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VILLAGE ISSUES A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS FOR LEHIGH/FERRIS SUBAREA TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

On January 22, 2020, the Village of Morton Grove released a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/RFP) for the redevelopment of two desirable Village-owned sites at 8500-8550 Lehigh Avenue and 8720-8726 Ferris Avenue, which include a total of approximately 1.8 acres of land area. Both sites are located within a short walking distance to the Morton Grove Metra commuter rail station, making them prime opportunity sites for transit-oriented development. The properties are also located within the Lehigh/Ferris Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

The Village views these projects as critical components in the ongoing effort to create a pedestrian-oriented downtown with a vertical and horizontal mix of uses within the Lehigh/Ferris Subarea. The area’s proximity to the Metra station, Morton Grove Public Library, Cook County Forest Preserve, restaurant and service establishments, and nearby commercial corridors have spurred ongoing investment in higher density multi-family development, with several significant opportunity sites remaining. The Village envisions mixed-use, multi-family residential, attached single-family residential, or sales tax-generating commercial development for both sites included in the RFQ/RFP.

The developer selection process will occur over the next few months, in accordance with the following submission schedule:

- **Wednesday, January 22, 2020:** Request for Qualifications & Proposals Issued
- **Friday, February 21, 2020:** Deadline for Questions (5:00 PM CST)
- **Friday, February 28, 2020:** Final Response to Questions/Addenda Issued (5:00 PM CST)
- **Friday, March 20, 2020:** Statements of Qualifications & Proposals Due (3:00 PM CST)

The Village looks forward to engaging a qualified developer to acquire and redevelop the Village-owned property and implementing the community’s vision for the downtown area.

More information on this project can be found on the Village’s website at [https://www.mortongroveil.org/business-development/bids-and-proposals/](https://www.mortongroveil.org/business-development/bids-and-proposals/) or by contacting the Department of Community and Economic Development at commdev@mortongroveil.org.