

2024 Open Streets Annual Report

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REIMAGINING OUR STREETS



A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a dark t-shirt, is seen from the side, focused on drawing on a large, round, dark-colored chalkboard. The chalkboard is mounted on a wooden frame and has various colorful chalk drawings and words on it, including "PEACE", "BE KIND", "LOVE", and "E". In the background, there is an outdoor community event with other people, including a man in an orange shirt and a woman in a blue shirt, and a brick building under a cloudy sky.

2024 Open Streets In Numbers



Open Streets Numbers

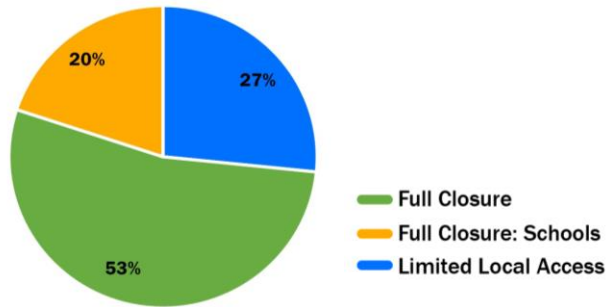
45+ MILES

200+ LOCATIONS

350+ CITY BLOCKS

64% of Open Streets fall within the *NYC DOT Streets Plan* tier 1 or tier 2
Priority Investment Area

