



# Queens Waterfront Greenway

Gantry Plaza State Park to Bowery Bay/LaGuardia Airport  
(LIC, Hunters Point, Dutch Kills, Astoria, Ditmars/Steinway, Astoria Heights)

October 8, 2024





# Agenda

- **6:00 – 6:15 PM:** Introduction
- **6:15 – 6:50 PM:** Presentation
- **6:50 – 7:40 PM:** Group Discussion
- **7:40 – 7:50 PM:** Report Back
- **7:50-8:00 PM:** Next Steps/Announcements



Flushing Meadows Corona Park

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# Project Team

## City Team



Ydanis Rodriguez  
Commissioner



NYC Parks



## Community Partners



Astoria Park Alliance



ALLIANCE FOR  
**FLUSHING  
MEADOWS**  
CORONA PARK

## Consultant Support

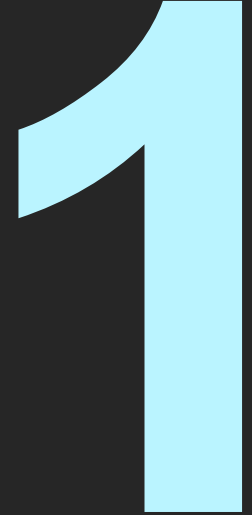
**Sam Schwartz**



Public Works  
Partners

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# Project Background





# What is a Greenway?

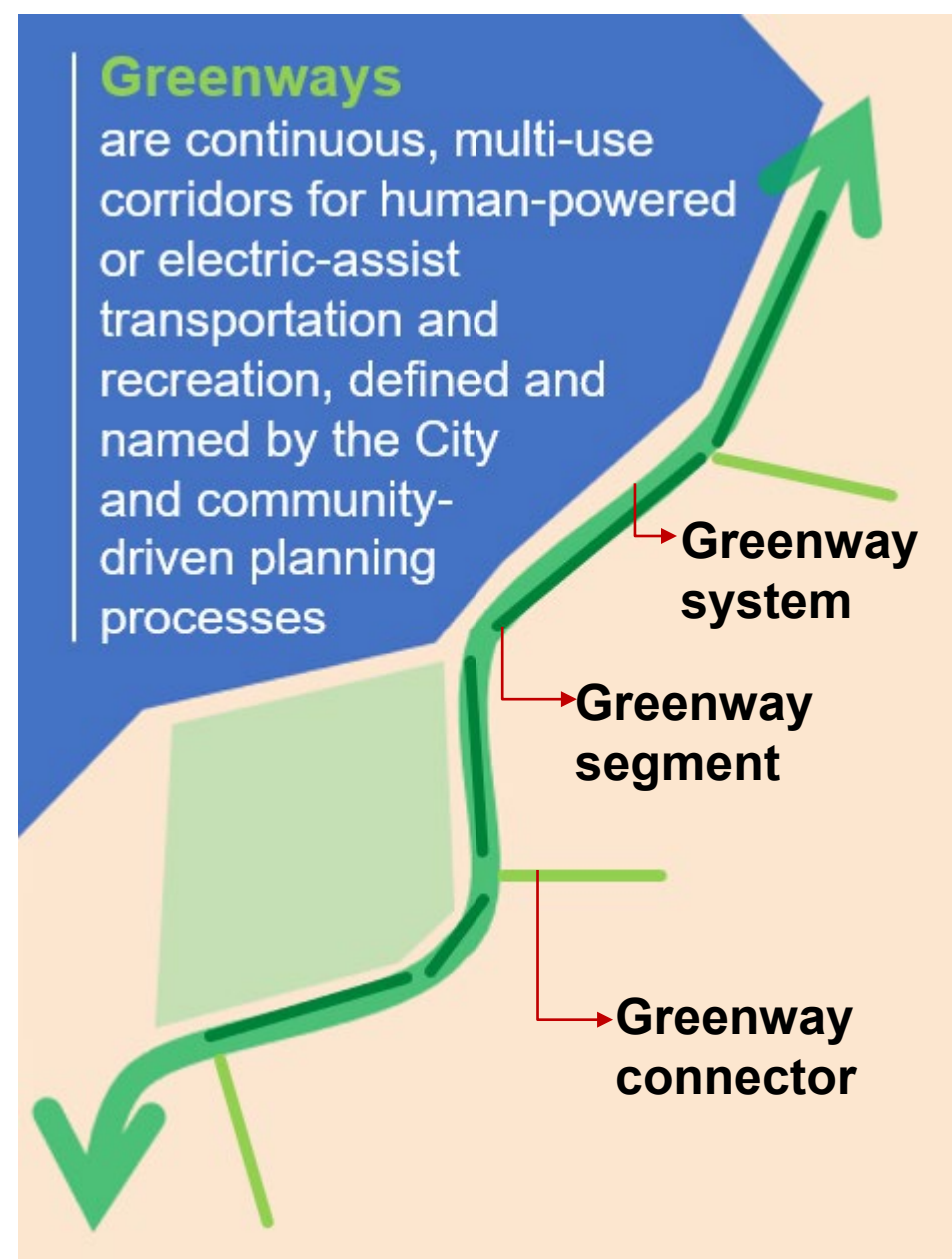
- Increase **access and mobility**
- Provide opportunities for **active transportation**
- Improve **connections to neighborhood amenities** such as parks and waterfront
- Encourage **economic development**



Astoria Park



Shore Front Pkwy





# Project Goal

Work with community members to **develop a comprehensive plan for a continuous, safe, and accessible path** that serves the diverse neighborhoods of Queens.





# RAISE Grant

- NYC DOT, EDC, and Parks awarded \$7.25M in federal planning funds in 2022
- Selected five “Early Action corridors” across the outer boroughs — prioritizing low- and moderate-income communities outside of Manhattan



## New York City Greenway Expansion Plan





# Why Queens?

- Many neighborhoods are **disconnected from the Queens waterfront** by highways, airports, and industrial uses.
- This portion of Queens contains **22 miles of shoreline** and **20 public parks**, many which have **recently received public investment**.



Powell's Cove Park



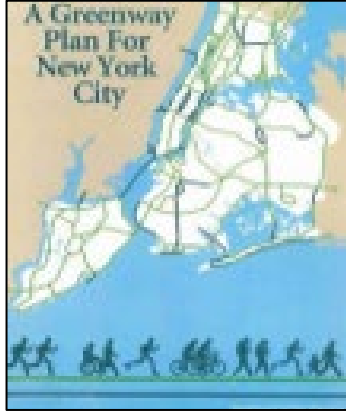
Francis Lewis Park



Little Bay Park



# Past Planning Studies



A Greenway Plan for New York City, **1993**

**Key objective:** Vision for a greenway system of over 350 mi of bicycle and pedestrian paths.



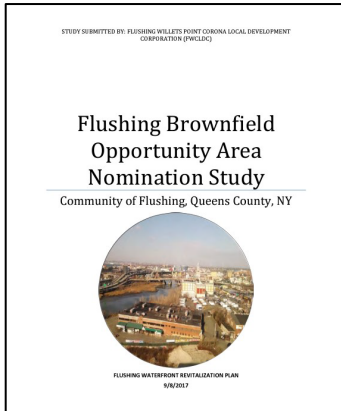
Queens East River and North Shore Greenway Master Plan, **2006**

**Key objective:** Proposes 10.6-mile shared-use trail along Queens waterfront



Vision Zero Action Plan, **2014**

**Key objective:** Multi-agency effort to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety through engineering, enforcement, education, and legislation.



