

Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan Working Groups Round Two

May 22, 2023

Streets, Physical Infrastructure, and Open Space



1. Overview

Meeting Objectives

2. Table Introductions

3. Draft Community Priorities

Key Context

4. Survey

5. Table Discussion

Community Priorities

Gallery Walk

6. Next Steps

Today's Meeting Objectives

- **Share information** about the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan process, scope and timeline.
- **Review, refine, and expand the draft Community Priorities**

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PLANNING PROCESS

PRINCIPLES,
GOALS AND
EXPECTATIONS

Project Goals

Housing
Affordability

Holistic Planning

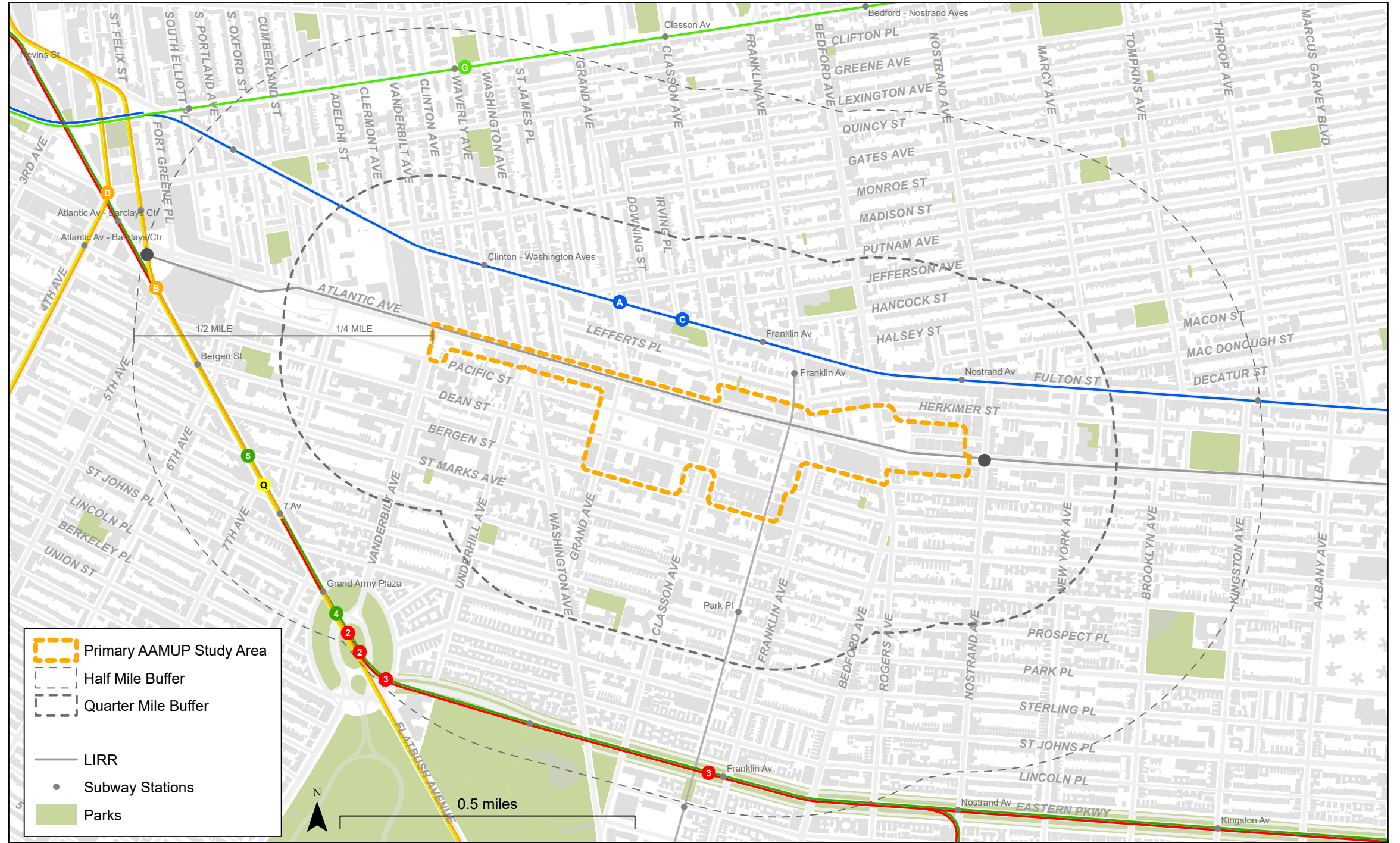
Promoting Job
Growth

Infrastructure and
Capital Planning

Street Safety



Project Area: Neighborhood Context



What's in Our Community Plan for Atlantic Avenue?

Focus Area A

Streetscape, Physical Infrastructure, and Open Space

- Transportation + Street Safety
- Accessibility
- Green + Open Spaces
- Climate Change Mitigation + Resilience

Focus Area B

Economic Development, Human Capital, and Services

- Economic Development
- Job Creation + Training
- Schools and Childcare
- Libraries and Community Spaces
- City Services

