

CONQUERING THE GAP

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CURRENT PROBLEM

the elliot park and ventura village neighborhoods have been cut off from each other since the creation of I-94 and 35W in the 1960's

this 17 lane expanse has significantly diminished pedestrian connections, access to commercial corridors, and the overall continuity of the area

before the creation of the interchange, this area was once a fluid, continuous community

reestablishing the urban fabric of elliot park and ventura village is one of the main goals of this thesis project



CURRENT PROPOSAL

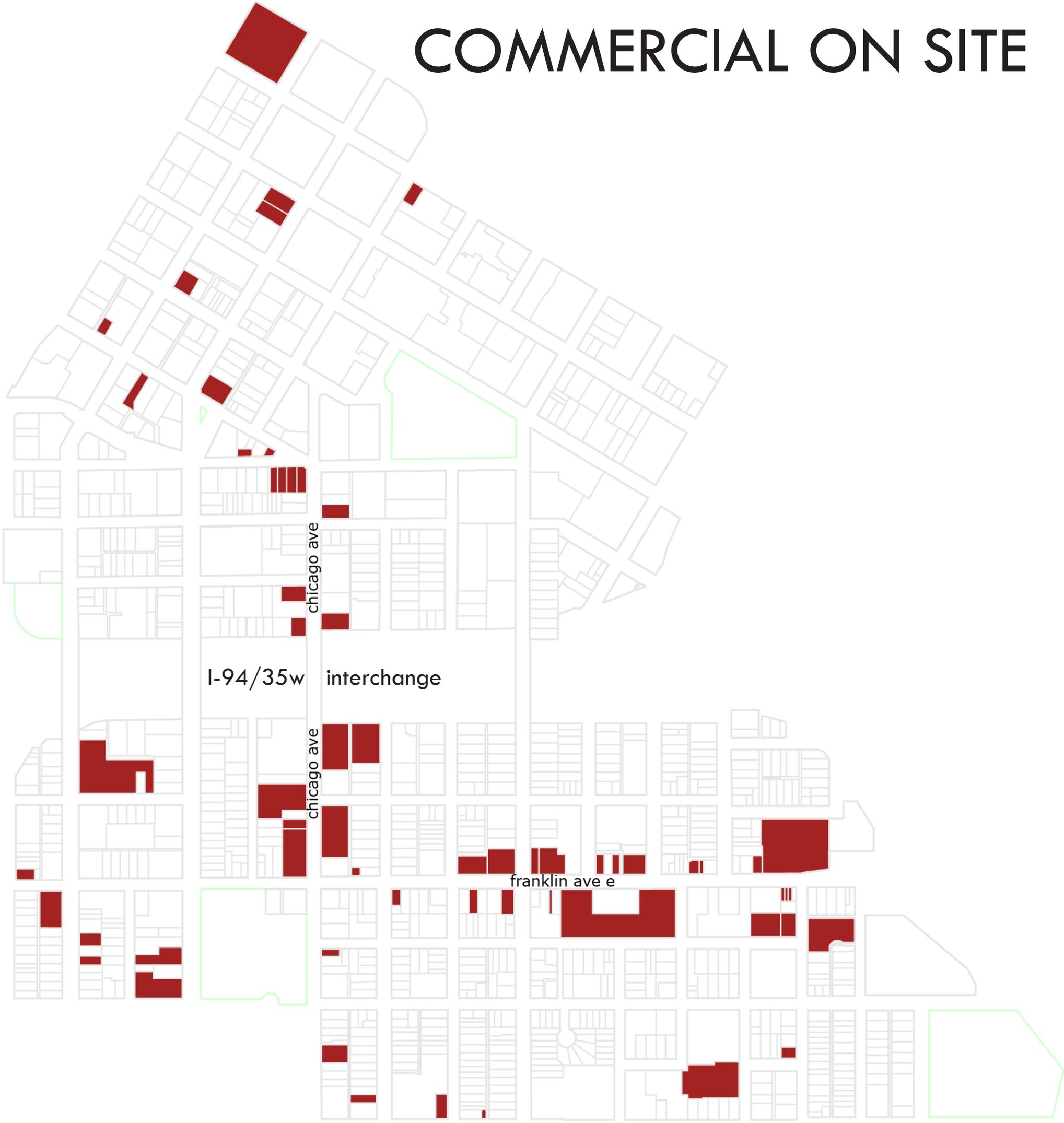
there is a current proposal for air rights development from the ventura village neighborhood

