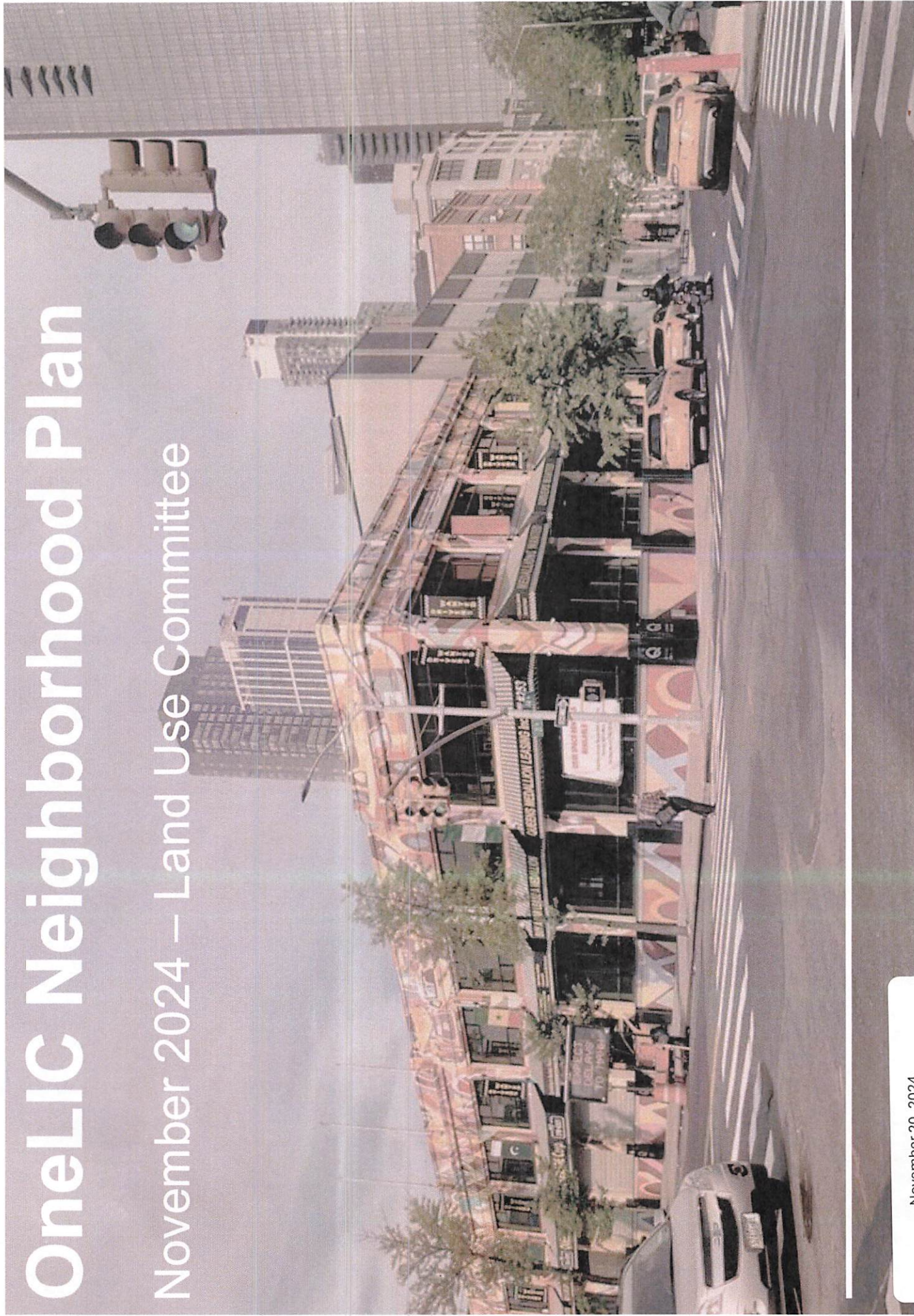


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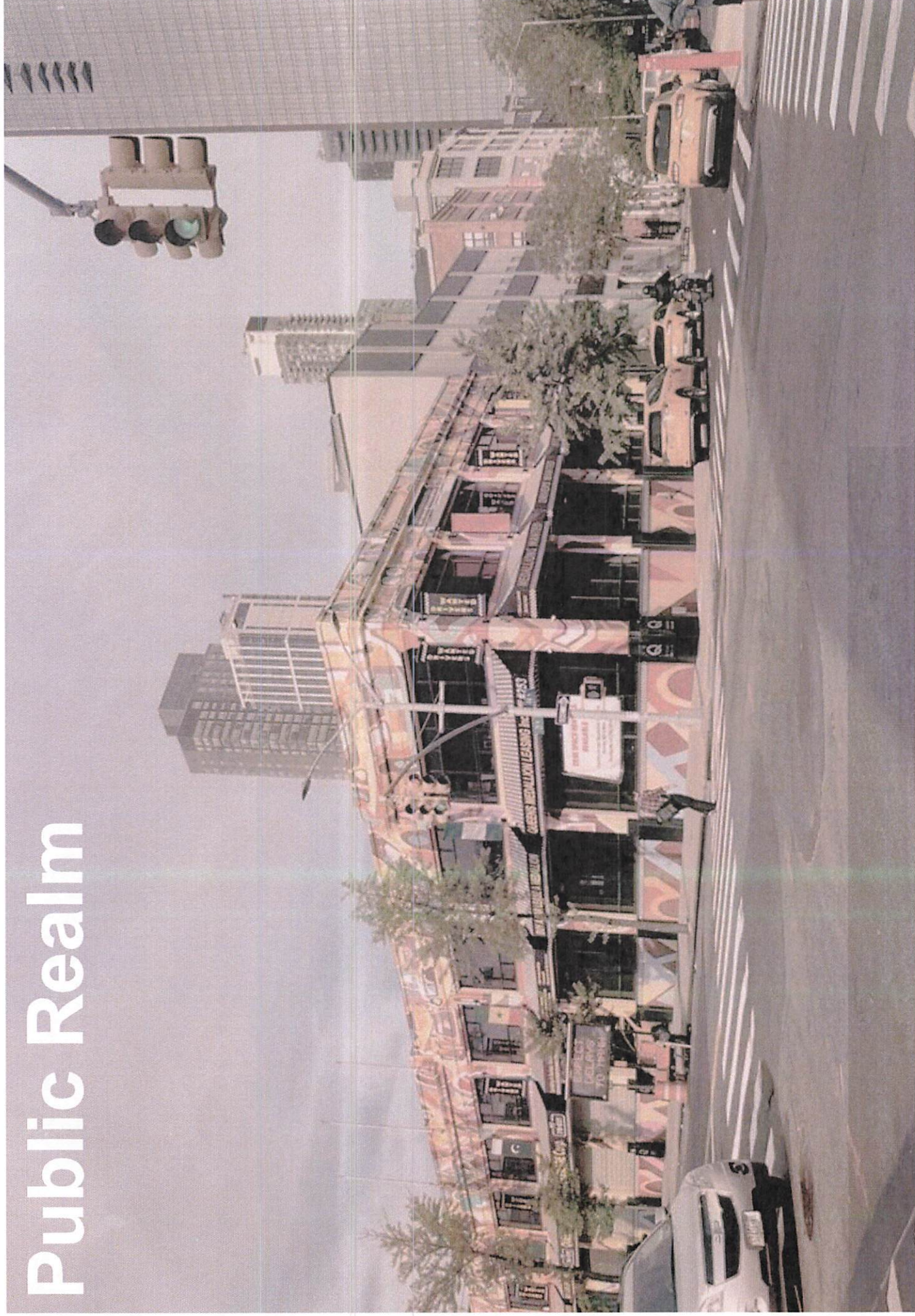
November 2024 – Land Use Committee



