



Queens Waterfront Greenway: Existing Conditions

Bowery Bay to Willets Point
(Flushing Meadows Corona Park & Downtown Flushing)

October 16, 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



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Commissioner



NYC Parks



Community Partners



Astoria Park Alliance

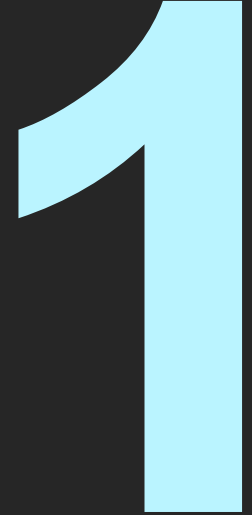


ALLIANCE FOR
**FLUSHING
MEADOWS**
CORONA PARK

Consultant Support



Project Background



What is a Greenway?

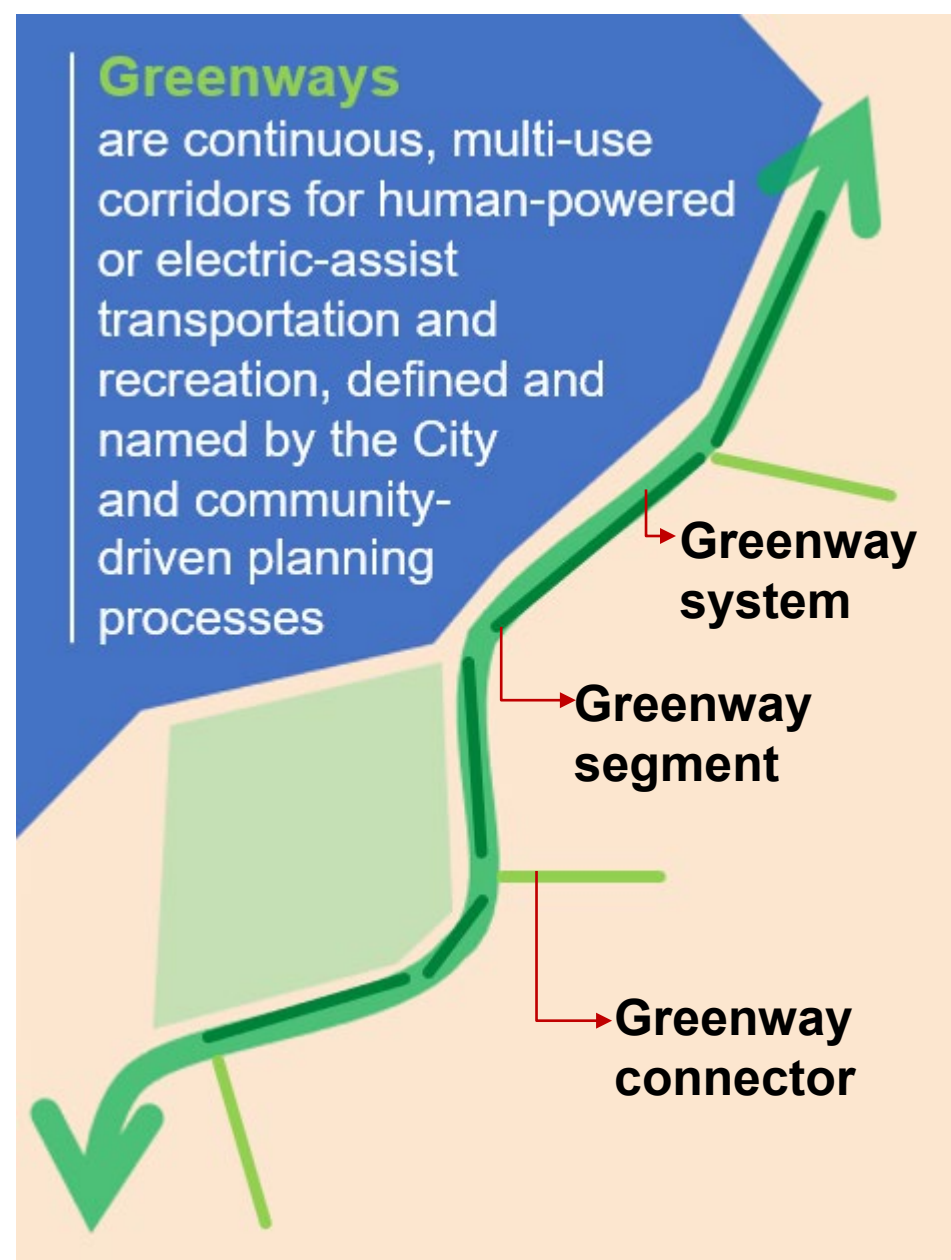
- Increase **access and mobility**
- Provide opportunities for **active transportation**
- Improve **connections to neighborhood amenities** such as parks and waterfront
- Encourage **economic development**



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

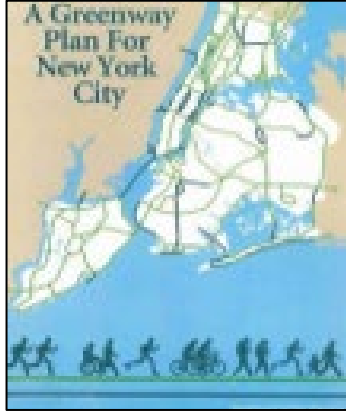


Francis Lewis Park



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.



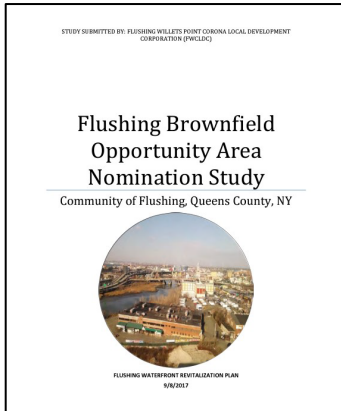
Queens East River and North Shore Greenway Master Plan, **2006**

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

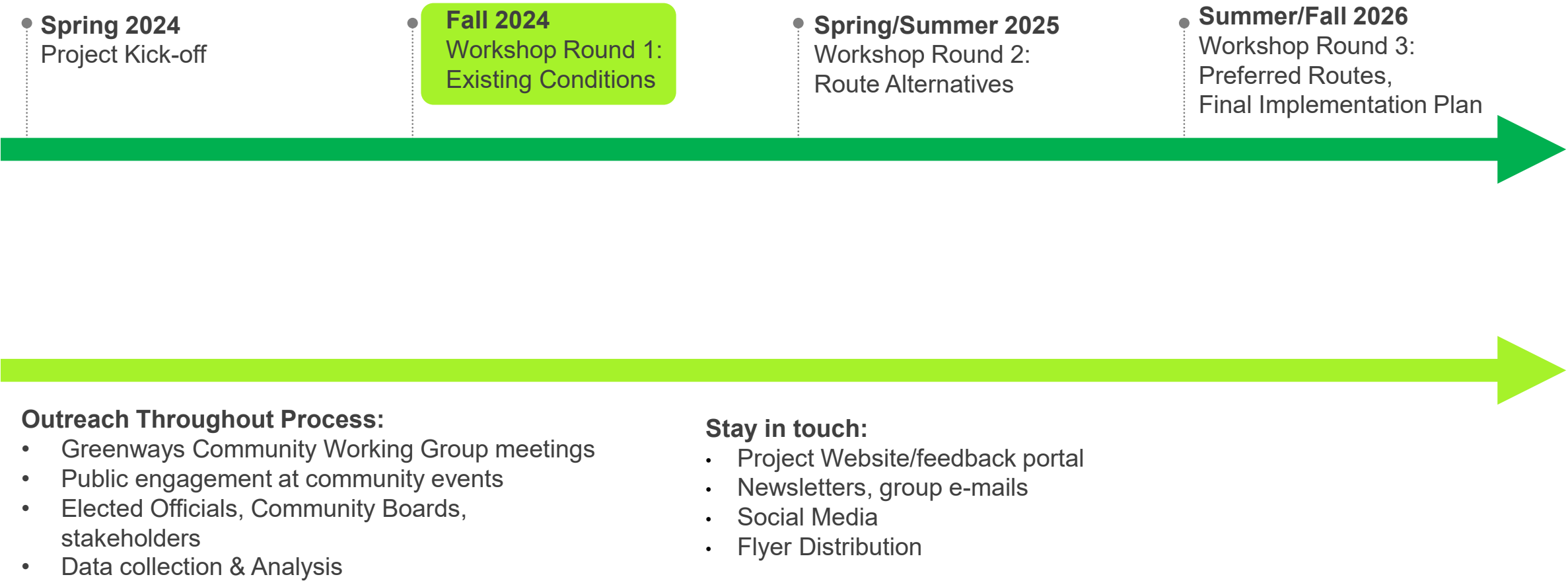
Capital Projects are longer-term, major street reconstruction projects that modify the geometry of the street and are often coordinated with sewer and water upgrades



