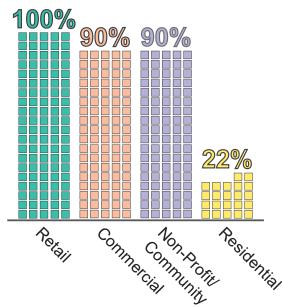
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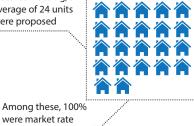


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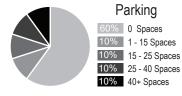
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Among the scenarios that featured housing, an average of 24 units were proposed



# ...Parking

Most proposed developments included fewer than five spaces



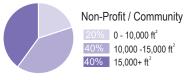
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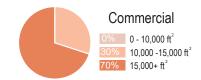
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Most proposed developments included more than 10,000 sq. ft. of non-profit/ community space



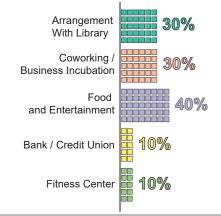
## ...Commercial

Most proposed developments included more than 15,000 sq. ft. of commercial space



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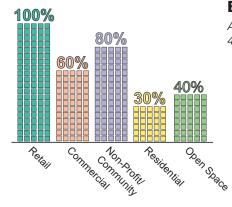


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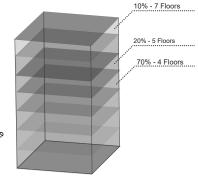
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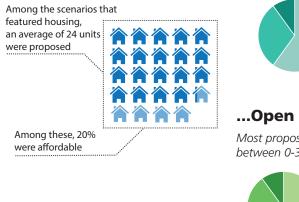
All proposals had heights of 4 stories or more



# OF THE PROPOSALS THAT INCLUDED...

# ....Housing

Most proposed housing developments were about 24 units



# ...Retail

Most proposed developments included between 10,000-15,000 sq. ft. of retail



# ...Open Space

Most proposed developments included between 0-3,000 sq. ft. of open space



# ...Non-Profit/Community

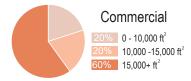
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Non-Profit / Community 40% 0 - 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> 30% 10,000 -15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> 30% 15,000+ ft<sup>2</sup>

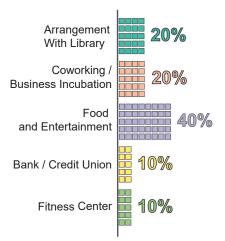
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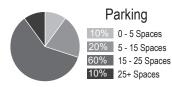
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# ...Parking

Most proposed parking developments were between 15 and 25 spaces



# The Future of the Washington Park Bank Building Scenario 1: Rehab

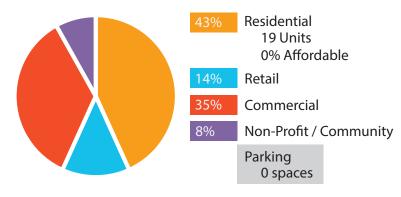
# **Project description**

The project will provide new retail and commercial opportunities and residential housing within the existing building. It would feature an open rooftop to accommodate community space.

The residential component of this project would provide 18 apartments at market rate and includes no onsite parking. The development scenario projects to have a low financial return and a \$2.5 million gap in financing.



Project Program Total 50,000 square feet of built space



# **Project financials**

Total development cost: \$10.7 million Financing gap: \$2.5 million

# Potential health impacts

• Shared community spaces build social cohesion and trust, improve self-rated health and reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke.

• Adding green space or gardens to the open rooftop could reduce anxiety and depression and provide increased access to fruits and vegetables.

• Affordable housing can boost a family's income, making healthy foods and other healthy activities more accessible.

# Alternative funding scenarios

<u>Scenario 1</u>: If this development successfully receives historic certification, it would be eligible for over \$2 million in federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit equity.

<u>Result</u>: Reduces gap to \$0 and greatly improves returns, but receiving certification is not guaranteed and there would be restrictions on design.

<u>Scenario 2</u>: Receive additional financing through grant and soft debt programs, such as HOME or the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund.