Focus Area C

Land Use, Density, and Housing

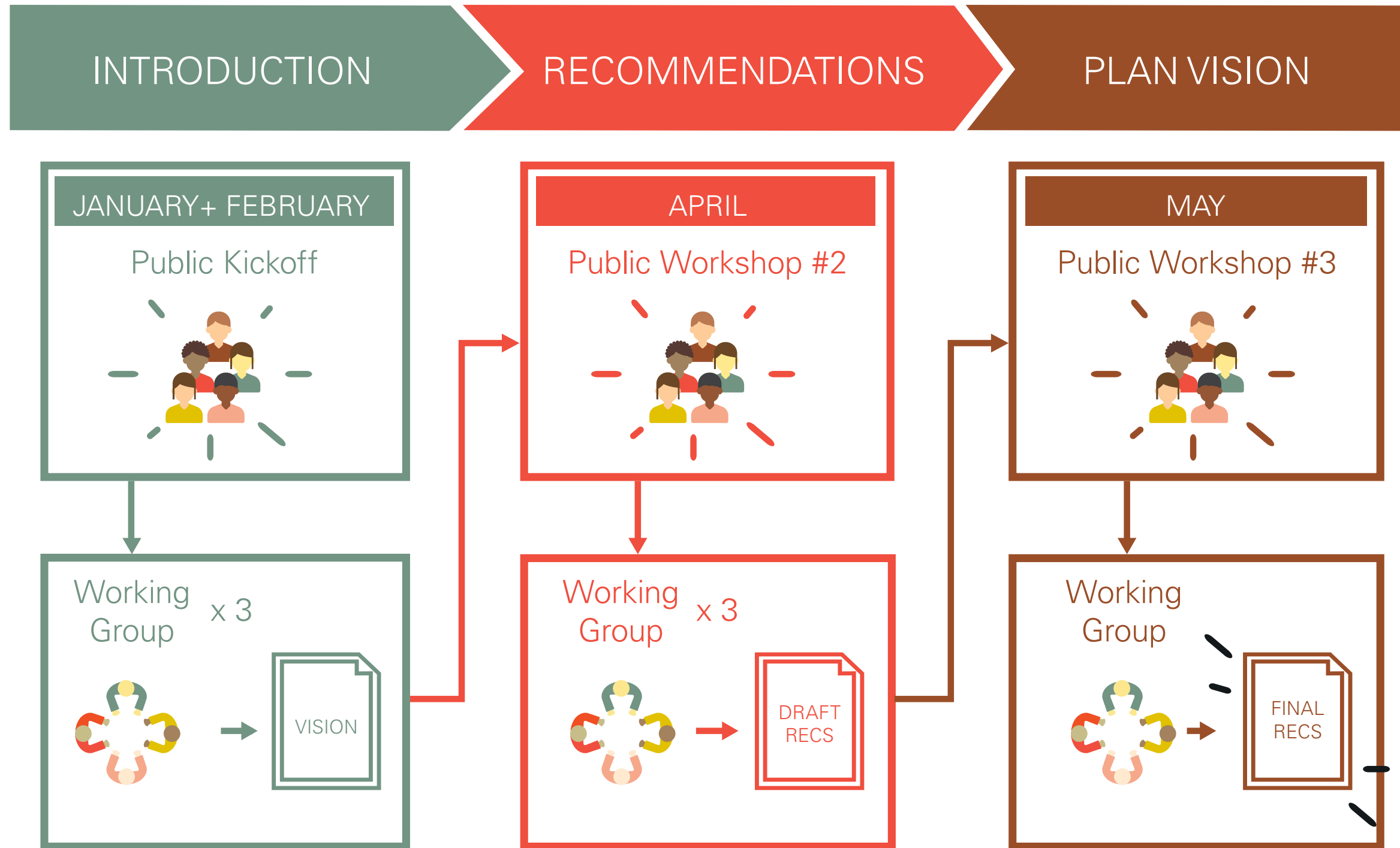
- Affordable Housing
- Land Use + Zoning
- Neighborhood Amenities

Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan Vision and Priorities

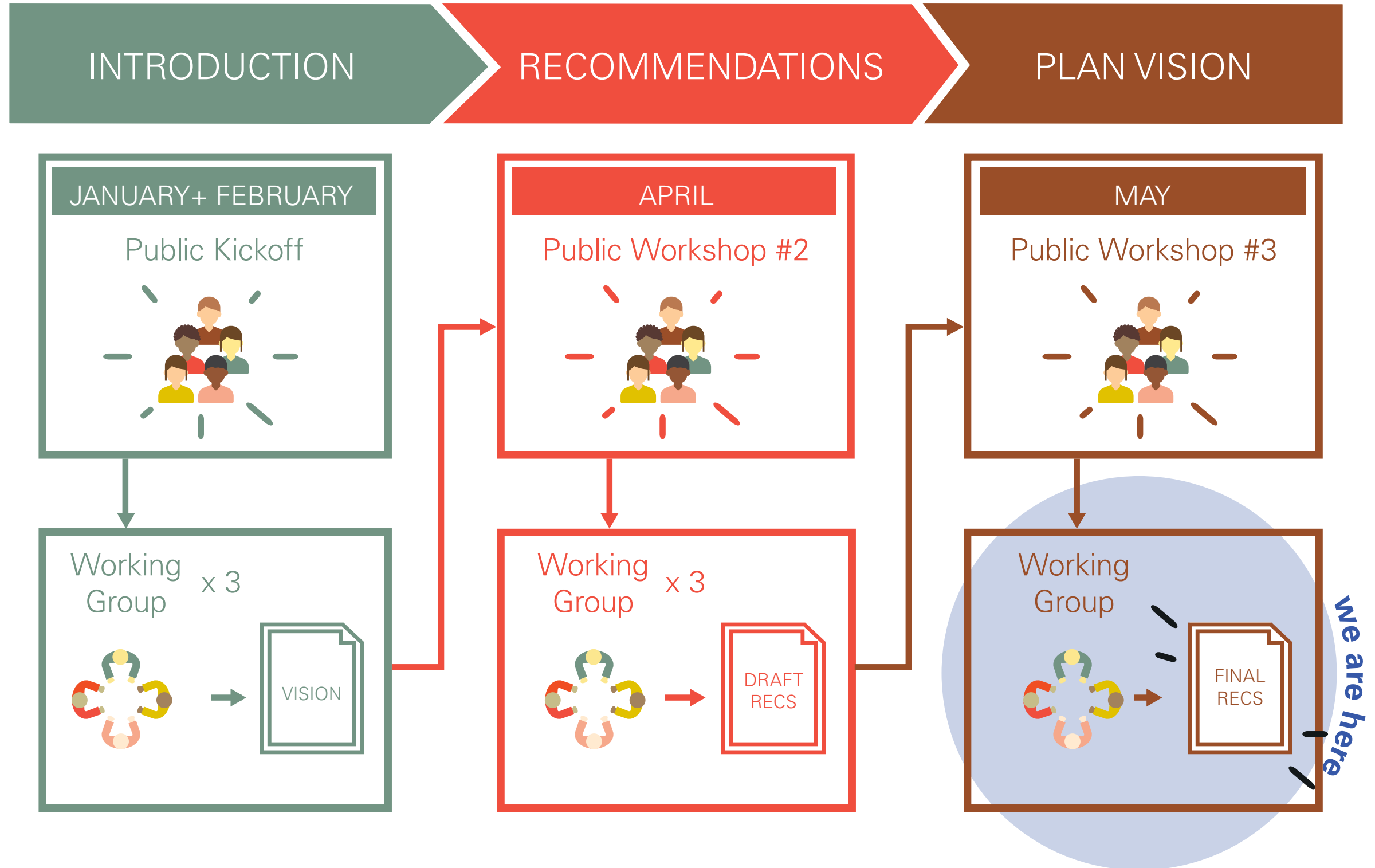
Planning Process



Process Timeline

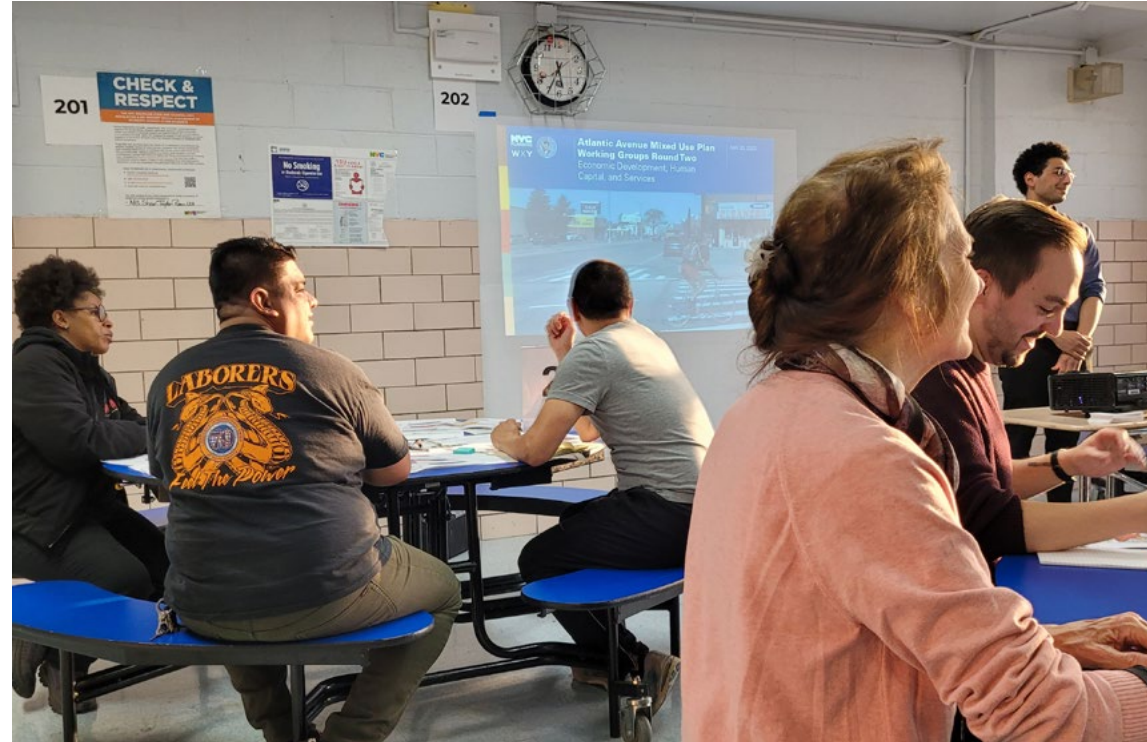


Process Timeline



Round Two Working Groups and Open House Workshop

- AAMUP round two meetings took place in April
- 142 people joined us at three Working Group meetings and Open House Workshop
- The AAMUP's Community Priorities are based on the feedback collected there, are a first draft as we refine the plan's Community Recommendations

