Near West Side Charette
revitalizing the commercial corridors

2016
CDS was hired to oversee and direct a process of information gathering leading up to a visioning charette for the Near West Side area in Milwaukee. This process involves revisiting past plans for the area and examining the business diversity of the neighborhood and a series of Focus Groups to gather input from various stakeholders including lenders, developers, residents, City officials, agency leaders, business owners, and other interested parties. This information was disseminated to six teams of architects each assigned to the Opportunity Sites.

A day long charette was held at the UW-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning on April 7th, 2016. Throughout the day, teams generated ideas for the sites and then shared them with the larger group to receive feedback. Following the initial input, the architectural teams revised their designs to reflect stakeholder input.
## Near West Side

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### Opportunity Sites
- Site 1- 27th & Wisconsin (NE Corner)
- Site 2- 27th, Between Kilbourn & Wells (West Side)
- Site 3- 27th & Wisconsin (SW Corner)
- Site 4- Vliet, Between 35th & 37th (South Side of Vliet)
- Site 5- 35th & State
- Site 6- 35th & Wisconsin (West Side of 35th)
Located just west of Downtown Milwaukee, The Near West Side is made up of seven separate neighborhoods, each with its own history. Home to five anchor Institutions, this vibrant area also has many jobs, thriving businesses, non-profit organizations, high preforming schools, healthcare institutions, restaurants, and entertainment options.

The Near West Side, as defined by the City of Milwaukee, is bound by 1-43 (east), HWY 41 (west), Vliet Street and Highland Blvd. (north), I-94 (south).
The Near West Side is known as the neighborhood of neighborhoods; made up of seven different neighborhoods, Avenues West, Cold Spring Park, Concordia, Miller Valley, Merrill Park, Martin Drive, and The Valley/Pigsville. Many of these neighborhoods are rich with architectural character and historical housing. Some historical landmarks in the area include the Pabst Mansion, Ambassador Hotel, and the Historic Eagles Club.

Once known for being one of the wealthier areas in Milwaukee, the neighborhoods of the Near West Side are now known for affordable housing, plentiful businesses, and rich demographic diversity. Investment is occurring, with more than $250 million invested over the past 5 years on institutions, housing, and commercial development.

A major anchor in the neighborhood, Marquette University, has been in the area since 1881. Other major institutions and anchors include Aurora Health Care, Harley-Davidson, MillerCoors, and Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, all of which contribute to a strong work force in this neighborhood.

“Milwaukee’s Near West Side - A Great Place to Live, Work and Play.”
LAND USE

source: Map Milwaukee
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RESIDENTIAL OWNER OCCUPIED VALUES

Preliminary Residential Owner Occupied Land Values

Total Land Values by Neighborhood (Number of Parcels)

- Avenues West: $227,600 (85)
- Cold Spring Park: $433,600 (132)
- Concordia: $512,900 (130)
- Martin Drive: $1,384,900 (250)
- Merrill Park: $809,400 (277)
- Miller Valley: $243,800 (58)
- Pigsville: $396,800 (106)

Created: 2/12/2016
Source: City of Milwaukee: Assessor’s office 2/12/16

source: NWSP PARC Initiative
The Action Plan provides a series of recommendations that convert neighborhood challenges into opportunities for change and improvement.

**Major Findings**

Marquette University and the historic preservation of housing and other historical buildings are the biggest assets of the neighborhood.

Public green space is necessary and not available now.

Adaptive reuse of buildings represents a positive change for the neighborhood.

Basic quality-of-life elements that attract and support the healthy community include: recreation, connections, education, food, and opportunities for social engagement, is vital.

To market the neighborhood for development, efforts have to be made to build capacity, coalitions, and efficiency of resources and strategies.

Need for retail stores

Connectivity with the Menomonee Valley and all of its recreational and employment opportunities should be established.

Neighborhood is in need of a community development/engagement agency.
Housing VISION
Houses with deferred maintenance are repaired on the interior to address urgent needs and on the exterior to increase curb appeal.

Boarded-up residential houses are beautified and reactivated.

Dilapidated properties are eliminated or renovated.