they believe that developing commercial or residential over this area will help increase the neighborhood's vitality and desirability, thus, greatly aiding the neighborhood's ongoing economic and social recovery

ventura village's proposal explains they did studies of where exactly the development would be best

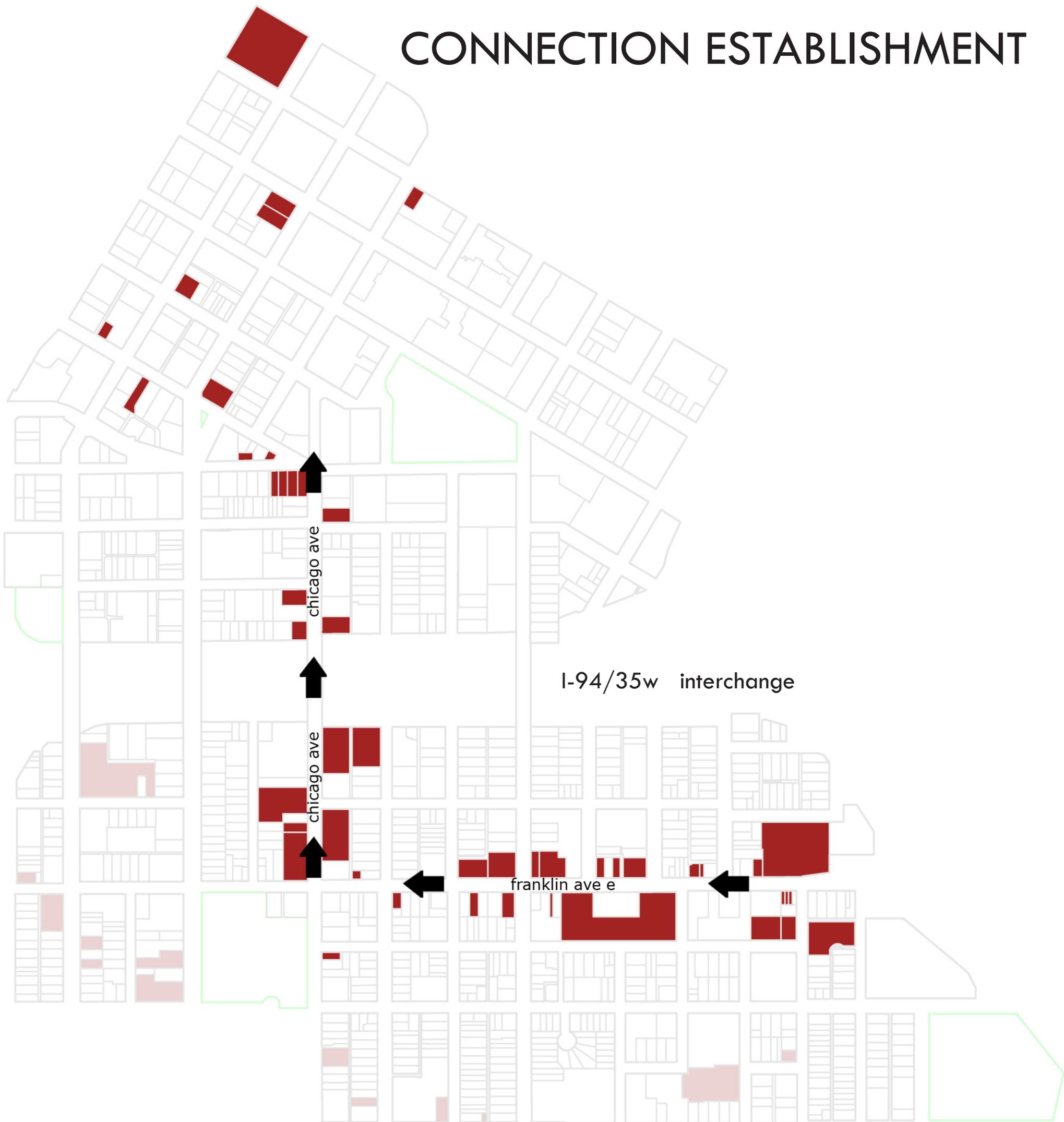


COMMERCIAL ON SITE



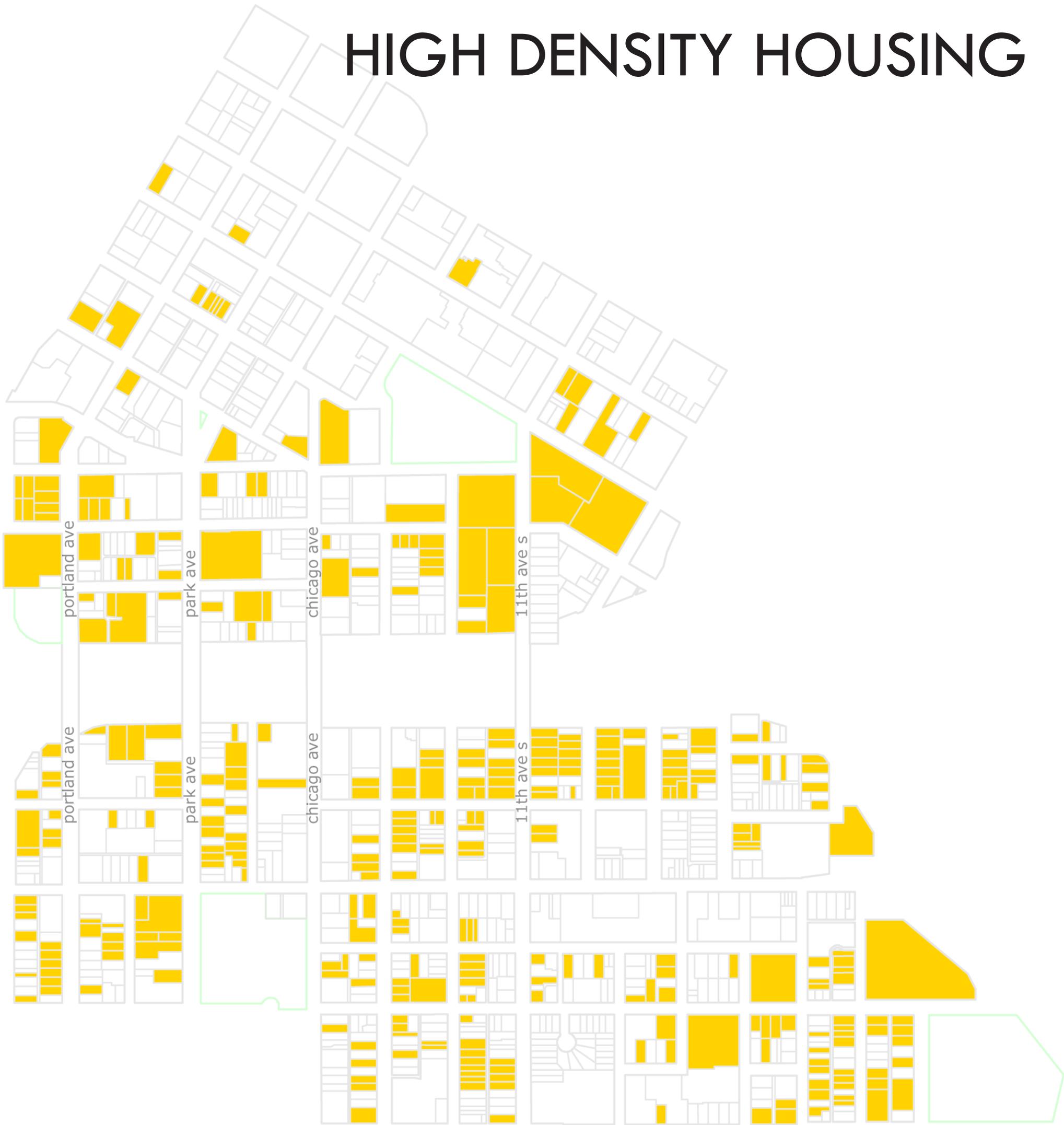
there is an obvious depletion of commercial land use within the Elliot Park neighborhood. Elliot Park has yet to reestablish