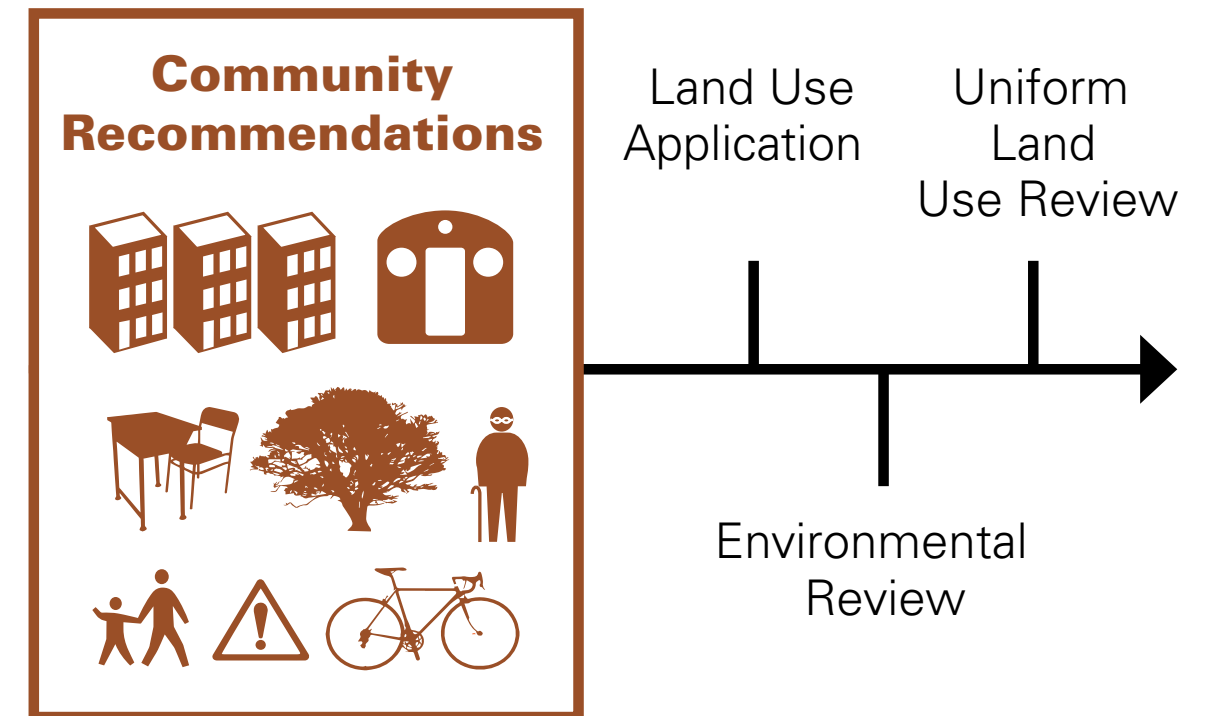


Next Steps in the Process

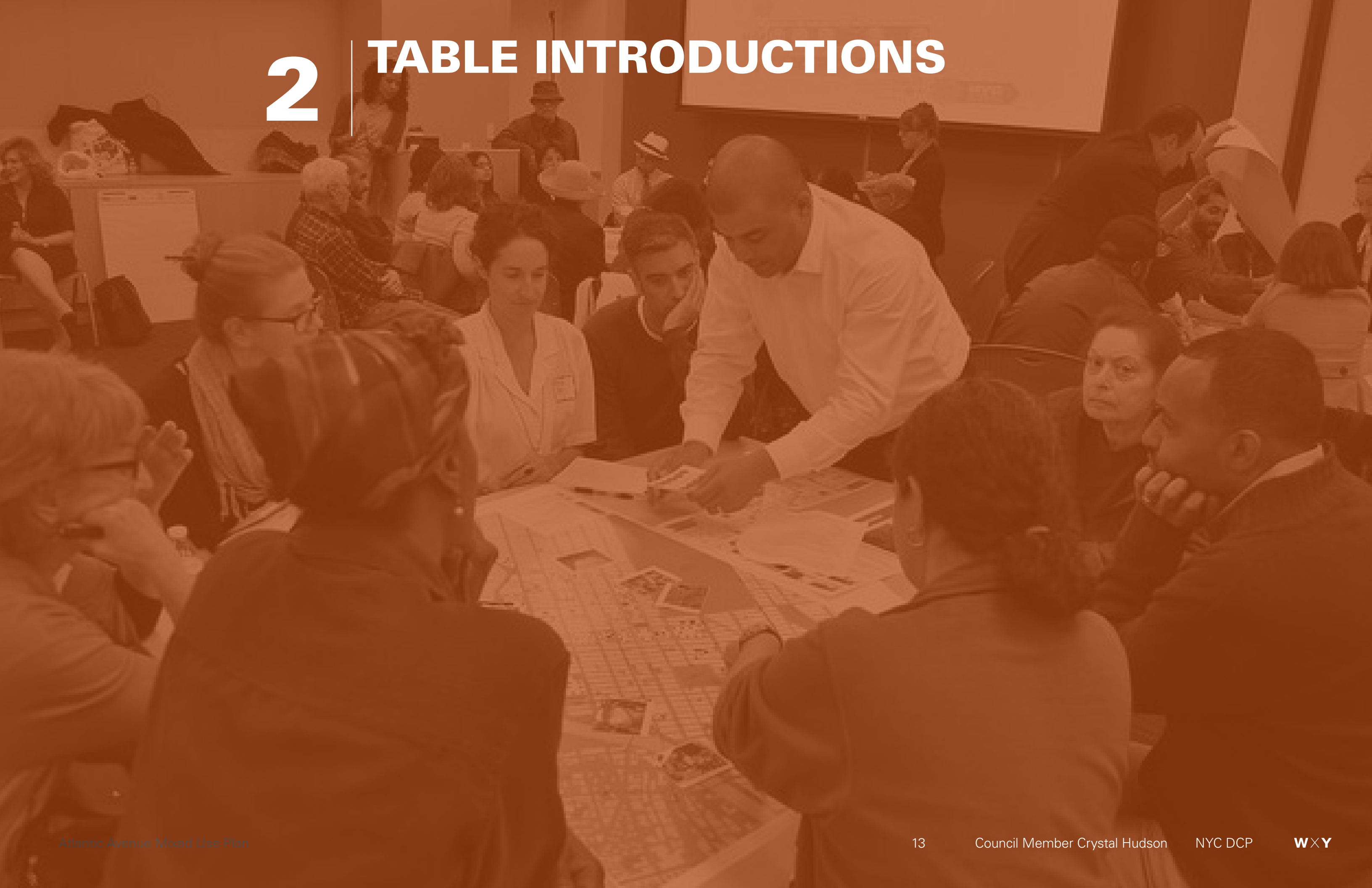
JUNE: AAMUP Planning Process sets Community Recommendations

- SUMMER -
AUTUMN
2023**
- Develop draft zoning framework
 - Hold scoping meetings to start environmental review
 - Advance community rec's
 - Start the land use application

2024: Land use application advances to Uniform Land Use Review Process (ULURP)



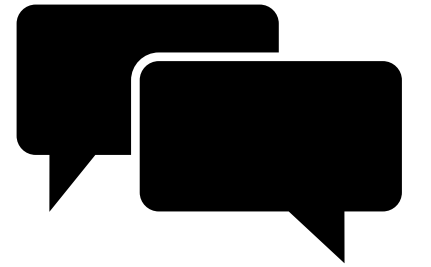
2 | TABLE INTRODUCTIONS



Discussion Community Agreements

- **Share the air time** —work together to make sure everyone gets a chance to speak
- **Respect the diverse viewpoints and experiences in the group** — together, we know a lot; alone, we won't know it all; Please keep an open mind
- **Use "I" statements** – share from your own experience and avoid generalizations
- **Check your negativity bias** - focus on constructive discussion instead of what you dislike