Vacant properties are repurposed.

Rental studios and one-bedroom units are converted into 3 and 4-bedroom apartments attractive to families and decrease overall density.

Families are attracted to buy houses due to proximity to downtown and Marquette.

Neighborhood Identity & Branding VISION
Neighborhood name, logo, and identity that are well recognized and carry positive connotations throughout Greater Milwaukee.

Neighborhood gateways project a welcoming and positive feeling to visitors.

Public and private realm compliment each other.

Clear streetscape identity offers a pleasurable experience to residents, workers, and visitors whether on foot, bicycle, or motorized vehicle.
Economic Development VISION

Businesses are nurtured and experience financial growth through business support initiatives and economic development assistance.

Owners invest in their properties because of expanded resources and outreach for property improvements and other developments.

Vacant commercial spaces are activated to serve the needs of neighbors and visitors and to attract additional investments.

Catalytic Project Sites

1. City Campus
2. Former Wisconsin Avenue School
3. 800 Block of North 27th Street
4. 2700 Block of West Wisconsin Avenue
5. Vacant Buildings/Parcels on North 27th Street between St. Paul Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue
6. 2600 Block of West State Street
7. Vacant Parcels on 800 Block of North 25th and North 26th Streets
8. Vacant Parcels on 2400 Block of West State Street
9. Vacant Parking Lot on 2300 Block of West State Street
10. Vacant Parcels on 1900 Block of West State Street
11. Vacant Parcels on 1900 Block of West Wisconsin Avenue
Objective 1: Improve the demand for market-rate housing by increasing the supply of various types of high-quality housing.

Objective 2: Improve the study area’s physical environment, livability, and commercial activity through increased neighborhood investment by residents and employers located in or adjacent to the study area.

Objective 3: Improve awareness of the study area as a potential place of residence among target audiences.

Recommendations

Improve the study area’s physical environment and livability –
  Increase property ownership and renovation
  Increase eyes on the street
  Improve public space activation and utilization

Improve public awareness of existing home-buying and renovating programs.

Improve the conditions of residential properties –
  Encourage employers to assist their employees in the purchase of homes within walking distance of their location.

Encourage the development of collaborative educational, artistic, entrepreneurial, and residential programs with local universities.
REPORT SUMMARIES- ADVANCING HOUSING IN AVENUES

Key Redevelopment Ideas

Attract residents with incomes of 80% or more of Milwaukee median household
Create high-quality, mixed-income housing units
Create public space
Discourage new light industrial construction
Increase the number of live-work units and high quality apartment construction
Support the conversion of commercial and industrial buildings into mixed use residential buildings
Increase the number of market rate apartments with retail space on the first floor
Create a fresh food farmers market in underutilized parking lot
Create pockets of green space (some vacant lots may work for this)
Promote increased landscaping along Clybourn
Designate a bike lane within the existing right-of-way
Add new streetscape for a more aesthetically pleasing and safer corridor

Neighborhood Strategies

17th - 20th West State Street

Current Use
Blocks 1700-1900 of West State Street are currently single family and duplex residential. These three blocks along State Street are zoned RT4, which allows primarily single family and duplex uses and limited commercial/live-work activity.
Proposed Use
Vacant corner lots receive three- or four-story mixed use buildings, which might be traditionally designed with first-floor commercial and upper floor residential, or two-story units fronting State Street with apartments above, or perhaps a combination of the two types. Any single lots or interior combination of lots will have infill connected townhouses constructed with attached parking.

23rd - 25th West State Street
Current Use
The land use in the 2300 and 2400 blocks of West State Street is currently single family and duplex residential. Many of the lots in this section of Avenues West are vacant or used for paved parking. The entire south side of the 2300 block is paved parking.

Proposed Use
Build upon the strength of the mixed-use and residential projects to be built between 17th and 20th Streets on West State Street, and to encourage further development of mixed-use projects on vacant lots, and redevelopment of historic commercial and mixed-use buildings along State Street between 23rd and 25th Street.

