



# Chicago Park District

## Legislation Text

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### **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 93<sup>rd</sup> STREET AND VANDERPOEL AVENUE FROM THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR A NEW PARK**

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Park District

#### **I. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Park District adopt an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of property located at 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Vanderpoel Avenue from the Chicago Public Schools. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the General Superintendent, or his designee, to negotiate, enter into, and execute such agreements, amendments, indemnities, and instruments and perform any and all acts as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the transaction described herein.

#### **II. Agreement Information**

**Grantor:** Chicago Public Schools  
42 W. Madison  
Chicago, IL 60602

Public Building Commission  
50 W. Washington St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

**Transfer Type:** Intergovernmental Property Transfer in accordance with 50ILCS 605/2(a) of the Local Government Property Transfer Act.

**Granting Instrument:** Quitclaim Deed from the City of Chicago in Trust for use of Schools and/or the Public Building Commission transferring ownership to the Chicago Park District

**Agreements:** Intergovernmental agreements, amendments to intergovernmental agreements and, if applicable, temporary right of entry, easements, restrictive covenants, and any other agreements or instruments necessary to comply with any restrictions of record for a portion or the entirety of the Property and the transfer of funds for development.

**Authorization:** Authorize the General Superintendent to negotiate, enter into, and execute such intergovernmental agreements, amendments to intergovernmental agreements, indemnities, and instruments and perform any and all acts as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the transactions described herein, including compliance with existing easements, if any, filing of street and alley vacation or dedication applications, plats of dedication, and other applicable requirements. Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements, amendments and transfer instruments. Authorize the Secretary to attest as to the signing of the Agreements and transfer instruments and keep an original copy of the Agreement on file.

### **III. Explanation**

The Chicago Public Schools owns property at 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Vanderpoel Avenue and intends to transfer it to the Park District for the development of a new park. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Vanderpoel Avenue site is approximately an acre, and is just east of Cosme Park, a park that abuts railroad tracks, which create a barrier to access for the residents to the east. The new park would provide open space to the community residents on the east side of the tracks.

The new park would also provide open space to commuters utilizing the 91<sup>st</sup> Street Metra Station and the commuters using the Major Taylor Bike Trail. Unlike the Bloomindale Trail, which currently has four accessible parks along the trail, this would be the first park accessible to commuters on the Major Taylor Trail.

This new park will provide recreational opportunities for the Beverly and Washington Heights Community Areas. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Vanderpoel Avenue site is located in the 19<sup>th</sup> ward.

### **IV. General Conditions**

1) *Conflicts*: The Agreement shall not be legally binding on the Chicago Park District if entered into in violation of the provisions of 50 ILCS 105, the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act.

2) *Ethics*: The Chicago Park District's Ethics Code, Chapter III of the Code of the Chicago Park District, shall be incorporated into and made part of the agreement.

3) *Contingent Liability*: Any agreement lawfully entered into for a period of more than one year shall be executory only for the amounts for which the Park District may become liable in succeeding fiscal years pursuant to 70 ILCS 17(i).