Icebreaker



**Describe a wide street in
NYC that you think is well
designed, and why**

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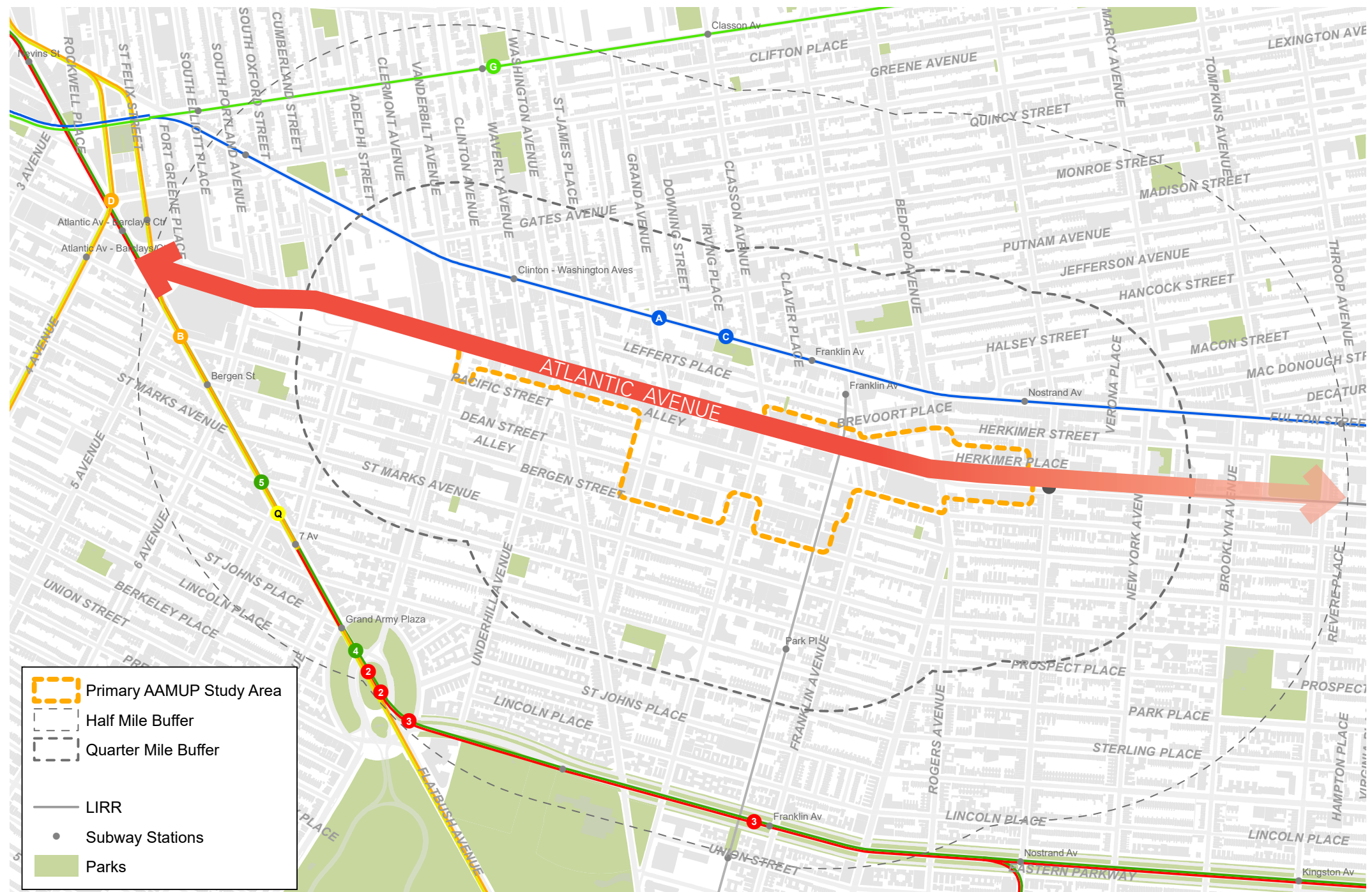
DRAFT COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



What are the current draft Community Priorities?

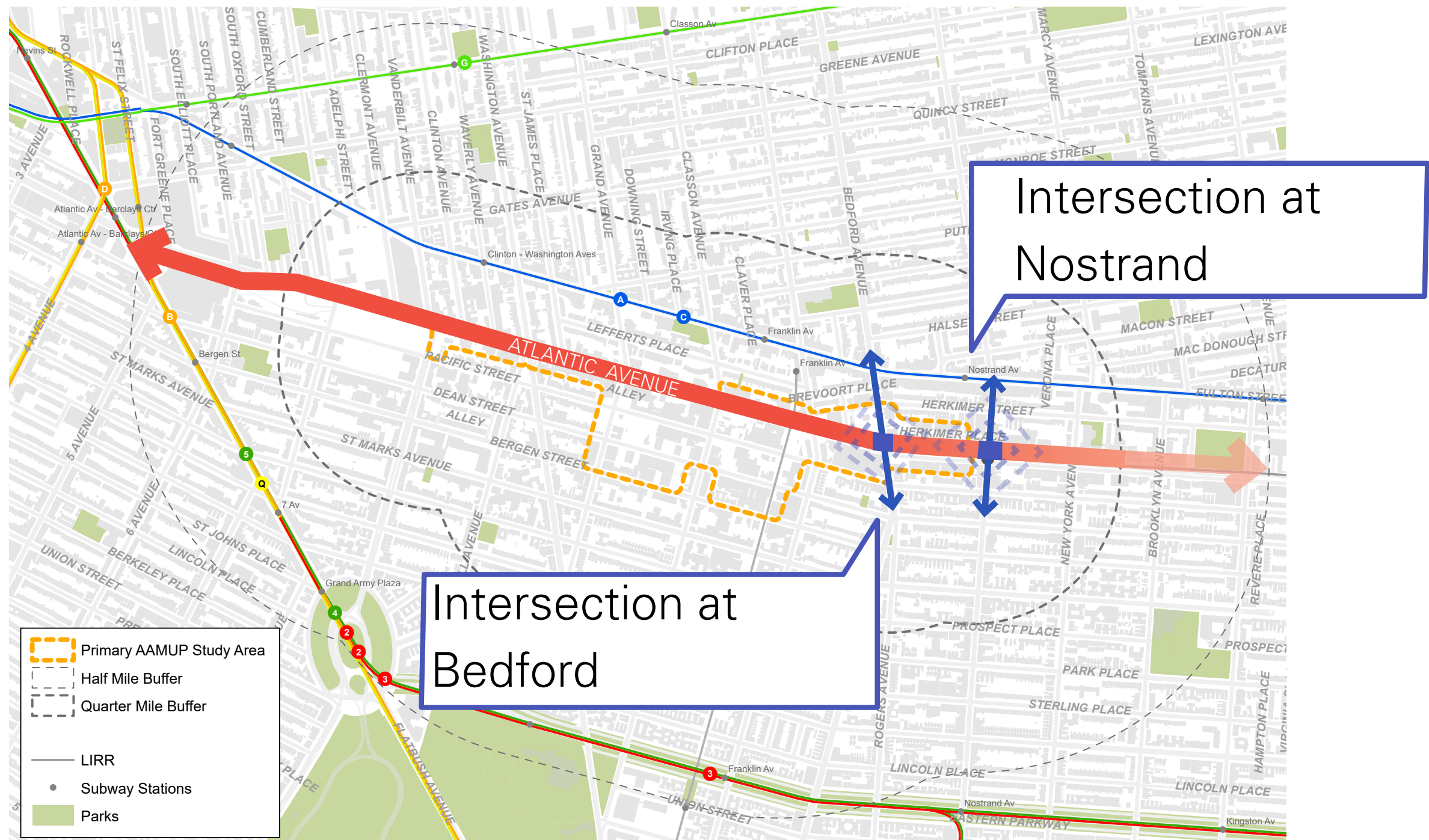
Community Priority 1: Redesign Atlantic Avenue