20th-26th West Clybourn Street
Current Use
Currently zoned as IL2, the two proposed buildings are east and west of each other at the intersection of 22nd and Clybourn Street, and have been vacant for a few years. Both buildings have been used as commercial office space or light industrial space for various businesses.

Proposed Use
The proposed mixed-use of the these two buildings will revitalize the substandard industrial commercial space into a vibrant center with live-work lofts, green space, multi-family/renovated lofts, and a seasonal
REPORT SUMMARIES - NWSP Strategic Plan (2015)
Prepared by Near West Side Partners

MISSION
Revitalize and sustain the Near West Side as a thriving business and residential corridor through collaborative efforts to promote economic development, improve housing, unify neighborhood identity and branding and provide greater safety for residents and businesses.

VISION
Near West Side Partners envisions a vibrant, thriving Near West Side with a well-balanced mix of residential neighborhoods and business corridors that offer:

- safe and welcoming environment for employees, residents and visitors
- neighborhoods that are attractive to those working in the area
- distinct neighborhood identity and brand that is attractive to employers, employees, residents and visitors
- vibrant mix of commercial corridor development that serves the needs of those living and working in the Near West Side.

$200+ million in capital investments have been made to help make the NWS a more safe and desirable place to work. Other neighborhood assets include its many neighborhood associations, arts and entertainment venues, beautiful historic buildings, affordable housing, churches and parks.

NWS remains architecturally and culturally diverse - African-American households to Asian to middle-class families of various backgrounds.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Support and strengthen community engagement throughout the NWS.

SAFETY
Develop a safe environment in which to live, work and play throughout the NWS.

COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS
Create and maintain an environment that attracts a broad mix of quality commercial and retail enterprises and customers to the NWS commercial districts.

HOUSING
Revitalize the NWS housing environment to attract and support a sustainable, diverse community of responsible home and rental property owners and residents.

MARKETING AND BRANDING
Establish a positive brand identity that attracts residents, businesses and investment to the NWS and the neighborhoods it encompasses.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Provide for effective transportation access and other infrastructure to maximize benefit to NWS neighborhoods.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Ensure NWSP has the organizational sustainability to achieve its long-term goals.
## DEMOGRAPHICS (NWS Statistic 2015)

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**HOUSEHOLDS**

| AVERAGE SIZE | 2 |

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![Map of Near West Side neighborhoods]
ASSETS – ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS

A. Miller Coors
B. Marquette University
C. Potawatomi Business Development Corporation
D. Aurora Health Care-Sinai
E. Harley-Davidson Motor Co.
ASSETS - FOOD

- Smiles Liquor and Food Market
- Brother’s Food
- State Liquor Market
- Kilbourn Supermarket
- NNR Tobacco
- Golden Midtown Food Market
- Lucky’s Supermarket
- Quick Pick Food Market
- Kasses Food Market
- Sav-On Foods
- 7-Eleven

- JJ Fish & Chicken
- McDonalds
- JJ Sub
- Wendy’s
- China Taste
- Golden Chicken
- McDonalds
- Taco Bell
- Sal’s Pizza
- The Dogg Haus
- Qdoba Mexican Grill
- Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches
- Real Chili
- Papa John’s Pizza
- Cousin’s Subs & Starbucks Coffee

- Daddy’s Soul Food & Grille
- Valley Inn
- Five O’Clock Steakhouse
- The Envoy
- Michael’s Family Restaurant
- Conway’s Smokin’ Bar and Grill
- Ruby G’s Espresso Bar & Cafe
- The Coffee House
- Miss Katie’s Diner
- Broken Yolk
- Sobleman’s at Marquette
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ASSETS - INSTITUTIONS

US Post Office
Milwaukee Police Dept. Sub Station
Milwaukee Bureau of Child Welfare
Child Protection Center at Aurora Sinai

