

What do you do with an abandoned freight line?

...turn it into a park.

envisioning the bloomingdale elevated line

(the ultimate rails-to-trails project)

an
exhibition of conceptual design
proposals by architects, landscape
architects, designers, students, and kids
from Chicago.

Imagine a 3-mile-long elevated linear park running through the heart of Chicago, connecting neighborhoods, the river, and the city's great park system. The Bloomingdale railroad viaduct, located on Chicago's northwest side, presents a unique opportunity for the creation of such a greenway. For nearly 100 years, the Bloomingdale has served as a vibrant freight line, but today a three-mile stretch of the line lies unused. "Envisioning the Bloomingdale" broadens the conversation to imagine this piece of our industrial inheritance as Chicago's first elevated, linear park.

cocktails. food. cool people. great ideas

an exhibit of early visions for an elevated park on the bloomingdale line

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show runs may 18th through sunday, june 3rd, 2007 open thursday through sunday. noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment

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