There is a community priority to comprehensively redesign Atlantic Avenue to improve safety and mitigate the effects of heavy vehicular and truck traffic



Community Priority 1C: Vision Zero Priority Intersections

There should be special attention and short-term safety interventions made to Vision Zero Priority Intersections at Bedford and Nostrand Avenues



Community Priority 1: Treatments to Redesign Atlantic Avenue



Crosswalk /
Light Timing



Sidewalk
Improvements



Daylighting



Enforcement



Freight Solutions



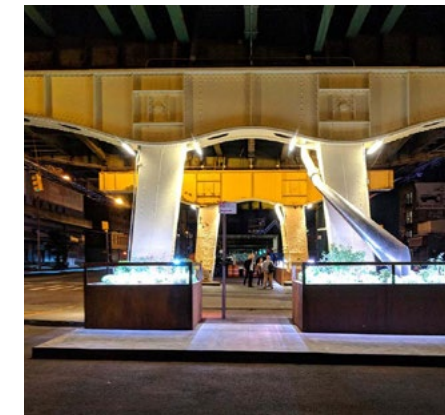
Priority
Intersections



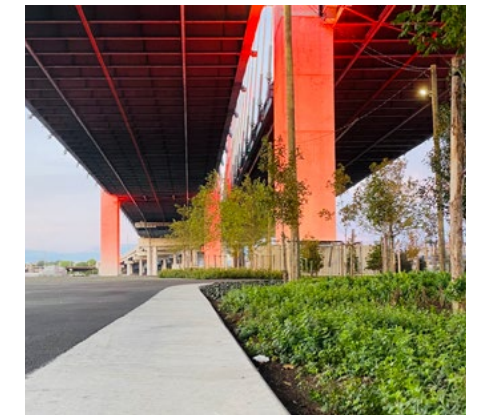
Road Diet



Safety Education



Lighting



Under LIRR

Community Priority 1: Atlantic Avenue in Section

- Atlantic Avenue has eight lanes for vehicles between Atlantic Avenue and Bedford Avenue
- 1 parking lane and 3 travel lanes in both directions
- There is a concrete central median

Image - between Grand and Classon



Typical Section near AAMUP Study Area



*measurements are approximate



Community Priority 1: Current Constraints

- **Long Island Rail Road:** train tracks beneath Atlantic Avenue prevent interventions like tree plantings in some locations
- **Truck Route:** Atlantic Avenue is an important through truck route and east-west vehicular connection

Vision Zero Priority Intersection: Nostrand Avenue at Atlantic Avenue

- Nostrand Avenue at Atlantic Avenue is a Vision Zero Priority Intersection
- From 2018-2022, there have been 55 vehicular crashes that resulted in injuries. They include injuries to 52 motorists, 22 pedestrians, and 7 cyclists
- One pedestrian, Dyral Brown, was killed in a crash with an SUV in October 2021



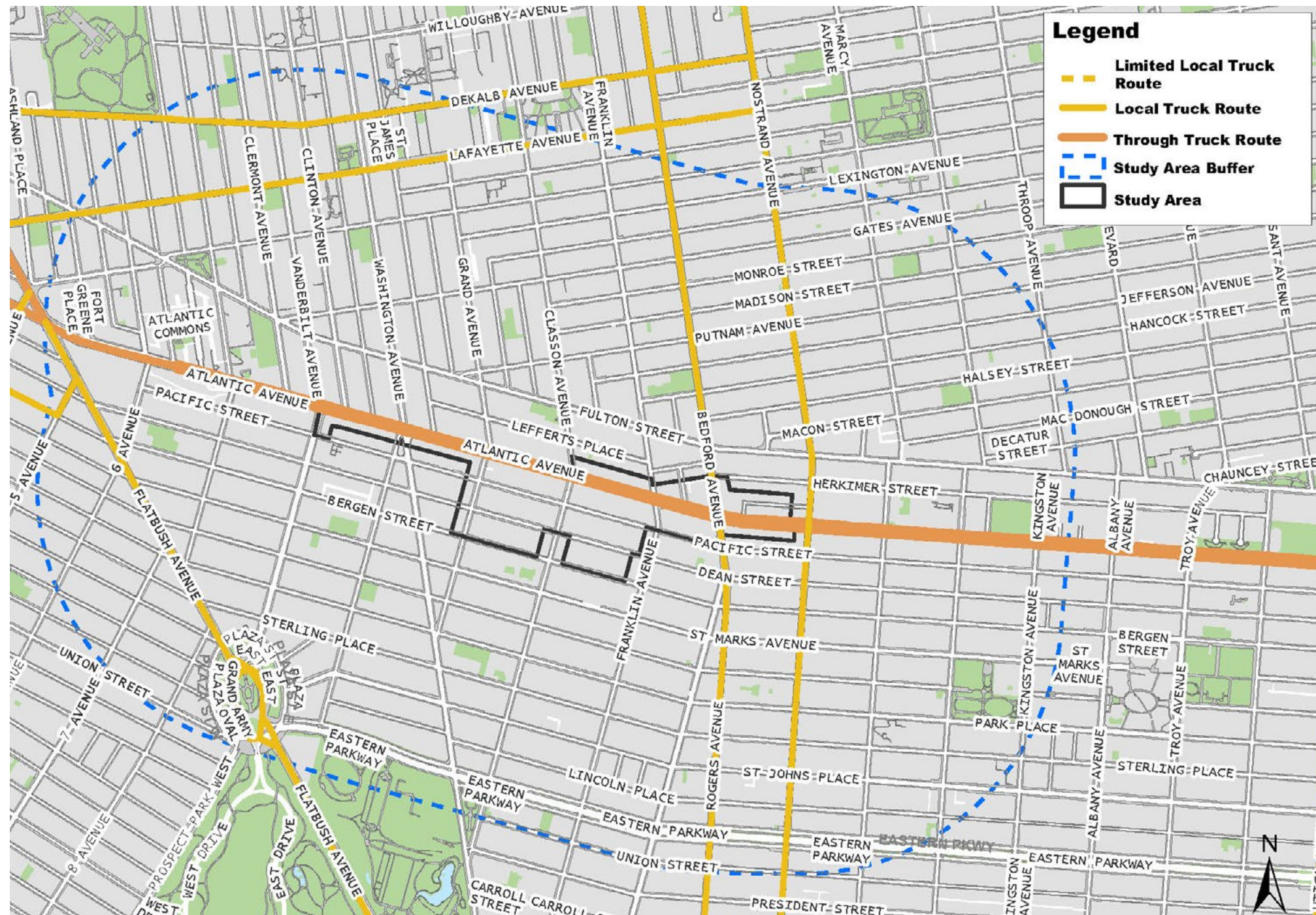
Vision Zero Priority Intersection: Bedford Avenue at Atlantic Avenue