Artists Working in Education
Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership
DaVita Wisconsin Avenue
Wisconsin Community Services
Associated Physical Therapists of Milwaukee
George V. Chandy MD Office
Milwaukee Midwest Medical Building
Vets Place Central
35th Street Clinic
Highland Heights
Aurora Family Services
Select Milwaukee
Volunteer Center for Greater Milwaukee
Where Kids Are Special
27th Street Optometrist
Penfield’s Children Center
Our Safe Place, Inc.
American Red Cross
Milwaukee Bicycle Collective
Welfare Warriors
Pediatric and Adult Medical Association
City on a Hill
Milwaukee Center for Independence
Carolina G. Conti, MD - Internal Medicine
Milwaukee Rescue Mission
Planned Parenthood of Milwaukee
The Women’s Support Center
BloodCenter of Wisconsin
Guest House of Milwaukee
Aurora Sinai Medical Center

Near West Side
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MAPS - TRAFFIC COUNT

Near West Side
NEAR WEST SIDE CHARETTE

BIG IDEAS

• Economic Revitalization
• Neighborhood Grocery/ Market
• Connectivity to neighborhood – physical and social
• Indoor/outdoor public space
• 35th Street Iconic Way
• Streetscaping enhancements
• Adaptive Re-use where feasible
Putting Vacant Land to Use

A five-story building, with storefront on the first floor.

Provides 31 affordable rental units

3,000 square feet of retail space.

Credit: Joanne Brown, The Visual Source.

43 units are affordable; 34 of them are available to families making up to 60% of the area median income, and 9 of the units are set aside for sections 8 voucher holders.
PRECEDENT: SMALL BUILDING SPACE
Our Daily Salt | Milwaukee, WI
PRECEDE NT: NEW FORMAT OFFICE SPACE
Maine Grains Grist Mill | Chicago, IL
PRECEDENT: ART STUDIO / GALLERY / ED / HOUSING

LILLSTREET ART CENTER | Chicago, IL
PRECEDEENT: RECREATIONAL FACILITY

Brampton Soccer Centre, Ontario
Indoor fields

Lee Valley Centre, London
Tennis and hockey
PRECEDENT: GROCERY STORES
Enzo’s Market, Chattanooga Various Small Market Examples

Adaptive Re-use Grocery Store
15,000 SF Hill Floral Group Warehouse

Small Neighborhood Markets
NEAR WEST SIDE SITES
The Near West Side Charette took place on April 7th, 2016 at the UW Milwaukee, School of Architecture and Urban Planning. Hosted by Community Design Solutions and Near West Side Partners, the day began with a brief overview of the neighborhood, focus areas, potential uses, and site descriptions, followed by a day full of site concepts, designing, and development discussions regarding each site.

Architects, developers, city officials, funders, business owners, residents, and friends of the neighborhood began with concept discussions as well as potential and necessary uses to each site. The discussions focused on the “big ideas” and revitalization of the neighborhood.

The Architects presented their initial design proposals for feedback and revised their concepts based on group comments. The day concluded with the architects presenting their final proposals to enhance the neighborhood and spur additional investment.
NEAR WEST SIDE CHARETTE 2016
SITE 1- 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)

1.38 acres
SITE 1- 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)
SITE 1- 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)

SITE 1
- City of Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority
- Site
- Privately Owned

Site Area SF: 60,242

Traffic Count 27th Street: 15,500
Traffic Count Wisconsin Ave: 12,700

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SITE 1- 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)

CONTEXT & FOCUS GROUP INPUT:

• Historically lot 4 was The Milwaukee-Waukesha Delivery Company (5 stories)
• No Longer a gas station on 27th & Wisconsin
• Existing buildings include an apartment building and the Milwaukee Police Evidence Building
• Next to American Red Cross Building and across the street from the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (200+ employees)
• Create a destination use for residents and employees
• High traffic count on 27th Street - intersection is major gateway from the south

CHARRETTE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

• New construction and adaptive reuse
• Mixed use, active ground floor use (eg. retail, fitness, makerspace, coffee shop)
• Office or housing for upper floors
• Potential green roof or roof garden on new construction, also amenity for exiting building to view
• Parking on-site
SITE 1- 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)

Uihlein Wilson Architects

Located on the Northeast corner of 27th and Wisconsin, the parcels on Site 1 are city-owned. These parcels include an open lot on the corner, a parking lot area, and an existing building. This existing building was built in 1923 (Wisconsin Historical Society) and used to be a delivery company. The building is now occupied by the Milwaukee Police department.

