



Queens Waterfront Greenway: Existing Conditions

Willets Point to Fort Totten
(College Point, Whitestone, Beechhurst)

October 24, 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

Project Team

City Team



Ydanis Rodriguez
Commissioner



NYC Parks



Community Partners



Astoria Park Alliance

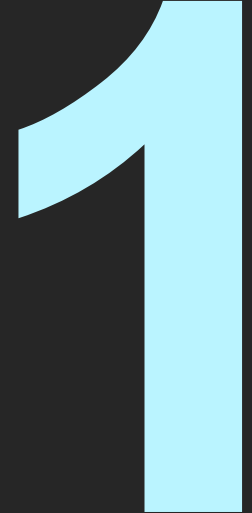


ALLIANCE FOR
FLUSHING
MEADOWS
CORONA PARK

Consultant Support



Project Background



What is a Greenway?

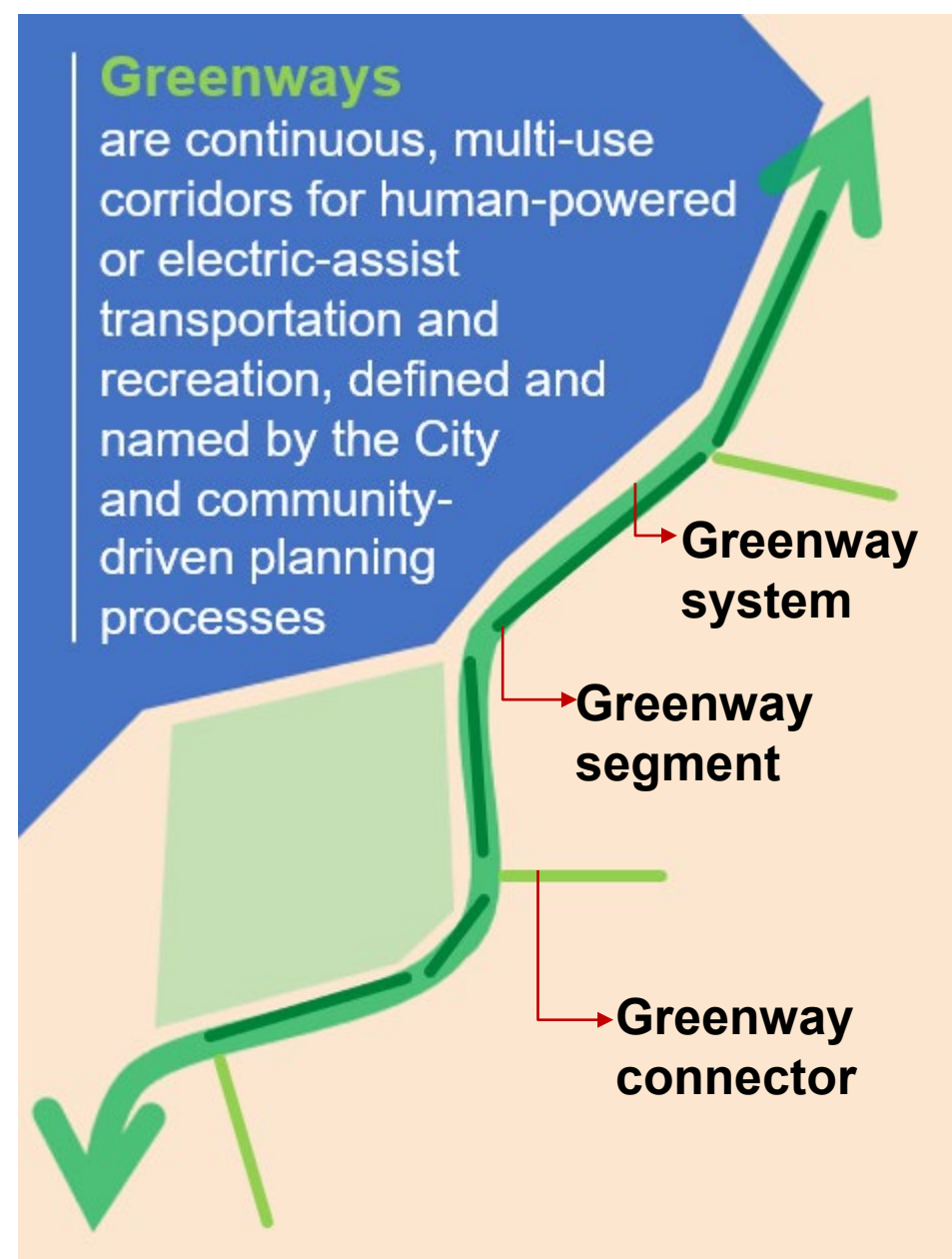
- Increase **access and mobility**
- Provide opportunities for **active transportation**
- Improve **connections to neighborhood amenities** such as parks and waterfront
- Encourage **economic development**



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

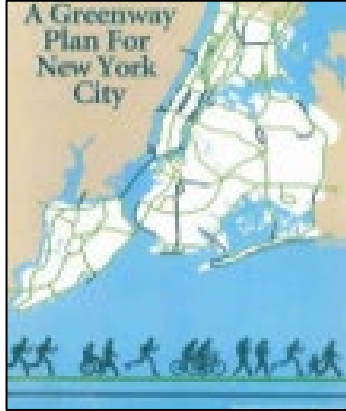


Francis Lewis Park



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.



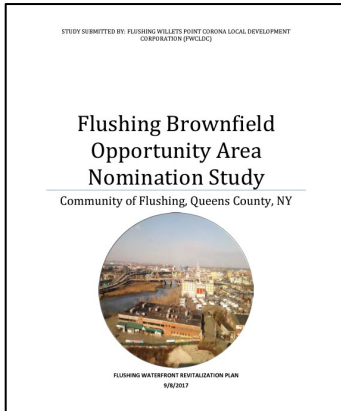
Queens East River and North Shore Greenway Master Plan, **2006**

