

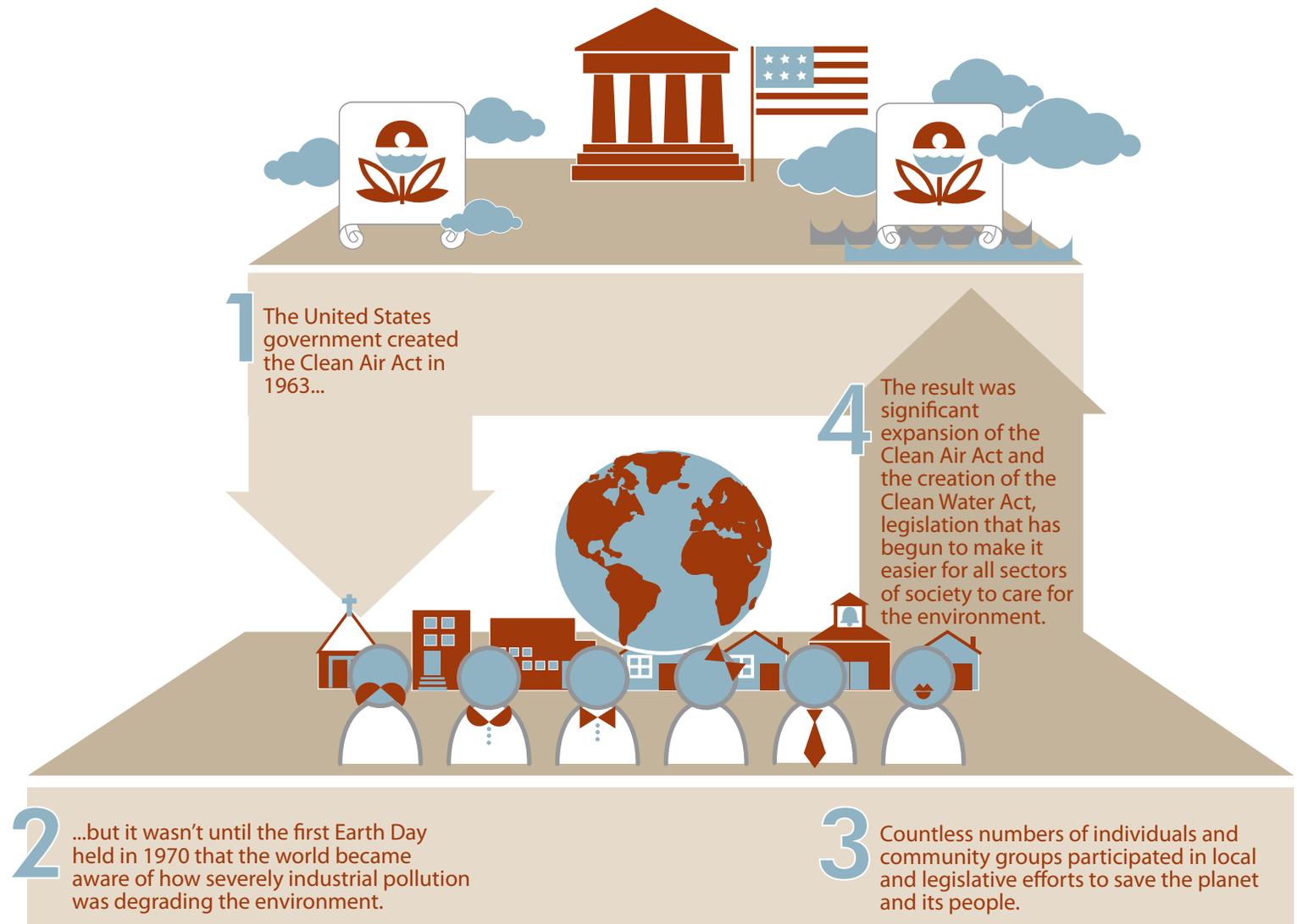
CLIMATE ACTION INVOLVES ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY

The four Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit projects offer diverse models for taking climate action at the local level, in ways that build on community strengths to implement the region's climate action strategies and address key community concerns at the same time. They follow the Toolkit framework, designed to help projects attain maximum impact. This means that the projects:

- address a variety of issues;
- focus on a combination of education, action, advocacy, policy, and legislation;
- engage diverse stakeholders, including residents, business owners, policymakers, and nonprofit, governmental, and faith-based organizations;
- work on multiple geographic scales, including local, regional, national, and even international;
- work to effect individual, community, and policy change; and
- connect to partners' other activities and networks—a key strategy for maintaining the projects for the long-term, scaling them up, and increasing their impact.

The Toolkit framework embodies a key principle for social and environmental change: to be successful, all levels of society must be involved.