- Bedford Avenue at Atlantic Avenue is a Vision Zero Priority Intersection
- From 2018-2022, there have been 60 vehicular crashes that resulted in injuries and death.
- Crashes caused injuries to 50 motorists, 10 pedestrians, and 15 cyclists.
- 1 pedestrian was killed during that time



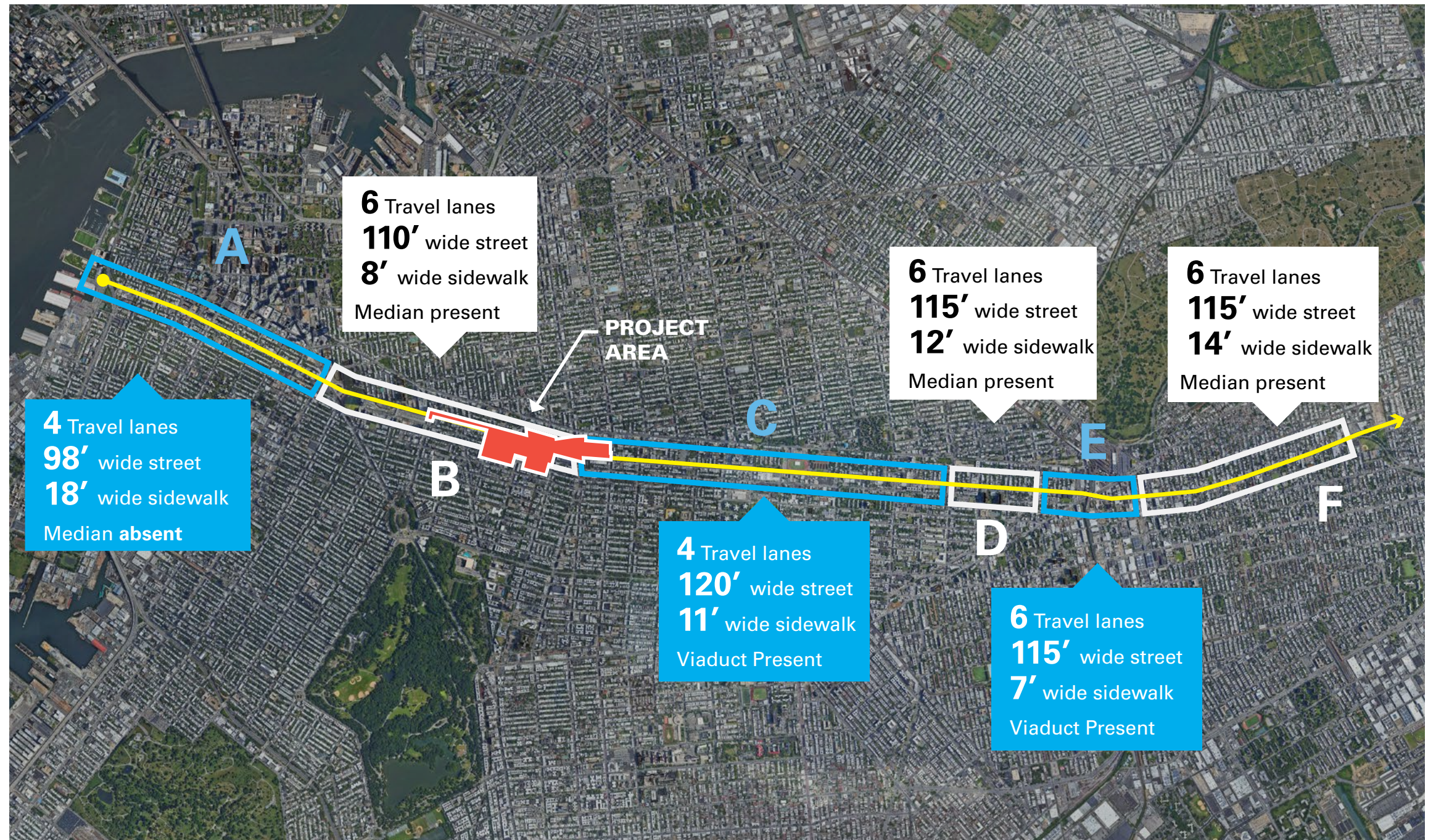
Atlantic Avenue Constraint: Local Truck Routes

- Atlantic Avenue is a critical east-west through truck route in Brooklyn
- 90% of freight in NYC is carried by truck