Flushing Brownfield Opportunity Area Nomination Study, **2017**

**Key objective:** Spur the revitalization and redevelopment of underutilized and environmentally-challenged areas near the Flushing waterfront



NYC Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, **2020**

**Key objective:** Identify opportunities to expand waterfront public access zoning



Destination Greenways Queens Update, **2022**

**Key objective:** Provide updates on status of various Queens greenways-related projects

# Implementation Strategy

**Street Improvement Projects (SIPs)** use DOT's in-house resources such as paint and delineators to make street design changes quickly



39th Ave DOT In-house SIP, 2021

**Capital Projects** are longer-term, major street reconstruction projects that modify the geometry of the street and are often coordinated with sewer and water upgrades

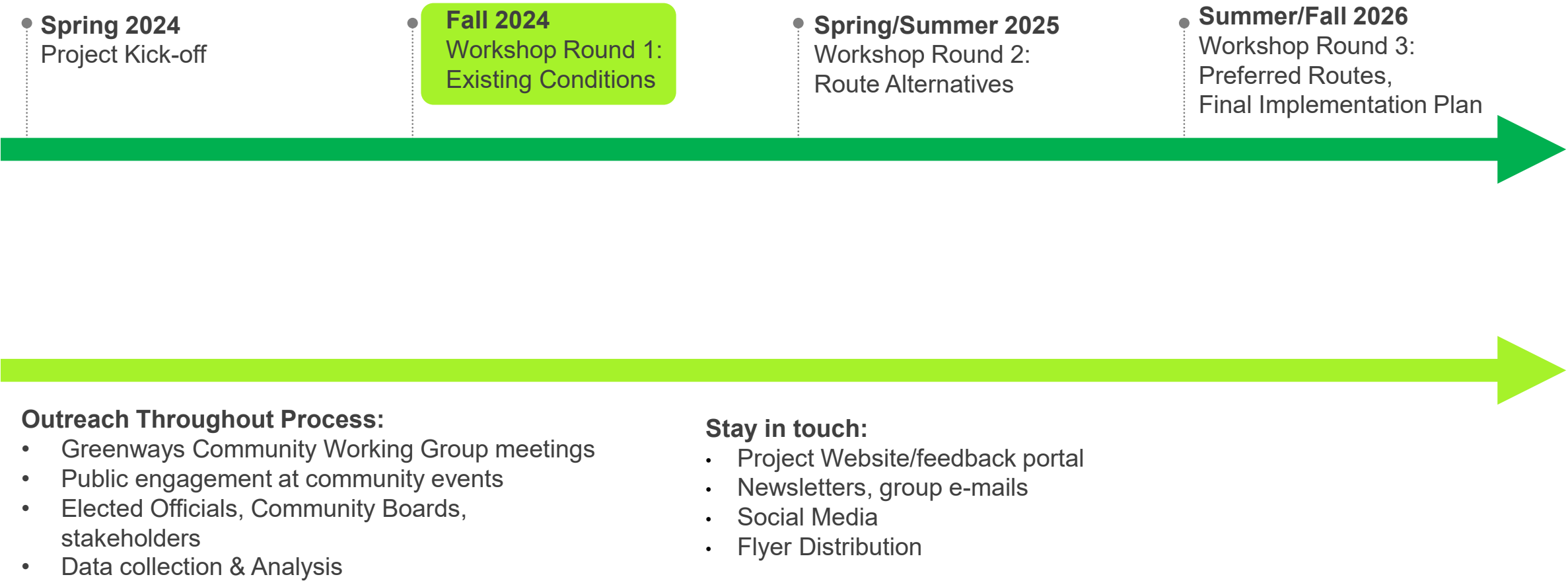


Kent Ave DOT/DDC Capital Project, 2021



# Project Timeline

## Milestones:

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- **Spring 2024**  
Project Kick-off
  - **Fall 2024**  
Workshop Round 1:  
Existing Conditions
  - **Spring/Summer 2025**  
Workshop Round 2:  
Route Alternatives
  - **Summer/Fall 2026**  
Workshop Round 3:  
Preferred Routes,  
Final Implementation Plan

## Outreach Throughout Process:

- Greenways Community Working Group meetings
- Public engagement at community events
- Elected Officials, Community Boards, stakeholders
- Data collection & Analysis

## Stay in touch:

- Project Website/feedback portal
- Newsletters, group e-mails
- Social Media
- Flyer Distribution

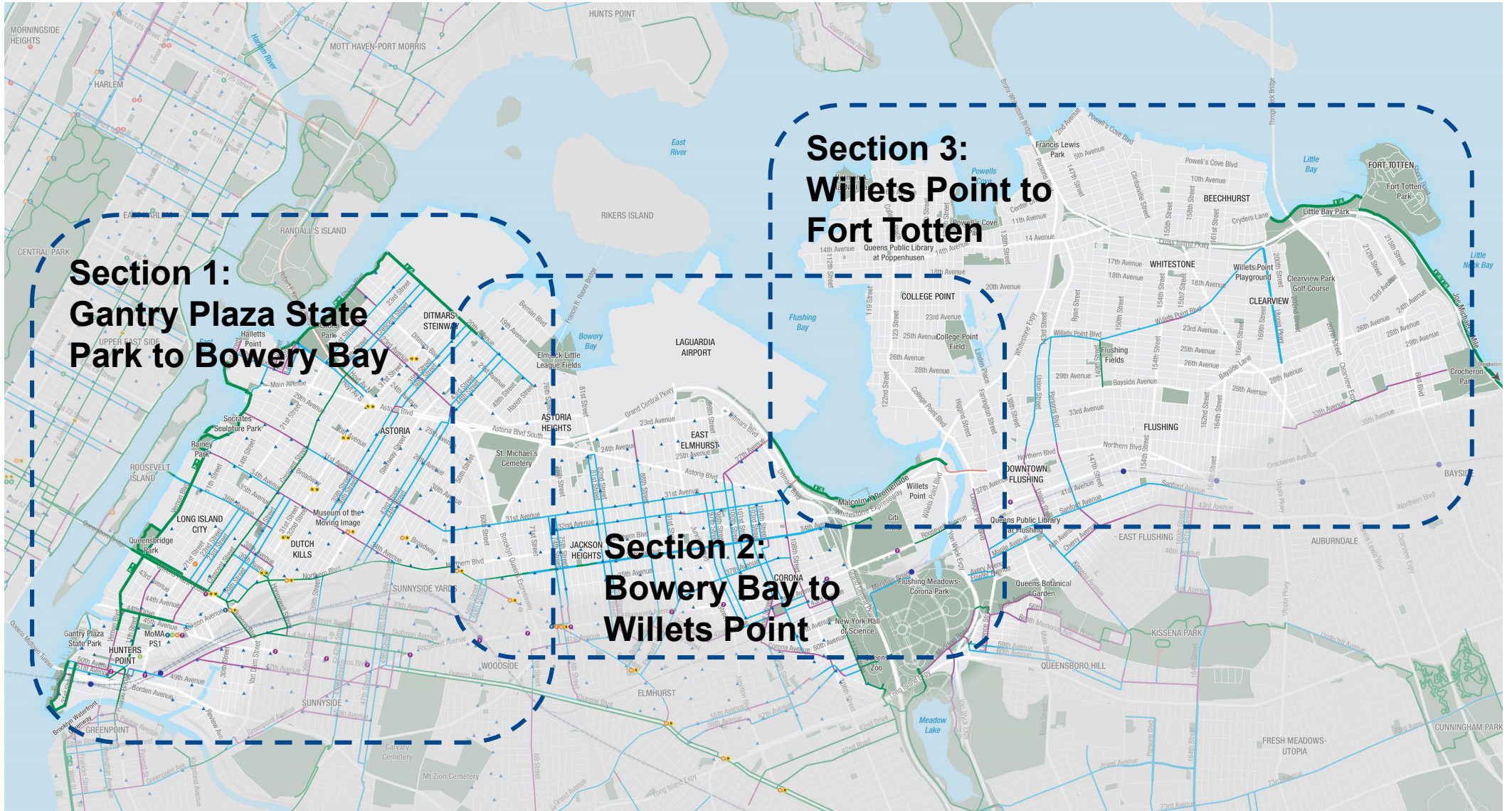
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Study Area