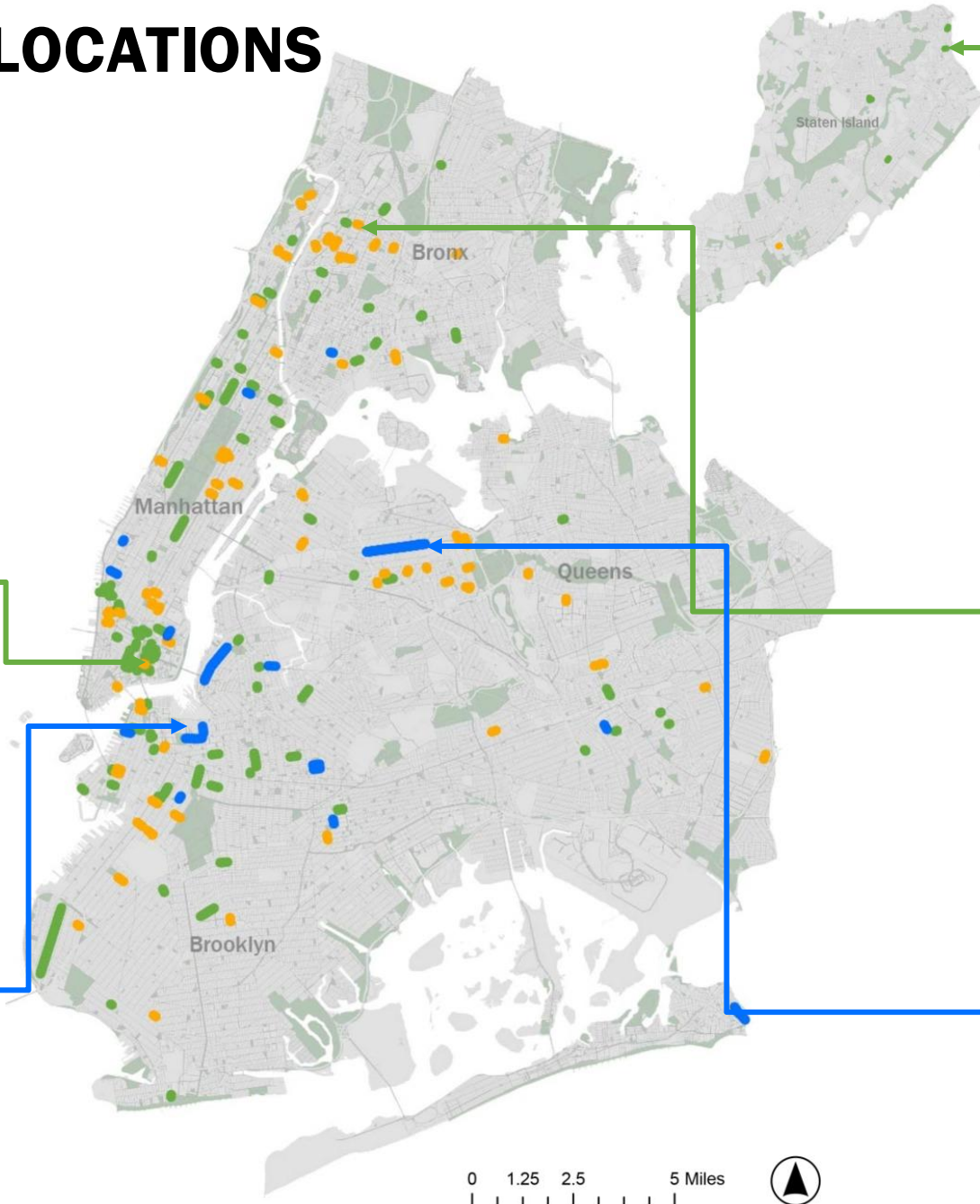
2024 OPEN STREETS LOCATIONS



Orchard St. Open Street, Manhattan
LOWER EAST SIDE PARTNERSHIP



Willoughby St. Open Street, Brooklyn
DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN PARTNERSHIP



Water St. Open Street, Staten Island
VAN DUZER CIVIC ASSOCIATION



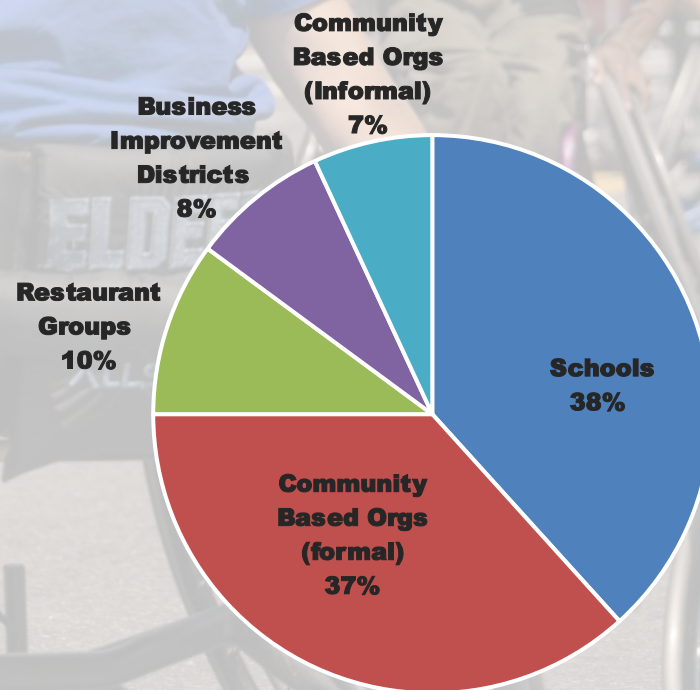
Goble Pl. Open Street, The Bronx
NEW SETTLEMENT



Woodside Ave. Open Street, Queens
THAI COMMUNITY USA

Open Streets Partners

Open Streets are managed by a variety of different partner types. Below is a breakdown by partner type for the 2024 Open Streets season:



72 Schools

69 Community Based Orgs (formal)

19 Restaurant Groups

15 Business Improvement Districts

13 Community Based Orgs (Informal)

2024 Program Highlights

Operationalized Infrastructure

- Changed parking regulations at 17 new Open Street sites to support operations
- Expanded access to barriers, cones, signage, movable furniture, tents, and more

Partner Support

- Staffing support via the Public Space Equity program at high need sites
- Offered \$1.2 million in partner funding to individual organizations
- Launched a grant writing and communications assistance services to support partner operations

A group of diverse people are participating in a community activity on a city street. In the foreground, a man in a tan t-shirt and grey shorts is stepping on a chalk-drawn hopscotch grid. To his right, a man with a large afro and red sunglasses is also stepping on a similar grid. Other participants, including a woman in a blue jacket and a man in a red shirt, are visible in the background. The street is lined with trees and buildings, and a string of small flags hangs across the road. The overall atmosphere is lively and community-oriented.

