and modern living spaces, creating a unique ambiance that says, “This is Chicago at its best—in the past, the present, and for the future.” Old Town is lucky to be the “sister-neighborhood” of Montmartre in Paris, France.

To visit Old Town, to live or work here, is to participate in a lifestyle that is caringly enhanced by the projects and work of SSA #48.



Old Town Merchants & Residents Association

Since 1971, the Old Town Merchants and Residents Association (OTMRA) has offered programs and events that mark this community as a prime near-loop destination. Through it, businesspeople and residents benefit from networking, environmental enhancement, and neighborhood outreach.

As hosts of the famous Wells Street Art Festival, as a resource for innovative shops, restaurants, and living spaces, and as the urban setting for several outstanding public and private schools, OTMRA is proud to be a supporting organization of SSA #48.

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