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# Project Area





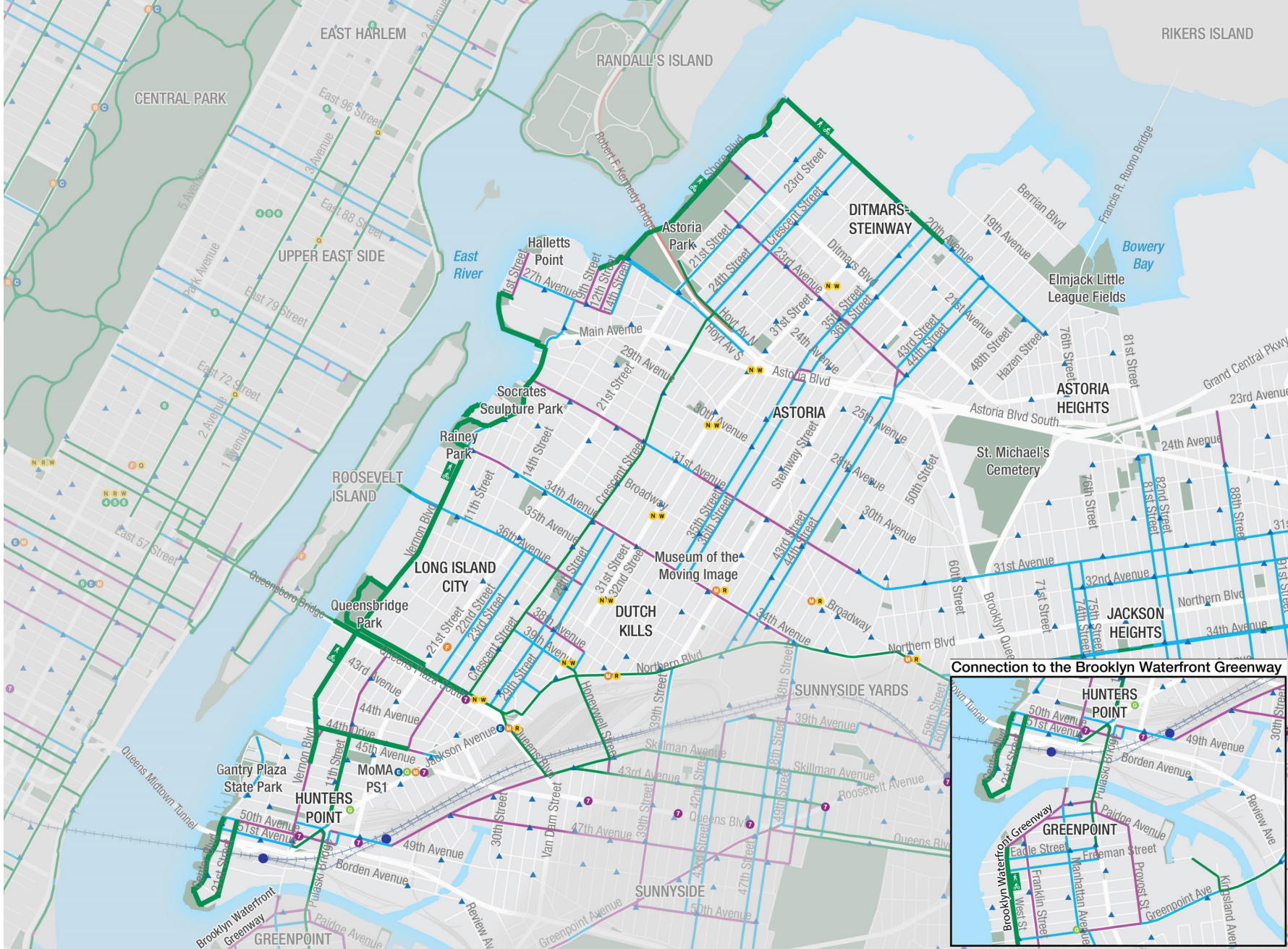
# Key Destinations: Existing Bicycle Infrastructure

**Bike Infrastructure**

- Protected Lane
- Conventional Lane
- Shared Lane
- Signed Route
- Citi Bike Docks