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

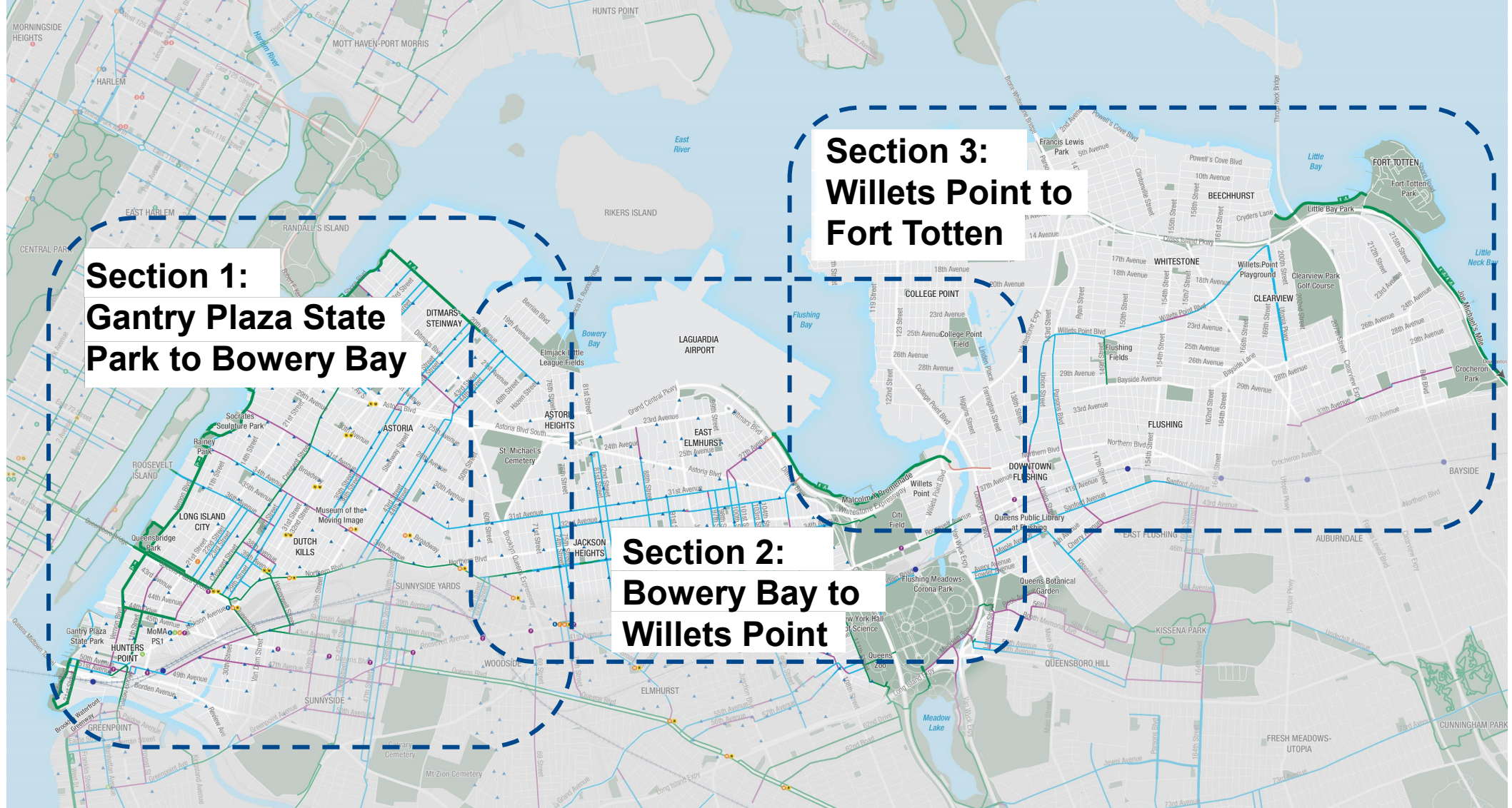
Stay in touch:

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

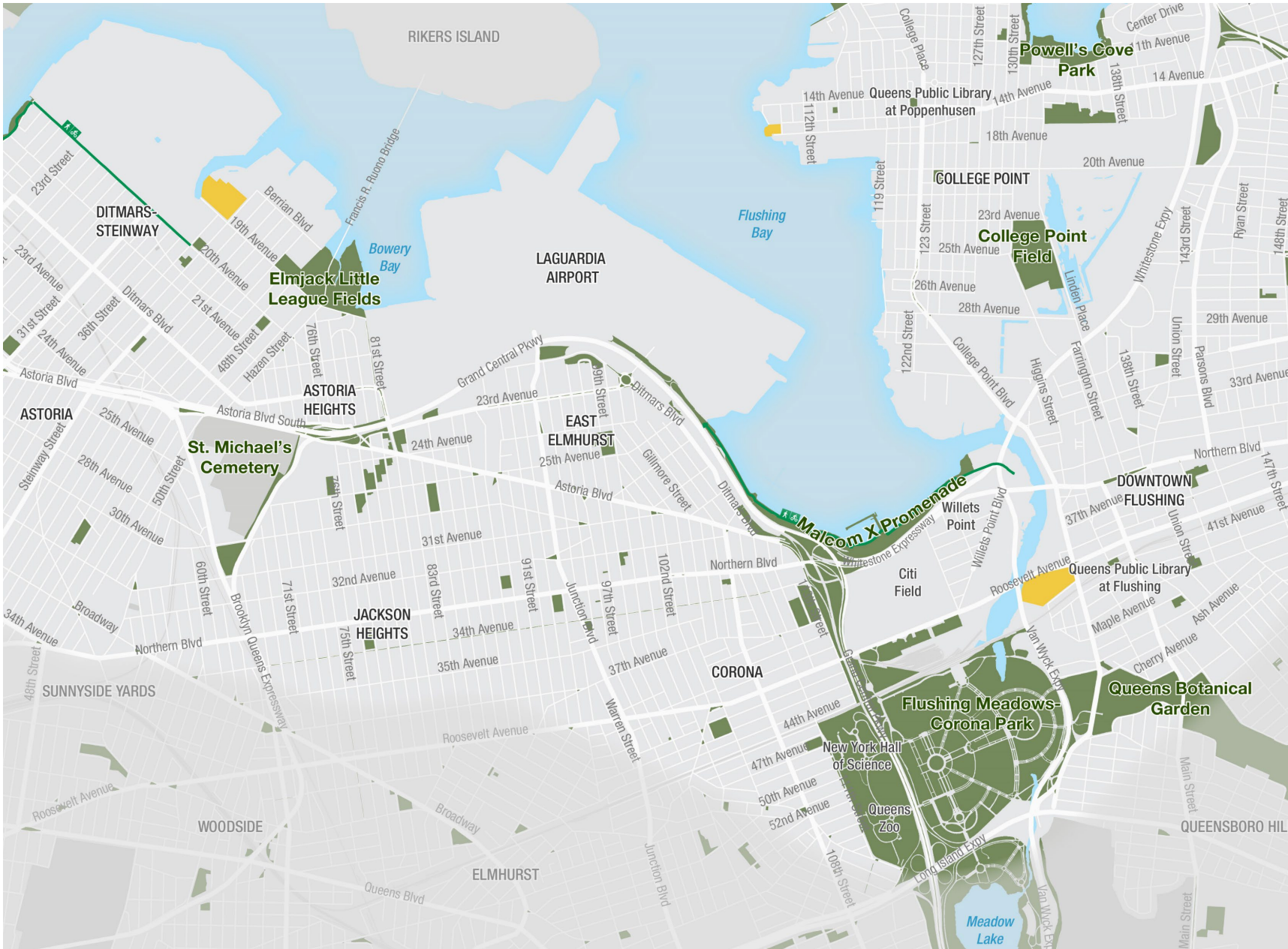
Study Area

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Project Area



Key Destinations: Parks, Open Space, and Recreation



Key Destinations: Existing Bicycle Infrastructure

Bike Infrastructure

Protected Lane

Conventional Lane

Shared Lane

Signed Route

Citi Bike Docks