CONNECTION ESTABLISHMENT



the main commercial corridor
between the two communities
makes its presence

HIGH DENSITY HOUSING



HIGH DENSITY/PARK SPACE

franklin steele square

elliott park

housing with 5 units or more

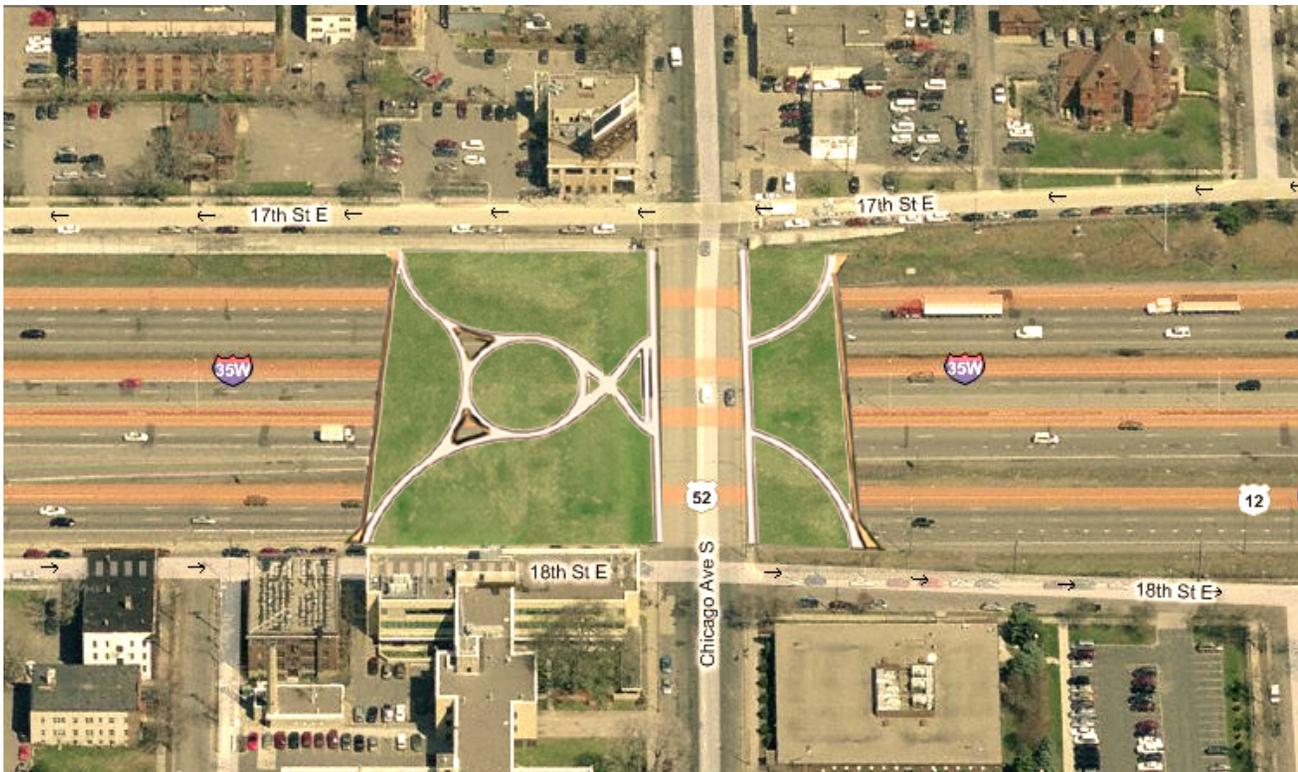
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park space