**Public Transportation**





- MTA Subway
- Long Island Rail Road

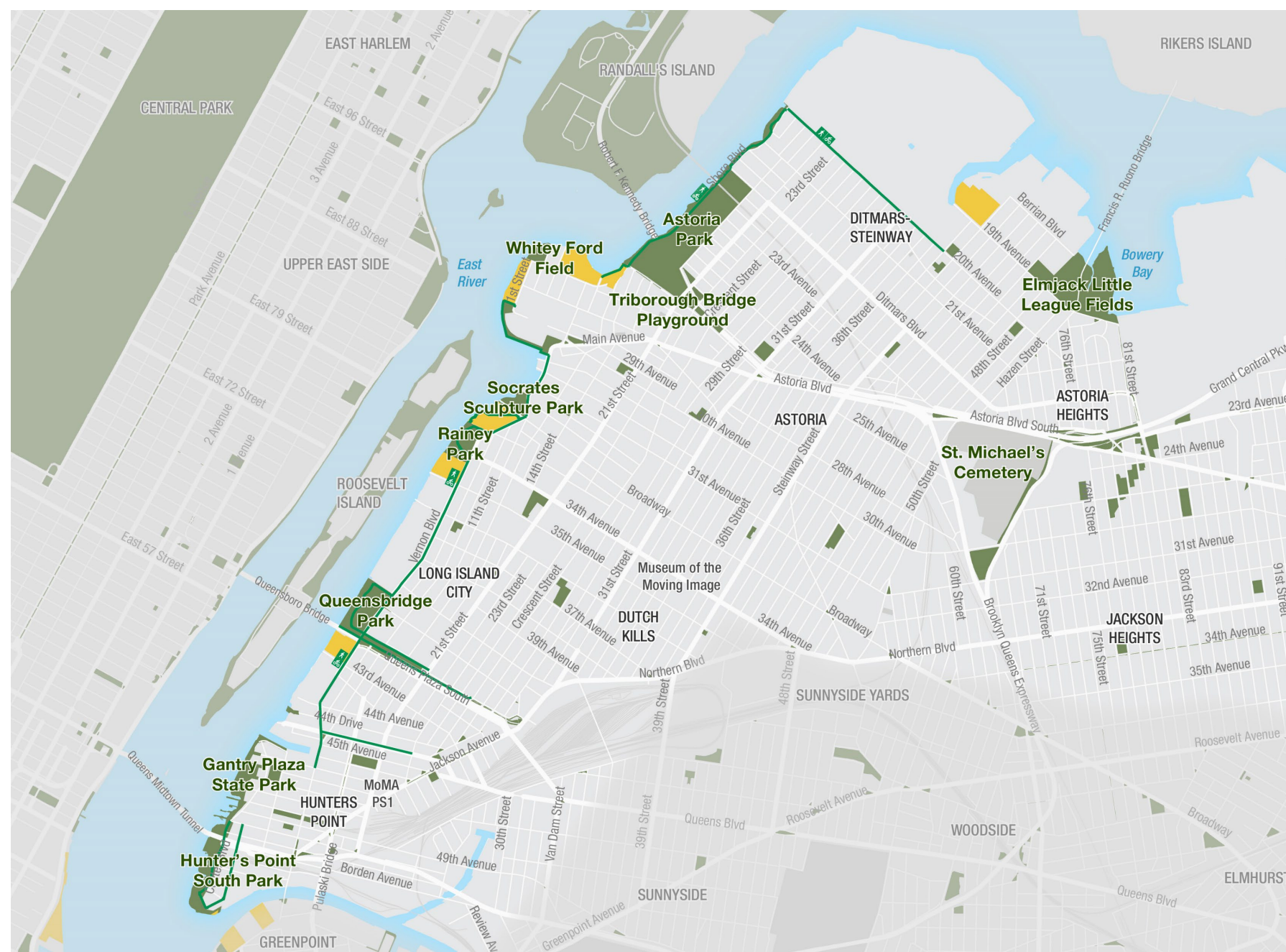




# Key Destinations: Parks, Open Spaces, and Recreation

## Open Space and Recreation


-  Parks
-  Privately-Owned Waterfront Lots with Variable Public Access
-  Cemeteries
-  Existing Greenway

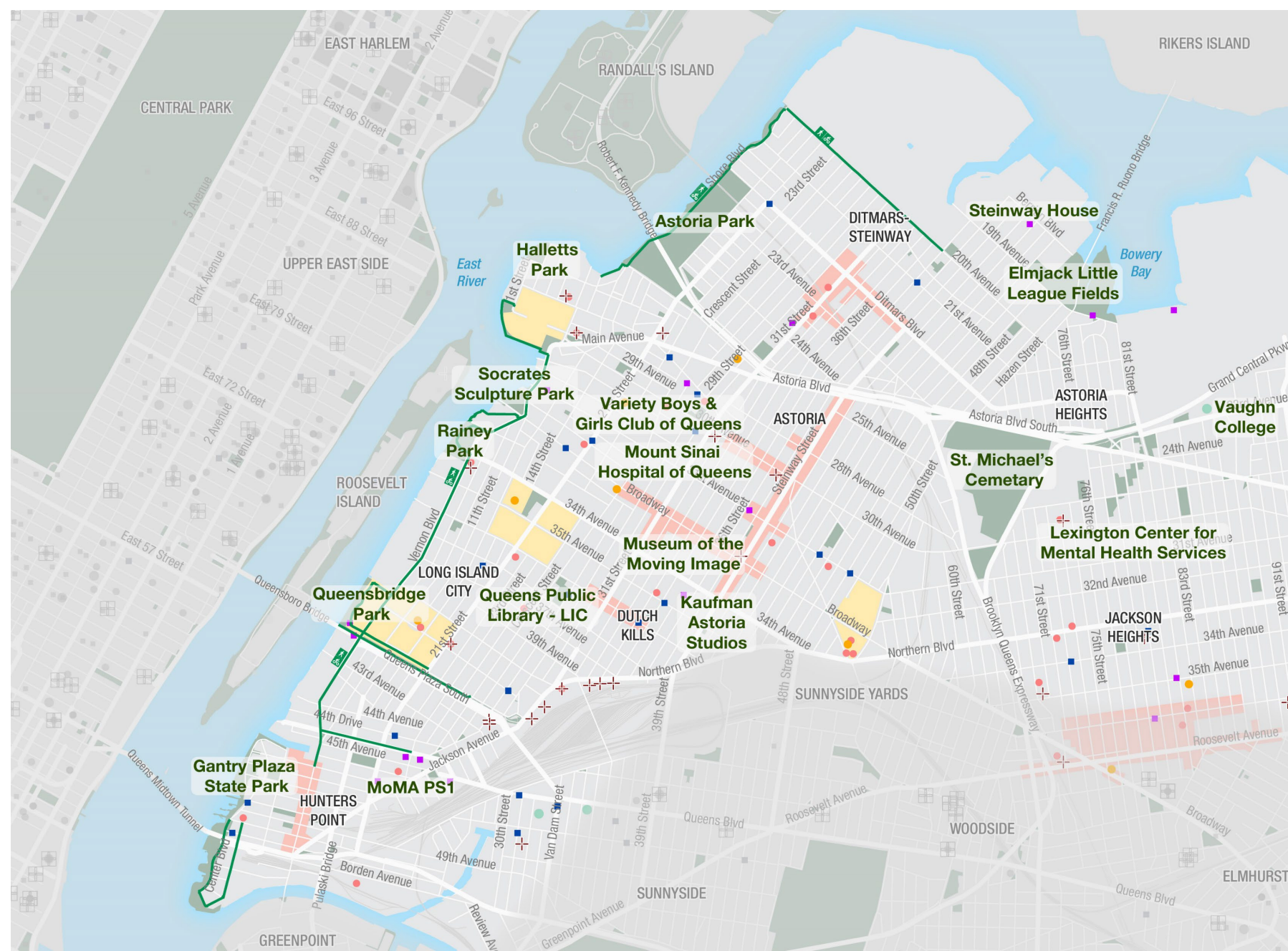




# Key Destinations: Community Assets & Places of Interest

## Community Asset & Places of Interest

-  Hospitals
-  Senior Centers
-  Healthcare Facilities
-  Higher Education
-  Historic Places
-  Commercial Centers  
(Based on site observations and desktop analysis)
-  NYCHA Housing
-  Existing Greenway