Agenda

1. Public Realm
2. Industrial Business Zone (IBZ)

Public Realm



What We've Heard, Public Realm

Public Comment + CM Won**

Parks and Public Space

- Can free public plazas make great spaces for public art (think "Improv Everywhere")
- I would love installations in Gantry State Park during the spring and summer
- More murals, street art
- More green space needed
- Amenitize public spaces and create additional spaces**
- More public seating and green space and public plazas
- Use more areas under the bridge**
- Public gardens and urban farms
- I like the car free block by Fifth Hammer Brewing
- Better lighting on streets
- More events like open streets

Mobility and Connectivity

- No new curb cuts + driveways
- Continuous waterfront greenway must be prioritized
- I use citibike a lot. I'd love to see more bike lanes and street bike parking so I could store my own ebike
- Walkable pedestrian corridors from Queensboro Bridge that allow families to move into other parts of the city
- Fewer cars, more pedestrian and bike only streets
- Study area is very pedestrian unfriendly, few tree-lined streets, leading to a real disconnect between Queens and the city and/or court square

Sustainability and Resiliency

- Adding trees when you are upgrading the bike lanes
- Plant more trees
- Infrastructure solutions for extreme heat

Goals + Draft Strategies, Public Realm

Goal 2: Invest in existing parks and deliver new open space along the waterfront and in the core that is high-quality, resilient, sustainable, and accessible

2.2 Update the design requirements for new open space along the waterfront to encourage new gathering spaces for the community that offer a variety of amenities to support diverse users and activities, improve the resiliency of upland sites, and are accessible to all.

2.3 Explore ways to increase open space outside of the waterfront which may include Open Streets and other related programming, expanding access to schoolyards during non-school hours, and creating zoning incentives for publicly accessible open space to be included in new development.

2.4 Invest in existing neighborhood public parks to meet current and future demand and serve people of all ages.

Goal 3: Enhance connectivity with multi-modal transportation, improve safety for pedestrians and bikers, and improve logistics for deliveries, loading zones, and truck access

3.4 Identify opportunities to improve pedestrian safety, implement traffic calming measures, and expand bike infrastructure, including new bike routes and protected bike lanes.

3.5 Identify opportunities to fill gaps in the Western Queens Waterfront Greenway to provide a continuous and protected multimodal path along or near the waterfront.

3.6 Monitor curbside usage throughout the neighborhood, including Queensbridge Houses to help ensure that curb regulations (e.g. parking, loading) match the diverse needs of the community among different types of users.

3.8 Explore opportunities to provide EV charging and bike parking near transit, including learnings from previous and ongoing pilot programs.

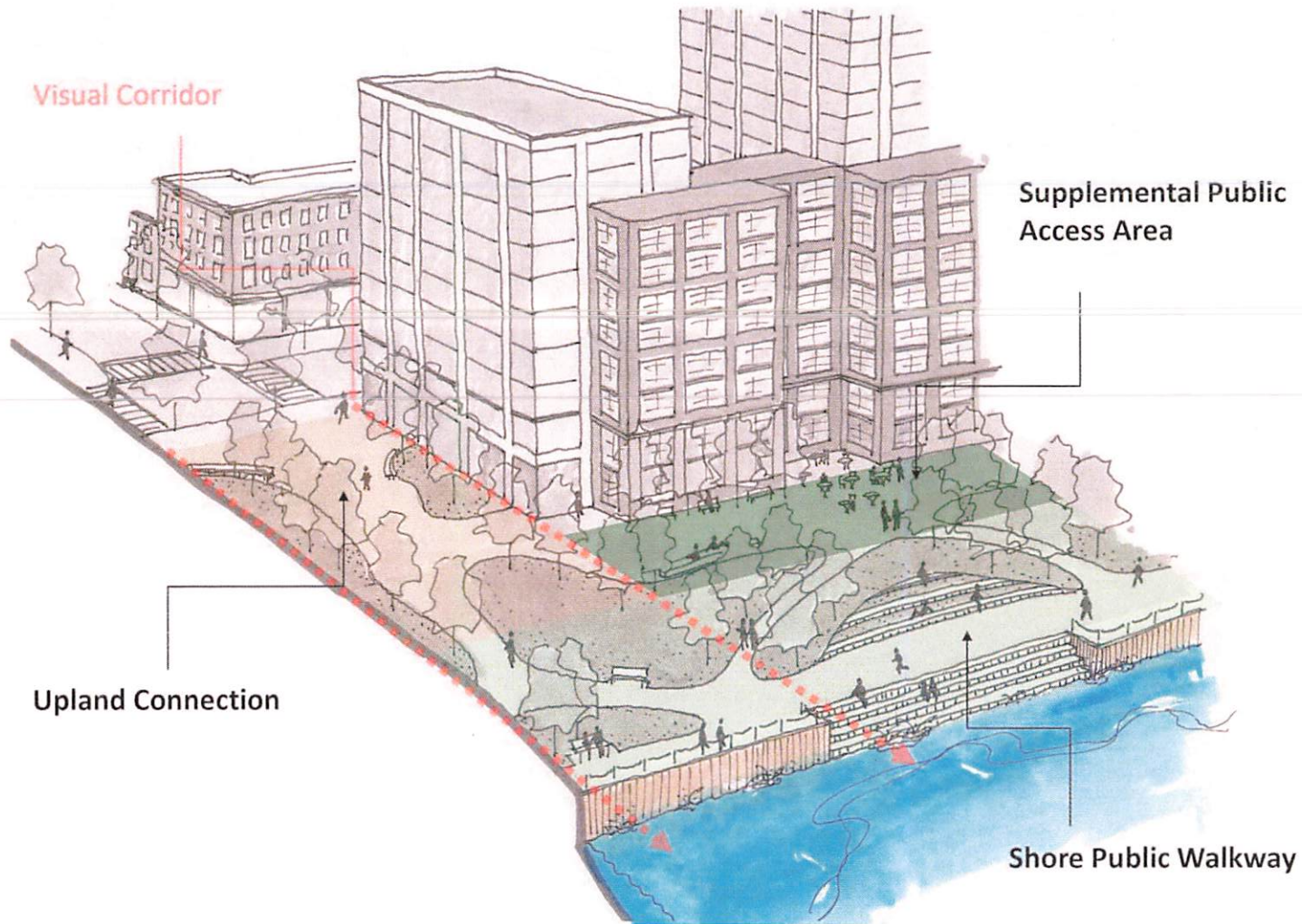
Goal 4: Plan for a more resilient Long Island City by addressing planned development and climate change

4.3 Explore a range of storm and strategic investments to reduce neighborhood flood risk from storm and rain events. Coordinate with the Street Ends Initiative to create accessible public spaces and infrastructure, flood protection, and other resilience measures.

4.4 Explore ways to reduce heat island effects and keep residents safe from heat by identifying gaps in existing tree canopy coverage, to guide tree-planting, shade-parkways, sidewalks and open space cooling features.

Tools within a Neighborhood Planning Process

Waterfront Access Plan



LIC Waterfront

Tools within a Neighborhood Planning Process

Special District

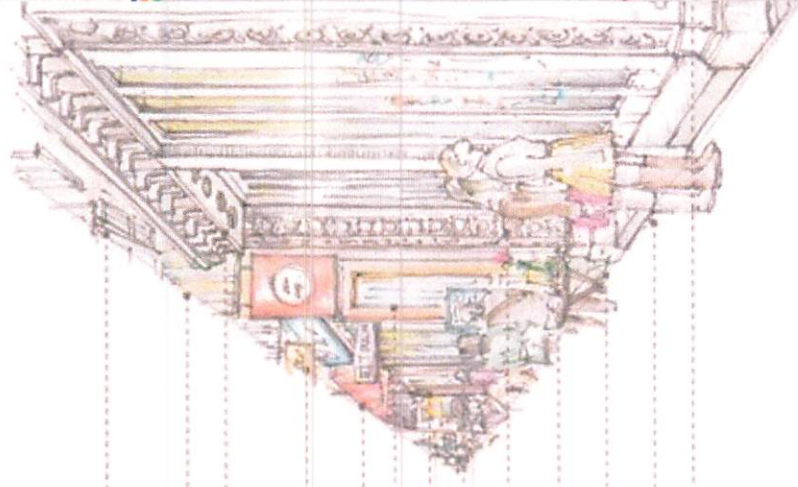
Special Long Island City Mixed Use District