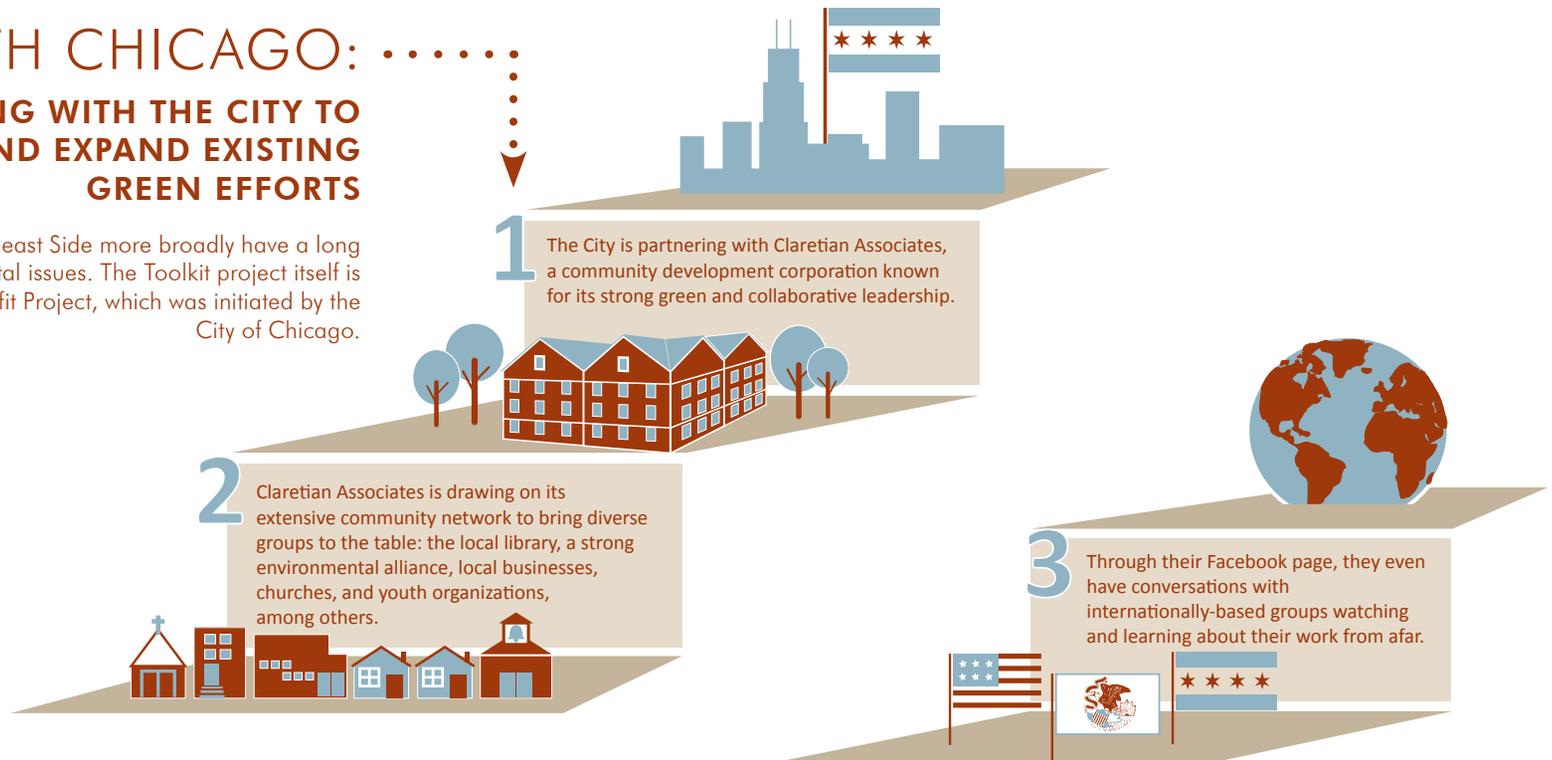
This principle is demonstrated in broader efforts, such as the process involved in the fight for clean air:



The principle of involving multiple levels of society is also demonstrated by the processes undertaken by Toolkit partners. They addressed climate action in different ways. But all their projects include diverse players from a variety of sectors and scales—as shown by these examples from South Chicago and Bronzeville.

SOUTH CHICAGO: PARTNERING WITH THE CITY TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND EXISTING GREEN EFFORTS

South Chicago and the Southeast Side more broadly have a long history of working on environmental issues. The Toolkit project itself is part of the South Chicago Retrofit Project, which was initiated by the City of Chicago.



BRONZEVILLE: RECRUITING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS TO WORK TOWARDS A NEIGHBORHOOD VISION

Bronzeville Toolkit partners are drawing on the community's rich African-American history to mobilize diverse stakeholders to help create and implement a new vision for the future.



Learn more about how community-based action happens...
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CHICAGO COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION TOOLKIT

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