**Calumet Connect Community Needs Assessment**

**Focus Group Information Sheet**

**What is this?**

University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health faculty and staff are partnering with the Alliance for the Great Lakes and Calumet Connect to conduct a community needs assessment of the southeast side of Chicago. We are interested in residents’ experiences, perceptions and ideas for action to address concerns related to the environment.

**How many people will you talk to?**

We will host 6 focus groups with about 6-8 participants each for a total of about 50 residents of the southeast side.

**How will this be used?**

A summary of themes identified across all 6 focus groups will be integrated into a report that will be presented to the city of Chicago Department of Planning for use in land use decision making for the southeast side.

**Why am I being asked?**

You were identified as someone whose perspectives of the experiences of residents with the environment in the southeast side is valuable to this community needs assessment.

**Will my name be used?**

Your name will not be included in the final report. However, we may use verbatim the language you use in the focus group to characterize what concerns/priorities residents of the southeast side identify.