District Goals:

- To promote mixed use character
- To encourage commercial development near transit
- To strengthen retail by allowing the development of new retail and residential
- To encourage the development of affordable housing
- To promote the opportunity for a live-work neighborhood
- To retain jobs within NYC
- To provide for the opportunity for improvement of Long Island City
- To promote the most desirable use of land and this conserve the value of land and buildings and thereby protect City tax revenues



Special LIC Mixed-Use District, Subdistricts



Fire escapes and balconies*

Building height and setback*

Lighting

Shading devices*

Signage*

Canopies/awnings*

Entrances*

Security gates*

Transparency*

Architectural articulation*

Outdoor uses*

Land use*

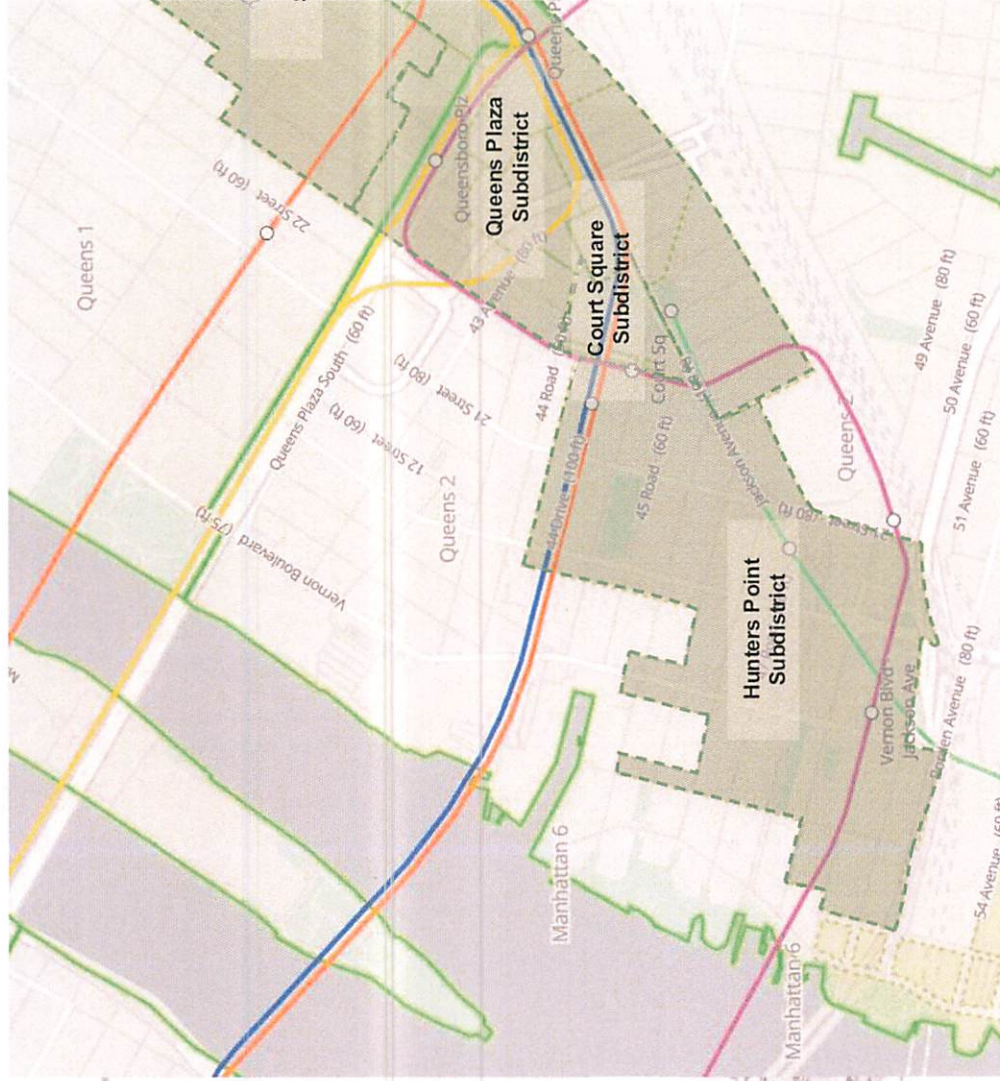
Length of lots/frontages*

Front yard planting*

Off-street parking*

Ground floor setback*

* These elements are affected by zoning regulations



Tools within a Neighborhood Planning Process

Capital Projects



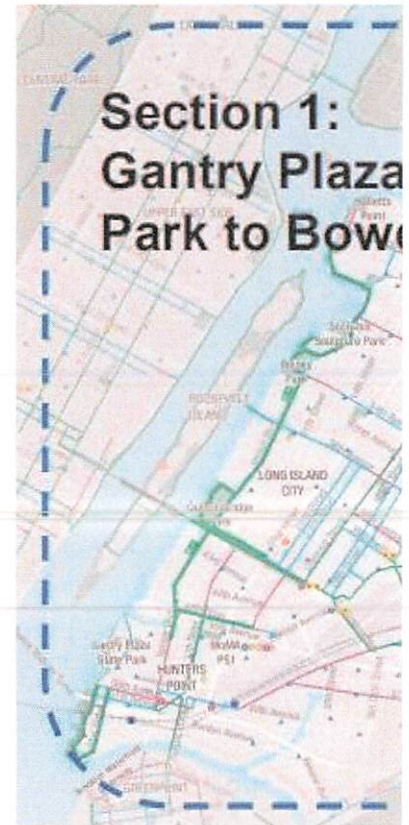
Aerial rendering of Downtown Far Rockaway



Rendering of the Sherman Creek Malecón at Acad

Western Queens Waterfront Greenway

- 16-mile continuous shared-use path from Gantry State Park to Fort Totten Park
- DOT, EDC and Parks received planning grant funds to undertake this project
- Currently in planning phase, public engagement events held last month