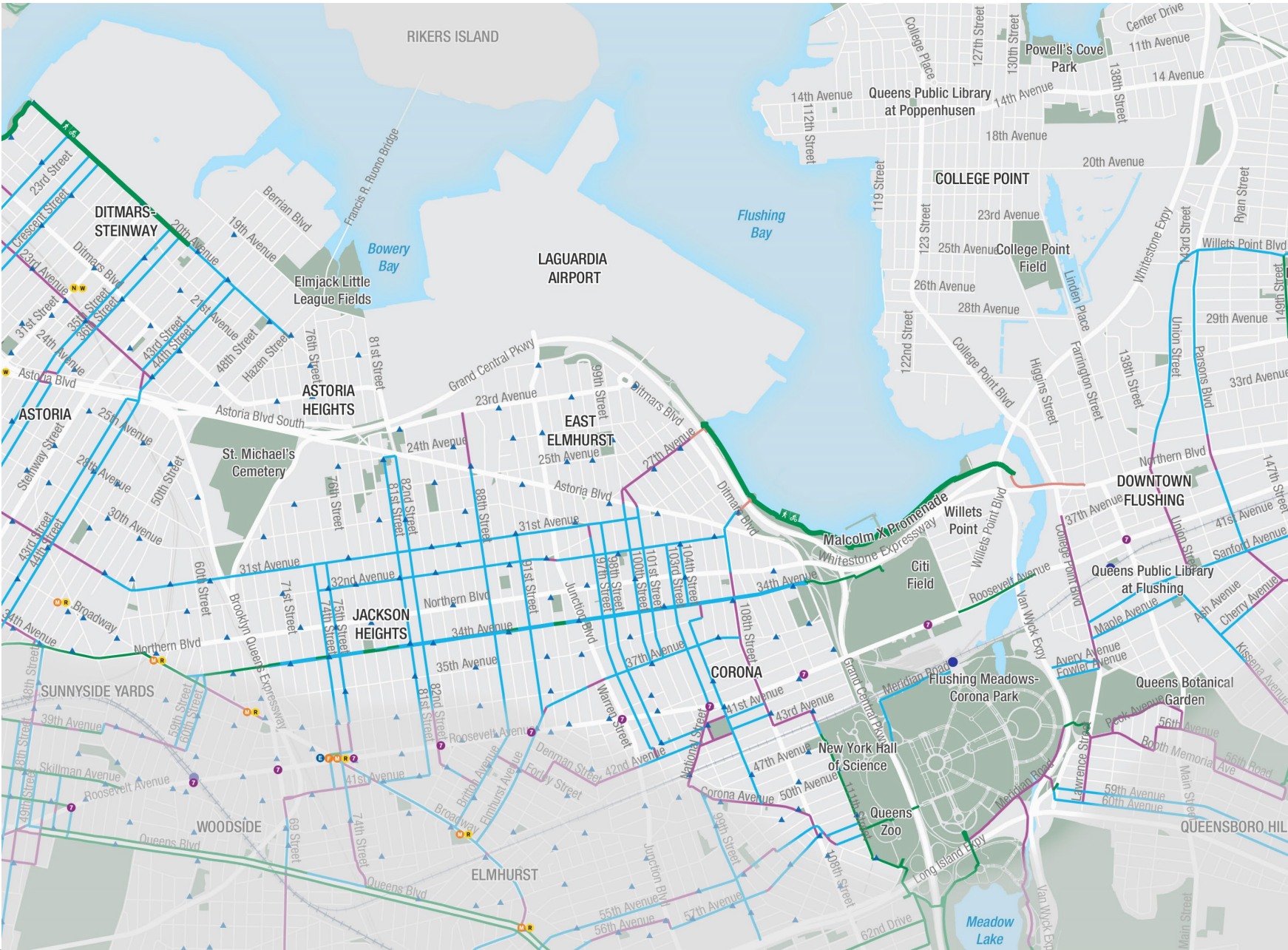
Public Transportation

MTA Subway

Long Island Rail Road









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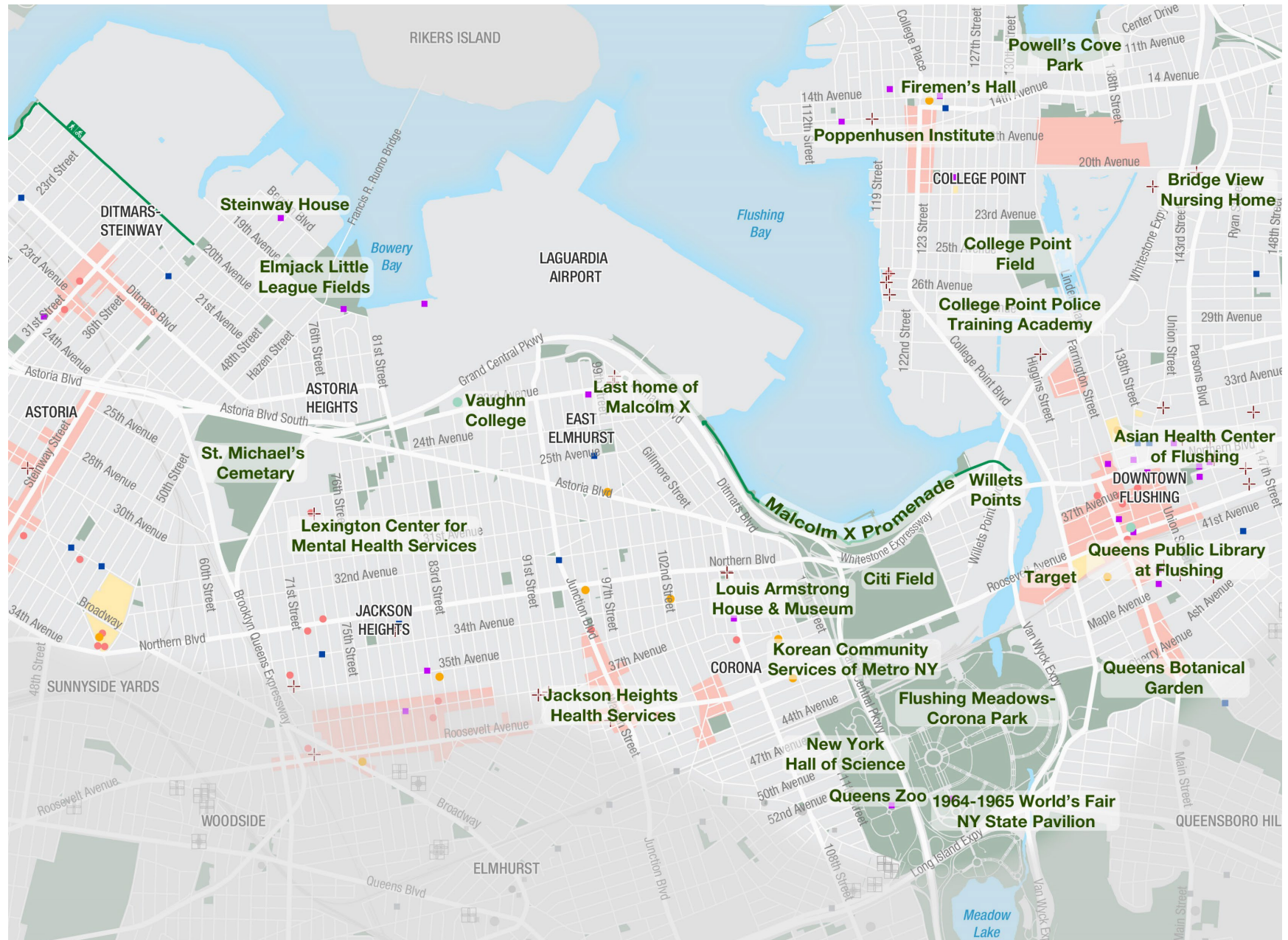
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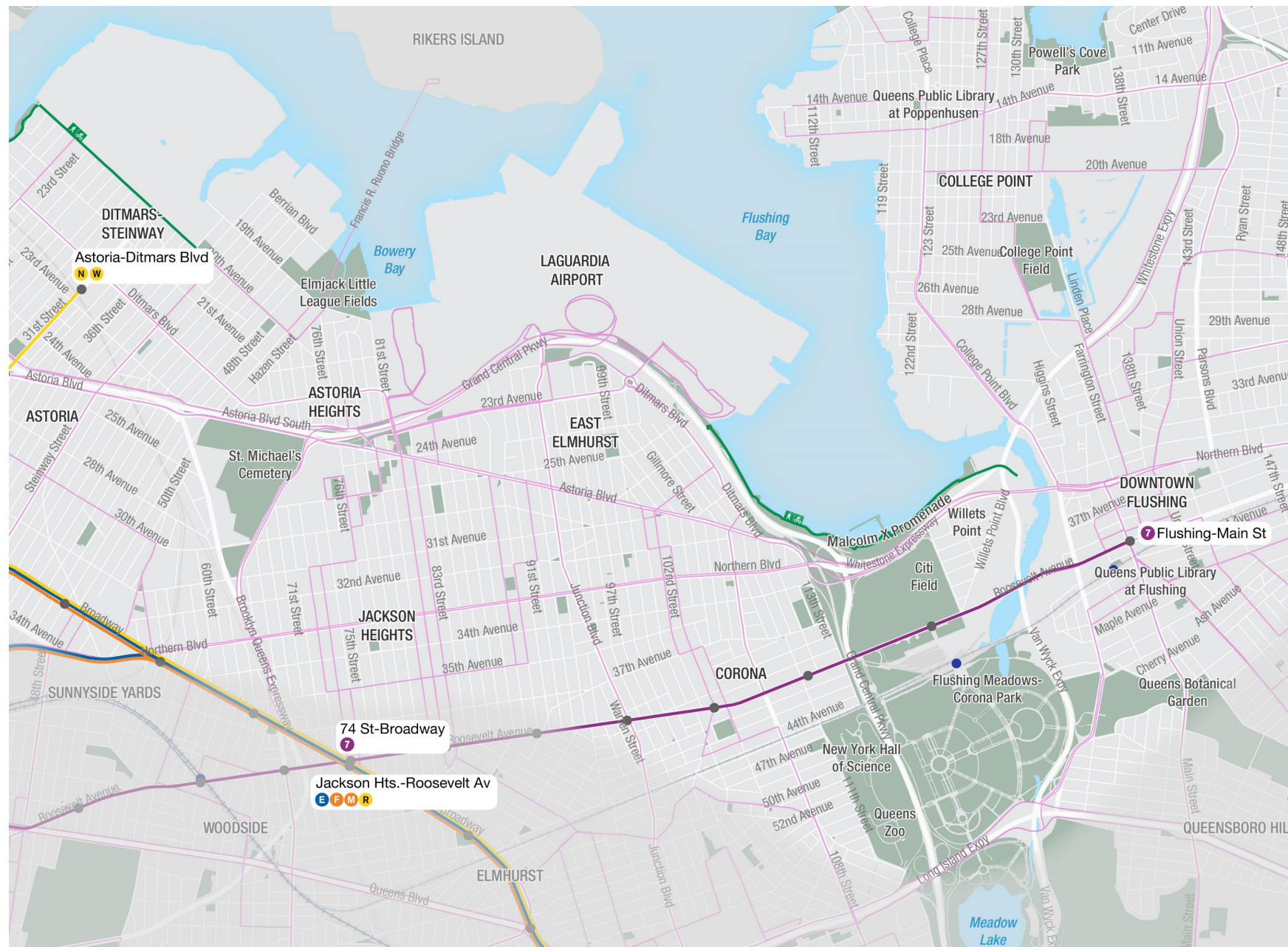
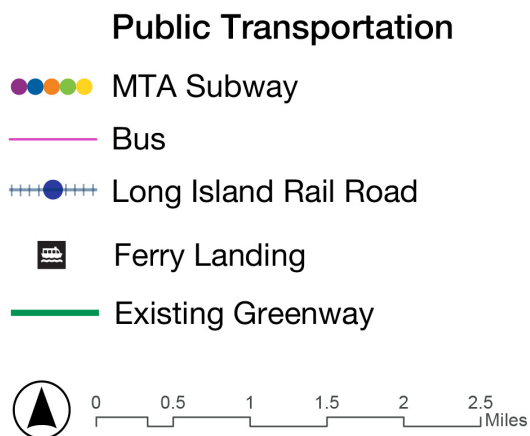
Key Destinations: Community Assets & Places of Interest