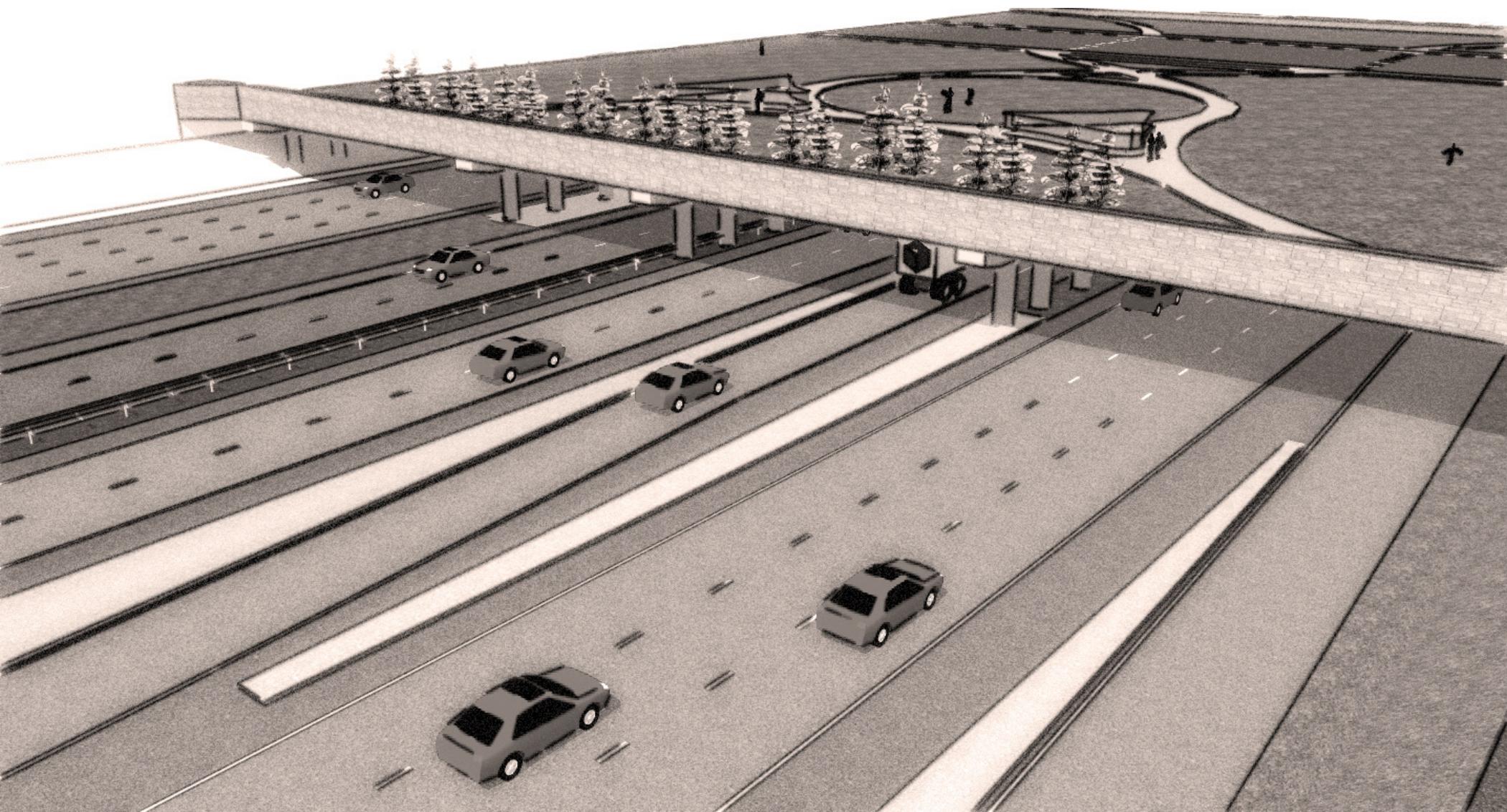
1,291,920 sq. ft.