Public Space Equity Program Update

The Horticultural Society of New York

In partnership with the [Horticultural Society of New York](#) (The Hort), NYC DOT manages 89 public spaces throughout the city, including 39 NYC Open Streets! The Hort provides daily support to these public spaces year-round via operational maintenance, horticultural care, technical assistance and public programming. Our Public Space Equity Program partnership with The Hort is constantly evolving to expand the services provided, and we are excited about what is to come in the year ahead!



Permanent Open Streets Upgrades

Making Open Streets Permanent

- Every year, NYC DOT implements a variety of street improvement projects aimed at enhancing operations, safety, and mobility citywide
- As part of the [Open Streets program](#), NYC DOT evaluates existing locations to explore whether they could benefit from streetscape elements, public realm enhancements and traffic calming measures
- In 2024, 8 Street Improvement projects were implemented on Open Streets

MAKING OPEN STREETS PERMANENT

Columbus Ave

Upgraded to a Street Seat

Hicks Street

Upgraded to a Street Seat

Jennings Street

Upgraded with painted curb extensions and asphalt art

34th Ave

Upgraded to plazas between

- 82nd - 83rd St
- 83rd - 84th St
- 89th - 90th St

Murdock Plaza

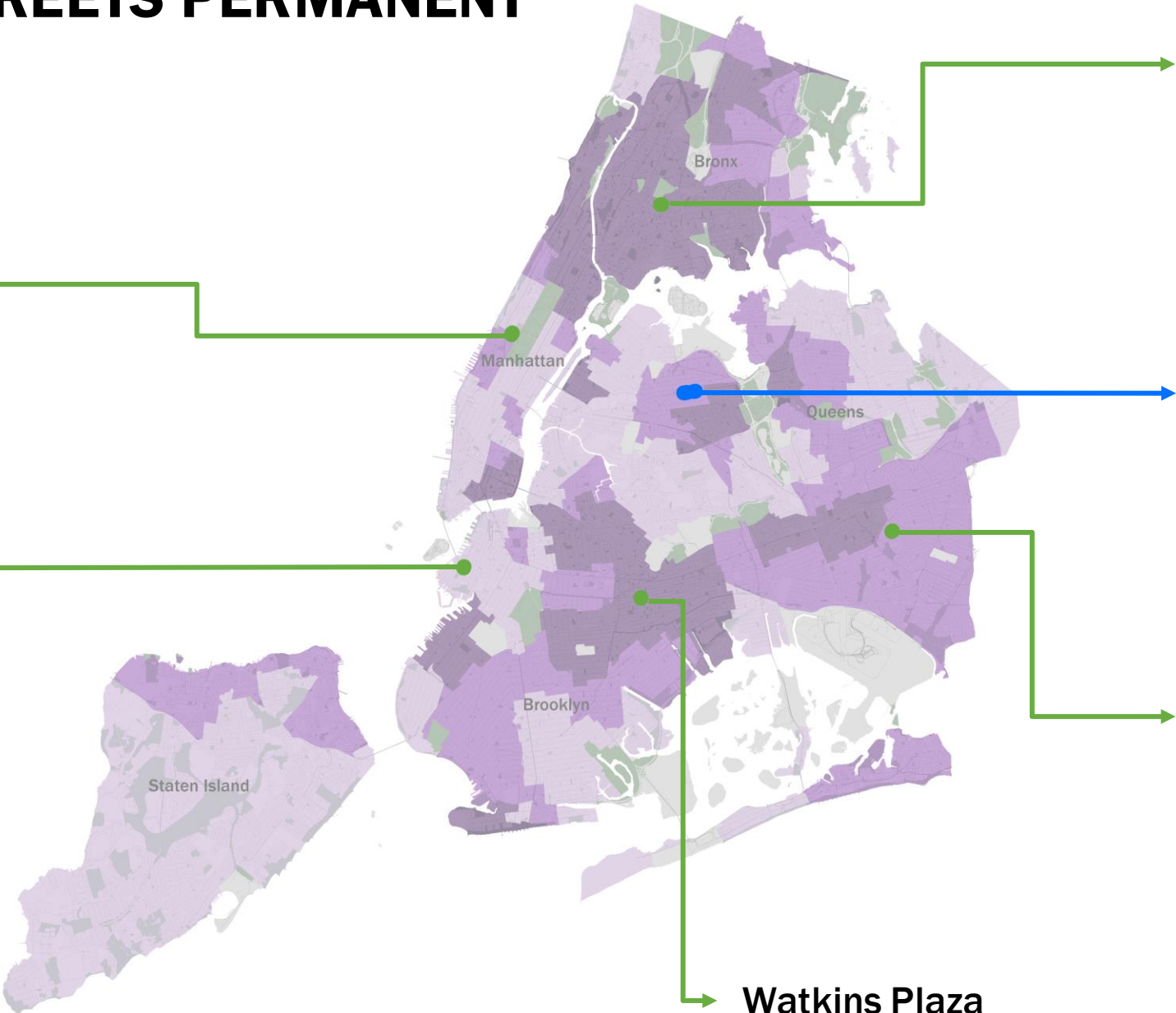
Upgraded to Plaza

Watkins Plaza

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- Full Closure
- Full Closure: Schools
- Limited Local Access
- Priority Investment Area Tier 1
- Priority Investment Area Tier 2
- Priority Investment Area Tier 3

0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles





Murdock Ave, Queens

Addisleigh Park Civic Organization



Jennings St, The Bronx

Caldwell Enrichment Program Inc.



Watkins Ave, Brooklyn

Brownsville Community Justice Center



Hicks St, Brooklyn

Red Hook Initiative



Columbus Ave, Manhattan

Columbus Ave BID

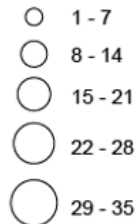
A woman wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved costume adorned with colorful beads and sequins is performing a backbend on a wooden stage. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. Her arms are extended forward, and her legs are bent over her head. In the background, a diverse crowd of people is seated on a set of stone steps, watching the performance. The scene is outdoors, and the overall atmosphere is festive and public.