This block has been called the center of the universe by the Near West Side Partners. With that in mind, the architects proposed making this site a memorable corner. The concept for this site is to maximize the uses throughout the day, night, and weekends. The driving forces in Uihlein Wilson’s design were to match the floor plates of the new and existing buildings, to activate the ground floor, and maximize the views of the Valley.
SITE 1- 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)

Uihlein Wilson proposed to build up to the adjacent building and develop a core service hall between the two buildings. They also proposed activating the neighborhood and street with a restaurant on the ground level corner of 27th and Wisconsin. The 2nd through 6th floors would function as office space.

The height of the building allows for views looking towards the valley. Another design aspect is cantilevered glass “view boxes” on the office floors to accentuate the views.

The concept maintains its north parking lot, currently shared with adjacent properties. Other architectural features include glazing along the first floor, outdoor seating, and a green roof.

The feedback was positive with great support for a restaurant on the corner of Wisconsin and 27th. In order to fully activate that site, it was suggested to create a set-back on the corner, in order to create a public gathering and green space, as well as a bus stop.
SITE 1 - 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)
SITE 1- 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)

**FINAL SITE PROPOSAL**

**New Construction (Corner of Wisconsin & 27th):**
- Maximize the views to the valley with “view boxes”
- Restaurant on the first floor
- Lobby and office entry (mid-block on 27th)
- 2nd through 6th floor office use

**Exterior Uses:**
- Public Plaza
- New bus stop and art garden
- Maintain north parking lot
- Roof patio
- Green roof

**Adaptive Re-use:**
- Building core elevator and connection point between existing building and new construction
SITE 1- 27th and Wisconsin
(NE Corner)

West facade, looking south on 27th Street
SITE 2- West Side of 27th Street
(Between Kilbourn & Wells)

2.09 acres
SITE 2 - West Side of 27th Street
(Between Kilbourn & Wells)
SITE 2- West Side of 27th Street
(Between Kilbourn & Wells)

SITE 2
- City of Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority
- Site
- Privately Owned

**Site Area SF: 91,039**

Traffic Count 27th Street: 15,500
Traffic Count Wells Street: 5,300

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SITE 2- West Side of 27th Street  
(Between Kilbourn & Wells)

**CONTEXT & FOCUS GROUP INPUT:**

- Previously mixed-use apartments
- Across the street from Penfield Children’s Center
- High traffic count on 27th Street
- One of the most dense areas of Milwaukee
- Opportunity for neighborhood destination and social gathering
- Activate the ground floor and northern part of the site

**CHARETTE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Adaptive reuse for the corner building – work/live with housing upper and work or retail ground floor
- Large building in the middle of the site, adaptive reuse for makerspace or fitness
- New construction northern part with public space – restaurant, community center, clinic, housing
- Restaurant could include a healthy food/deli element for pick-up
- Parking on-site
- Public space as part of new construction
SITE 2- West Side of 27th Street
(Between Kilbourn & Wells)

Quorom Architects

Located on 27th Street, between Kilbourn and Wells, Site 2 is 91,039 square feet and takes up the majority of the block. The site has a large parking lot on the west side of the block, a large rectilinear building in the center, and a historical building facing the street along 27th Street. The two large buildings have great adaptive re-use potential. The northern part of the block was proposed as new construction, an office and retail building.

Quorom originally proposed four potential uses for the site, including an fitness center, makerspaces, urban office, and farm to table space. The four schemes all included a cafe on the corner of Wells and 27th, gathering space, social & health benefits, as well as visual connections from Kilbourn to Wells.
SITE 2- West Side of 27th Street
(Between Kilbourn & Wells)

The feedback was favorable towards the Urban Agriculture Center/Greenhouse, as well as a teen fitness center. It was suggested the proposals be combined so the site could function as both a Fitness Teen Center and a neighborhood community space with a Farmer’s Market.

This idea was further supported, encouraging the development of food and nutrition education combined with access to fresh food. This combination could serve as a destination for both the neighborhood and the region.