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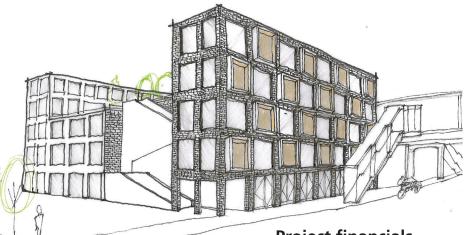


# The Future of the Washington Park Bank Building Scenario 2: New Construction

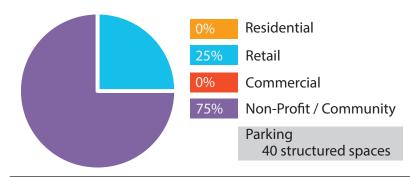
# **Project description**

This project would provide a mixture of retail, commercial and community space. Its key features include the Bessie Coleman Branch of the Chicago Public Library, which would move from its current space into this development, along with the YWCA. The existing public library building (adjacent to this site) would be redeveloped into a parking garage with 40 parking spaces.

The project would include features such as an atrium with a fountain, a lounge, restaurant and bank, and would provide co-working and business incubator spaces. The development scenario projects to have very low financial returns and a \$2.4 million gap in financing.



Project Program Total 31,680 square feet of built space



# **Project financials**

Total development cost: \$5.5 million Financing gap: \$2.4 million

# **Potential health impacts**

• Services provided by the YWCA and public library can support increased physical activity, social cohesion, child/youth wellbeing and skills development.

• Exposure to sunlight and the sound of moving water can reduce anxiety and depression and promote mental wellbeing.

• A restaurant that serves healthy food options can reduce the risk of hypertension, obesity and diabetes.

# Alternative funding scenarios

<u>Scenario 1</u>: A private developer partners with the City or another major institution to cover costs and support the larger development

<u>Result</u>: Improves odds of receiving additional grants and soft debt, but these public-private partnerships are highly complicated to put together

Scenario 2: Simplify the development program by leaving the existing library as-is, while including library program-



# The Future of the Washington Park Bank Building Scenario 3: Rehab

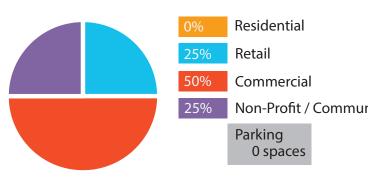
# **Project description**

This project would contain first floor retail and restaurants, with office and nonprofit space on the upper floors. It would feature a green space behind the building, accessible via the building's atrium. It would also include a bank in the basement of the building. It contains no onsite parking.

This development scenario projects to have a moderate financial return and a \$860k financing gap.



Project Program Total 50,000 square feet of built space



**Project financials** 

Total development cost: \$8.6 million Financing gap: \$860k

# Potential health impacts

• Access to green space reduces the risk of obesity and heart disease, and increases happiness, neighborhood satisfaction and positive social interaction.

Commercial • Shared community spaces build social cohesion Non-Profit / Community risk of heart disease and stroke.

• A healthy food retailer could contribute to reduced risk of hypertension, obesity and diabetes.

# Alternative funding scenarios

<u>Scenario 1</u>: If this development successfully receives historic certification, it would be eligible for over \$1.7 million in federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit equity.

<u>Result</u>: Reduces gap to \$0 and greatly improves returns, but receiving certification is not guaranteed and there would be restrictions on design.

<u>Scenario 2</u>: Receive additional financing through grant and soft debt programs, such as HOME or the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund.



# The Future of the Washington Park Bank Building Scenario 4: New Construction

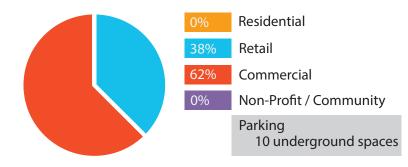
# **Project description**

This project would include ground floor retail, with a bank or credit union, office space above and event space on the top floor. The building incorporates an outdoor plaza for community members to gather and 10 underground parking spaces.

This development scenario projects to have a moderate financial return and a \$1.3 million financing gap.



Project Program Total 42,240 square feet of built space



# **Project financials**

Total development cost: \$8.7 million Financing gap: \$1.3 million

# **Potential health impacts**

• Shared community spaces build social cohesion and trust, improve self-rated health, decrease violence and reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke.

# Alternative funding scenarios

Scenario 1: Build surface parking instead of underground parking

<u>Result</u>: Lowers construction costs and reduces the financing gap to \$800k, but reduces area available for open space

Scenario 2: Receive additional financing through tax credit and grant programs, such as New Market Tax Credits or

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#### Floors

**Residential units** 

Residential 0 sq. ft.

Office space 14,286 sq. ft.

Retail space 17,857 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community space 17,857 sq. ft. (library)

Open space 2,640 sq. ft. Parking

20 surface

Total acquisition and development costs: \$8,394,032 Funding gap: \$1,076,431 Developer comments: • Funding gap due to low market residential rents Potential improvements: • Consider alternative financing



# Table 2 New Development



Floors 4 Residential units 0 Residential 0 sq. ft. Office space 2,640 sq. ft.