Greenways Paths



Shared Paths



Bike Boulevards



Intersection Crossings



Wayfinding



Pedestrian Space



Street Furniture & Greenery

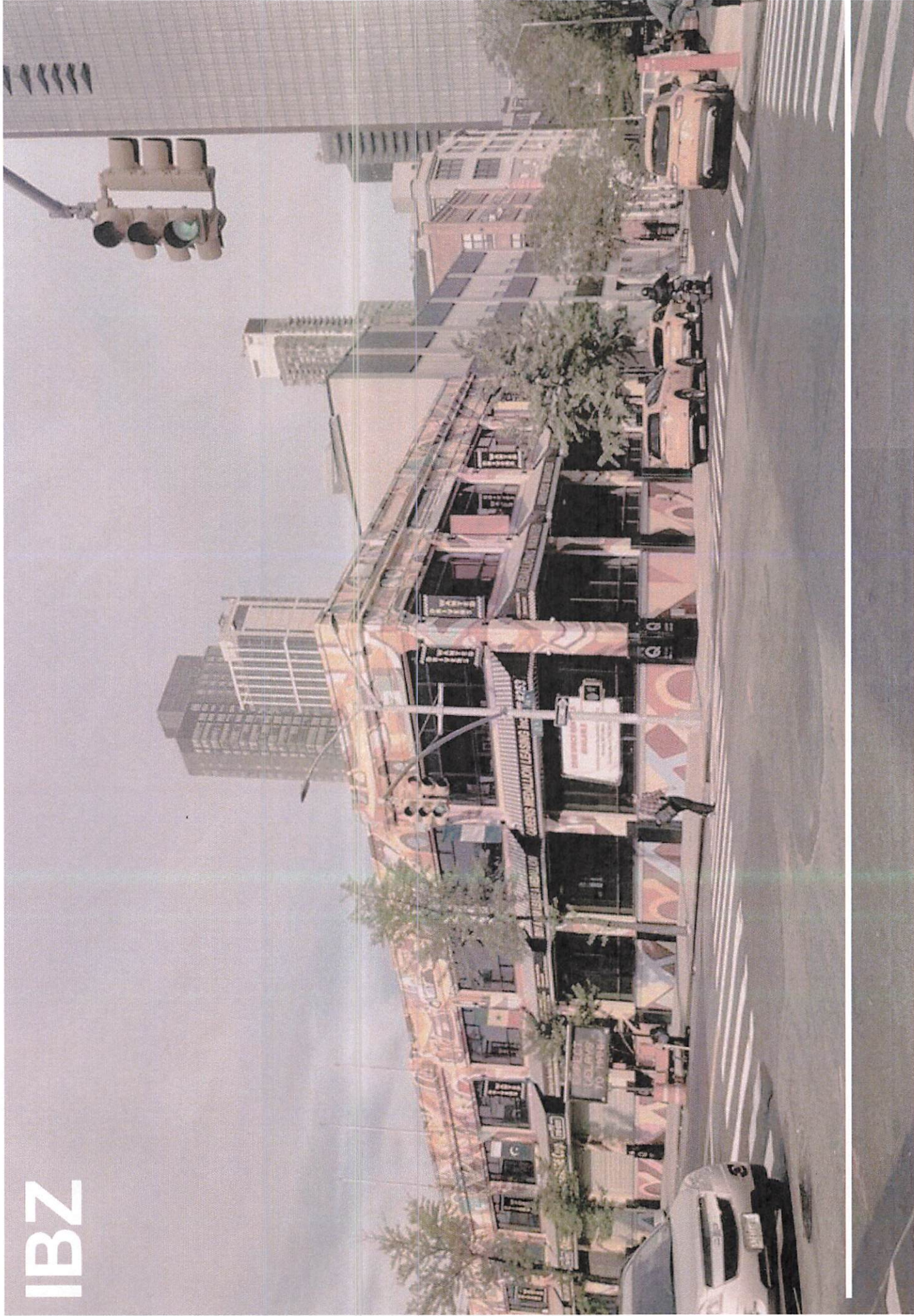


Public Art



Community Programming

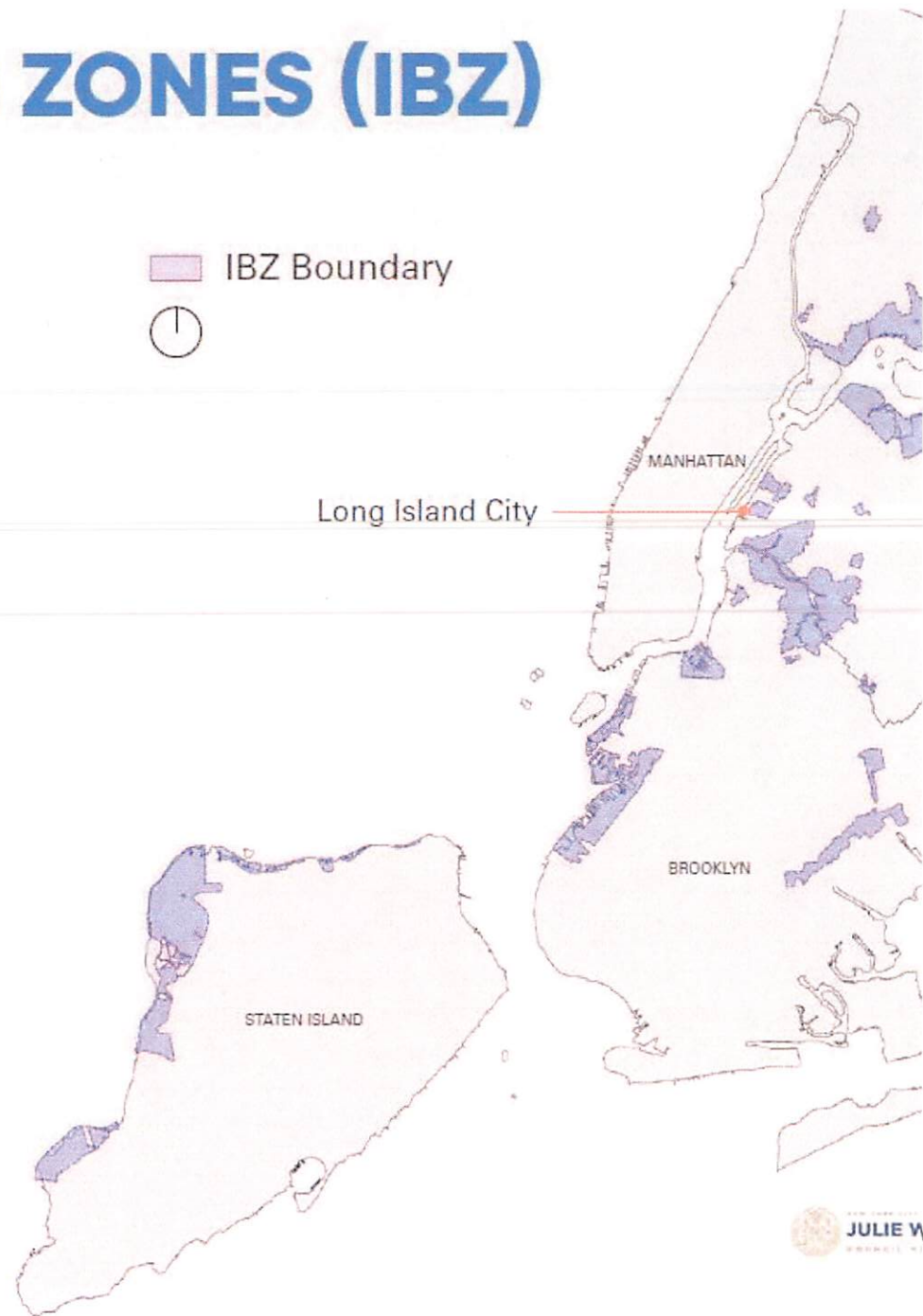
IBZ



INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS ZONES (IBZ)

- All IBZs are in M-Districts;
Not every M-district is an IBZ
- IBZs were created in 2006 to support industrial and manufacturing firms by providing a relocation tax credit to industrial and manufacturing firms choosing to move into IBZs
- To create more certainty on land use policy, the IBZ designation also carries a commitment by the City to not support a rezoning permitting new residences
- There are 21 IBZs currently located throughout Queens, Brooklyn, The Bronx and Staten Island