URBAN PARK OVER THE AIR

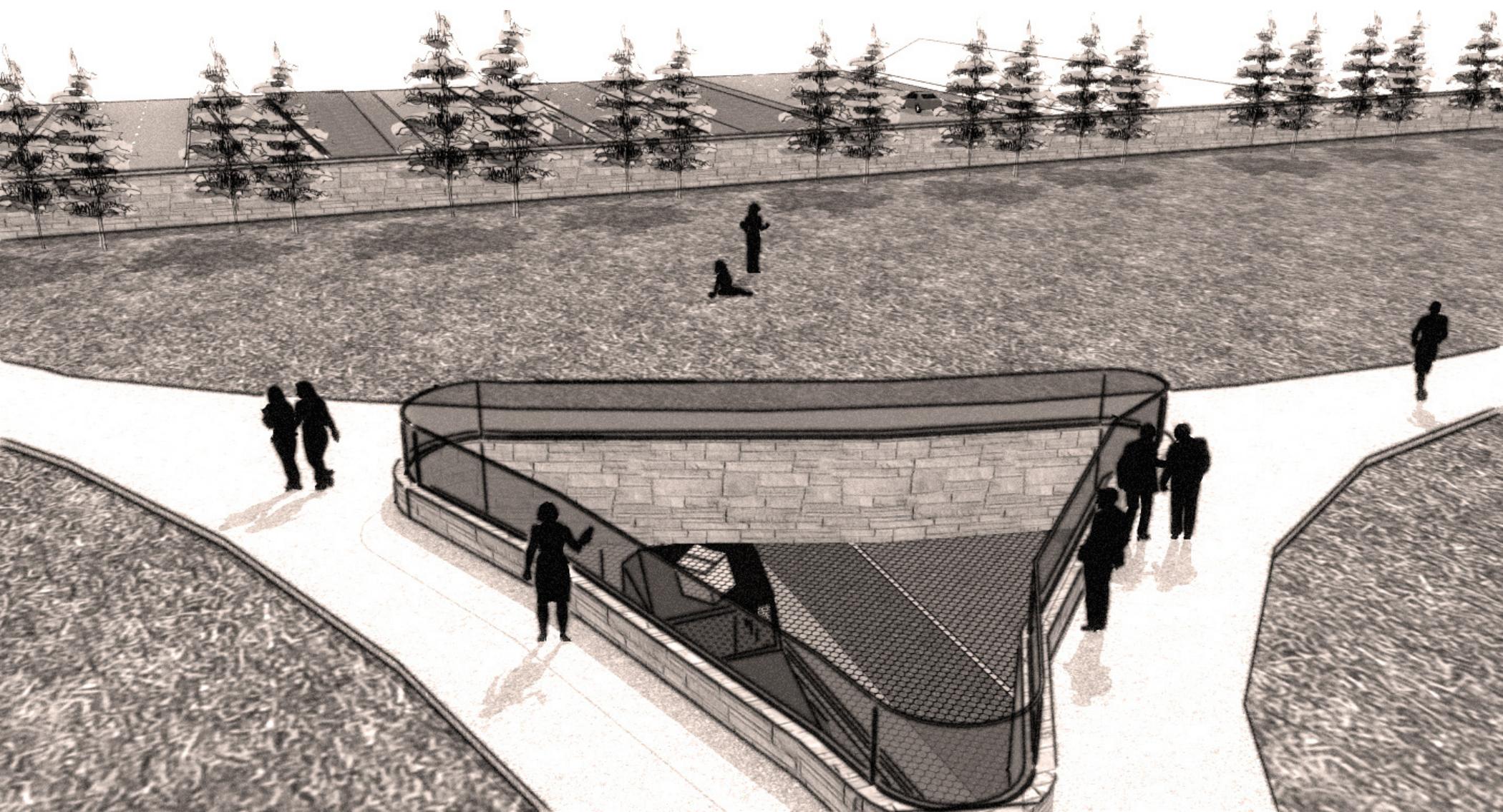


a conceptual birds eye view of what the park could possibly look like



EMBRACING THE TRAFFIC

not forgetting that the park is going over a major interchange, embracing the traffic flow will be a major design element



