

Fifth Avenue Fire Victim May Finally Get Carted Off

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The curvy low-rise building at **61 Fifth Avenue**, [devastated by fire](#) in 2006, has been marked for death ever since the structure—a former Scrafft's luncheonette (see photo at top left circa 1940)—was [sold to a developer](#) in early 2008. An architect was [quickly enlisted](#) to draw up plans for a **10-story building with apartments and ground-floor retail**, and it was made clear that the current 61 Fifth Avenue was too far gone to be preserved in any manner. Has the economy put a pause on those plans? Perhaps, but broker-blogger Andrew Fine [reports](#) that **demolition permit was issued for the property** in December, so the wrecking ball could come calling any day now.