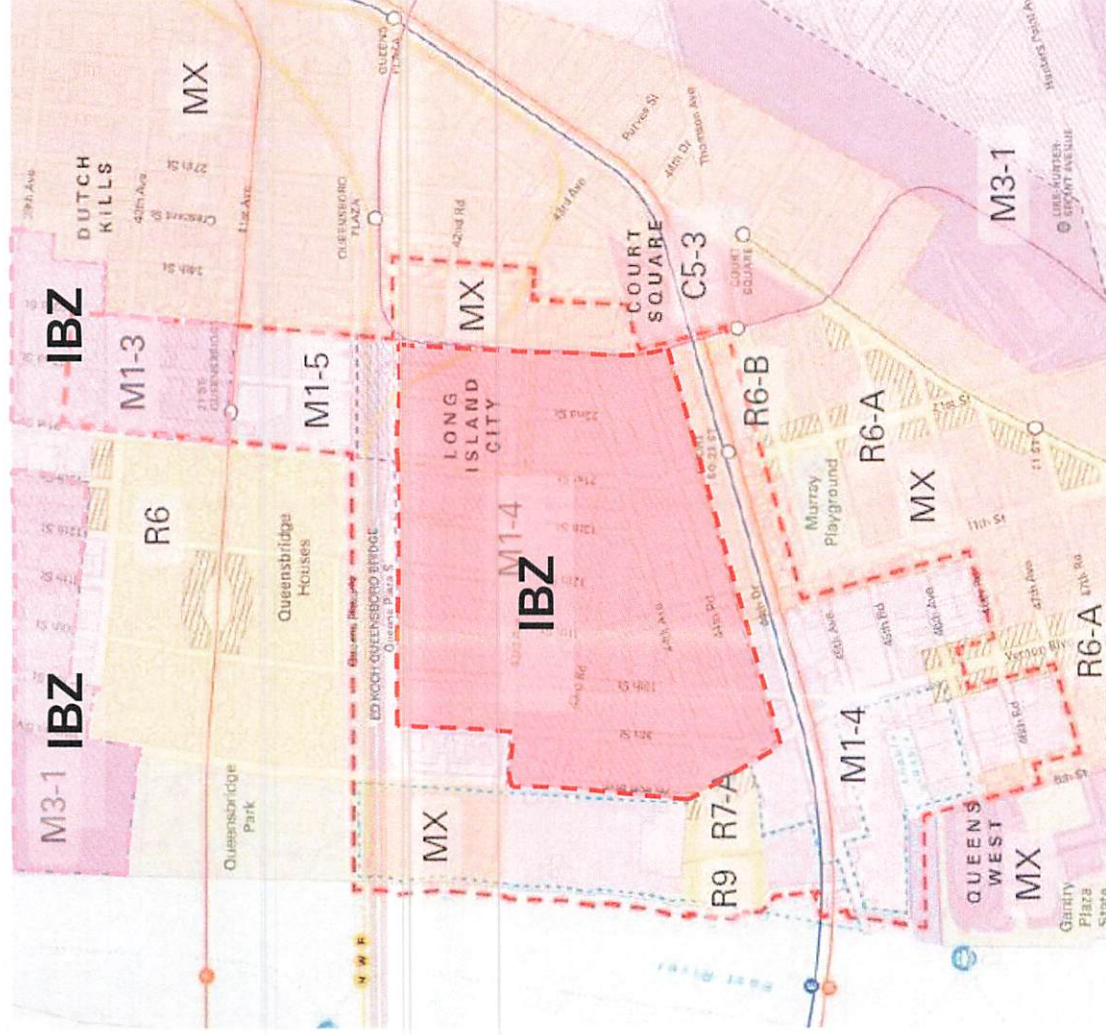
IBZ Boundary



LIC IBZ

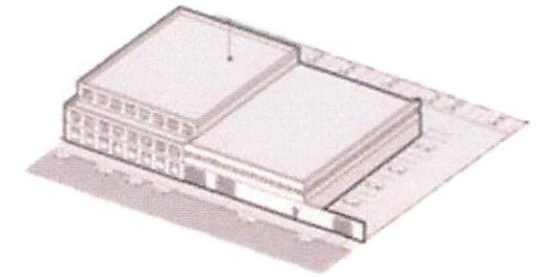
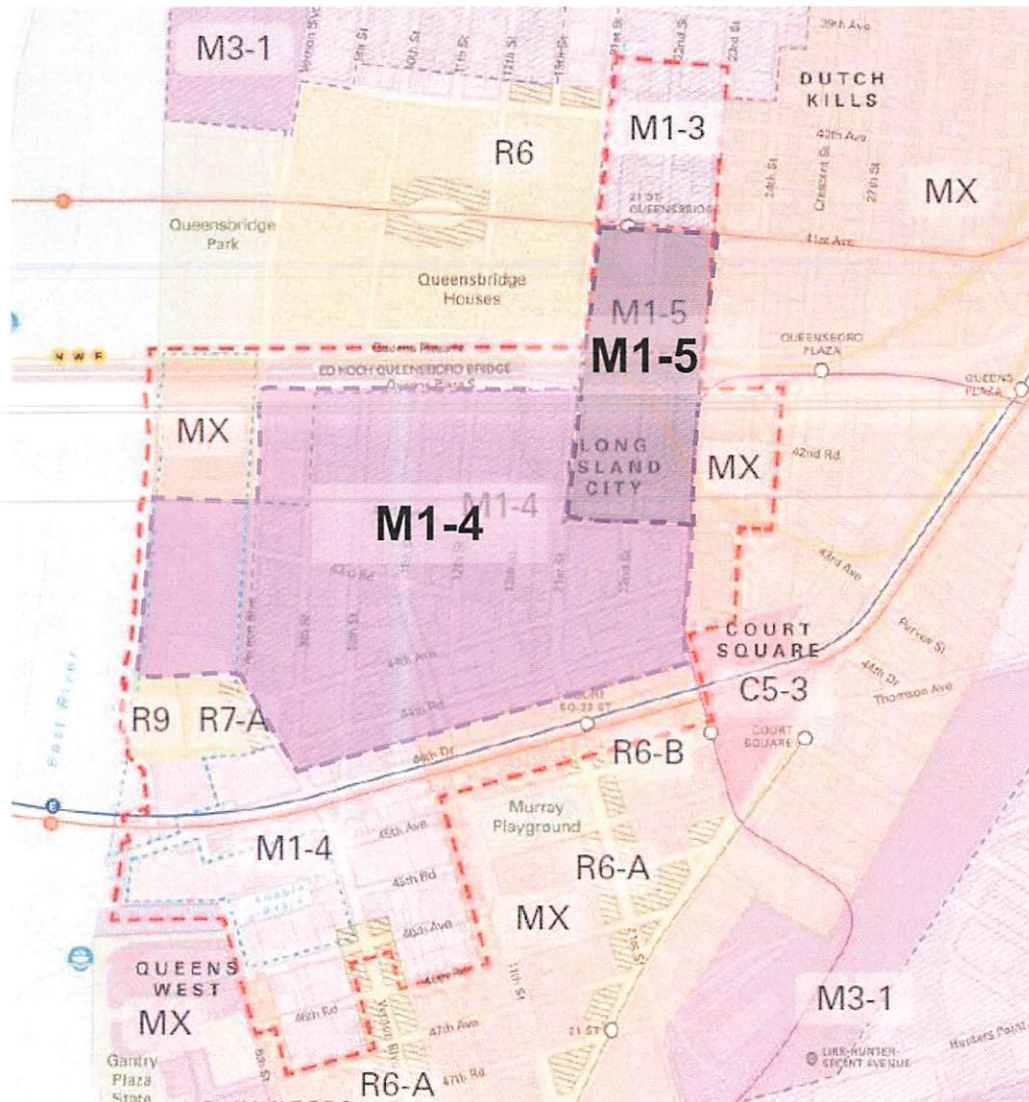


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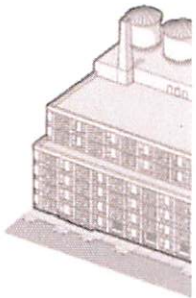
Long Island City Neighborhood Study

Existing Zoning



M1-4

Residential = Not Applicable
Community Facilities = 6.5 FAR
Light Industrial/Manufacturing = 2
Commercial = 2 FAR