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

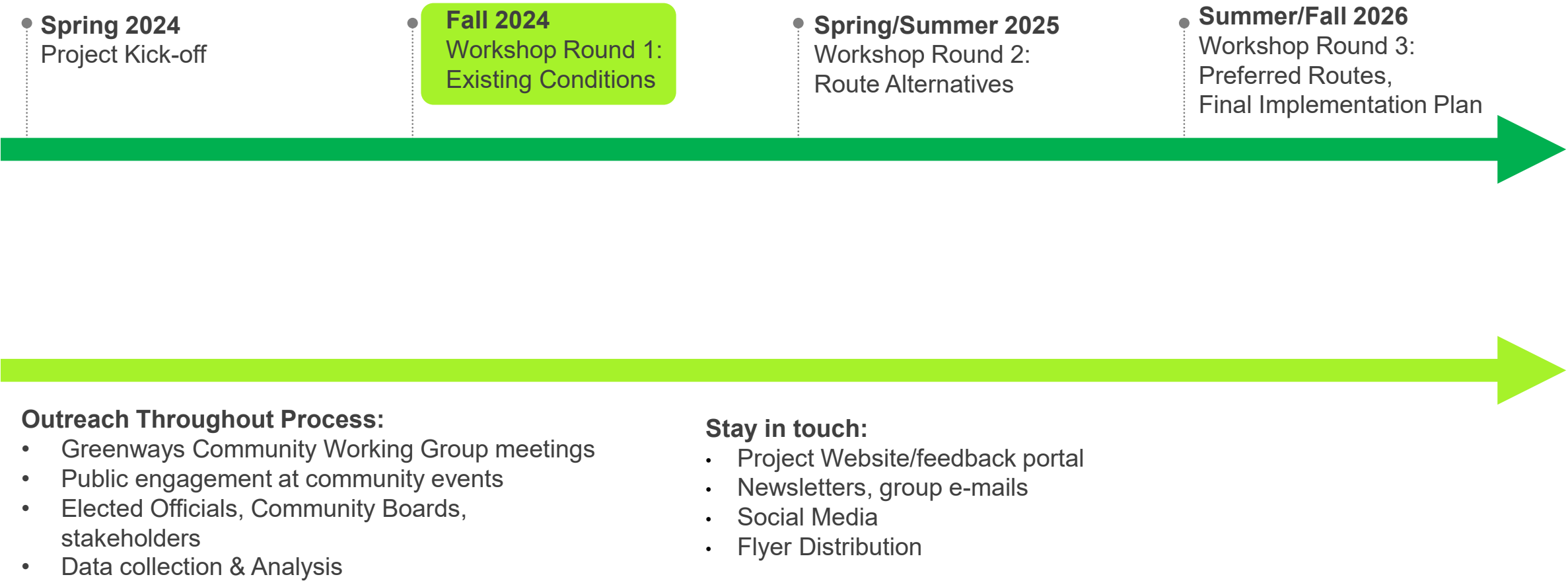
Capital Projects are longer-term, major street reconstruction projects that modify the geometry of the street and are often coordinated with sewer and water upgrades



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

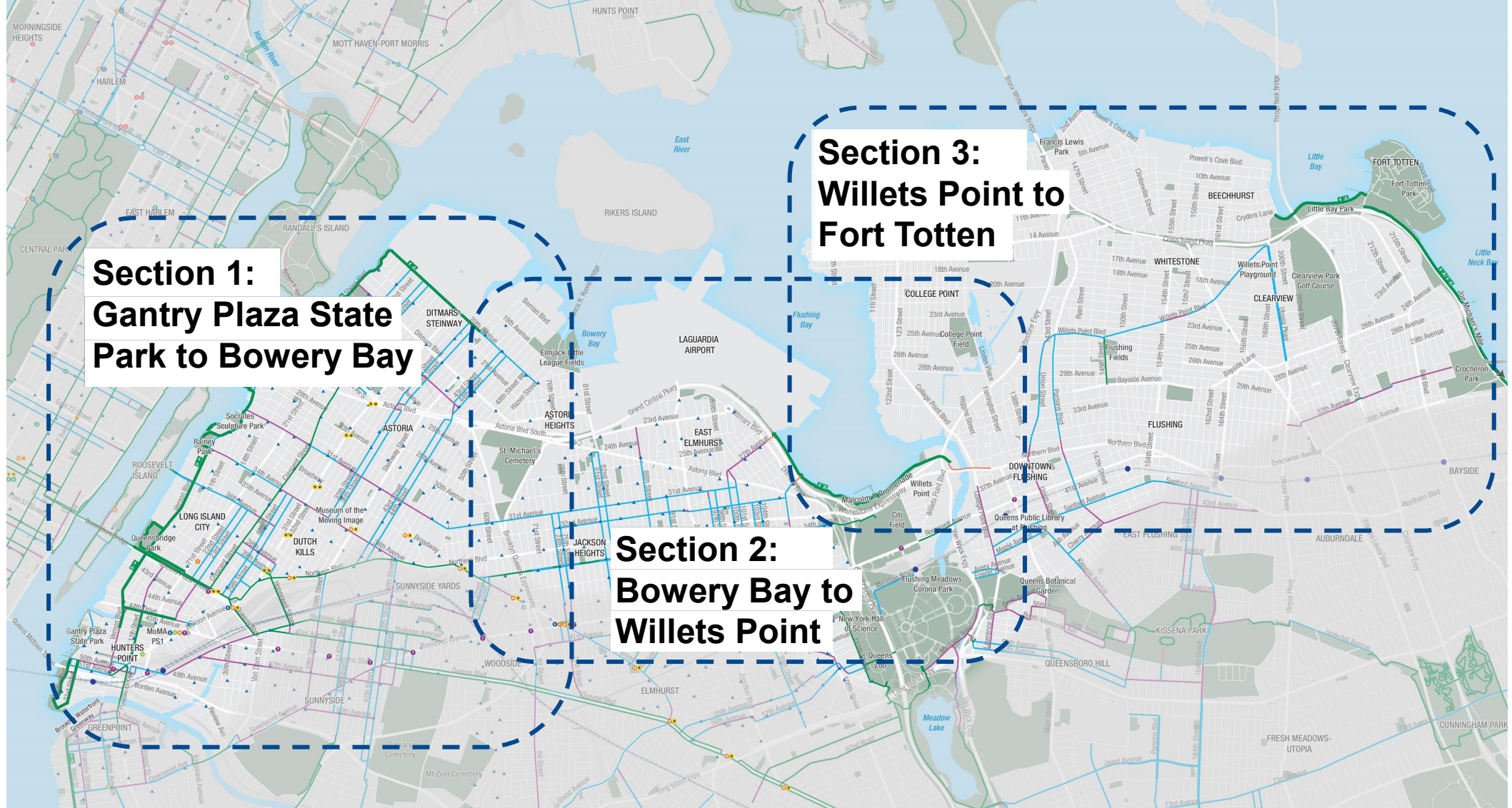
Stay in touch:

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

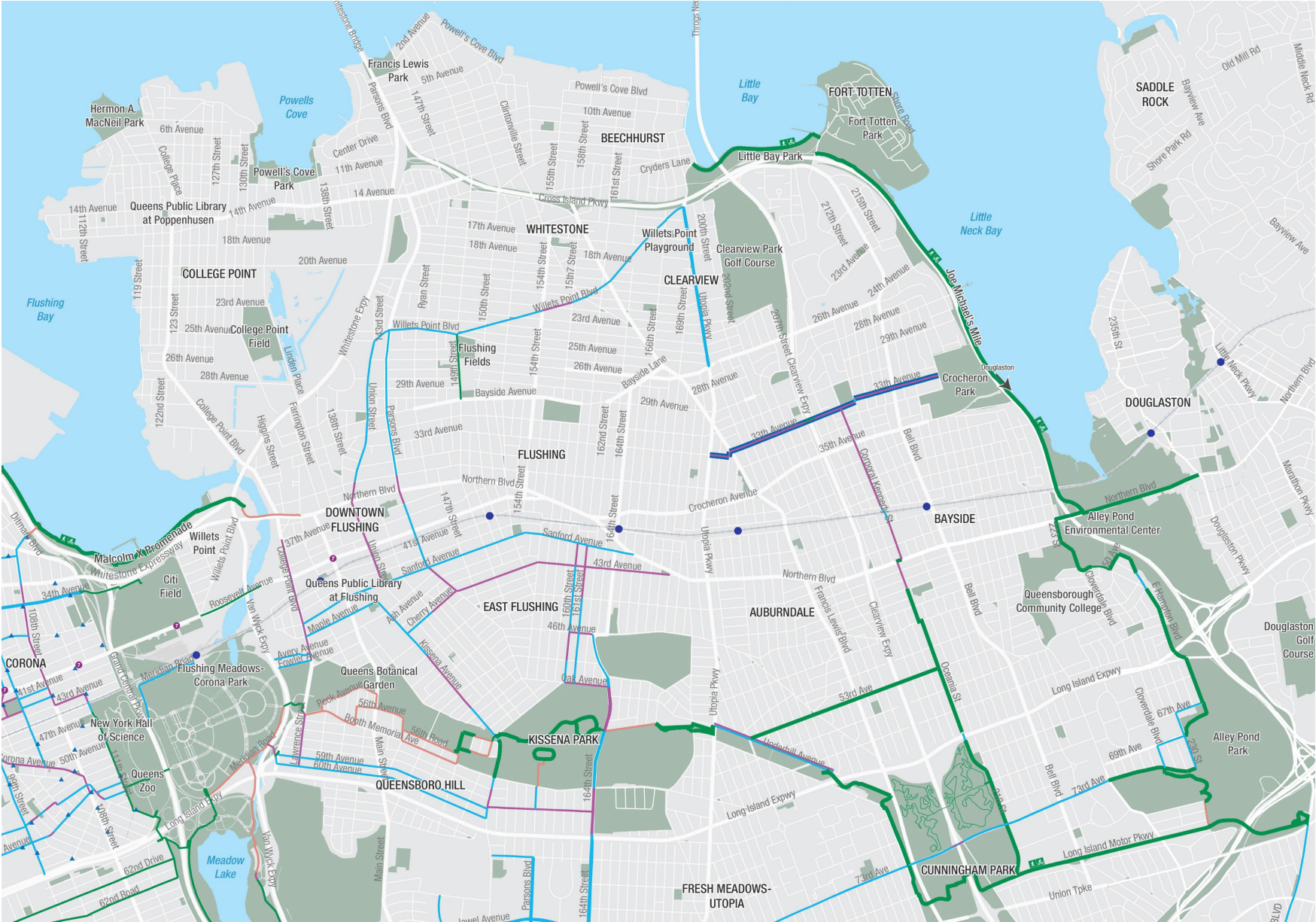
Study Area

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Project Area



Key Destinations: Greater Eastern Queens Network



Bike Infrastructure

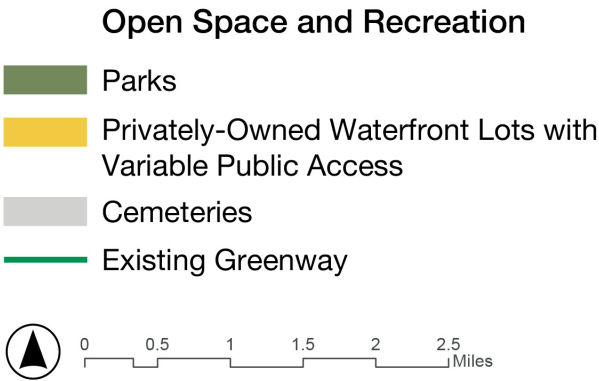
- Protected Lane
- Conventional Lane
- Shared Lane
- Signed Route
- Bike Boulevard
- Citi Bike Docks