Retail space 5,280 sq. ft. (restaurants) Non-profit/Community space 13,200 sq. ft. (YWCA, arts space) Open space 0 sq. ft. (annex to library)

Parking

20 surface

Total acquisition and development costs: \$3,632,150 Funding gap: \$1,253,333 Developer comments: • Low density development

Potential improvements: • Build more density for higher revenues

# Table 3 Rehab



#### Floors

**Open space** 

0 sq. ft.

Parking

20 surface

Residential units 25 market Residential 26,400 sq. ft.

Office space 14,520 sq. ft. Retail space

7,920 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community

#### space 3,960 sq. ft. Open space 0 sq. ft.

Parking 13 underground Total acquisition and development costs: \$12,021,842 Funding gap: \$8,401,795

#### **Developer comments:**

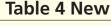
• Low revenues from condos due to soft sales market

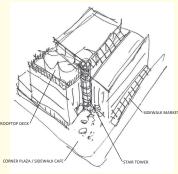
#### **Potential improvements:**

 Consider rental housing or alternative financing sources

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#### Table 3 New Table 4 Rehab CORNER PLAZA / SID Total acquisition and Total acquisition and Floors Floors development costs: development costs: **Residential units Residential units** \$13,016,363 \$8,626,235 Funding gap: Funding gap: Residential Residential \$4,466,096 \$911,695 39,960 sq. ft. 0 sq. ft. **Developer comments:** Office space 27,419 sq. ft. (tech incubation) **Developer comments: Office space** • "Zoning will not allow this • Decent financial return 5,280 sq. ft height" **Retail space Retail space Potential improvements:** 7,920 sq. ft 9,677 sq. ft. **Potential improvements:** • Consider alternative financing Non-profit/Community Non-profit/Community • Adding affordable housing sources space space would permit higher density 3,960 sq. ft. 12,903 sq. ft. **Open space Open space** 5,280 sq. ft. 0 sq. ft. Parking Parking 25 surface **Table 5 Rehab**





#### Floors

36

#### **Residential units**

Residential 0 sq. ft. **Office space** 

10,560 sq. ft. **Retail space** 10,560 sq. ft Non-profit/Community space 5,280 sq. ft. **Open space** 0 sq. ft. Parking

Total acquisition and development costs: \$5,769,907

Funding gap: \$1,865,927

#### **Developer comments:**

- Low density
- Underground parking is expensive

#### Potential improvements:

- Increase density to improve revenue
- Move underground parking to surface to reduce costs

#### Floors

**Residential units** 

Residential

#### **Office space** 25,000 sq. ft.

**Retail space** 12,500 sq. ft.

#### Non-profit/Community space

12,500 sq. ft. **Open space** 0 sq. ft. Parking 0

#### Total acquisition and development costs: \$8,651,177 Funding gap:

\$864,444 **Developer comments:** • Decent financial return

**Potential improvements:** • Consider alternative financing sources

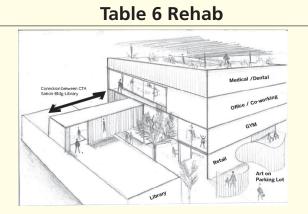
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20 underground





Floors 4 Residential units 0 Residential 0 sq. ft. Office space 21,120 sq. ft. Retail space 10,560 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community space 10,560 sq. ft. Open space 0 sq. ft. Parking 20 underground Total acquisition and development costs: \$8,382,721 Funding gap: \$2,169,073 Developer comments: • Low density Potential improvements: • Move underground parking to surface to reduce costs



#### Floors

4 Residential units 0 Residential 0 sq. ft. Office space 38,095.00 sq. ft. Retail space 11,905 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community space 0 sq. ft. Open space 3,960 sq. ft. (building connects to El station

### Parking

Total acquisition and development costs: \$9,424,382 Funding gap: \$458,677 Developer comments: • Good financial returns Potential improvements: • Consider alternative funding sources

# Table 7 Rehab



#### Floors

**Residential units** 

Residential 0 sq. ft. Office space 0 sq. ft. Retail space 32,280 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community space 11,880 sq. ft. Open space 0 sq. ft. Parking 80 under and inside Total acquisition and development costs: \$10,426,456 Funding gap: \$2,822,027 Developer comments:

Lots of parkingVery expensive to build

• Reduce parking to lower costs

Table 7 New

#### Floors

**Residential units** 

Residential 21,120 sq. ft. Office space 0 sq. ft. Retail space

14,520 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community

**space** 5,280 sq. ft. **Open space** 2,640 sq. ft.

Parking 10 under **Total acquisition and development costs:** \$9,575,232

#### \$9,575,232 **Funding gap:** \$4,279,971

#### Developer comments:

• Not enough affordable units to qualify for low income housing tax credits

#### Potential improvements:

- Include at least 25 affordable units to qualify for LIHTC
- Move underground parking to surface to reduce costs

# Table 9 Rehab

#### Floors

Residential units

Residential

0 sq. ft. Office space

11,111 sq. ft. **Retail space** 22,222 sq. ft. **Non-profit/Community space** 16,667 sq. ft. **Open space** 0 sq. ft.

Parking 40 structure

#### Total acquisition and development costs: \$9,630,570 Funding gap: \$2,542,219

Developer comments:

- Uknown costs for acquisition and development of library building
   Possible with public-private
- Possible with public-private development partnership

#### Potential improvements:

• Limit development to bank building to reduce costs

# Table 10 Rehab



#### Floors

Residential units

0 **Residential** 0 sq. ft. **Office space** 

7,920 sq. ft. **Retail space** 23,760 sq. ft. (library moves in)

Non-profit/Community space 0 sq. ft.

Open space

0 **Parking** 40 structure (use library)

#### Total acquisition and development costs: \$5,482,893 Funding gap: \$2,385,353

#### **Developer comments:**

- Uknown costs for acquisition and development of library building
- Possible with public-private development partnership

#### **Potential improvements:**

• Limit development to bank building to reduce costs

# Table 10 New



Floors 4 Residential units 19 Residential 21,622 sq. ft. Office space 17,568 sq. ft. Retail space 6,757 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community space 4,054 sq. ft. Open space 0 sq. ft. Parking

#### Total acquisition and development costs: \$10,712,074 Funding gap:

\$2,527,936 Developer comments:

• 50% of units as 2-bed units

#### reduce possible unit count **Potential improvements:**

• Consider alternative financing to reduce gap



#### Floors

#### **Residential units**

Residential 0 sq. ft.

Office space 31,680 sq. ft. (Mixed-use commercial)

Retail space 7,920 sq. ft.

# Non-profit/Community

10,560 sq. ft. **Open space** 0 sq. ft.

#### Parking

Total acquisition and development costs: \$9,110,152 Funding gap:

#### \$1,270,698 Developer comments:

• Zoning won't allow this density

#### **Potential improvements:**

• Consider including affordable housing to increase allowable density

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# Table 11 Rehab



#### Floors 4 Residential units 0 Residential 0 sq. ft. Office space 23,760 sq. ft. (YWCA) Retail space 10,560 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community space 15,840 sq. ft. Open space 2,640 sq. ft. Parking 0

Total acquisition and development costs: \$8,474,268 Funding gap: \$999,398 Developer comments: • Decent financial returns Potential improvements: • Consider alternative financing



#### Floors 4

Residential units 0 Residential 0 sq. ft. Office space 26,400 sq. ft. (bank/credit union/ YWCA) Retail space 15,840 sq. ft.

Non-profit/Community space 0 sq. ft. Open space 2,640 (outdoor plaza) Parking 10 underground Total acquisition and development costs: \$8,664,786 Funding gap: \$1,259,662 Developer comments: • Low density

#### Potential improvements:

- Move underground parking to surface to reduce costs
  Increase density to increase
- Increase density to increase revenues

# Table 12 Rehab



Floors 4 Residential units 0 Residential 0 sq. ft. Office space 15,840 sq. ft. Non-profit/Community space 10,560 sq. ft. Open space 2,640 sq. ft. Parking

#### Total acquisition and development costs: \$7,331,162 Funding gap: \$697,144 Developer comments: • Decent financial returns

**Potential improvements:** 

• Consider alternative financing



Table 12 New

#### Floors

Residential units

0 Residential 0 sq. ft. Office space 0 sq. ft.

Retail space 7,920 sq. ft.

# Non-profit/Community space

3,960 sq. ft. (entertainment venue and community space)

Open space 2,640 sq. ft.

#### Parking 10 underground Total acquisition and development costs: \$2,785,954 Funding gap: \$1,238,956 Developer comments: • Very low density

Potential improvements:Move underground parking to

surface to reduce costs • Increase density to increase revenue