Feedback suggested an anchor use be located on each corner of 27th Street with retail or work/sell uses along the ground level of the block to activate the site.
SITE 2- West Side of 27th Street  
(Between Kilbourn & Wells)

FINAL SITE PROPOSAL

**Large central block building (Adaptive Re-use):**
- Community space
- Teen education center
- Fitness Center
- Interior maker market
- Exterior Farmer’s Market
- Greenhouse along the southwest side of the block
- Maker space along the street facade (27th Street)
- Office space on the second level of makerspace storefront

**New Construction (Corner of 27th and Kilbourn):**
- Office space on the 1st and 2nd floors
- Retail space on the 1st and 2nd floors
- Residential on the upper level

**Adaptive Re-use (Corner of 27th & Wells):**
- Cafe/ Take-away
- Community kitchen
- Community dining
- Restaurant, west side with access to outdoor patio
- Residential (2nd, 3rd, 4th floors)
SITE 2- West Side of 27th Street
(Between Kilbourn & Wells)

Adaptive re-use, corner of 27th and Wells
SITE 3- 27th and Wisconsin
(SW Corner)

2.33 acres
SITE 3- 27th and Wisconsin
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Site Area SF: 101,313
SITE 3- 27th and Wisconsin
(SW Corner)

CONTEXT & FOCUS GROUP INPUT:

- Across the street from vacant Wisconsin Avenue Elementary School
- Major intersection that serves as a gateway from the south
- Typography of the site allows views of Menomonee Valley
- Create a destination use, as well as uses that serve the Merril Park, Concordia and Avenues West neighborhoods

CHARETTE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Clear site, new construction (keep Travis building)
- Major employer or other use (commercial kitchen)
- Veterinary expansion with dog park
- Coffee shop (drive-through)
- Restaurant(s)
- Housing facing Michigan Avenue and 28th Street, wrap portion of 27th Street
- Public spaces -- park for the residents and plaza along Wisconsin Avenue
- Major identity at intersection
- Parking on-site
SITE 3- 27th and Wisconsin
(SW Corner)

HGA Architects

Located on the west side of 27th Street between Wisconsin and Michigan Avenue, Site 3 allows for a complete revitalization and vision of the block, while integrating an adaptive re-use project (Travis Academy Building).

HGA proposed a space that would mediate different worlds, by creating a public space that connects the neighborhood to the southwest. HGA proposed three schemes, a Wellness Center, an Arts and Entertainment hub, and a mixed use urban athlete facility. All of the schemes included a central community space.
SITE 3- 27th and Wisconsin
(SW Corner)

The feedback for the proposals were positive with the Arts & Entertainment scheme favored. Stakeholders supported an outdoor concert space, outdoor public space, as well as a cinema. There was a strong push to encourage both indoor and outdoor community space and to keep safety in mind.

The interior public space is activated through ground floor retail, pavilion, and connections to Wisconsin and Michigan Avenues. Neighborhood events can be programmed along with every day passive activities.

Live-work units are incorporated into the adaptive re-use building (Travis). It was suggested during the feedback discussion to orient these live work units to the interior of the public space.
SITE 3- 27th and Wisconsin  
(SW Corner)

FINAL SITE PROPOSAL

- Courtyard scheme
- Focus towards Arts and Entertainment
- Public amphitheater
- Open public green space
- New constructed townhomes along 28th Street
- Adaptive re-use, live-work units in the Travis building
- Cinema with housing above, corner of Wisconsin and 27th Street
- Mixed use retail and office space along 27th Street

View looking east from residential balcony onto the public amphitheater  
View looking at the corner of Wisconsin and 28th (Travis Building)
SITE 4- 35th and 37th
(South side of Vliet)

1.88 acres
SITE 4- 35th and 37th
(South side of Vliet)
SITE 4- 35th and 37th
(South side of Vliet)

SITE 4

- City of Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority
- Site
- Privately Owned

Site Area SF: 81,679

Traffic Count Vliet Street: 14,500
Traffic Count 35th Street: 12,400

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SITE 4- 35th and 37th
(South side of Vliet)

CONTEXT & FOCUS GROUP INPUT:

