A Renovation Proposal for Washington Street

Historic Huntsville Foundation
The Huntsville Housing Authority commissioned designer Steve Kling of Memphis to recommend a redevelopment plan for a block of older structures downtown on Washington Street. Kling's proposals, presented in April, call for the buildings to be remodeled on the ground floor facade and for the interior to be divided into two levels of small shops connected by stairs, alleys, and elevators. The property is located on the west side of Washington (across from Dunnavan't's) and extends from Clinton Street north to the old Yarbrough Hotel, and also includes the rear parking lot facing Jefferson Street. The design below depicts the Everett building, now painted yellow, in the middle of the block. The designs opposite illustrate the front (bottom) and side (top) views of the building on the Clinton Street corner. On the cover is a drawing of how the back side of these buildings might be redeveloped. This parcel, which contains 31,000 square feet of usable space, is for sale by the Housing Authority. A redevelopment such as this would provide a tremendous impetus to downtown revitalization.

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