CIRCULATION PROBLEMS

many of the blocks in the neighborhoods have barriers that are interrupting the circulation within the area. These obstructions are mostly fences that border properties, and not only do they act as barriers but they don't give off a welcoming feeling

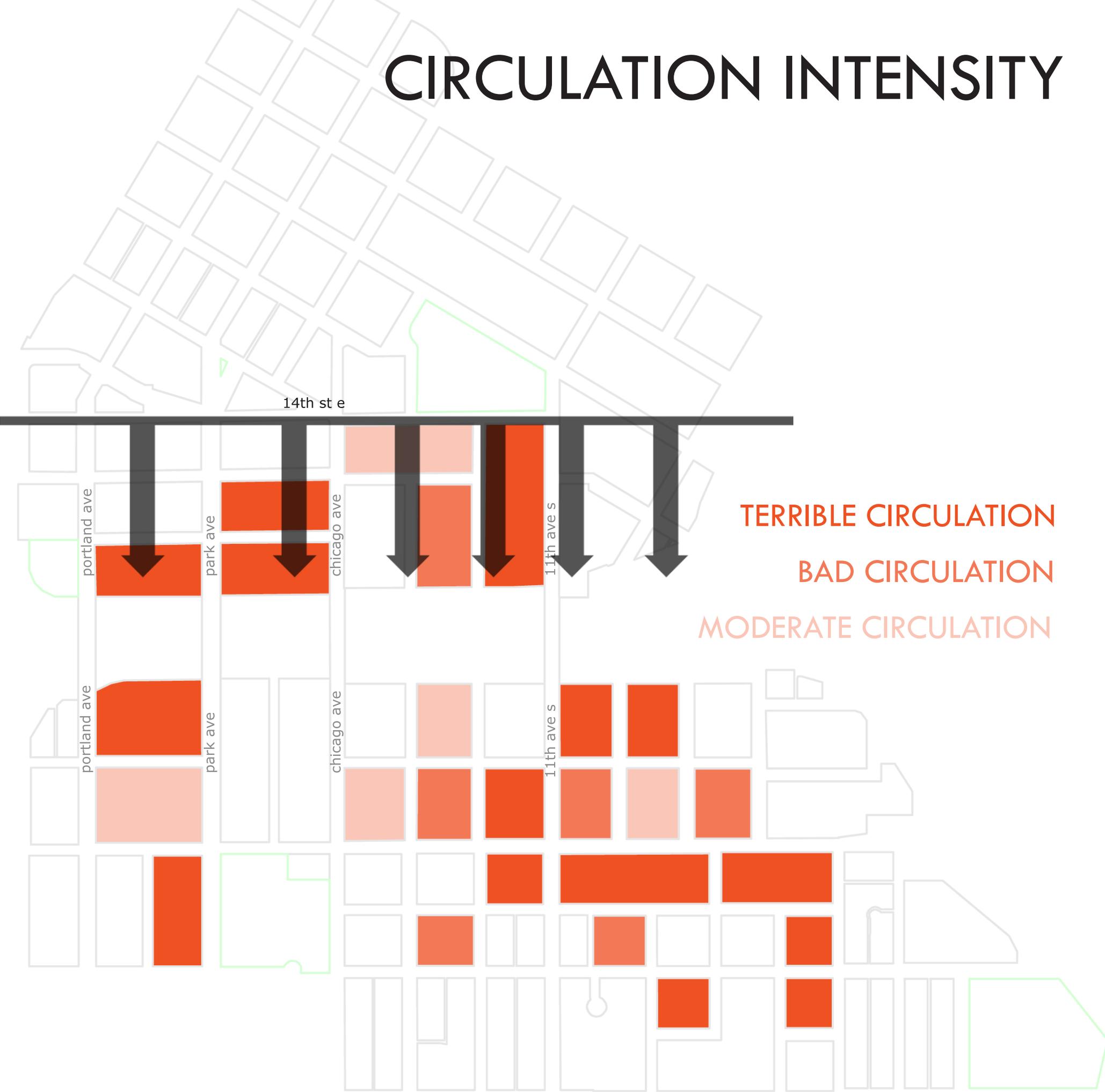


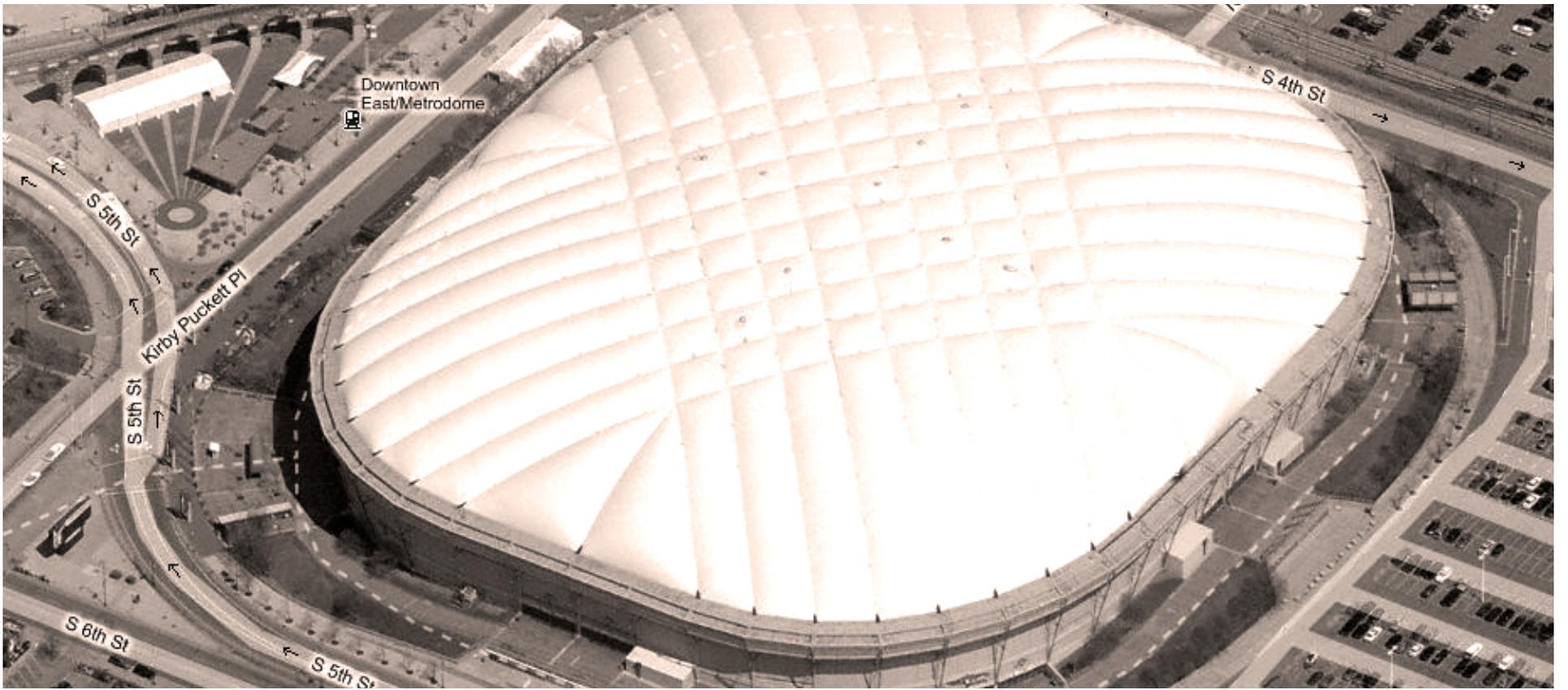
BLOCK CIRCULATION

redesigning the blocks that have major circulation issues will be a strong emphasis



CIRCULATION INTENSITY





METRODOME PARKING

with the Twins and the Gophers moving into their new homes, the metrodome's usage is going down drastically. the potential is high that the land use for the metrodome's reserved parking lots could change. these lots could be converted into public greenspace or could be used for new mixed use development

RESERVED FOR METRODOME
OTHER PARKING