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

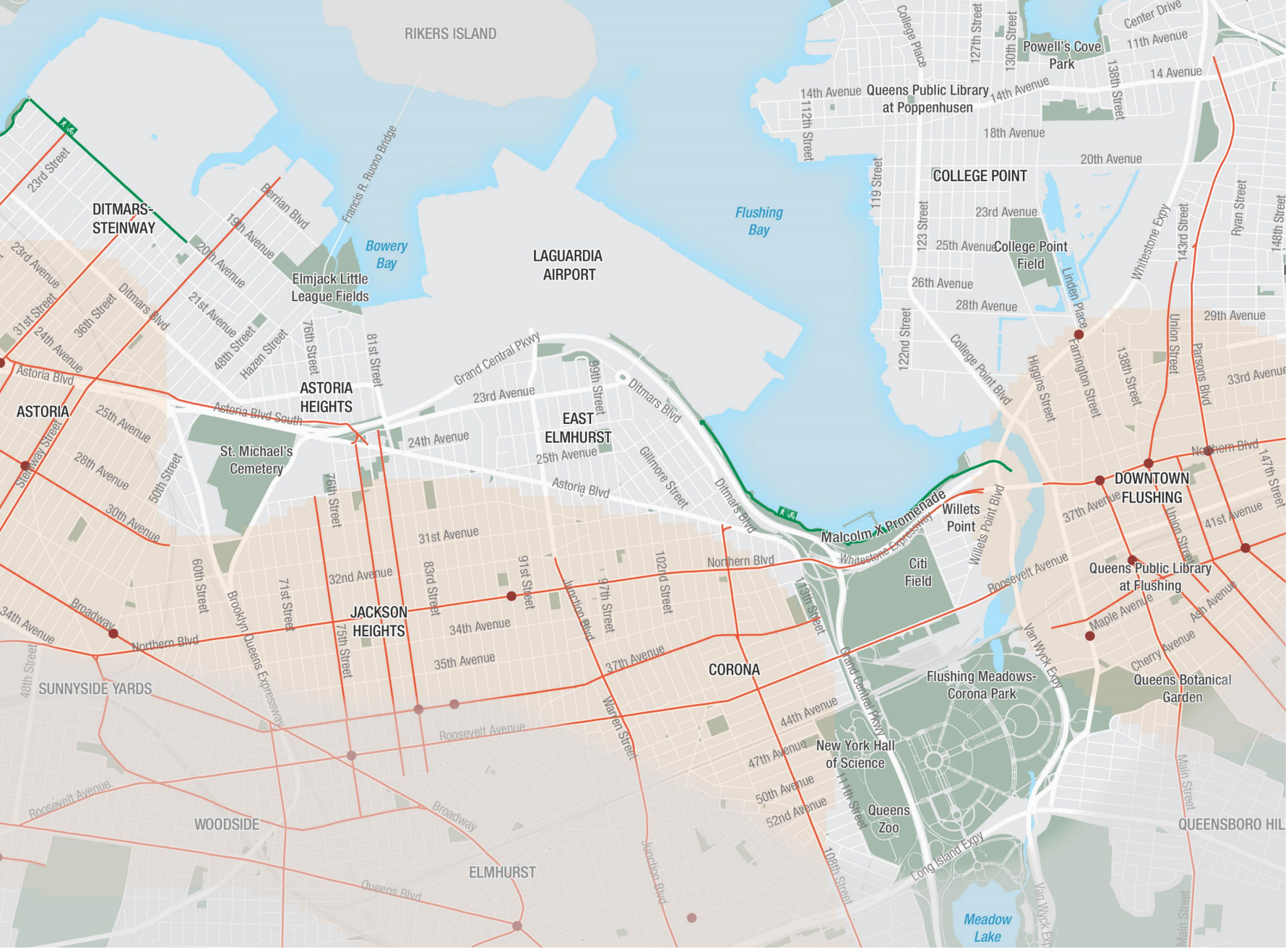
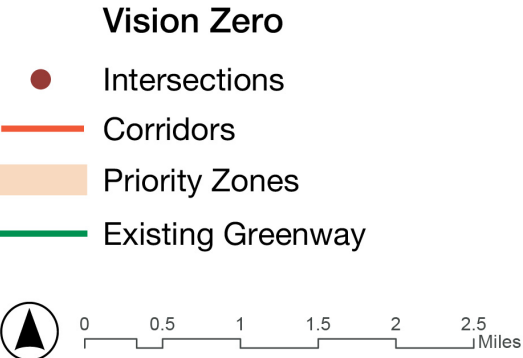


Key Destinations: Transit Network and Hubs



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Safety – Vision Zero Priority Areas



