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Developers Invited to Offer Alternatives for Harlem-Ontario Site

A legal notice published in area newspapers this week will invite developers to offer alternatives to the project currently proposed by Whiteco LLC for the publicly owned property at Harlem Avenue and Ontario Street.

The legal notice will appear Tuesday in the *Chicago Tribune* and Wednesday in the *Wednesday Journal* and *Oak Leaves* newspapers. The deadline for submitting alternative proposals is 5 p.m., Mon., Oct. 18. Alternative proposals should be submitted to the Development Services Department, Village of Oak Park, 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302.

State law requires the Village to give other interested parties an opportunity to offer proposals because Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) funds likely will be part of the financing.

Any proposal the Village Board deems most viable likely will be required to follow the Planned Development Process. This process includes a comprehensive public review, multiple opportunities for public comment and detailed discussion and analysis of the benefits to the community and impact on residents' quality of life.

For more information on the Whiteco proposal or public notice process, call 358.6400 or email devsvcs@oak-park.us.

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