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The luxury housing market in Chicago continues to grow with no end in sight. Beautiful rehabs of historic buildings, over-the-top single-family homes and new amenity-rich developments are in the works or already on the market—and some in neighborhoods you might not expect.

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### **ESTATE SCALE**

The hot real estate market just got a little more posh at the top end. On June 30, the most expensive single-family home currently for sale in the city went on the market for a cool \$18.75 million.

The sprawling home, at **1955 N. Burling St.** in Lincoln Park, is spread over five city lots and features spectacular gardens inspired by Dumbarton Oaks Gardens in Washington, D.C. The owners hired Chicago landscape architect Douglas Hoerr and asked him to create the garden to complement one of the city's most exceptional homes.

The estate was completed in 2004 and was designed by Chicago-based BGD&C, a favorite of many luxury homeowners. The current sellers (the home's second owners) were able to obtain the two lots to the south of the main residence for the lavish garden, which they built on top of an underground pool and spa, and a charming two-story guest home.

In addition to seven bedrooms and eight full baths, the 20,000-square-foot property (comprising both the main home and the guest cottage) features an attached six-car garage and an amazing home theater. Everything is located behind private walls, naturally.

"There is so much to love about this estate," says listing agent Janet Owen of Berkshire Hathaway KoenigRubloff Realty Group. "I love the fact that every room is inviting and to scale. You don't feel like you are rambling around a big house with huge rooms; everything is scaled just right. The design is perfect for entertaining, but also perfect for raising a family and for accommodating guests." [realtorjanetowen.com](http://realtorjanetowen.com)