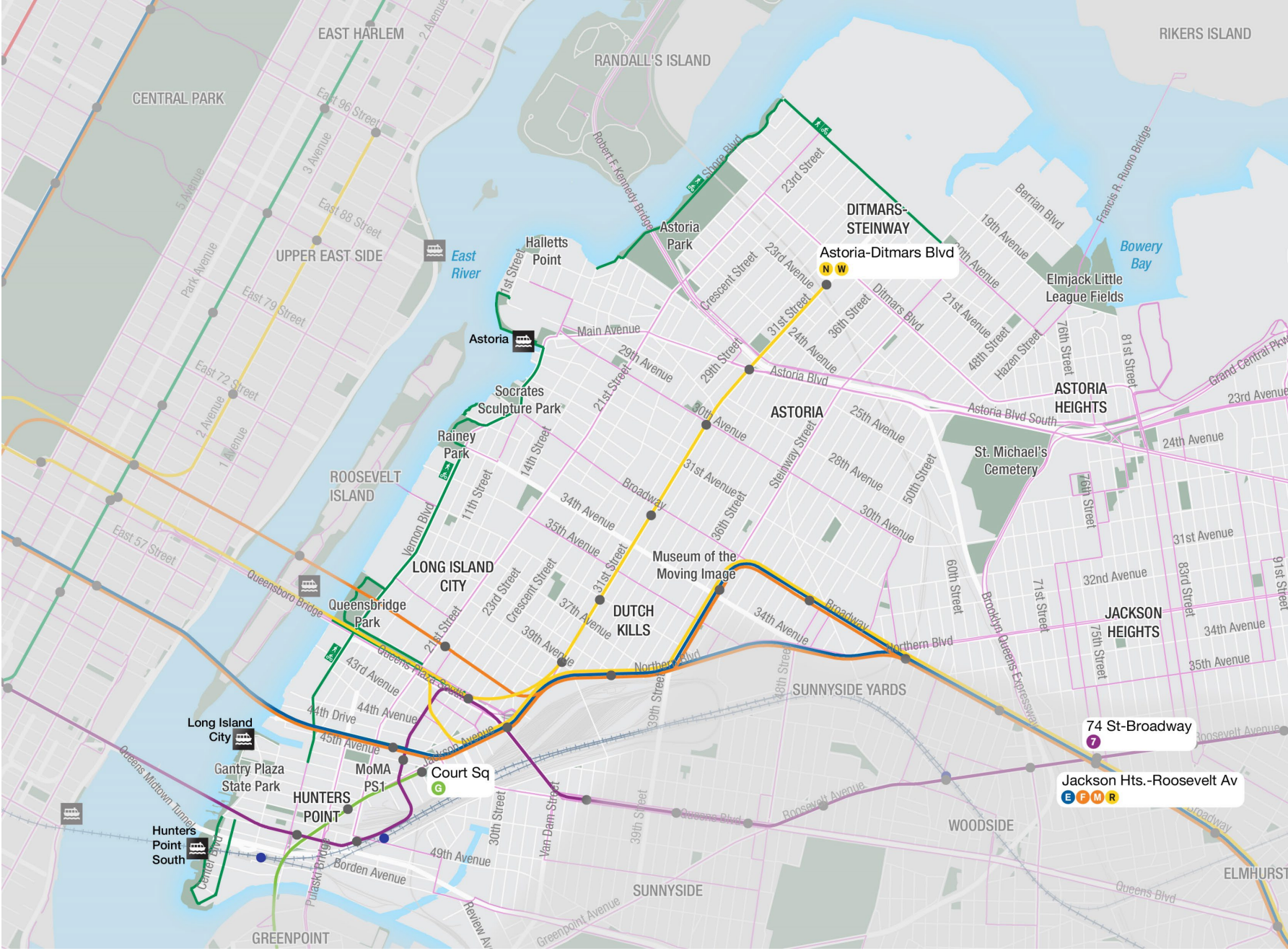


# Key Destinations: Transit Network and Hubs

**Public Transportation**

- MTA Subway
- Bus
- Long Island Rail Road
- Ferry Landing
- Existing Greenway

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# Key Destinations:

## Safety – Vision Zero Priority Areas



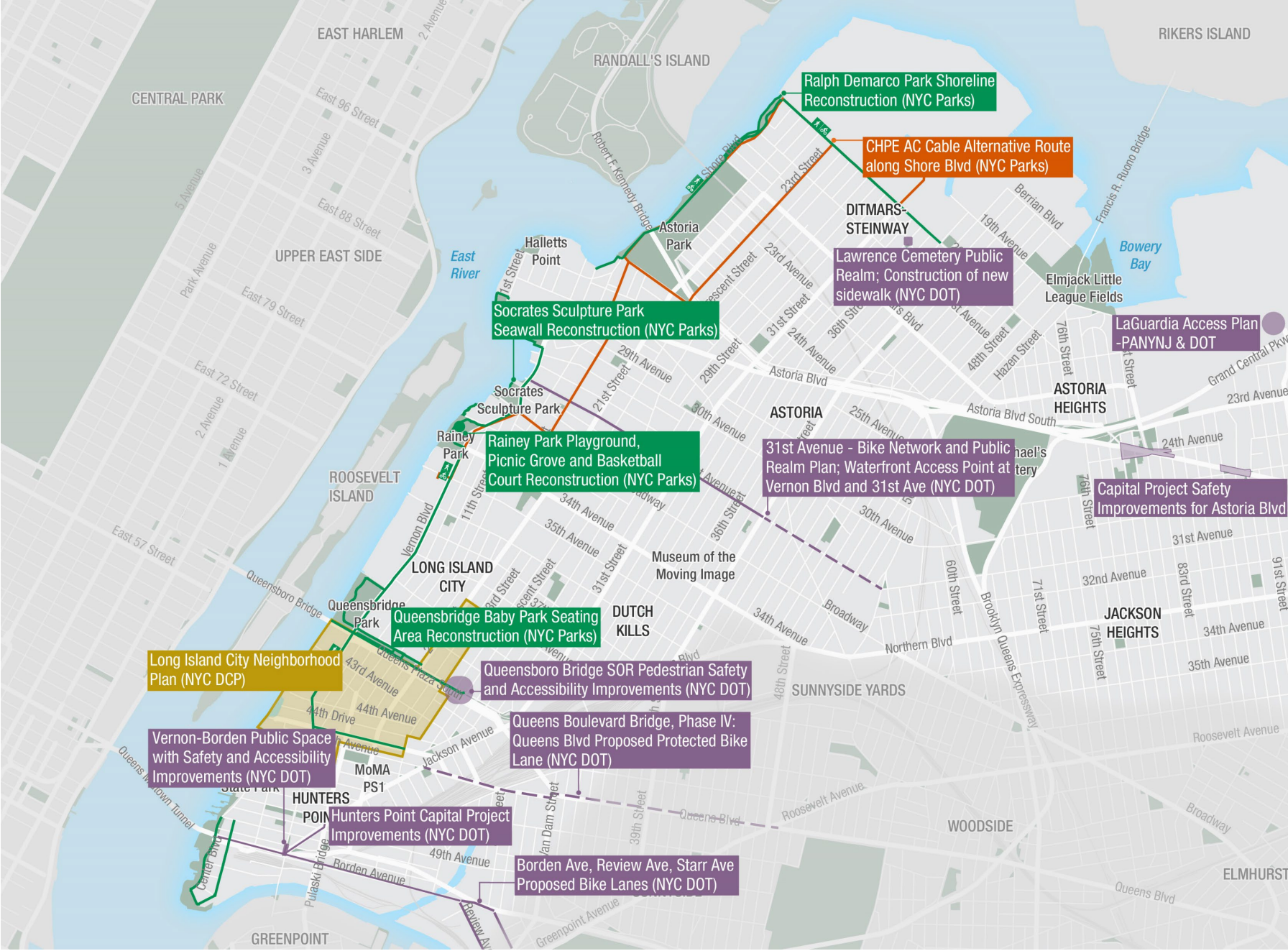


# Planned Projects

**Selected Planned and Ongoing Projects**

- Mobility and Safety
- Streetscape Improvements
- Parks and Open Space
- Housing and Commercial Development
- Utilities