Public Transportation

- MTA Subway
- Long Island Rail Road



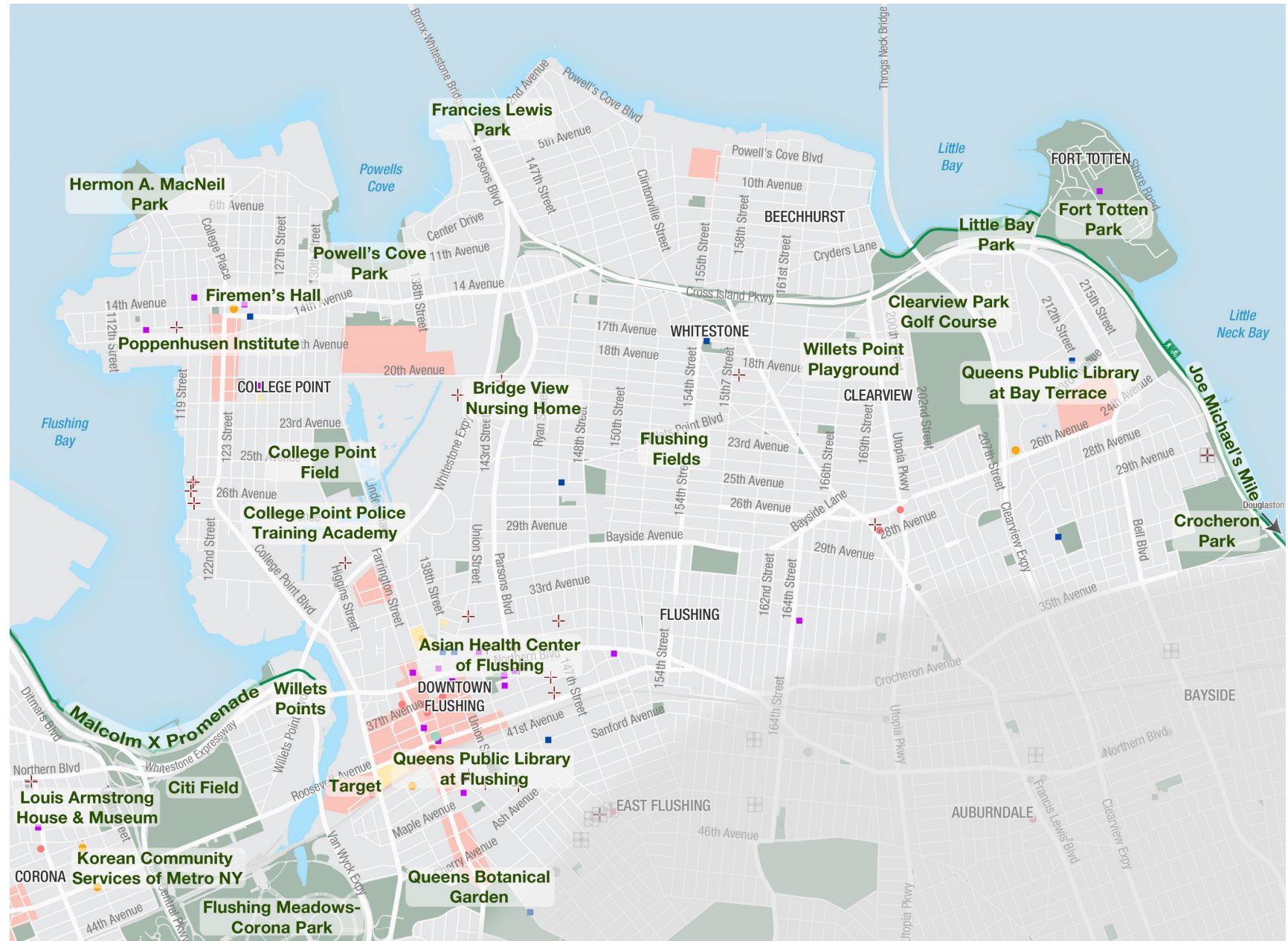
Key Destinations: Parks, Open Spaces, and Recreation



