

William W. Tippens – Vice President, [Related Midwest](#)

Mr. Tippens joined Related Midwest in 1996, bringing nearly a decade of historic preservation, land entitlement and master planning experience to the company. In his current role, Mr. Tippens is responsible for identifying development opportunities where Related can leverage both historic and low-income housing tax credits to protect and restore historic and architecturally significant buildings. He also manages and coordinates all municipal agency communications and applications as they relate to zoning and city entitlements.

Prior to joining Related, Mr. Tippens gained eight years of experience in preservation and planning in the public sector. He worked for the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development, where he was involved with more than 200 residential, commercial and institutional planned unit developments and lakefront protection projects, including the relocation of Lake Shore Drive at Chicago's historic Museum Campus. Prior to his work with the city, Mr. Tippens spent four years in the Chicago Park District's Office of Research and Planning, where he helped establish a preservation program that oversees more than 500 historic structures and 7,000 acres of historic designed landscapes. He was involved with such notable restorations as Cafe Brauer in Lincoln Park and Jens Jensen's prairie waterfalls at Columbus Park, and was also a co-curator of two exhibitions on park planning, architecture and landscape architecture.

Since joining Related, other notable preservation projects include the redevelopment of Fort Sheridan, designated a National Historic Landmark District as well as the adaptive reuse of another National Landmark property, the Cleveland Arcade in downtown Cleveland. Most recently, Mr. Tippens helped secure city and federal approvals for the redevelopment of Lathrop Homes located on Chicago's north side. This development of a 31 acres National Register District will transform a Chicago Housing Authority property into a vibrant mixed income community.

Outside the realm of historic preservation Mr. Tippens has recently spearheaded the entitlement process to develop a 67-story residential tower designed by Robert A.M. Stern and adjacent public park designed by Michael Van Valkenburg at 451 East Grand in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood. He is also managing the process of obtaining all necessary zoning and entitlements for the 2.2-acre site at 400 North Lake Shore Drive, the site of the former Chicago Spire project, and entitling a 62 acres vacant railroad site immediately adjacent to Chicago's downtown.

A licensed architect, Mr. Tippens holds a bachelor's degree in architectural studies from the University of Illinois and master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University. He serves as chairman of Landmarks Illinois, and is past chair of Preservation Action, the national grassroots lobby for historic preservation. In addition, Mr. Tippens is a trustee of the James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation, and he lectures regularly on the economic incentives available for historic preservation.