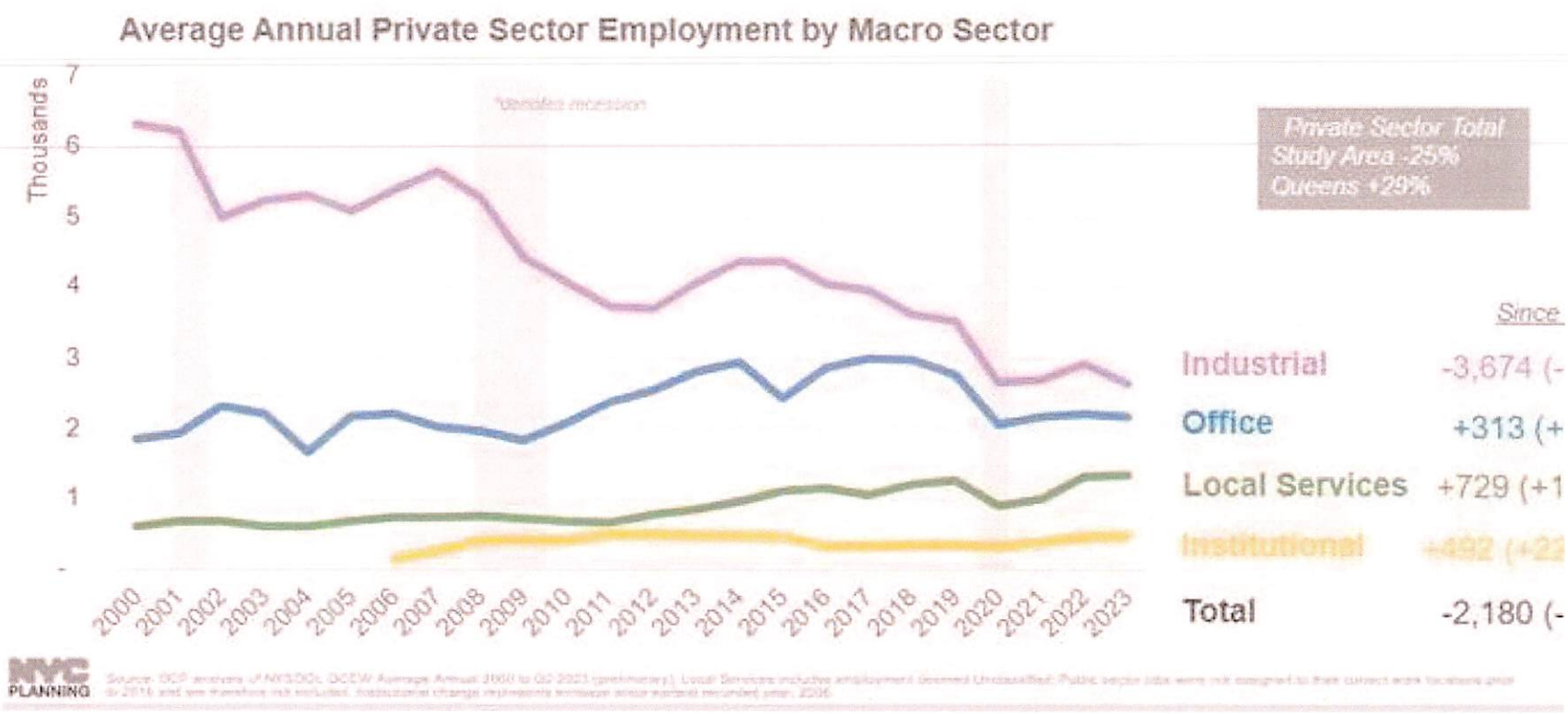


M1-5

Residential = Not Applicable
Community Facilities = 6.5 FAR
Light Industrial/Manufacturing = 2
Commercial = 2 FAR

Industrial jobs have decreased while other macro sectors have gr

Since 2000, the Study Area has lost 2,180 private sector jobs, representing a decline of 25%. The I sector lost employment over the last two decades (-3,674 jobs, representing a decline on 58%), as sectors gained jobs. Local Services grew at the fastest rate, +119%, adding more than 700 jobs. Of Institutional employment also grew by about 300 and 500 jobs, respectively. Office and Industrial regained pandemic losses, while Local Services jobs have.



What We've Heard, IBZ

Public Comment

Maintaining IBZ for Arts and Industrial Space

- Opening up light industrial artwork to the street level storefront space
- Protect IBZ
- Industrial zones are necessary for function of cities, don't rezone or push out important business
- Maintain industrial land use
- Keep IBZ industrial, no residential
- Expand and support IBZ for job growth and job training
- We want to attract more light industry like high tech/bio tech (low pollution/truck usage)
- Protect the manufacturing zones
- Increase density in the IBZ to allow companies to grow and hire more people
- More deeply affordable manufacturing space
- IBZ rent is too high

Calls for Revisiting Current Policy

- IBZ overly restrictive to manufacturing
- Need new and renewed industrial spaces for bus
- Why not move IBZ to another area
- Is there precedent for deactivating IBZ?
- Character of 21st Street in IBZ is already changin patters to the F train
- IBZ >> mixed use
- Residential mixed alongside industrial use
- Rezone industrial zones
- More manufacturing
- Jobs come from having more space; transporting

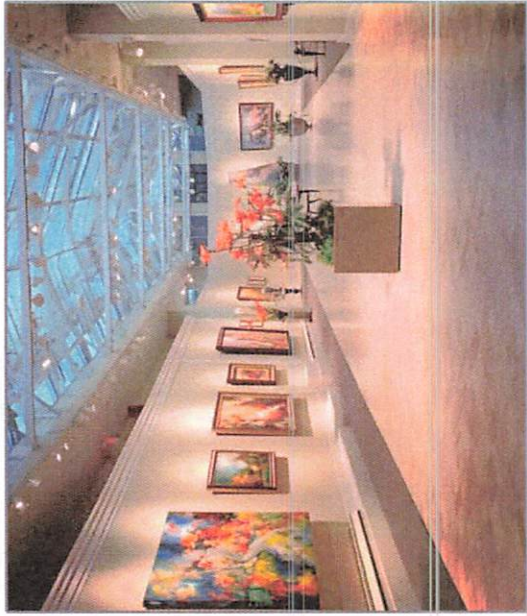
Goal + Draft Strategies, IBZ

Goal 5: Support existing businesses and the creative community, increase local job growth, and improve access to diverse, training.

5.1 Increase local jobs by supporting existing businesses that seek to grow and new businesses that want to locate in the neighborhood by changing the zoning in the IBZ in the Study Area to encourage new development that will accommodate a wide range of non-residential uses including community facilities as well as commercial and industrial uses at higher densities than what is permitted today.

5.2 Support the arts and manufacturing uses by changing the zoning in an area of the IBZ to preference those uses over other uses permitted in M-districts.

