

Neighborhood Action Initiative - North Avenue Corridor

The North Avenue Corridor, in the Humboldt Park neighborhood, has a deep and rich history of Puerto Rican, Latinx and African American culture with a focus on guiding and promoting development that embraces the rich culture, arts and entertainment making the area unique. By focusing on the main nodes within the corridor, there is aim to increase economic development and affordable housing in order to promote economic growth while resisting gentrification. The proposed development at the Northwest corner of North Avenue and Pulaski Road seeks to be a catalyst by employing the underutilized neighborhood asset of the Pioneer Bank building to create a cultural and community hub, and using the remaining vacant land to the north to create an engaging, walkable, and vibrant, mixed-use affordable housing development. Coupling neighborhood business resources, entertainment, retail and housing focuses the development on quality of life. The development plan places experience at the forefront as it outlines ways to support community needs, job creation and housing choices as well as expand accessible open space in Humboldt Park to provide opportunities for recreation, special events and public art to celebrate community and culture.

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