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

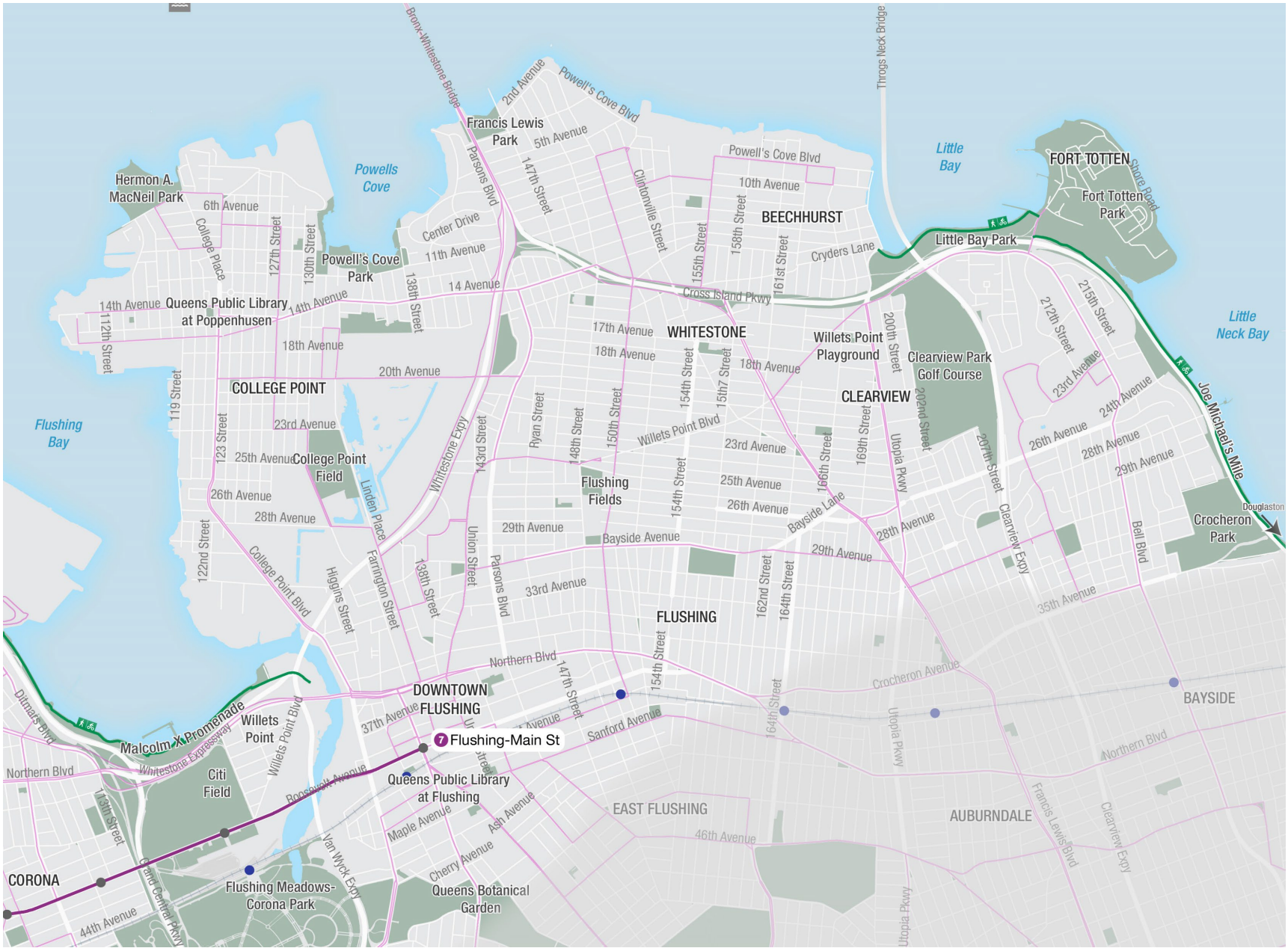


Key Destinations: Transit Network and Hubs

Public Transportation

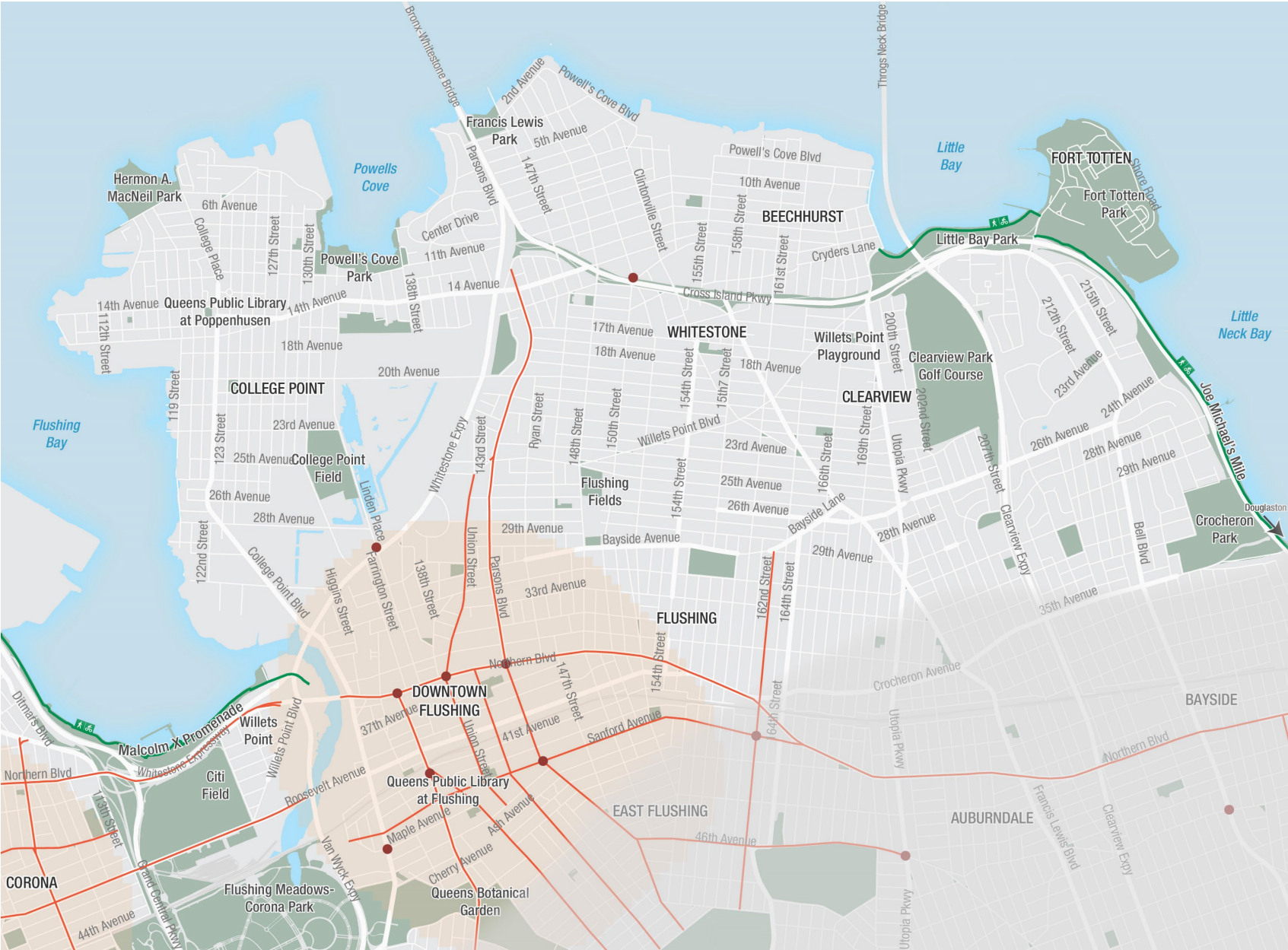
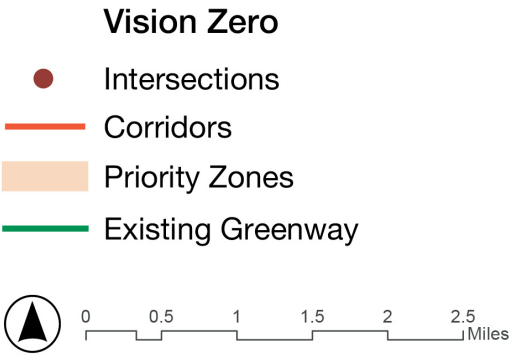
- MTA Subway
- Bus
- Long Island Rail Road
- Ferry Landing
- Existing Greenway

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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



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

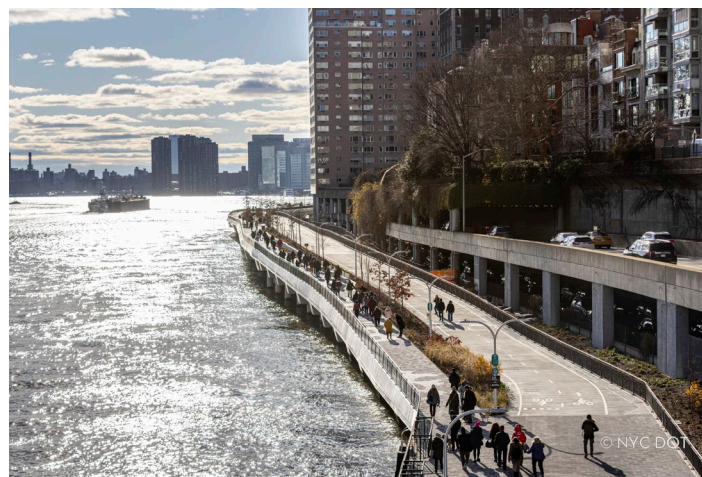


**Community
Programming**

Long Term Opportunities



Raised Paths



Improved Waterfront Access



Pedestrian Plazas



Comprehensive Street Redesign



Parks and Landscape



Ped + Bike Bridge

Downtown Flushing/College Point



Northern Blvd. Bridge – Downtown Flushing



College Point Boulevard & 35th Ave.