Public Space Programming Updates

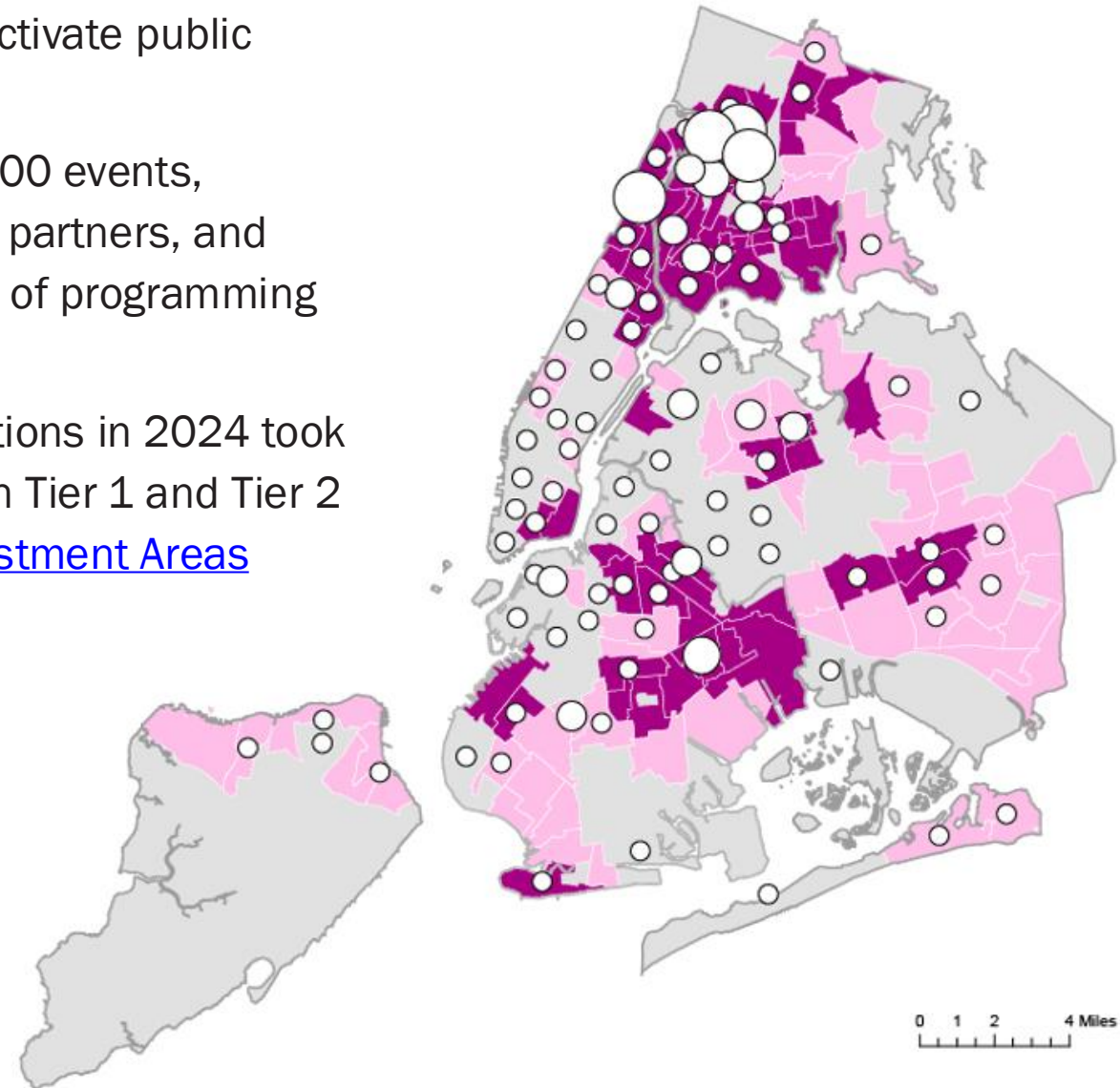
Public Space Programming

- NYC DOT's [Public Space Programming](#) initiative showcases a variety of enriching activities available to help activate public space across the city
- In 2024, NYDOT executed 500 events, deployed 50+ programming partners, and provided 2,070 hours worth of programming citywide
- 79% of programming activations in 2024 took place in public spaces within Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the NYC DOT [Priority Investment Areas](#)

Events in the Public Realm



Priority Investment Areas







Wukkout

NYC DOT's partnership with Wukkout transformed the street into high-energy soca-based dance fitness classes.

NYC DOT activated 10 Plazas and Open Streets in all five boroughs including: Audubon Open Street in Manhattan, Murdock Plaza in Queens, Water Street Open Street in Staten Island, Jennings Open Street in The Bronx, & Washington-Empire and Hillel Plazas in Brooklyn.



Trick-or- Streets

Trick-or-Streets returned for a third season in 2024 to host Halloween and harvest-themed events throughout the entire month of October. This was the biggest celebration yet with a total of 146 citywide events, including 10 Signature locations, with a continued a focus on equity, inclusivity, and business engagement.

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