• Across the street from Milwaukee Post Office, near Harley-Davidson
• Green space on the west side of 37th Street, could be converted to housing
• Many vacant lots on the north side of Vliet - image needs to be improved
• Neighborhood uses and services desired

CHARRETTE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

• New construction with multiple uses, multiple benefits
• Neighborhood grocery (7,000 to 15,000sf) with a cultural element based on neighborhood demographics
• Public space that could be used as outdoor market
• Neighborhood services, community center, commercial kitchen
• Housing – senior, duplex, or multi-unit apartments
• Parking on-site
SITE 4- 35th and 37th
(South side of Vliet)

Engberg Anderson Architects

Located on the south side of Vliet Street, Site 4 consists of all new construction. Proposals strive to connect and incorporate the proposed Senior housing, maintain a public green space, and include a neighborhood grocery store.

Engberg Anderson proposed a scheme which incorporated a neighborhood grocery store with a public market. The architects suggested to decommission the gas station and turn it into a green space that would be used as a connection between the new senior housing and the market. The grocery store building is mixed-use with residential units on the upper floors. Additional suggestions included a community room/space, culinary school, and a Dollar Store.
The majority of the feedback was in favor of a neighborhood grocery market, with the market requiring 15,000 SF. The grocery store would serve the immediate neighborhood and allow Harley-Davidson employees to shop at a fresh market near their work. On the weekends, the grocery could function as public market with additional vendors coming to the site, utilizing the adjacent public space.

A commercial kitchen is also proposed, with adjacent Hmong and African American cultures being emphasized. Other community programs could include home ownership classes and training. The multi-use aspect may allow financing options.
SITE 4- 35th and 37th
(South side of Vliet)

FINAL SITE PROPOSAL

- Grocery on the corner of Vliet and 35th
- Residential Lobby along 35th for the residents above
- Public and resident parking on 35th Street
- Public Market along Vliet, next to Grocery store
- Pocket park on Vliet, connecting market and senior housing
- Transparent windows along the building fronts
SITE 5 - 35th and State

1.29 acres
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CONTEXT & FOCUS GROUP INPUT:

- Advanced Automotive Service’s prominent business in the area
- Gateway to Miller Valley and local anchor businesses, including Harley-Davidson, MillerCoors, and Potawatomi Business Development Corporation - congested traffic flow
- High traffic count on 35th Street
- Appearance needs to be improved to celebrate Iconic Way and area businesses
- Include uses to serve the residents, as well as destination uses
- Consider traffic flow improvements with public art feature

CHARETTE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Adaptive reuse and public art component
- Keep Automotive Business, include façade renovation and landscaping
- Adjacent buildings - makerspace, training facility, fitness, or other neighborhood uses, integrate electric bike business
- Small house - coffee shop, teen center, non-profit center
- Public art as gateway and part of Iconic Way identity
SITE 5 - 35th and State

Miller Architectural Group

Located at 35th and State Street, Site 5 is large and spread out, touching three corners of a complex intersection. The concept of this site was focused around beautifying the exterior space surrounding the intersection, slowing traffic on 35th Street, and creating a symbolic identity for the area as a gateway feature.

Miller Architectural Group proposed the autoshop remove cars from the front lot and add additional parking in the rear and along the alley, modernize the billboard, and add landscaping. They proposed making the intersection pedestrian friendly and redirect traffic flowing south on 35th to west on State Street. The house on the southwest corner of 35th and State should be adaptively re-used as a pub, deli, bakery or coffee house.
SITE 5 - 35th and State

The feedback was positive, and many thought the small building across from the auto shop would serve well as a coffee house. It was also suggested that the billboard be a great opportunity for public art and advertisement opportunity for MillerCoors, Harley-Davidson, NWSP, and area businesses. Another suggestion included relocating the bus stop near the coffee house.

Miller Architectural Group considered all opportunities to enhance the exterior and public space of this intersection. They proposed creating crosswalks, demarcated a central hub of public space between State and Linden, and designed a colorful gateway element along State Street with a large arch and painting of the venting system on the buildings. Parking at the corner is relocated and replaced with landscaping. A small public plaza and fountain are the central feature between State, Linden, and 35th Street.