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## Challenges and Opportunities

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# Short Term Opportunities



**Greenways Paths**



**Shared Paths**



**Bike Boulevards**



**Intersection Crossings**



**Wayfinding**



**Pedestrian Space**



**Street Furniture & Greenery**



**Public Art**



**Community Programming**



# Long Term Opportunities



**Raised Paths**



**Improved Waterfront Access**



**Pedestrian Plazas**



**Comprehensive Street Redesign**



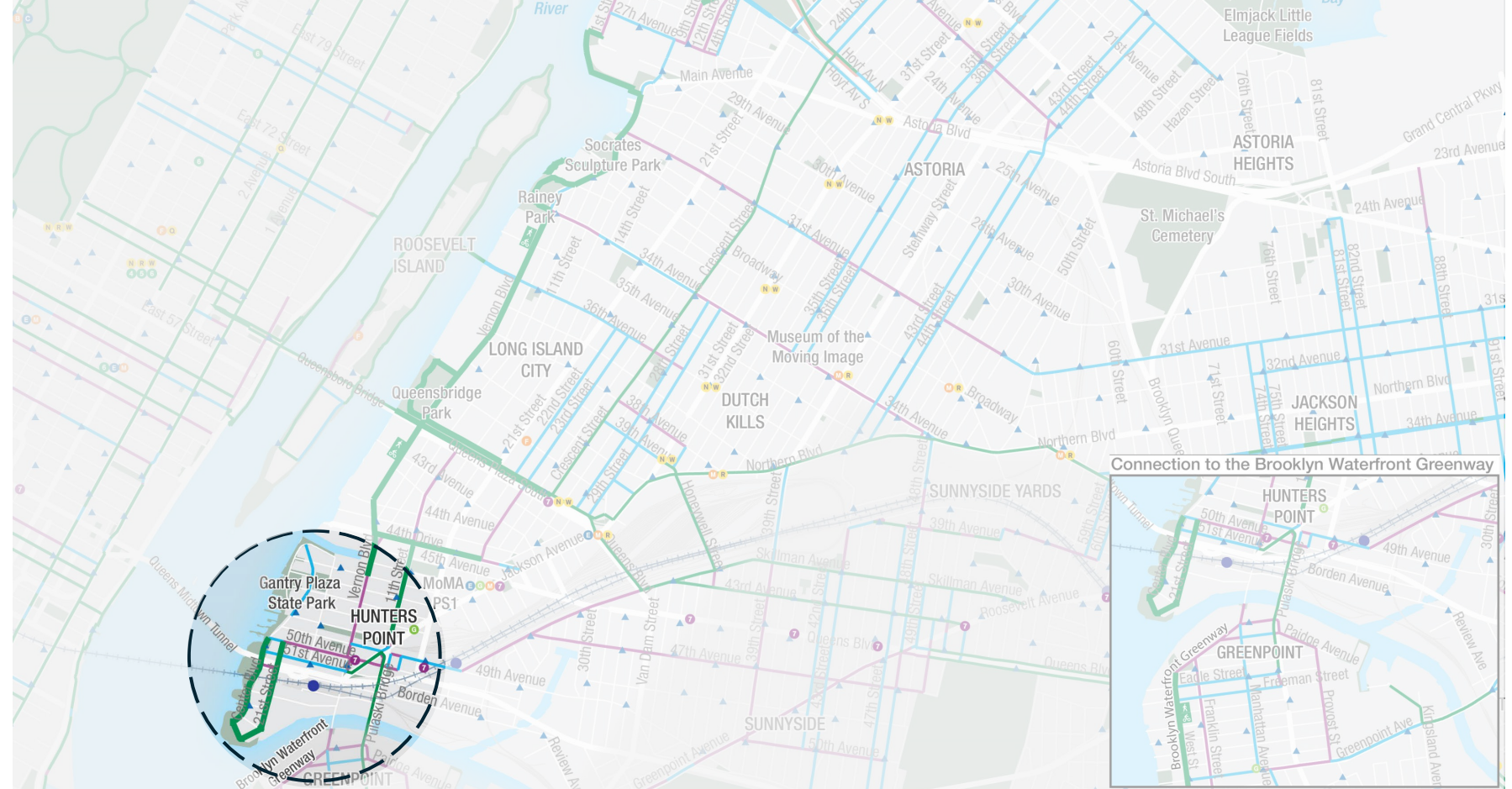
**Parks and Landscape**



**Ped + Bike Bridge**

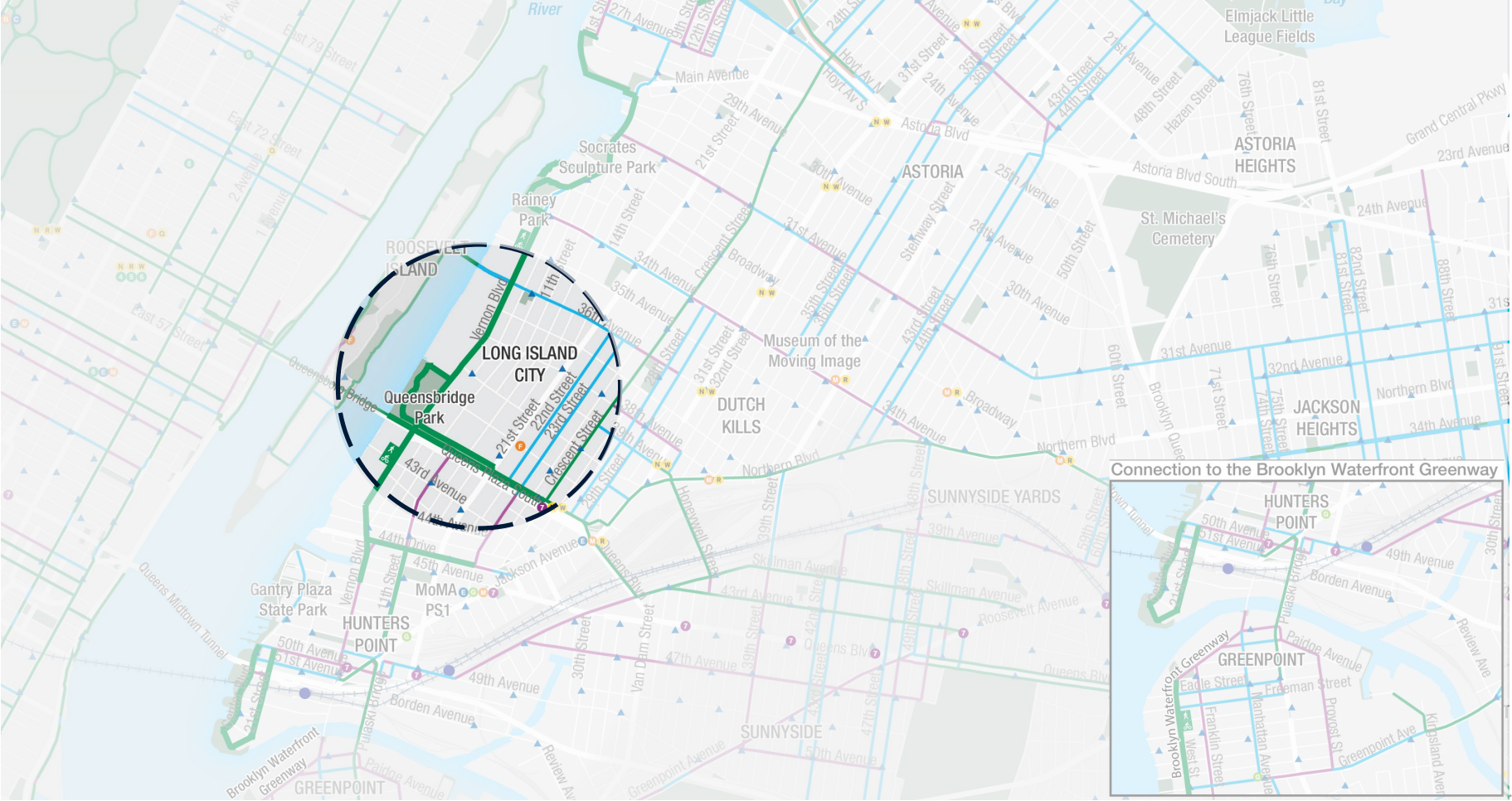


# Gantry Plaza State Park/Hunters Point





# Queensbridge Park/Long Island City





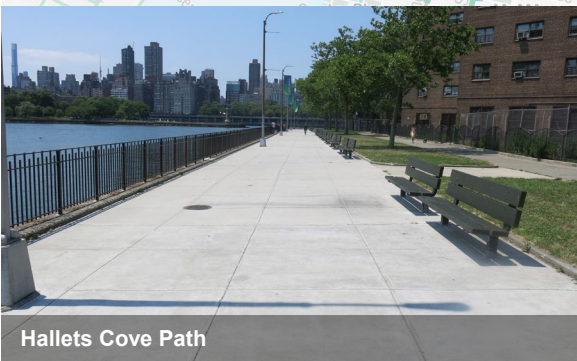
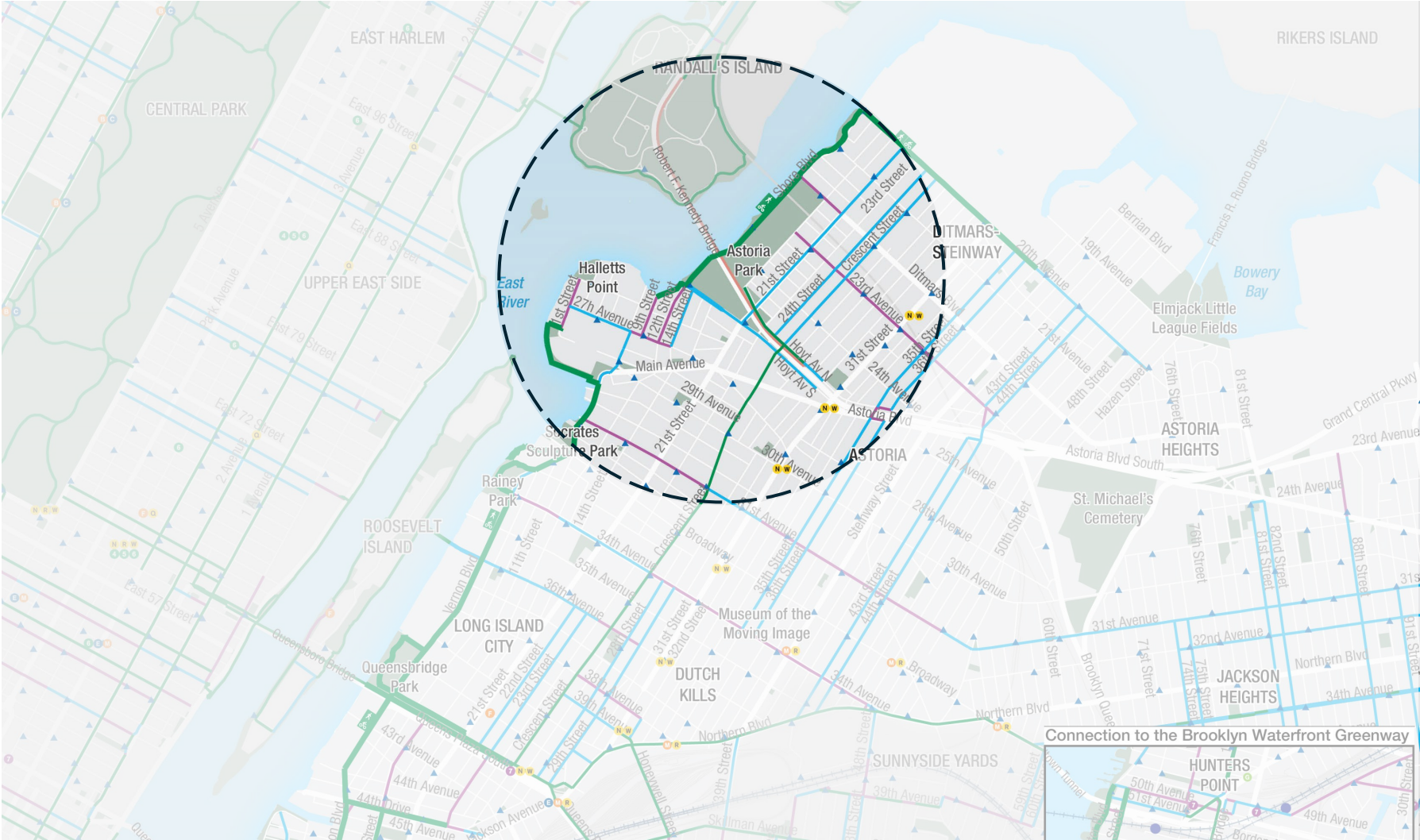
# Halletts Point/Astoria

