

# Building Blocks, One Lot at a Time

ChiBlockBuilder is the City of Chicago's new program to encourage the purchase and redevelopment of City-owned vacant land in line with community priorities.

Coordinated by the Department of Planning and Development (DPD), ChiBlockBuilder seeks to actively market available City-owned properties across the South and West Sides and increase transparency about the land sale process.

The ChiBlockBuilder website features an interactive online map to provide potential buyers with important information about City-owned vacant land such as environmental clearances, zoning, square footage, and market value.

Eligible uses for vacant land include:

- Side yards for lot-adjacent homeowners
- Affordable and market rate housing
- Commercial development
- Neighborhood open space

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## Side Yard

Fenced yard directly adjacent to a neighbor's home; can be used for any purpose allowable by zoning.



## Housing

Affordable: For-sale housing that will be affordable to households at up to 140% of area median income (AMI).

Market Rate: Housing that will be occupied by the builder or sold at market rate.



## Commercial

A property intended to house a business, such as a store, restaurant, or office. This includes mixed-use buildings, which have both commercial space and housing.



## Open Space

Spaces for community and recreation, such as gardens, parks and plazas.

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## HOW IT WORKS

- 1 See Available Lots at [Chicago.gov/BlockBuilder](https://chicago.gov/BlockBuilder)**  
Search by community area, ward, zoning, and more to find the lot you want to buy.
- 2 Complete Pre-screener**  
Ensure your project is eligible and you are ready to apply.
- 3 Complete Application**  
Share more details about your proposed project plans.
- 4 Receive Application Response**  
DPD will let you know whether your application has been approved.
- 5 Complete DPD Review Process**  
Depending on the project, your project designs may need to be approved.
- 6 Get Permits & Close on Property**  
When your project is approved and permits are in hand, the City will transfer the deed to you.
- 7 Begin Your Project**  
It's all yours—activate your land!

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