

# 5TH AVENUE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

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5TH AVENUE INITIATIVE STAKEHOLDERS



## Background and Overview

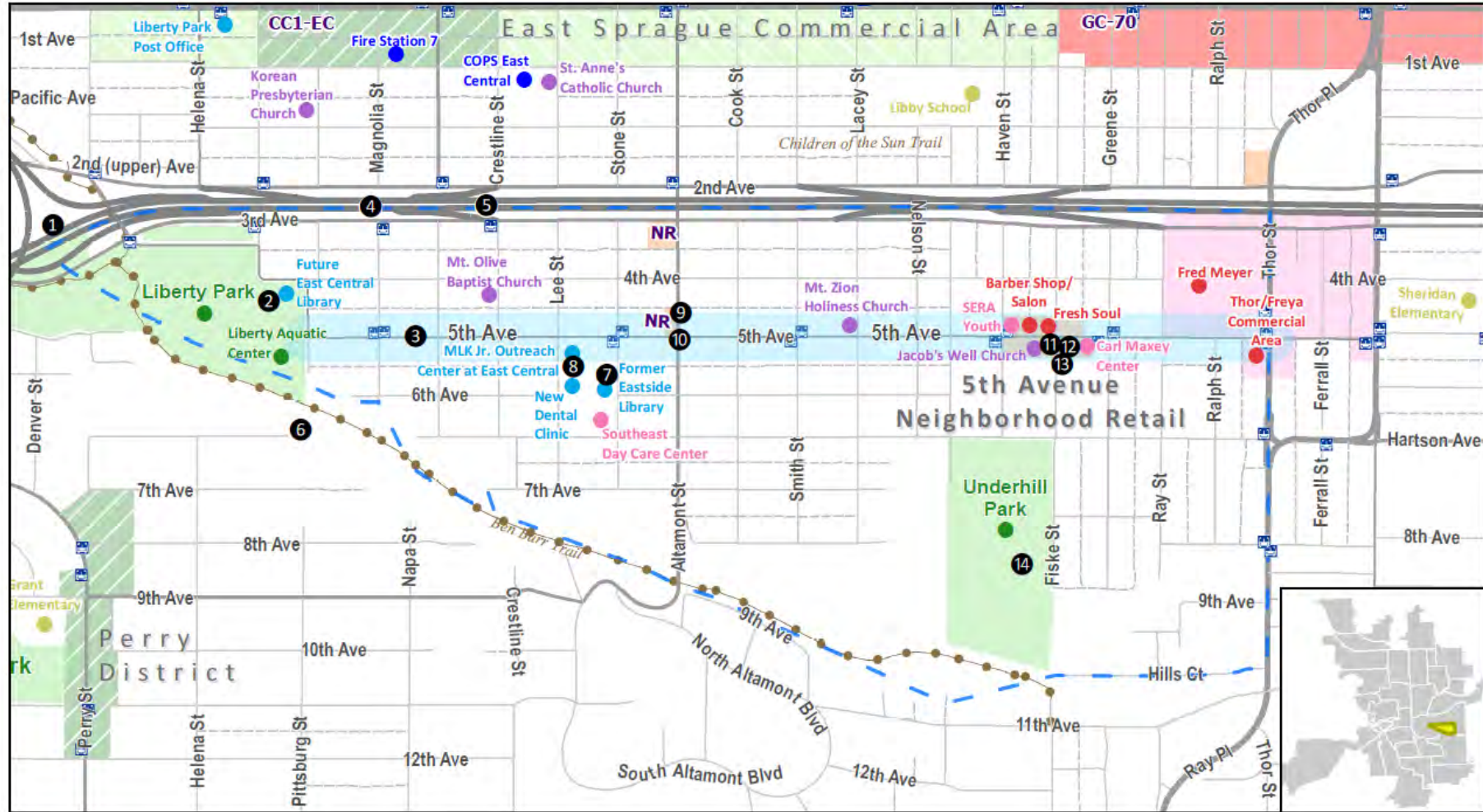
The 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Initiative is a neighborhood-driven effort to revitalize East 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Liberty Park and Thor/Freya in the East Central neighborhood. In partnership with the City of Spokane, this project presents a community vision that is inclusive and unified. It provides strategic actions for improvements, programming, and community building along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Reflecting the diversity of East Central, the outcome supports efforts to foster neighborhood identity and enhance the quality of life for residents at every life stage and economic condition, and to promote local businesses along the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor.



Figure 1. 5th Avenue Initiative Area.