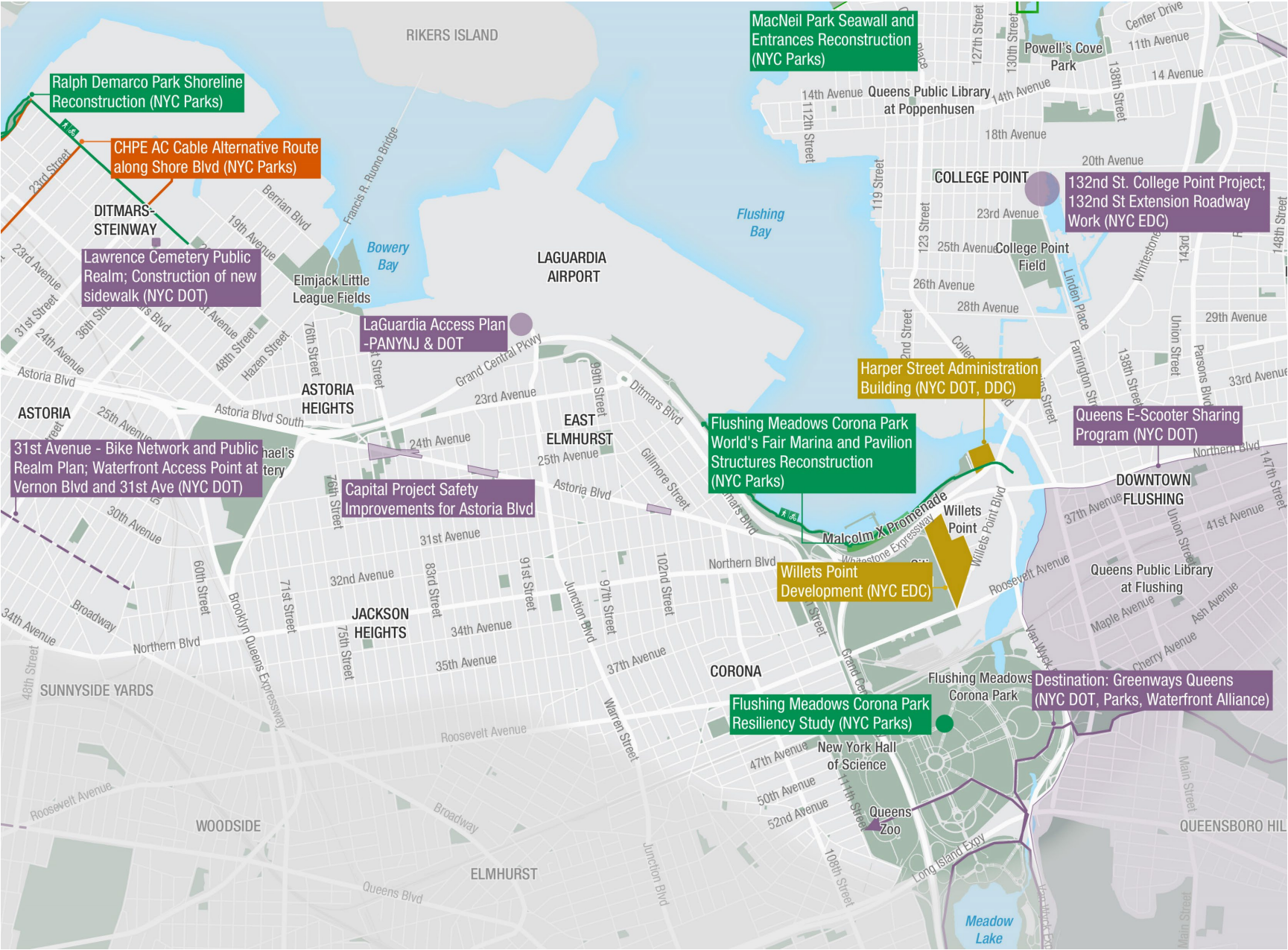
Planned Projects

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

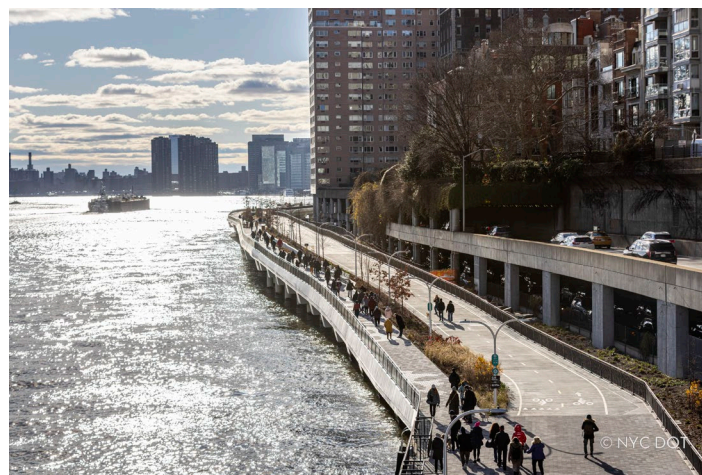


**Community
Programming**

Long Term Opportunities



Raised Paths



Improved Waterfront Access



Pedestrian Plazas



Comprehensive Street Redesign



Parks and Landscape



Image: Gothamist

Ped + Bike Bridge

Astoria Heights/ Bowery Bay

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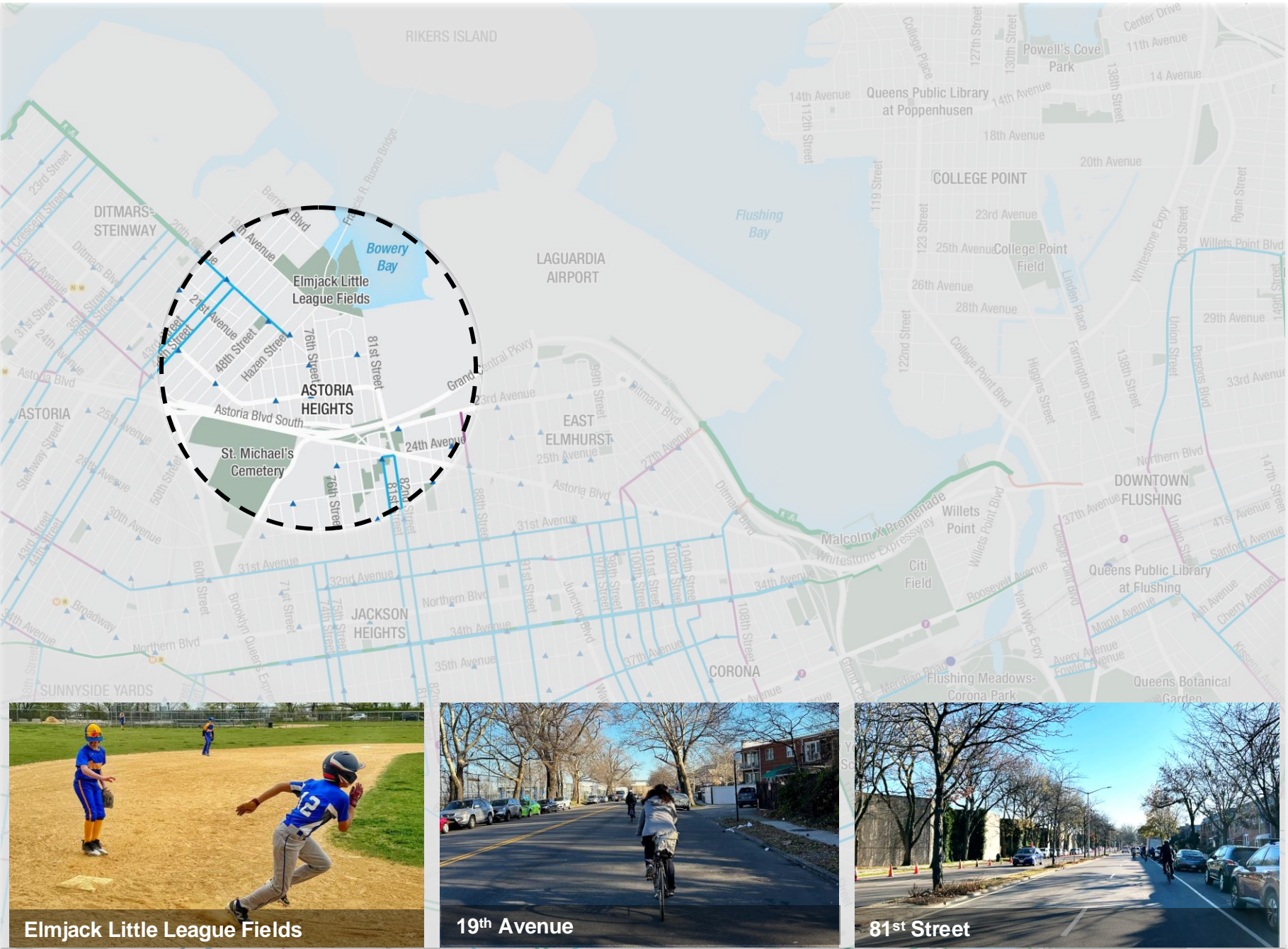
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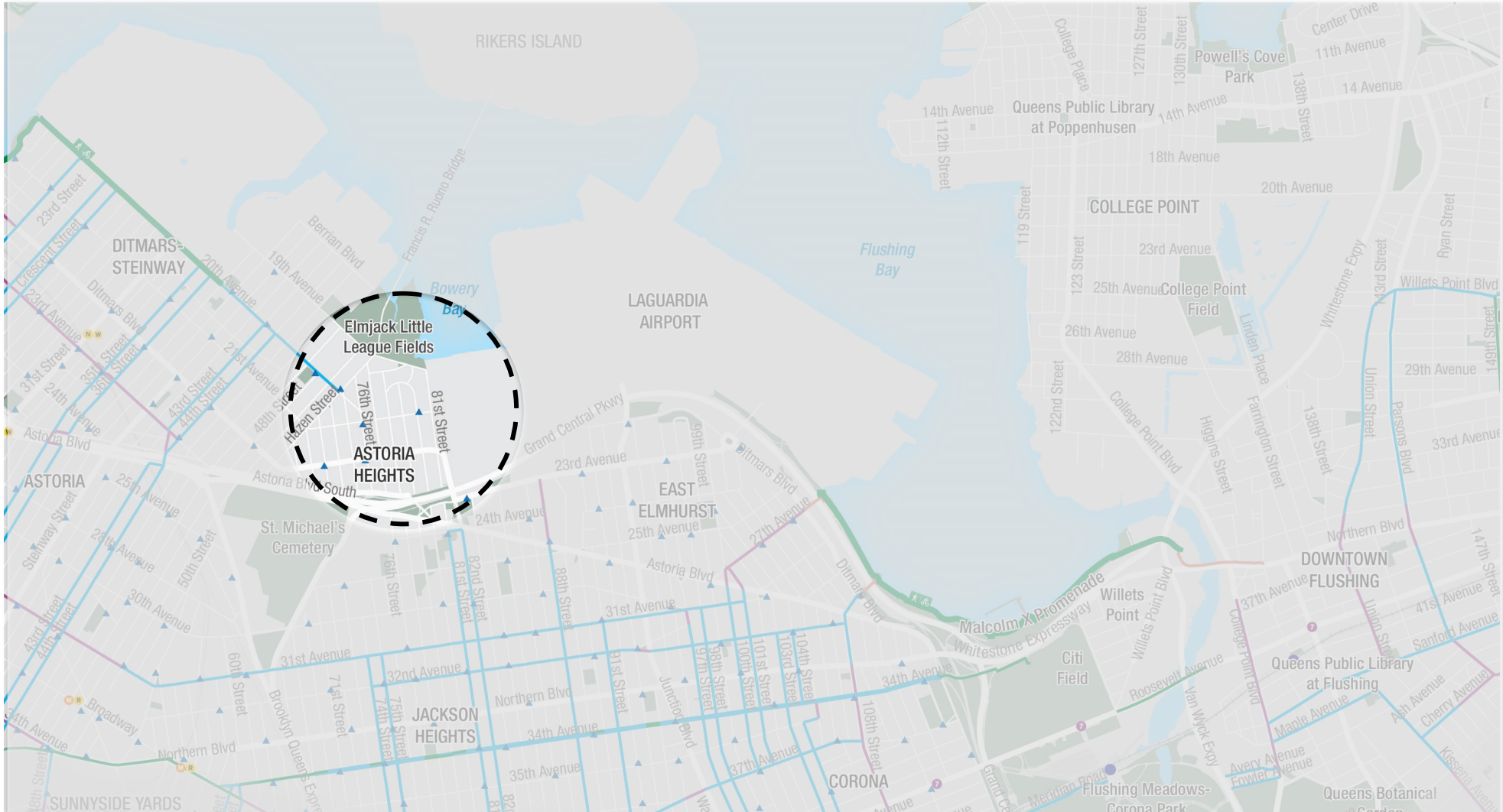
Astoria Heights/ Bowery Bay

