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**NEW PARK INTRODUCED IN CITY COUNCIL WOULD OFFER GREENSPACE, ACCESS TO
FUTURE TRAIL**

A key entry point to the planned Bloomingdale Park & Trail in Logan Square would be secured through a City-owned land sale introduced to City Council today by Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

"As an open space asset and as a future entry point to the trail, this site has an important role in helping to meet the community's open space needs," Mayor Emanuel said.

The .30 acres of land, located at 1799-1805 N. Milwaukee Ave., would be sold to the Chicago Park District for \$1. The Park District would then develop the site with open space amenities and use it to provide public access to the Bloomingdale Trail, currently being planned as a three-mile-long linear park on a former elevated rail line.

The two-parcel property, currently vacant, was acquired by the City in 2007 in anticipation of the trail's eventual creation.

Additional entry points along the length of the trail are being planned to provide access from grade level to the top of the elevated structure.

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