

# GATEWAY IDENTIFICATION FORM

(Additional Pages May Be Attached If Needed)

**Sector:** RC  
(Please list as two digit abbreviation, e.g. RC = Regional Center)

**Proposal Number:** Northwest Quadrant  
(Please use the naming convention –Sector identifier plus an ascending numeral.)



## Location Of The Proposed Gateway Project:

The suggested Gateway is located 1753.78 Ft. from the 10<sup>th</sup> Street bridge which connect 10<sup>th</sup> Street & White River Parkway and 2633.64 ft. from the Cancer Survivor Plaza. Additionally, the pedestrian bridge is 481 ft from the Wishard Hospital Residential Building, 581 ft from the former Fall Creek YMCA and 877 ft from the People Mover. The intersection is a complex mix of thoroughfares identified as, Stadium Dr, which transitions to Indiana Avenue, West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Locke, and University Dr.

## Significance/Rationale For The Gateway (Why Is This A Good Location? What Is Important About This Location?)

Based on the working definition of a Gateway and the critical focal importance of their design and function I no longer believe this location to be an appropriate site. However, when we begin to look at locations suitable for pedestrian gateways it might make an excellent addition to the surrounding environment. The area has several entrances to the center city with attractive improvements that motorist and pedestrians might find appealing. The area is a historic area that has incorporated the old with the new. Nestled in this unique development is Lockfield Gardens constructed between 1933 and 1938 by WPA workers and is said to be one of the most structurally sound buildings in the country. The Fall Creek YMCA, built in 1958 is the successor of the Senate Avenue YMCA built in 1926 and has played host to dignitaries such as Dr. Martin Luther King, James Farmer and other African American leaders of note. Wishard Memorial Hospital, for more than 140 years, has provided Indianapolis residents with health care, now affiliated with IU Medical Center and remains one of the busiest hospitals in the city. Other attractions are the restaurants, personal service centers, Madame C. J. Walker Building and the annex.

## Critical Issues (Adverse Or Positive Impacts To Infrastructure, Commercial Businesses, Neighbors, Future Development, Etc.)

On the negative side the limited view of the attractions is the greatest impediment to this site. Although the bridge is a north/south bridge, pointing towards town, it does not offer a clear view of any of the main attractions that make gateways appealing or welcoming. The immediate visual is of parking lots.

On the positive side the area consists of new curbs, streets and sidewalks, newly constructed modes of transportation and, the previously mentioned architectural heritage and opportunities for future enhancement. The traffic flow may pose a problem for motorist due to directional complexities and there is little room for parking. Finally, the looming threat of residential displacement may become an issue as development in the area progresses.

**Concept Or Theme Of The Proposed Gateway Project (Optional):**

The Bio Corridor or Bio Crossroads

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**Type Or Scale Of The Proposed Gateway Project (Optional):**

In the White River area clearing of dead and fallen trees and landscaping would be necessary, as well as adding plantings and colorful flowering trees at primary intersections.

**Current Site Ownership (Does Site Need To Be Acquired?):**

The Indianapolis Parks Department

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**Audience (To Whom Will The Gateway Appeal?):**

Currently it would be the Fitness Enthusiast . Pedestrians & Bikers

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**Please List Interested Groups/Agencies (Public And Private) And Describe Neighborhood Support/Buy-In:**

Clarion, IUPUI, Marion County Health Department, Wishard Hospital, Lockfield Commons Limited, Taco Bell, Business Opportunity Systems, Inc., Midtown Economic Development Corporation (MEDIC), City of Indianapolis Greenways, Park Department, DMD, VA Hospital and Papa John's.

**Please Describe the Gateway's Relationship to Other Community Plans and Initiatives:**

The Regional Center Plan states “ A new life sciences research community will be developed along Stadium Drive and the north end of the historic Central Canal. Plans call for this long-term mixed use development to contain 12 million square feet of research, medical and institutional uses, 2,700 new residential units, 26,000 structured parking spaces and an extension of the Clarion People Mover”.

**Please Outline an Implementation Strategy and Describe The Next Steps (What Needs To Occur In Order To Implement The Project?):**

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**Likely Funding Sources And Other Items Not Covered Elsewhere:**

Clarion, IUPUI, possibly a coalition of major businesses in the area.