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George Mitchell thinking big for downtown Galveston

Things are looking up for downtown Galveston after Ike, in large part because of the continued largess of Isle native [George Mitchell](#). He has embarked on a full-court press to restore his historic downtown properties damaged by Hurricane Ike.

A press release on the project can be found [here](#).

I caught up with Bill Ross, [Mitchell Historic Properties'](#) senior vice president and general manager, as he toured the properties Wednesday morning. Here's what he told me in a telephone interview:

Mitchell owns a fourth of the buildings on [The Strand](#). Without his efforts to rehabilitate these buildings and get them back up, downtown would be a disaster. It'll (restoration) be good for everybody ... each individual building owner. We have 12 contractors under way right now, working on all 20 buildings he owns. We expect the project to be completed in 60 to 90 days. This is very positive news.

What are your thoughts about downtown Galveston's restoration after Ike? What else should be done to revive the historic area?

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