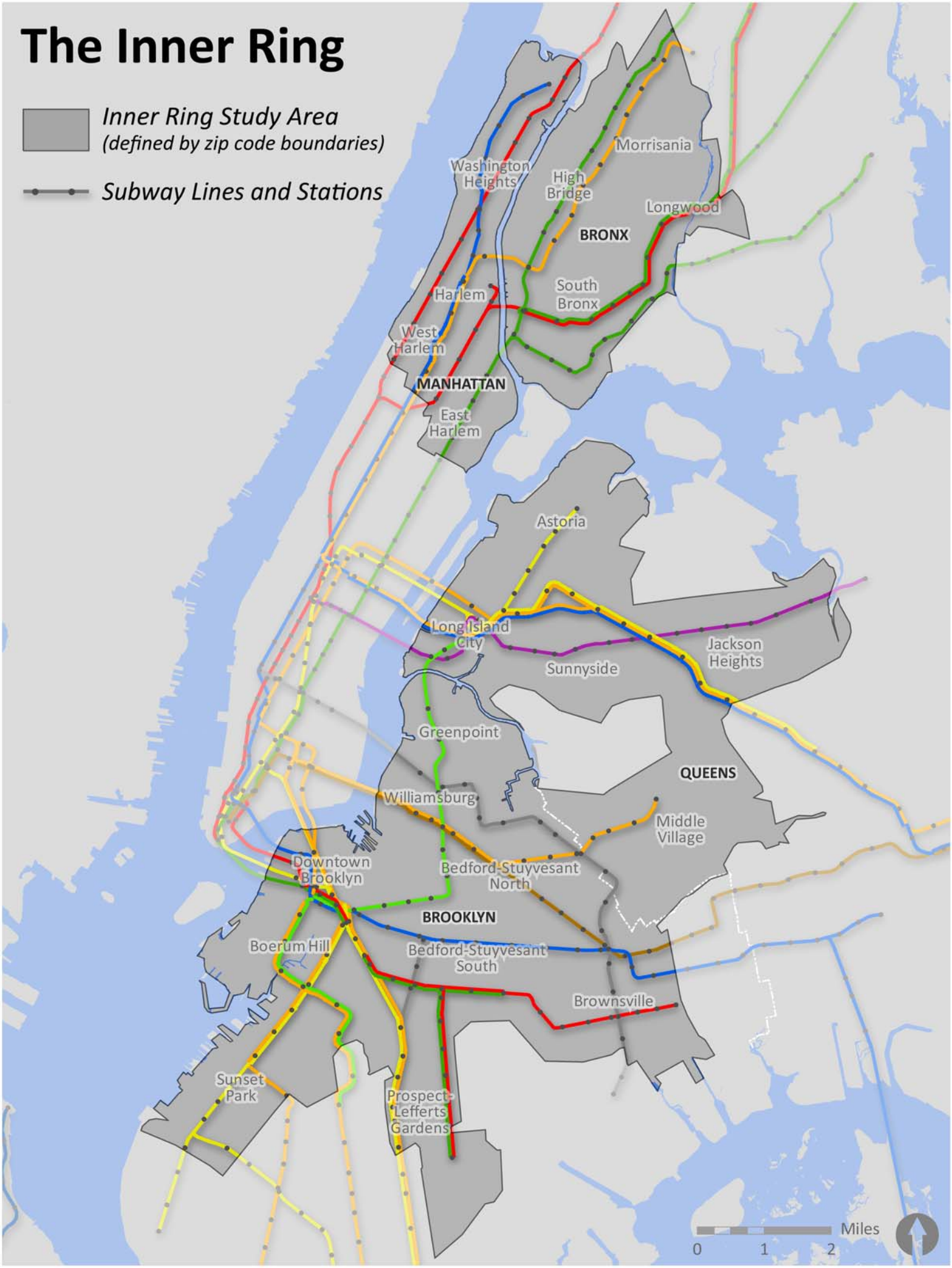The Inner Ring