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**Alderman, Community Groups to meet with Sterling Bay  
about Industrial Corridor Modernization Plans**

*Stakeholders Discuss Priorities, Concerns as Plan Deadline Approaches*

CHICAGO – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman Brian Hopkins and local community groups near Chicago’s North Branch Industrial Corridor, are meeting next week with representatives from Sterling Bay for a collaborative discussion about the City’s modernization plan and it’s impact on the local area.

Alderman Hopkins will be joined by the presidents and planning committee chairs from the Bucktown Community Organization, Lincoln Central Association, Ranch Triangle Association, Sheffield Neighbors Association, Wicker Park Committee and Wrightwood Neighbors Association, voicing their top priorities to the new occupiers of the former Finkl Steel site.

In December 2016, Chicago-based developer Sterling Bay completed its purchase of the 22-acre site that runs along Cortland Street and the eastern edge of the Chicago River. In total, Sterling Bay has assembled roughly 35 acres of land along the river, and has expressed interest in additional sites within the corridor.

Having yet to disclose specific plans for the area, Alderman Hopkins requested that the leadership of Sterling Bay meet with his office and community groups to begin the process of creating a comprehensive agenda that addresses specific items including infrastructure improvements and increased recreational green space opportunities.

Following next week’s meeting, Alderman Hopkins is set to visit with the boards and membership each community group to provide further insight from the meeting, as well as how the plans will impact the respective neighborhoods.

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