College Point Boulevard

Bike Infrastructure

Protected Lane

Conventional Lane

Shared Lane

Signed Route

Citi Bike Docks

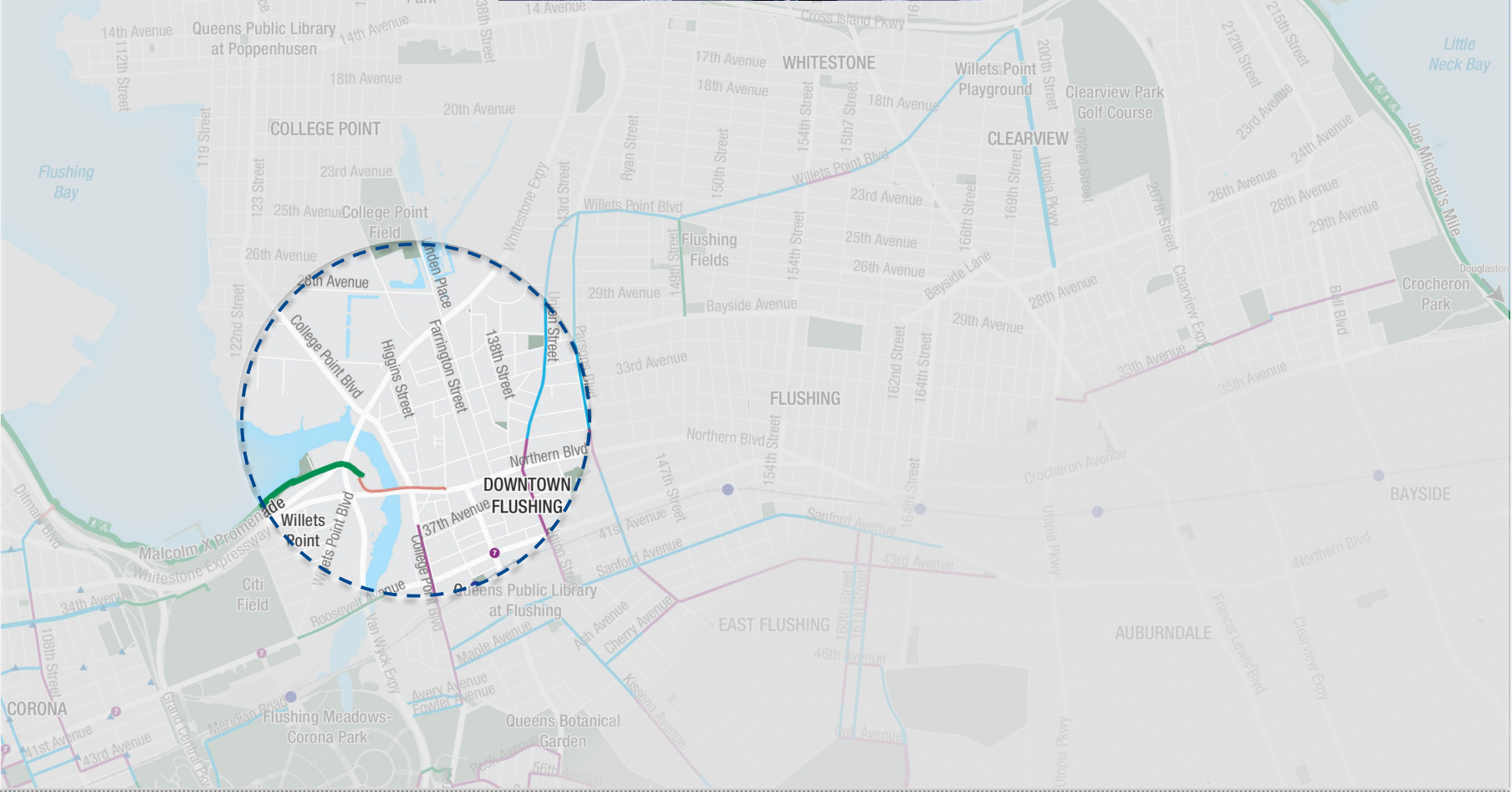
Public Transportation

MTA Subway

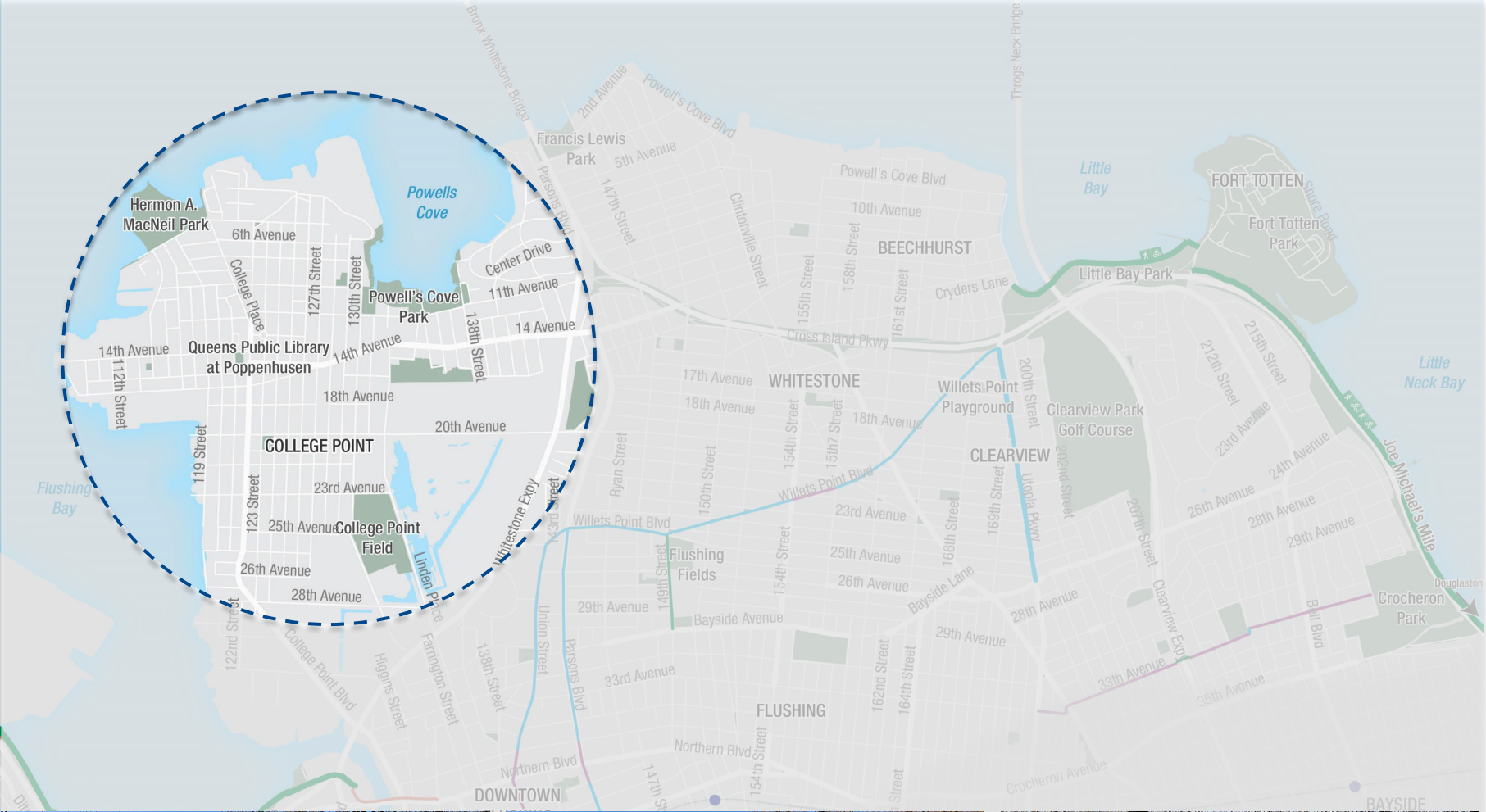
Long Island Rail Road

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Miles



College Point/Powells Cove



Bike Infrastructure

- Protected Lane
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- Shared Lane
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Public Transportation