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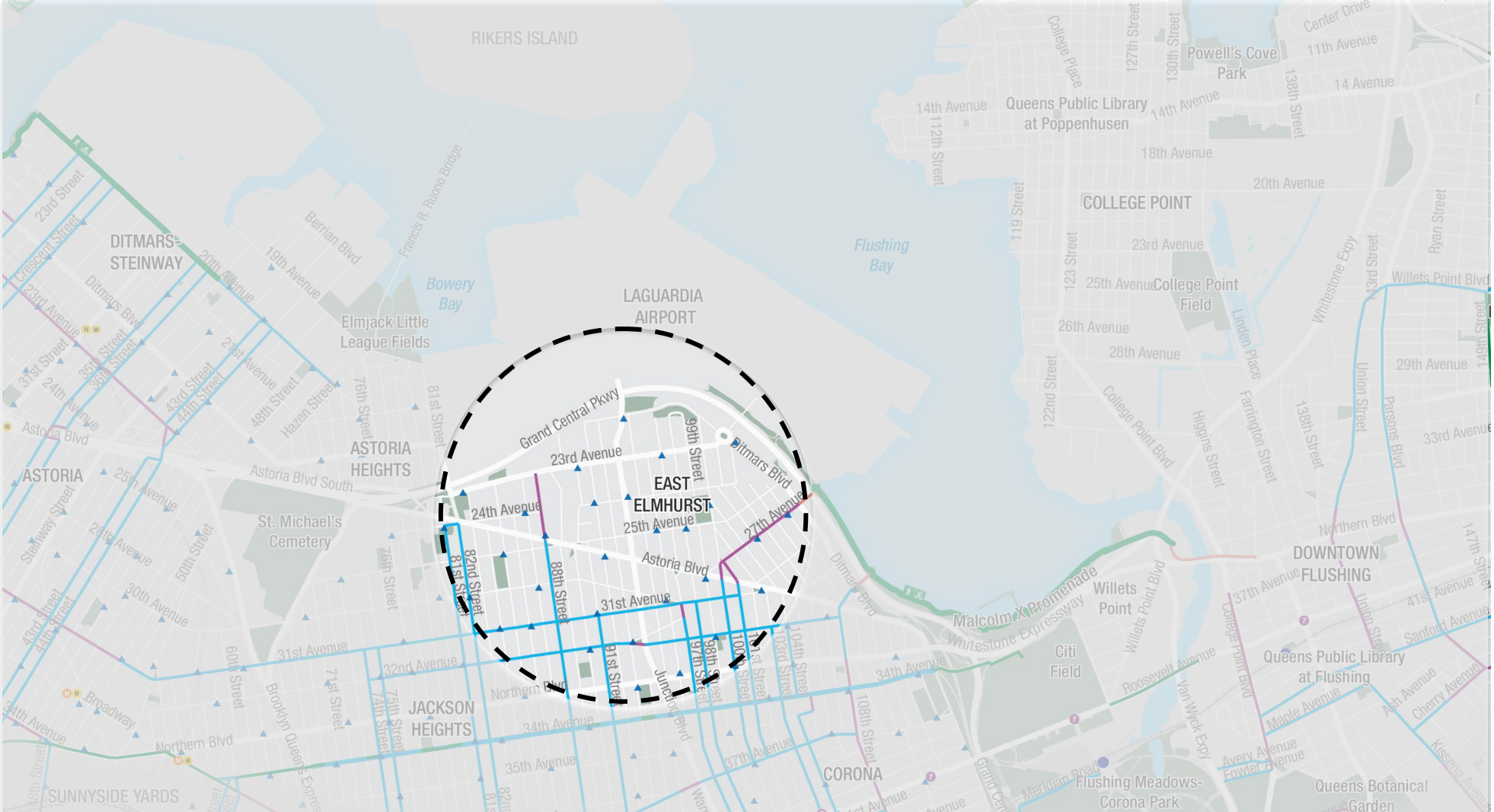
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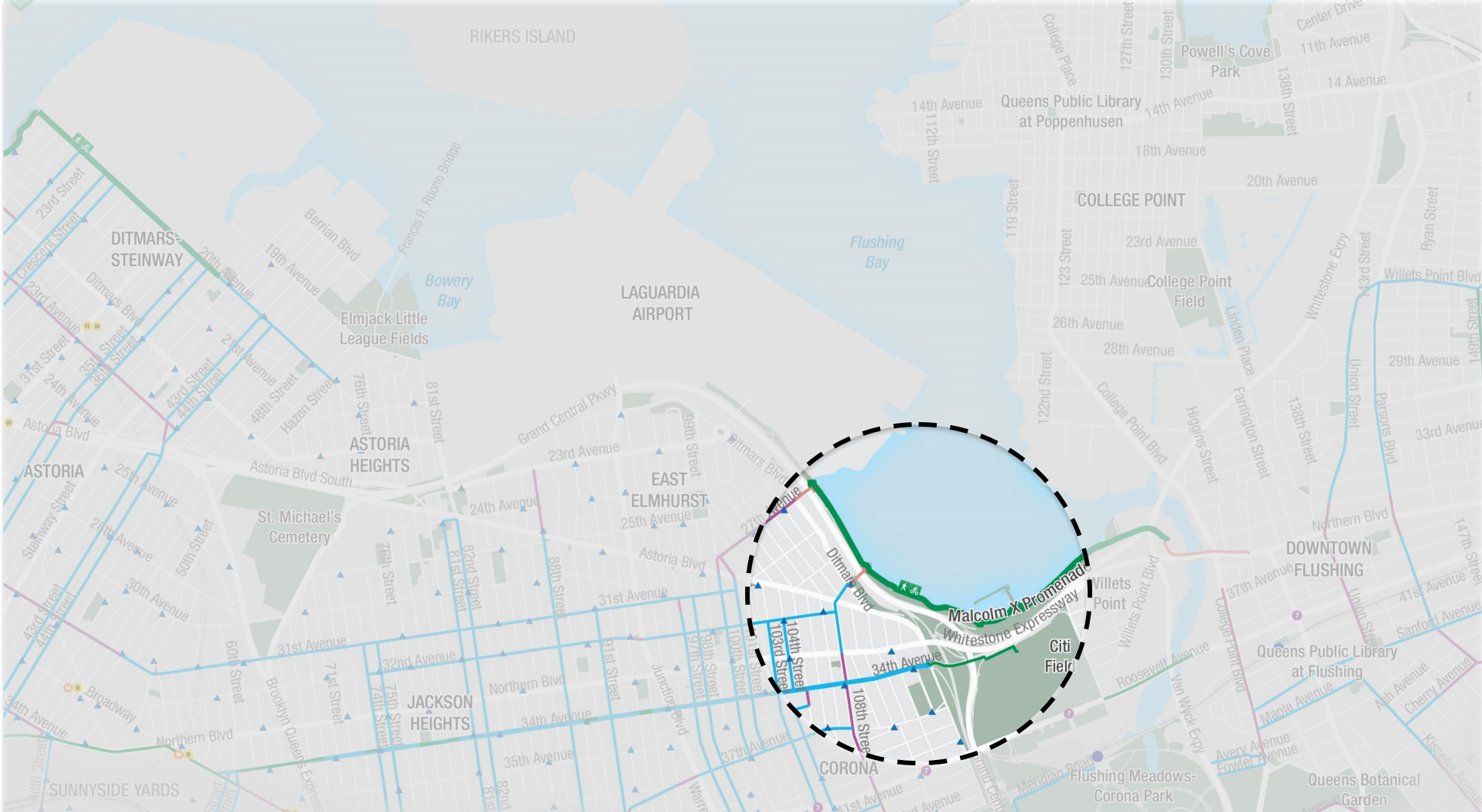


East Elmhurst/ LaGuardia Airport

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Flushing Bay, Malcom X Promenade



