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LAND SALES TO CREATE NEW COMMUNITY GARDENS ON SOUTH, SOUTHWEST SIDES

Community gardens will be created in Kenwood, North Lawndale and South Chicago through a trio of City-owned land sales approved by City Council today.

Ranging from 2,450 to 5,400 square feet of vacant land, the sites include:

- 4337 S. Lake Park Ave., which will be acquired by the great-granddaughter of musician Muddy Waters, Chandra Cooper, for \$7,556 and used as a landscaped side-yard for a planned Mojo Museum at the blues legend's former home next door. Total project costs are estimated at \$131,600.
- 3109 E. 92nd St., which will be acquired by the South Chicago Mexican American Social Club for \$2,159 and improved for community service events, picnics and dances. Total project costs are estimated at \$14,600.
- 3435 W. 23rd St., which will be acquired by the NeighborSpace land trust for \$1,964 and improved with a gazebo and landscaping for community events. Total project costs are estimated at \$97,000.

The purchase prices reflect City policies for open space projects, or 10% of each site's market value. The purchases were initiated through the City's land sale tool, ChiBlockbuilder.com, during an open application period in late 2022 and early 2023.

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LAND SALE APPROVED FOR KENWOOD COMMERCIAL PROJECT

The sale of seven City-owned lots approved by City Council today will enable construction of a \$40.6 million commercial building in Kenwood.

Totaling .62 acres at 4727-59 S. Cottage Grove Ave., the lots will be sold for their appraised value of \$1.27 million to Milhouse Engineering & Construction and Syzygy LLC.



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Vacant since the early 1960s, the lots will be used for a three-story, 45,000-square-foot structure known as “The Grove,” which will feature a food market on the ground floor, small business spaces on the floors above and 13 parking spaces behind the building.

When fully leased, the project could accommodate approximately 200 full-time jobs.

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