- MTA Subway
- Long Island Rail Road



22nd Ave Street-End – College Point



Hermon A. MacNeil Park



Powell's Cove Park Path

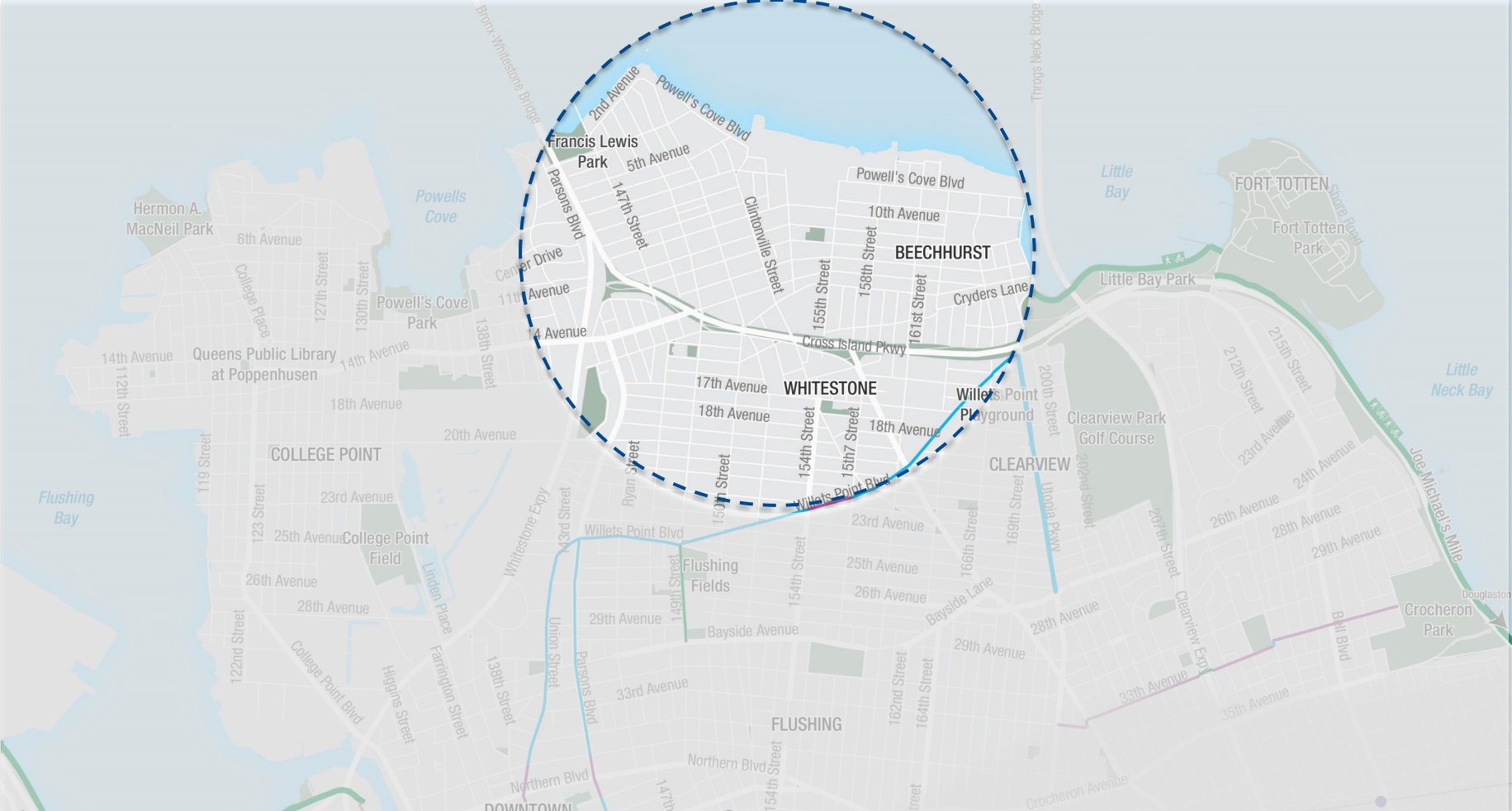
Francis Lewis Park/Beechhurst

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Francis Lewis Park



Powell's Cove Boulevard - Beechhurst



Willets Point Boulevard - Beechhurst

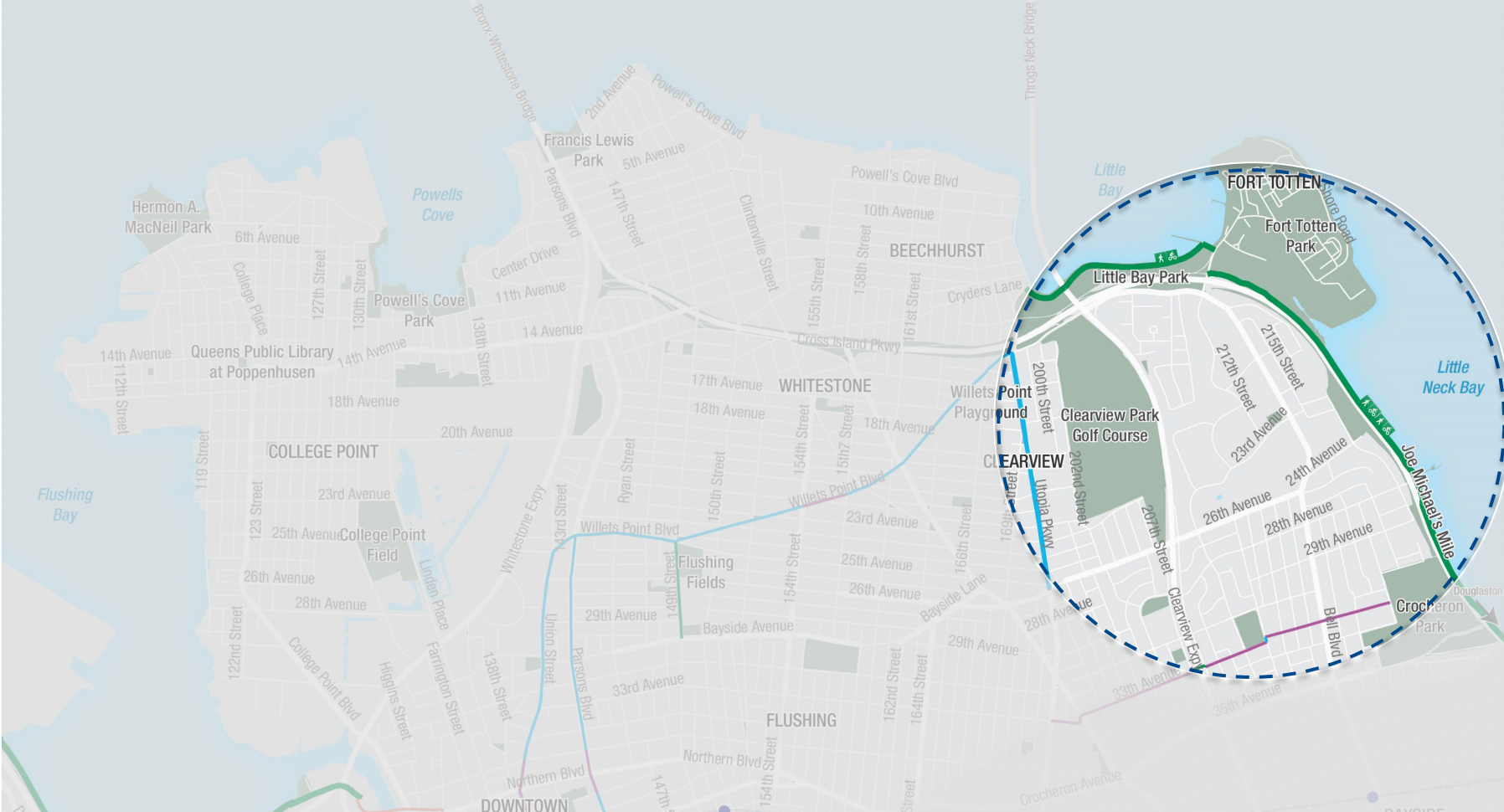
Little Bay Park/Bay Terrace

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Public Transportation