Aerial looking Northwest on 35th & State Street
SITE 5 - 35th and State

FINAL SITE PROPOSAL

• Gateway feature
• Adaptive re-use of the house into a Coffee shop
• Add small building next to coffee house for additional space
• Make the “hub” pedestrian friendly with streetscaping, landscaping, and emphasizing crosswalks
• Redesign the billboard to highlight area businesses and activities
• Rearrange parking for the autoshop and include new signage
• Branding for the neighborhood- NWSP logo on intersection
• Relocate the bus stop
• Create signature element/public art in central node
SITE 6 - Wisconsin & 35th
(West Side of 35th)

2.15 acres
SITE 6 - Wisconsin & 35th
(West Side of 35th)
SITE 6 - Wisconsin & 35th
(West Side of 35th)

Traffic Count Wisconsin Street: 15,000
Traffic Count 35th Street: 17,000

SITE 6
City of Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority
Site
Privately Owned

Site Area SF: 93,780

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SITE 6 - Wisconsin & 35th
(West Side of 35th)

CONTEXT & FOCUS GROUP INPUT:

- Across from Marquette University High School and Walgreens
- Adjacent to Merrill Park neighborhood and recreation fields
- Opportunity to partner on use of outdoor recreation fields
- High traffic count on 35th Street, gateway from the west and south

CHARETTE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Adaptive reuse or all new construction
- Adaptive reuse -- garden center and home building center
- New construction -- recreation facility with link to athletic fields to the south and serve neighborhood residents
- Parking on-site
- Public space or feature at 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue
- Iconic building or feature to emphasize the gateway into Milwaukee and the Near West Side
SITE 6 - Wisconsin & 35th
(西Wester of 35th)

American Design Architects

Site 6 is located on 35th and Wisconsin. This is a prime location with its adjacency to Marquette University High School, Walgreens, Merrill Park, and access to the interstate. The site is considered a destination location that could draw outsiders into the Near West Side neighborhood, as well as serve area residents.

American Design Architects imagined this site as two possible programs. One, an adaptive reuse as a garden center and the other a new recreational ice facility. The recreational facility would include a field house, outdoor rink, indoor soccer and basketball courts, CrossFit gym, and parking. Phase II would include an educational center focused on health and recreation.
After initial proposals, there was strong support for the recreational facility with emphasis on the ice-skating and hockey rink. There was some hesitation as to whether you could fit all programs (basketball, soccer, hockey etc.) into the facility. Feedback confirmed the need to make the facility and programs accessible to the neighborhood and public.

Architectural design should ensure an iconic feature that can transform the identity of this gateway. A glass corner with views of an indoor climbing wall creates this iconic image. Shared parking could be explored with Marquette University High School.

Stakeholders suggested the facility provide youth and adult programs, covering an 18 hour day. Partnerships could include local schools, agencies, and foundations. Local partners are needed to make this feasible.
SITE 6 - Wisconsin & 35th
(West Side of 35th)

FINAL SITE PROPOSAL

- Iconic Gateway into Milwaukee and the Near West Side
- Destination uses for residents and the region
- Accessible asset to the immediate neighborhood/public
- Recreational facility
- Strong corner presence on 35th and Wisconsin
- Wellness Facility: Tai chi, Yoga, Weight Rm, Cafe bar, Kitchen, Retail
- Climbing wall as part of wellness facility
- Field house on second floor: Ice Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball
- Outdoor seating
- Mid-block parking
- Interest in Phase II, moving the existing WE energies building
- Connection with neighborhood and other institutions
SITE 6 - Wisconsin & 35th
(West Side of 35th)

Aerial looking at the corner of on 35th St. & Wisconsin Ave.

Wisconsin Avenue elevation
“The Charette process is one of the most important tools as we look at economic development and community revitalization in the Near West Side. Residents, property owners, and many stakeholders had a platform to speak of land use, potential housing, and retail development opportunities in this historic and dynamic community.”

- Keith Stanley (Near West Side Partners, Executive Director)