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### Buy in a building that has air rights

grow taller in the near future. Case in point? There's a low-rise building sitting on Jameson Development's proposed 39-story project site. According to Mandell, when the Bristol went up three years ago (during a hot real estate market) buyers could have guessed that that low-rise building might not remain. "If you're buying next door to a piece of land that's only one or two stories, you should ask questions," says Mandell, noting that in the past five months, 25 units in the Bristol went on MLS. Fourteen of those units, he says, face south.

- Find out about future developments. Scales recommends checking with your alderman—as well as the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development—to find out what kind of new construction/conversion projects are in the works. Don't rely on your builder. "The bottom line is, you really have to investigate before you sign on the dotted line," Scales says.