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27th Ave. Access Path

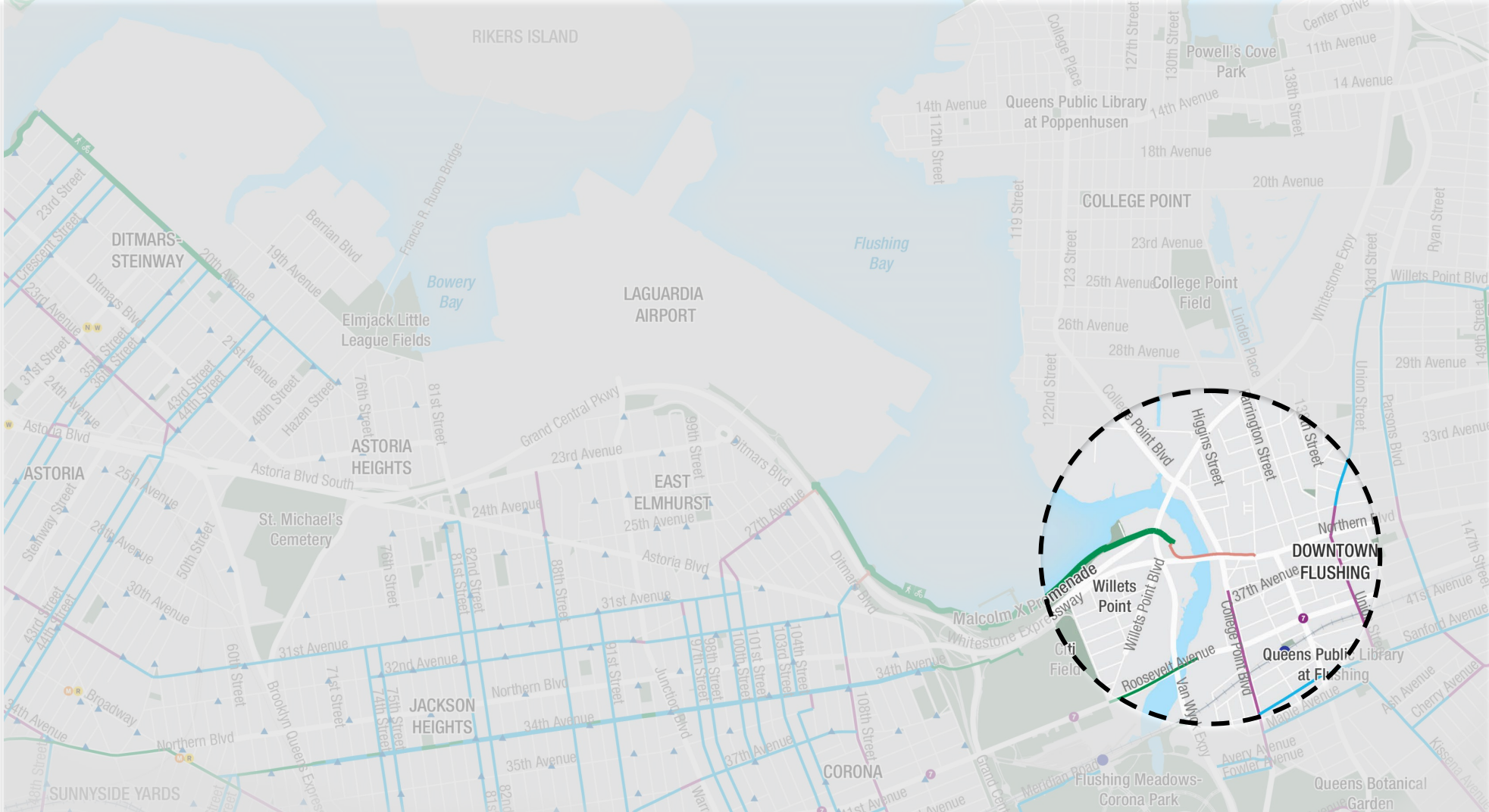


Malcom X. Promenade



Flushing Bay from Malcom X Promenade

Willets Point, Downtown Flushing



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Boat Basin Pl. at Flushing Bay



Northern Blvd. Bridge Path



Flushing 7 Station

Tell Us What You Think!

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Break-out Groups (50 minutes)

Tell us what you think!



Report Back



Stay Informed

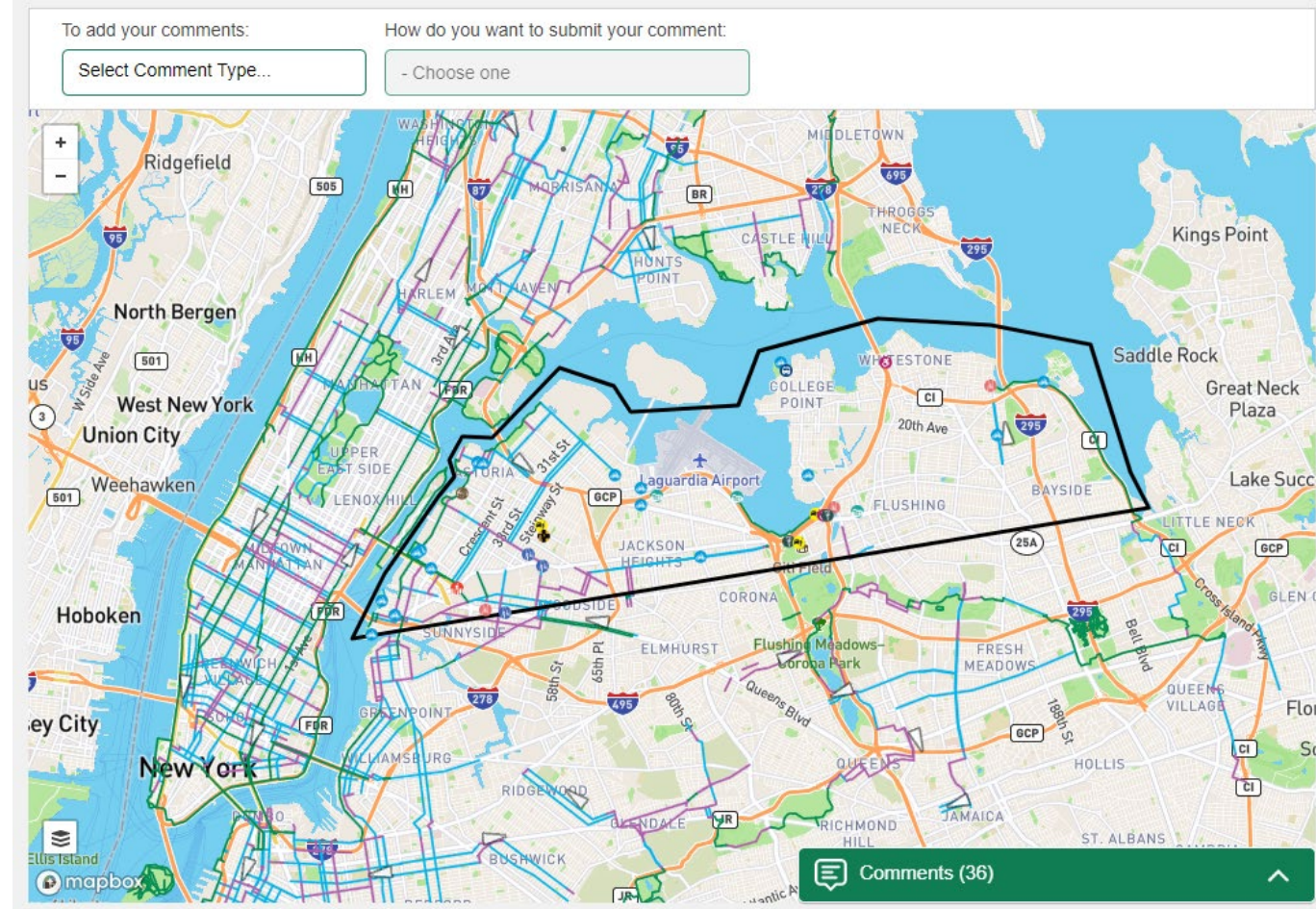
How to provide additional feedback:

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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