# 5TH AVENUE INITIATIVE COMMUNITY ASSETS & OPPORTUNITIES



## Key

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Public/Civic Institutions   | 5th Avenue Corridor        |
| Schools                     | Census Tract 30            |
| Community Service Providers | Center and Corridor Type 1 |
| Businesses and Restaurants  | Center and Corridor Type 2 |
| Parks and Open Space        | General Commercial         |
| Fire & Police               | Community Business         |
| Trail                       | Neighborhood Retail        |

## Community Opportunities

- 1 North Spokane Corridor Liberty Park Interchange
- 2 East Side Library Expansion & Liberty Park Integration
- 3 5th Avenue Streetscape Improvements from MLK Jr. Outreach Center to Liberty Park
- 4 Rebuild of Pedestrian Bridges across I-90
- 5 Connection with Children of the Sun Trail
- 6 Enhanced Connection to Perry District
- 7 Activate Former Library Building
- 8 Expansion of MLK Jr. Outreach Center at East Central and Dental Clinic
- 9 Activate Neighborhood Retail
- 10 Traffic Calming at 5th and Altamont
- 11 Activate Former Horseman's Grocery Building
- 12 Renovation of Carl Maxey Center
- 13 Maximize Neighborhood Retail Opportunities
- 14 Underhill Park Upgrades - Electricity for Power, Lighting



0 250 500 1,000 Feet

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# 5th Avenue Revitalization

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The residents, business owners, and other stakeholders in the 5th Avenue/Underhill Park Neighborhood are reestablishing the neighborhood commercial section of 5th Avenue as a vibrant center of their community.

## The Project

The neighborhood retail center of 5th Avenue, which serves the Underhill Park section of the East Central Neighborhood, is undergoing a stakeholder-driven revitalization. Separated from the rest of East Central by I-90 and the steep eastern section of the South Hill, the residents of Underhill Park are moving forward to develop a plan to foster the area's social capital by creating a center for local services, commercial activity, and community gathering...



## The Stakeholder Vision

### Short/Medium Term

- Streetscaping
- Façade improvements
- Fresh Soul restaurant
- Youth tutoring center
- Public Space



### Long Term

- Infill development with mixed-use buildings within the retail center
- Continued protection of affordable housing
- Continued recognition of neighborhood diversity and needs



## Success Criteria

Project implementation driven by resident and stakeholder leadership.

A continued positive relationship between the residents/stakeholders, the City of Spokane, and private partnerships.

The development and implementation of the physical plan.

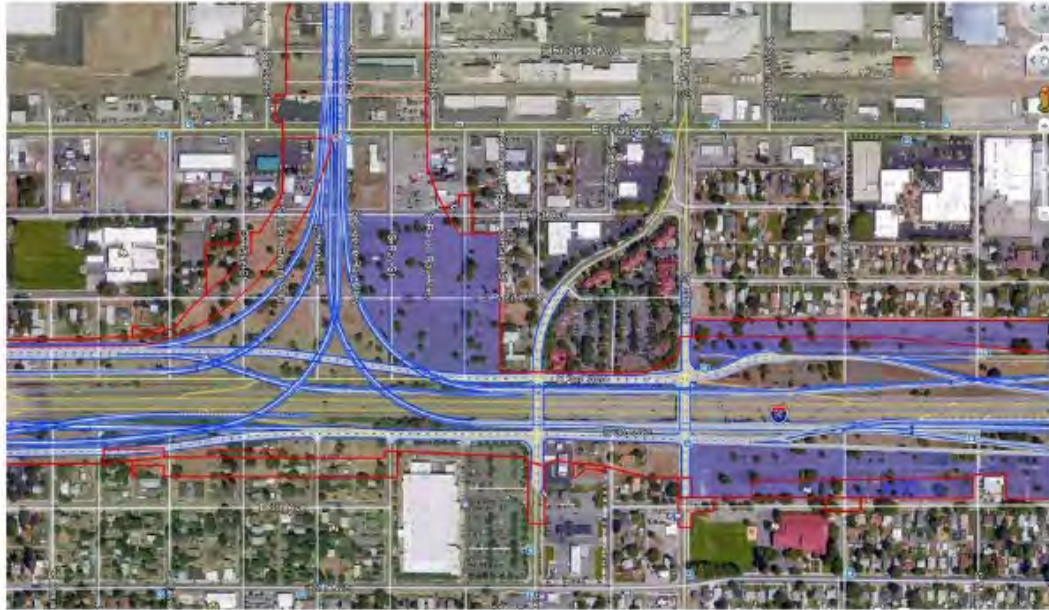
The establishment of commercial activity both in revitalized structures and through programming repurposed vacant space that engages residents and enhances the current efforts to foster neighborhood identity.

In the long term, a consistently vibrant and safe location that residents of all ages identify with as their neighborhood center.





## SITE IN REFERENCE TO HIGHWAYS



## Map of I-90 Land