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Little Bay Park



Exiting Little Bay Park to Fort Totten



Joe Michaels Mile

Tell Us What You Think!

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Break-out Groups (50 minutes)

Tell us what you think!



Report Back



Stay Informed

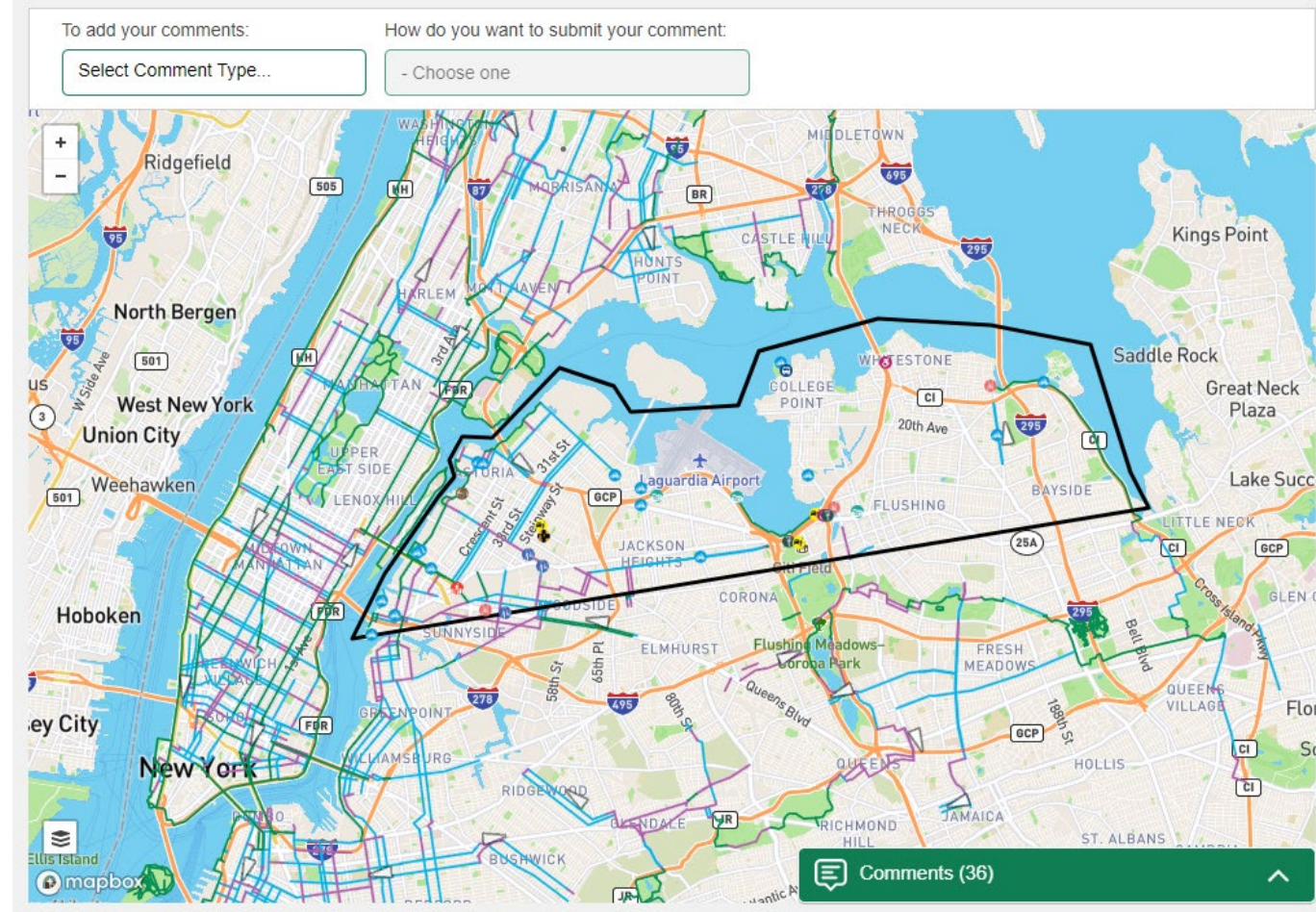
How to provide additional feedback:

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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