

Neighborhood Action Initiative - 79th Street Corridor

79th Street has long been a gateway to the South Shore and South Chicago communities. Once a bustling retail and commercial hub, jobs and retail left the area through the late 20th century, causing 79th Street to decline. The corridor needs a catalyst to showcase its existing assets and attract new investment that fosters vibrancy and mixed-use activity. Part of the city's Invest South/West program, this plan is a guide for public and private investment in South Shore and South Chicago that will help steer stakeholders in the development of this key node for the community. It includes three significant existing buildings that will be revitalized and serve as the anchor of a new mixed use development. This new urban infill will enliven the street and fill it with the positive foot traffic the community desires. The team worked closely with the community, utilizing market analysis and demographics to identify uses that could best transform this corner. The outcome of that research is a framework that will be the foundation of a revitalized corridor.

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