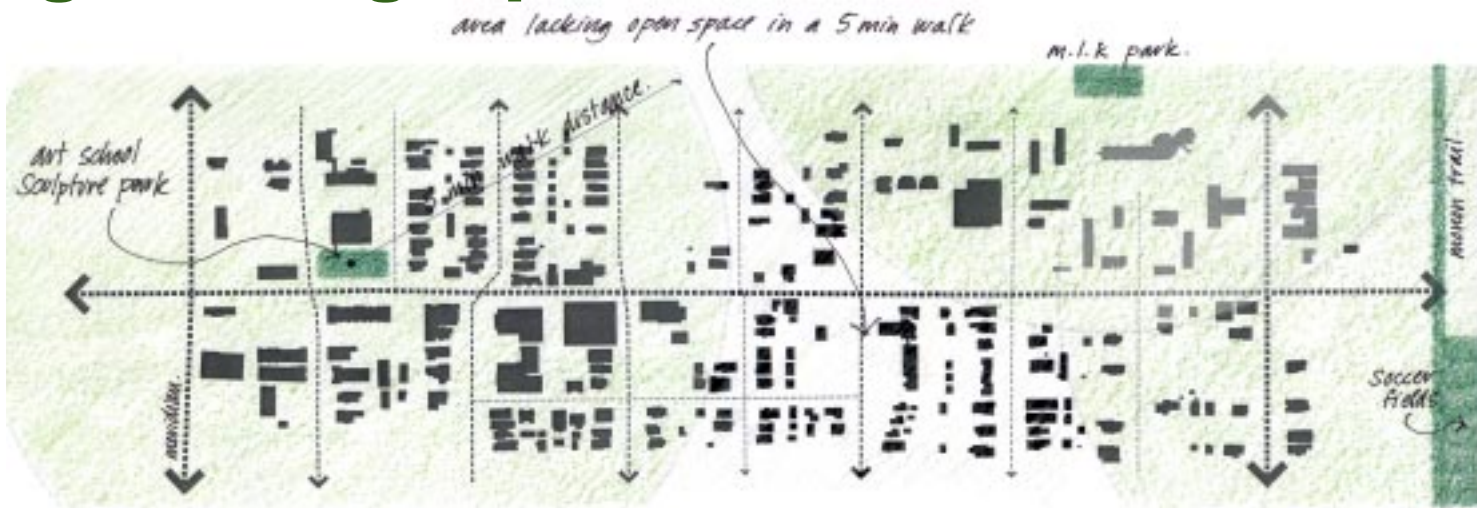


greening-up the corridor



The only public park near the corridor is Martin Luther King Park, located one block north of 16th Street between Park Avenue and Broadway Street. While not a true public park, the sculpture yard in front of the Herron School of Art has the potential to serve many of the same functions as a park.

Parks are vital to urban neighborhoods as they provide relaxation and recreation opportunities for families and children. Parks also often serve as a community center. This was true when Robert Kennedy visited the park in the aftermath of the assassination of Dr. King to help console and reconcile a divided community.

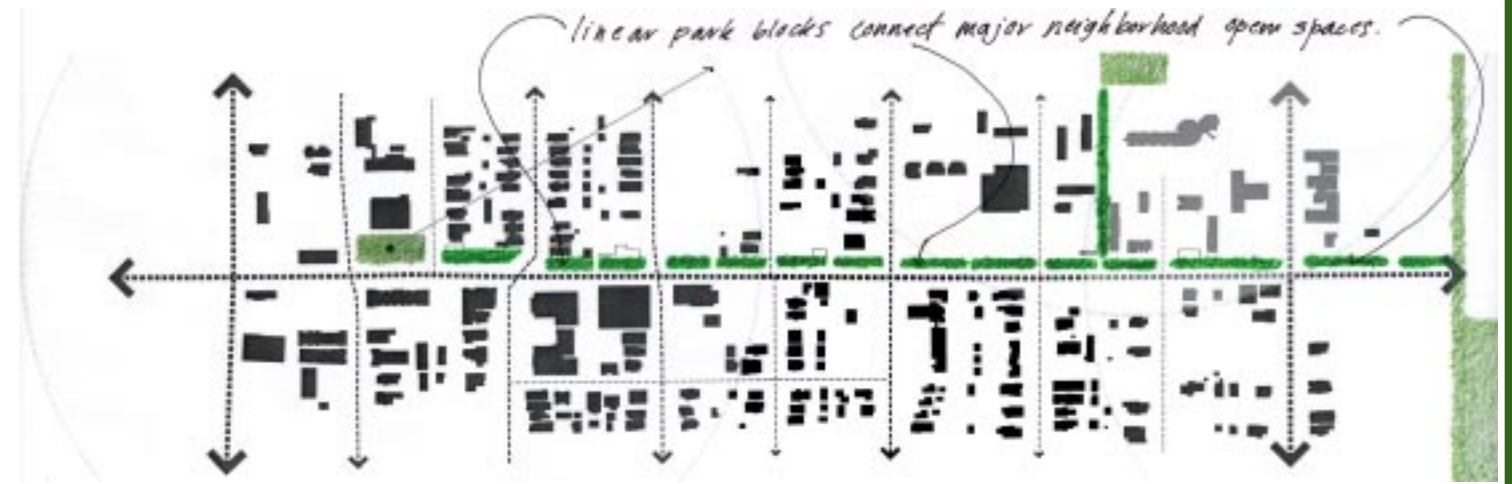
A common standard used in measuring park supply is the Five Minute standard. This standard says that people will walk up to five minutes to a destination such as a park (this translates into roughly a quarter mile). The map above shows the two green park spaces along the corridor and their corresponding five-minute "service area." The map below illustrates opportunities where additional parks or other public open spaces could be developed to not only green the corridor but also provide for neighborhood residents.



Swimming Pool at King Park



Tinker Street Parkway?



Basketball Courts at King Park

Because 16th Street was always a side street—property lots front on the north/south streets—an opportunity to convert some of those parcels along 16th Street into an urban parkway exists. Selective demolition along certain blocks and/or new development pushed farther back would provide a "parkway" pedestrian link between the Monon Trail and Fall Creek Greenway. This alternative is definitely radical. It would transform the street from a commercial traffic street with a focus on the automobile into a "green" street oriented to the pedestrian. It would require substantial investment and planning, as any new

development along the parkway must be developed in such a way as to incorporate the path.

While the pure concept of a 30 foot wide green strip along the corridor may not be feasible, the concept of connecting the Monon Trail and Fall Creek Greenway using 16th Street exists. A narrowed street (3 lanes) may provide room for landscaping and wide sidewalks and new development could introduce plazas or pocket parks in such a way that the "parkway" is actually a landscaped sidewalk connecting a series of public places.