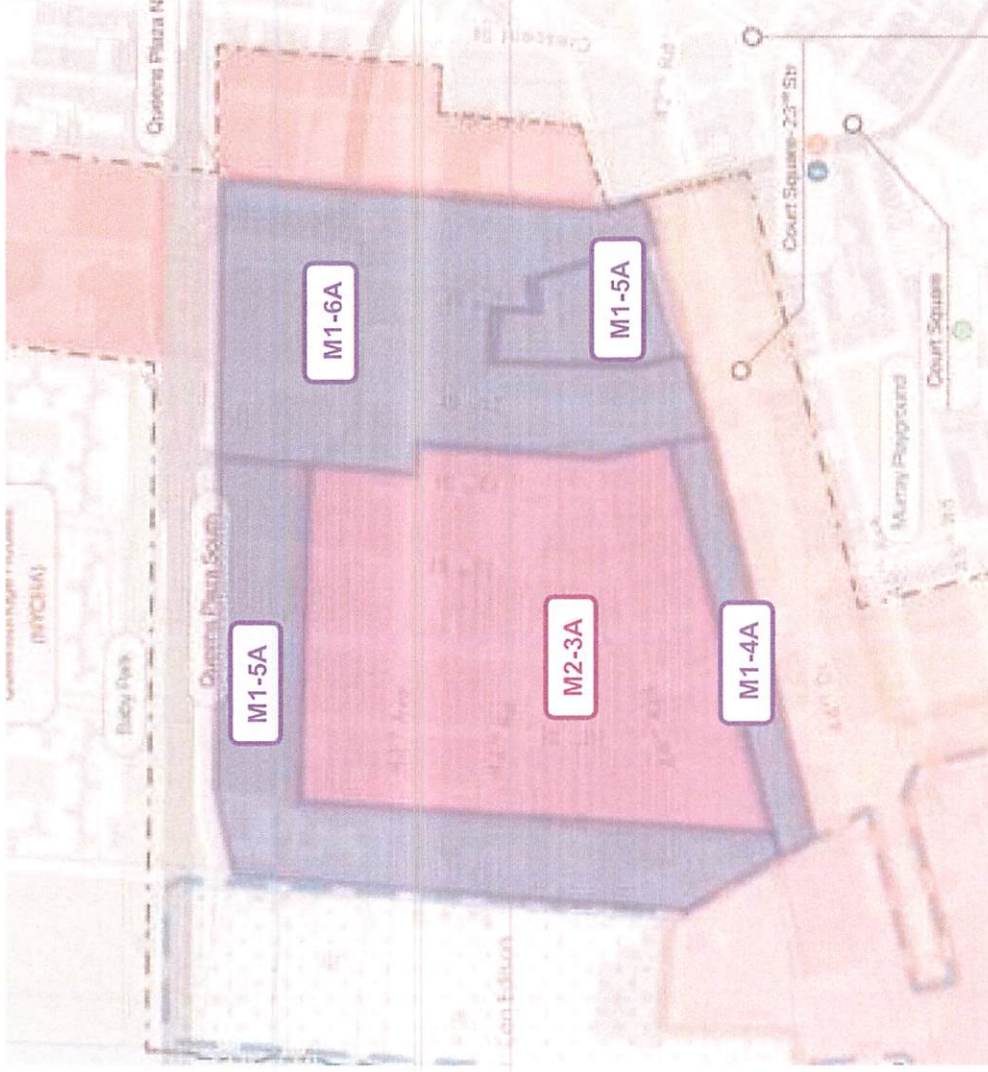
Draft Zoning Proposal



Art Galleries



Grocery Stores



Gyms



Gathering Houses

Draft Zoning Proposal

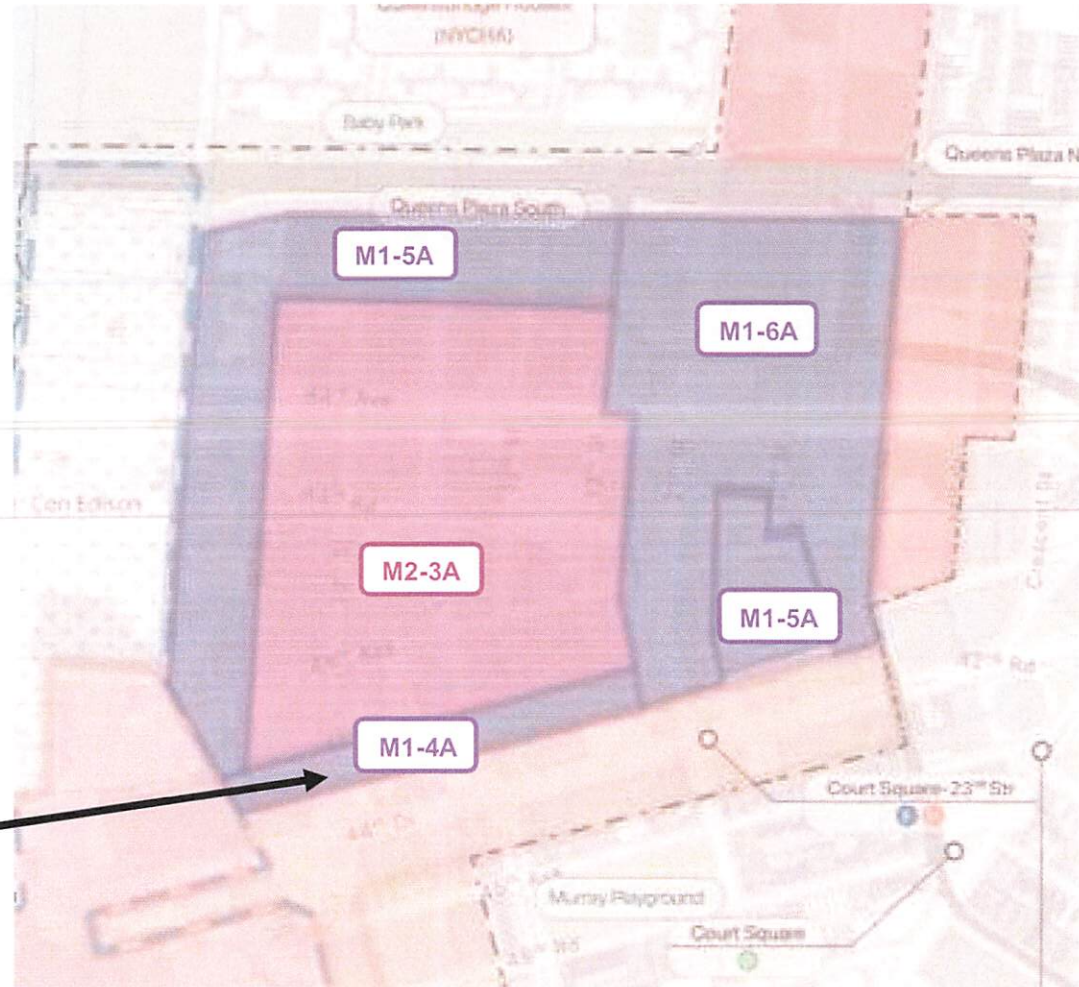
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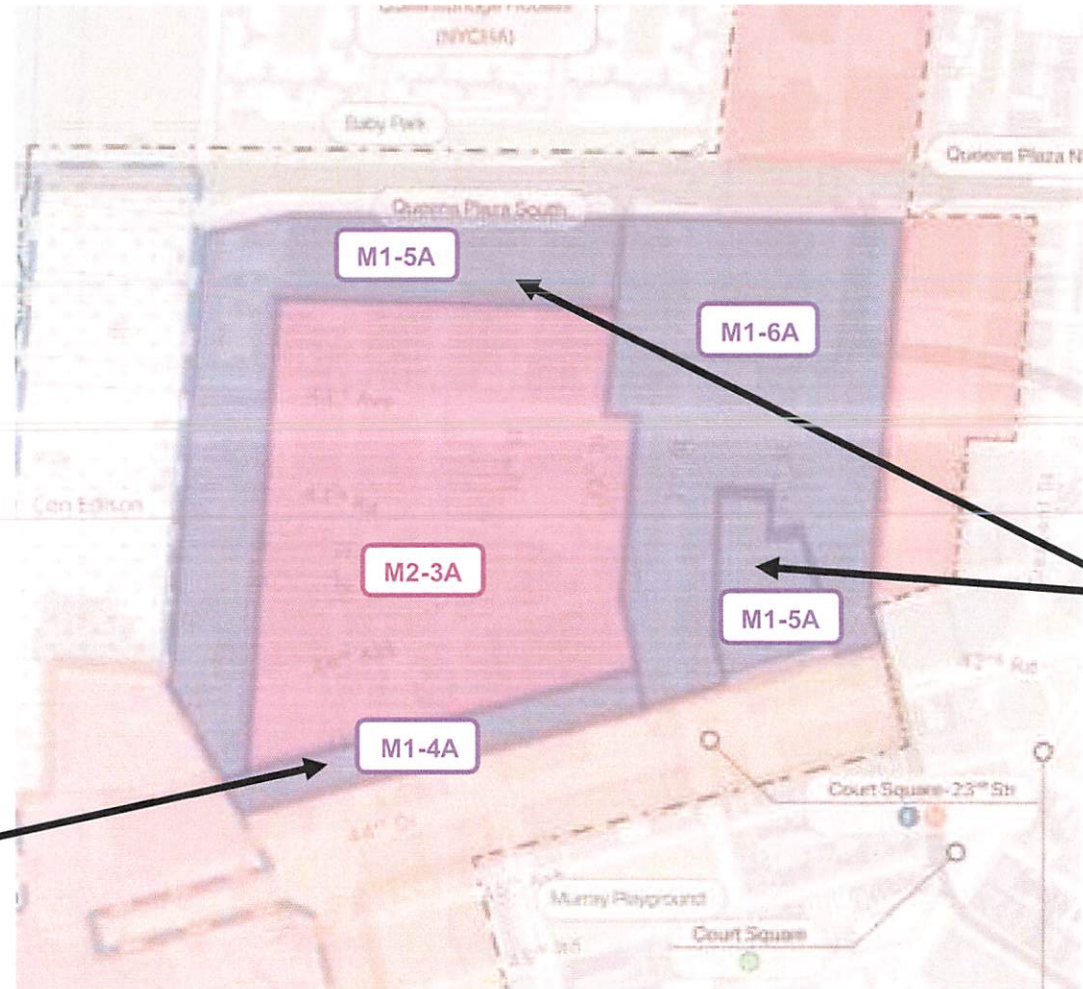
Community Facility = 5

