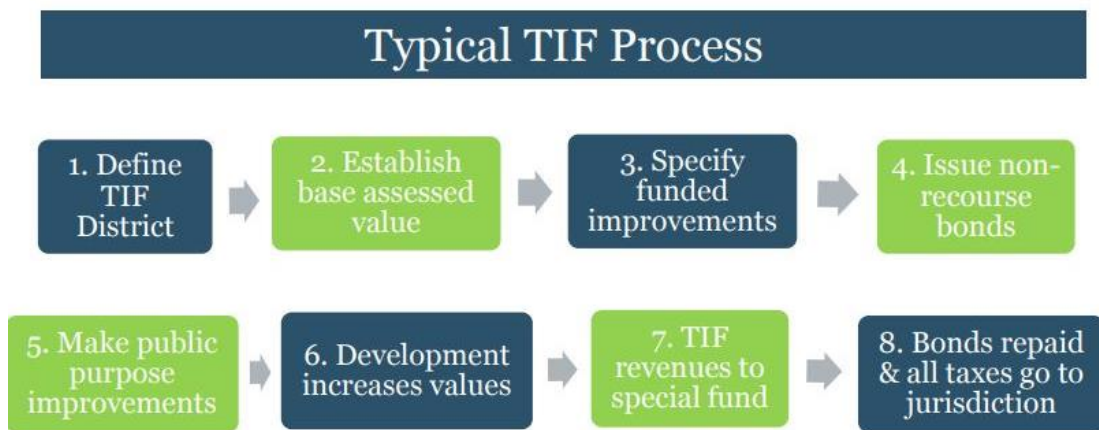




1. Presentation by Tatia Gibbons Laforme, Director of Real Estate and Tax Services Office of the Cook County Clerk's Office and adjunct professor, Loyola University and Tanya Anthofer, Manager of Maps and Tax Extension in the Cook County Clerk's Office.
2. The following documents will be available in print form at the meeting and as PDFs on the LWVChicago website:
  - 2A. Glossary
  - 2B. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
  - 2C. Advantages and Disadvantages by Nancy Thompson
  - 2D. Flow Chart below from:

[http://www.mdp.state.md.us/PDF/YourPart/773/20110124/msgc\\_012411\\_TIF\\_Presentation.pdf](http://www.mdp.state.md.us/PDF/YourPart/773/20110124/msgc_012411_TIF_Presentation.pdf)



\*Process is initiated by the local jurisdiction, subject to local government approvals.

3. **City and County Resource Tools**, including maps, graphs, charts:

City of Chicago: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd/provdrs/tif.html>

<http://data.cityofchicago.org/Community-Economic-Development/Tax-Increment-Financing-TIF-Projects/mex4-ppfc/data>

Findings and Recommendations for Reforming the Use of Tax Increment Financing in Chicago: Creating Greater Efficiency, Transparency and Accountability, 2011:

[http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/press\\_room/press\\_releases/2011/august\\_2011/tax\\_increment\\_financingfinalreport.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/press_room/press_releases/2011/august_2011/tax_increment_financingfinalreport.html)

Cook County Clerk: <http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/tsd/tifs/Pages/default.aspx>

[http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/aboutus/map\\_room/Pages/TIFMaps.aspx](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/aboutus/map_room/Pages/TIFMaps.aspx)

FAQs: Illinois Tax Increment Association (2017): <http://www.illinois-tif.com/about-tif/faqs/>

4. **Articles of General Interest:**

Short history of TIFs, Illinois Policy Institute, 2017: <http://www.illinoispolicy.org/tax-increment-financing-a-primer>

Tax Increment Financing: A Primer, Chris Lentino, Illinois Policy Center, February 2017:

<http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/tsd/tifs/Pages/TIFs101.aspx>

TIF Illumination Project, How Do TIFs Work, Tom Tresser, Civic Lab:

[http://www.civiclub.us/tif\\_illumination\\_project/how-do-tifs-work/](http://www.civiclub.us/tif_illumination_project/how-do-tifs-work/) or <http://www.tifreports.com/>

2016 TIF Analysis: <https://tinyurl.com/TiF-analysis>

Advantages and Disadvantages of Tax Increment Financing, Nancy Thompason (NYC), community planner, Useful Community Development: <http://www.useful-community-development.org/tax-increment-financing.html>

Uses and abuses of TIFs (Milwaukee perspective, 2015), Op-Ed, State Sen. Duey Stroebel:

<http://urbanmilwaukee.com/2015/08/31/op-ed-tif-districts-are-overused-abused/>

## **5. Academic Review of the Literature**

Robert T. Greenbaum and Jim Landers, The TIF over TIF: A Review of the Literature Examining the Effectiveness of Tax Increment Financing, *National Tax Journal*, Sept. 2014, 67(3), 655-674.

## **6. YouTube Videos**

Introduction to Tax Increment Financing, TIF education series, Minnesota of the State Auditor:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9KxGjIHFvc>

Information/orientation video from Cook County Clerk David Orr (7 minutes):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ws52ykXb-MM>

Town Hall Meeting on Tax Increment Financing, sponsored by the Tax Integrity and Fairness Alliance, leaders Tresser, Joravsky, and Professor Dye (UIC), 2013 (1:22 hours): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NV4Zk3M3FrI>

Cross-Currents: A Tiff with TIF? Panel discussion moderated by the League of Women Voters, Ft. Collins, CO, 2013 (57 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZqv9I8QRQ>

## **7. TIFs in Current News**

Civic Federation: TIFs Good for Public Schools, Chicago Tonight, WTTW, August 2017:

<http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2017/08/22/civic-federation-tifs-are-good-chicago-public-schools>

How city owed players diverted millions in blight-fighting TIF cash to Navy Pier, Crain's Chicago Business, July 2017:

<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20170721/ISSUE01/170729970/how-city-power-players-diverted-millions-in-blight-fighting-tif-cash-to-navy-pier>

## **8. Ben Joravsky Commentaries:**

TIFs for Dummies: The City Finally Posts Some (Mis)information about its Tax Financing Program, The Chicago Reader, 2007: <http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/tifs-for-dummies/Content?oid=999741>

Shedding Light on the Shadow Budget: Inequities, The Chicago Reader, 2009:

<http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/shadow-budget-tif/Content?oid=1251320>

More Money for Wall Street, More Problems for Chicago Schools, The Chicago Reader, 2016:

<http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/tif-city-council-cps-emanuel/Content?oid=21171438>

Chicago's TIF scam might be even more crooked than we thought, The Chicago Reader, July 2017:

<http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/tif-investigation-navy-pier-audit-crains-bga-david-orr/Content?oid=28317757>

A Chicago Reader TIF archive of articles may be accessed at

<https://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/the-chicago-reader-tif-archive/Content?oid=1180567>

Materials will be posted on LWVChicago.org, under Briefings

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