



Dignitaries line up to turn the dirt during a ground breaking ceremony on the East River site of a \$2.5 billion, 150 acre mixed-use development on the southern edge of Fifth Ward Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021 in Houston, TX.

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East River — a \$2.5-billion, 150-acre mixed use development just east of downtown — broke ground Thursday morning.

Joined by Mayor Sylvester Turner, developers and others involved with the project donned hard hats and gray masks as they scooped up shovels full of sand in front of the downtown skyline. Cameras whirred.