Commercial = 5

Light Industrial = 5



Draft Zoning Proposal



M1-4A

Max FAR:

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Commercial = 5

Light Industrial = 5

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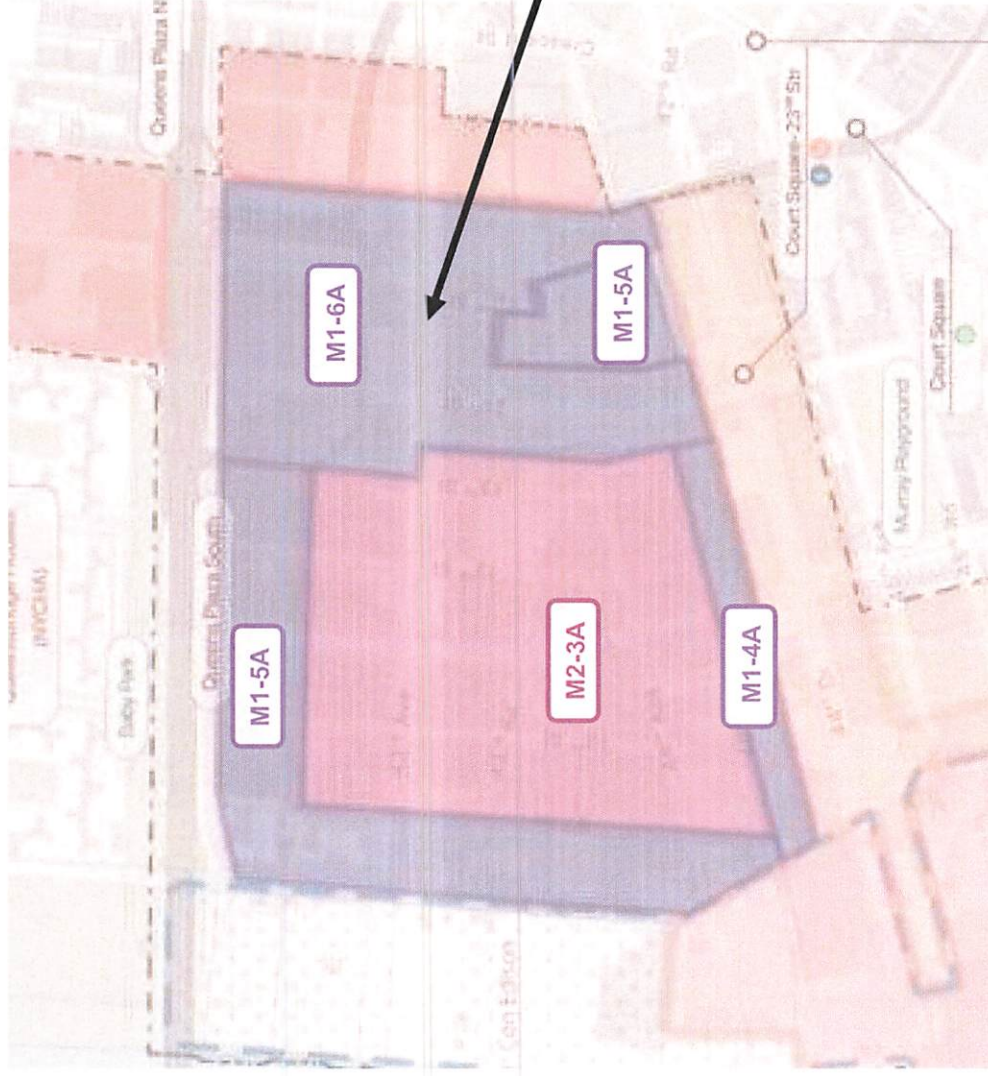
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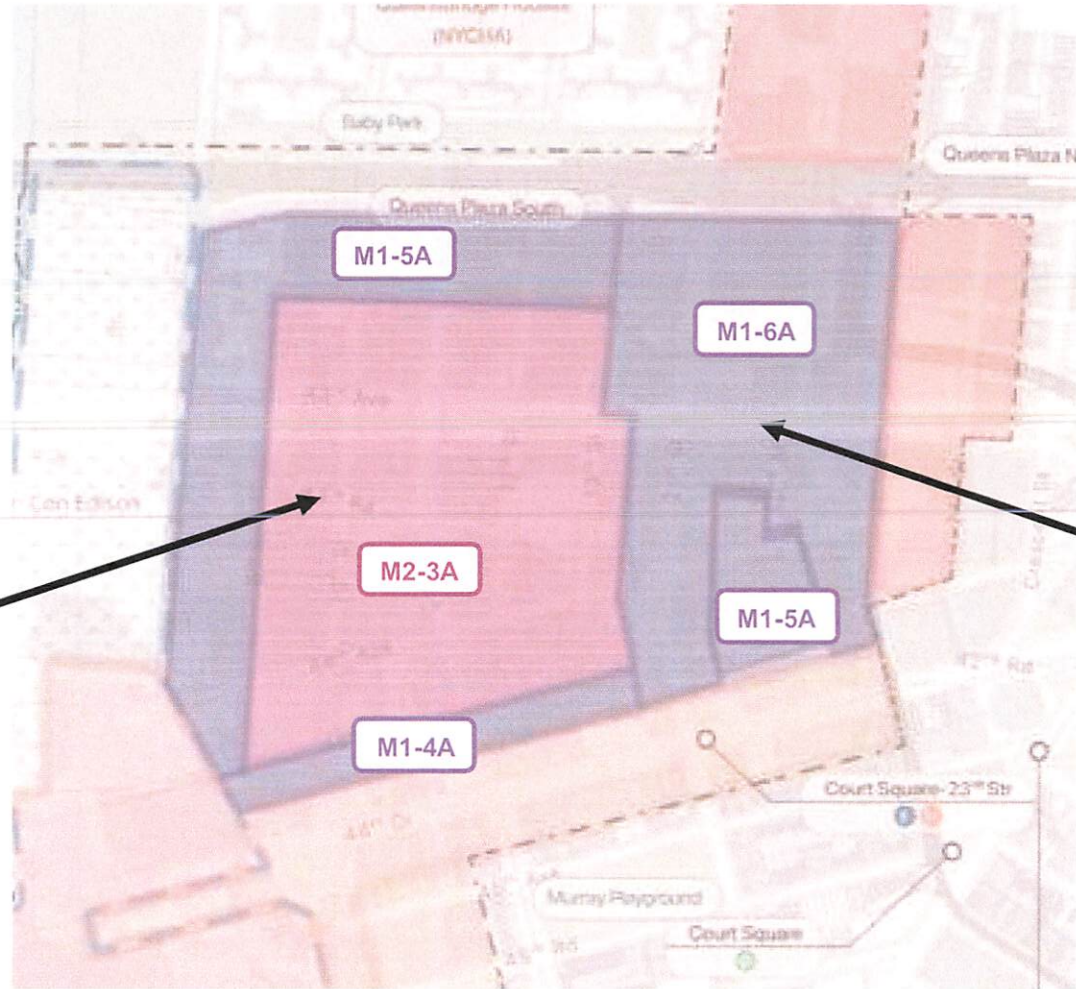
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M2-3A

Max FAR:

Community Facility = 3

Commercial = 3

Light Industrial = 4

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Greenpoint-Williamsburg IBZ

Between 2003 and 2023, the IBZ experienced a gain of 1,800 jobs, nearly doubling its employment area experienced some industrial job loss, it exponentially added other jobs as the adjacent residential populations have grown.

Today, the IBZ is home to a bustling mix of arts, culture, entertainment, production, construction, and other light industrial businesses.