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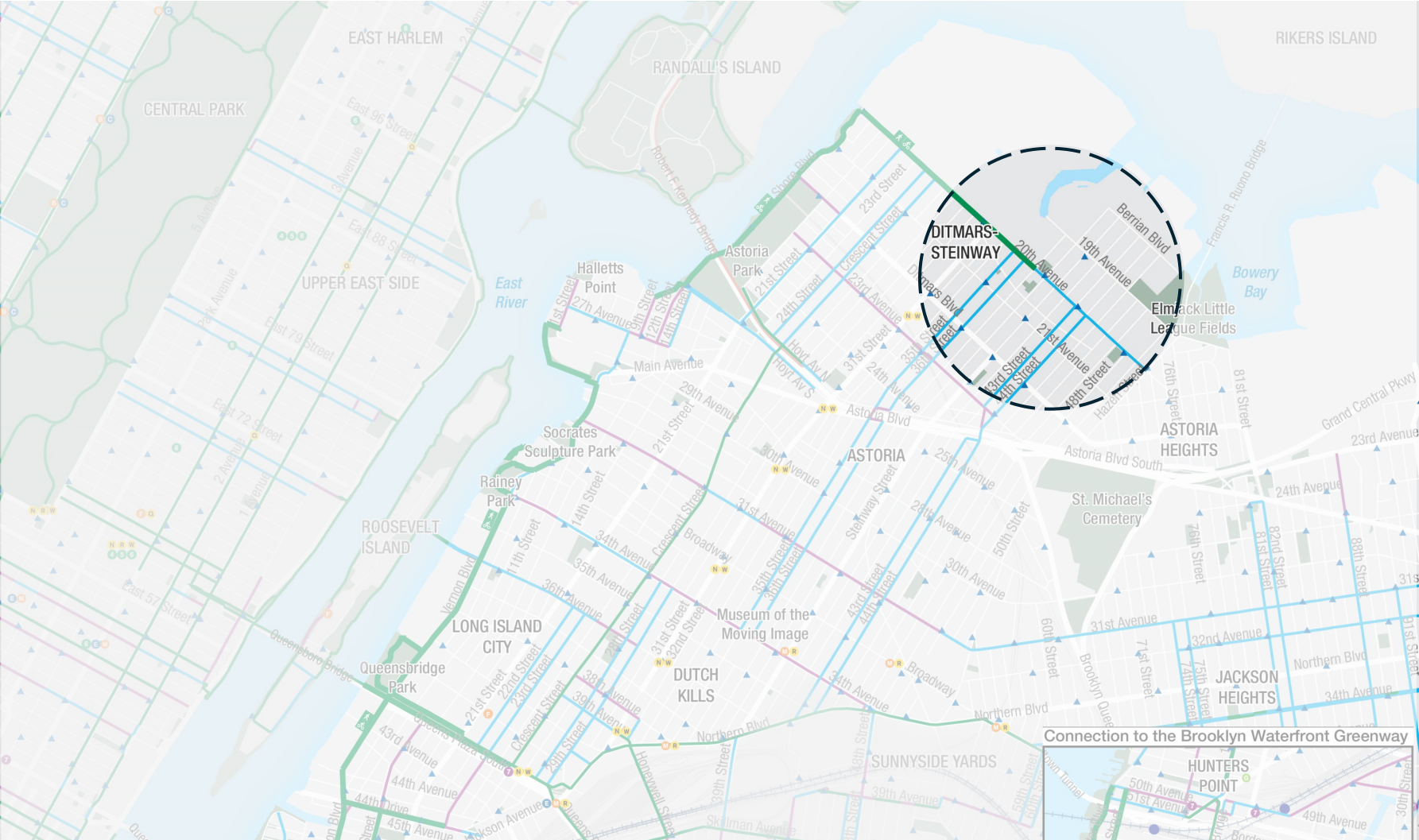
# Ditmars-Steinway

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Tell Us What You Think!

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# Break-out Groups (50 minutes)

Tell us what you think!





# Report Back





# Stay Informed

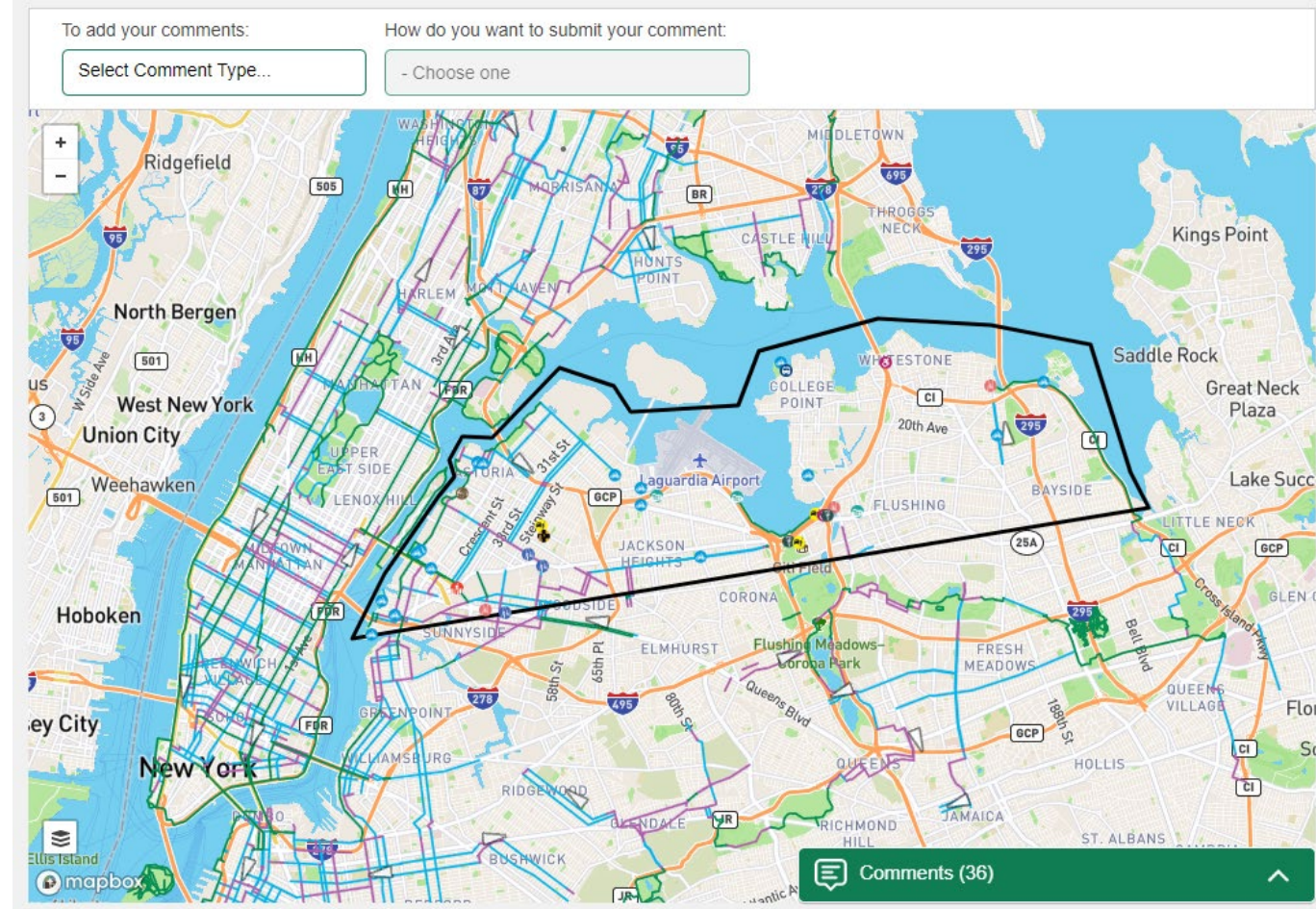
## How to provide additional feedback:

You can provide additional comments at the feedback portal

- To learn more, visit the project website using the QR code below



To stay informed about the Bike Unit's work more broadly, sign up for NYCycles.





# Next Steps

Ongoing public engagement

Community Workshop series:

1. **Tuesday, October 6, 6-8pm**
2. Wednesday, October 16, 6-8pm
3. Thursday, October 24, 6-8pm
4. Tuesday, October 29, 6-8pm (Virtual)

Spring/Summer 2025:

- Identify potential routes and project ideas based on community input



Vernon Boulevard

# Thank You!



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