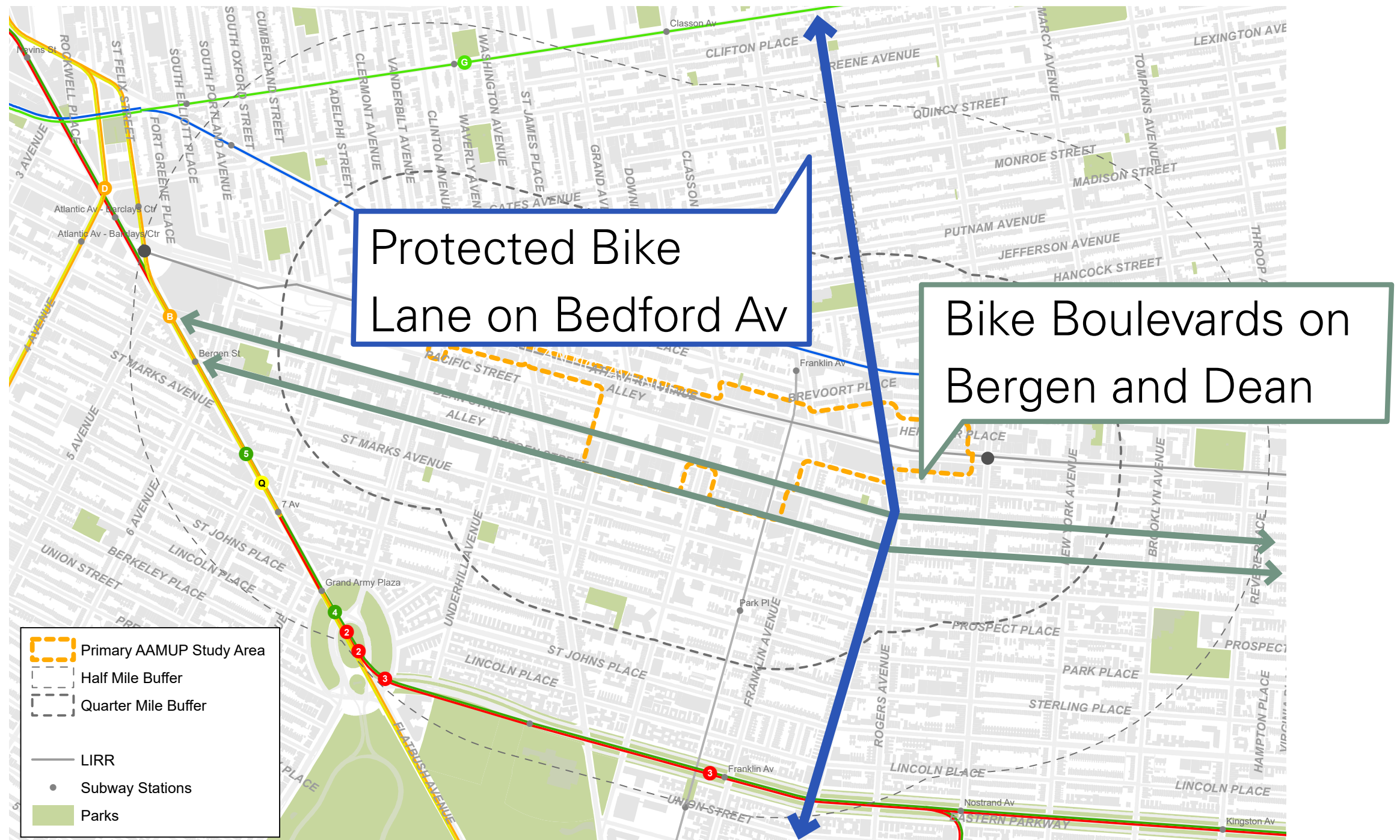
Studying a Road Diet on Atlantic Avenue

The upcoming environmental review process will study the effects that changes to Atlantic Avenue would have on neighboring streets



Community Priority 2: Improved Bicycle Travel

There is a community priority to improve bicycle travel in the area with safer bike routes and improved connectivity



Community Priority 2: Improved Bicycle Travel



Bike Boulevards on Bergen and Dean



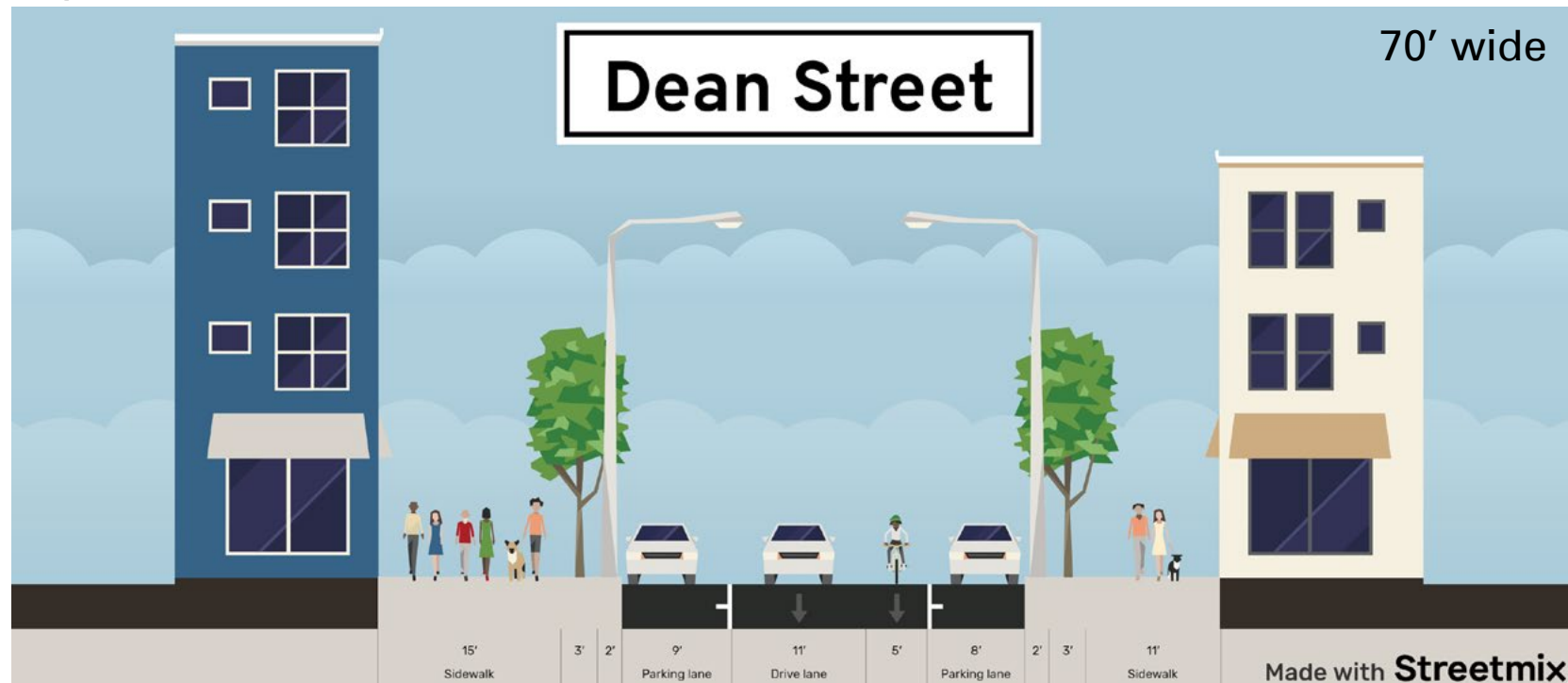
Protected Bike Lane on Bedford Avenue

Community Priority 2: Dean Street in Section

Image - between Vanderbilt and Underhill



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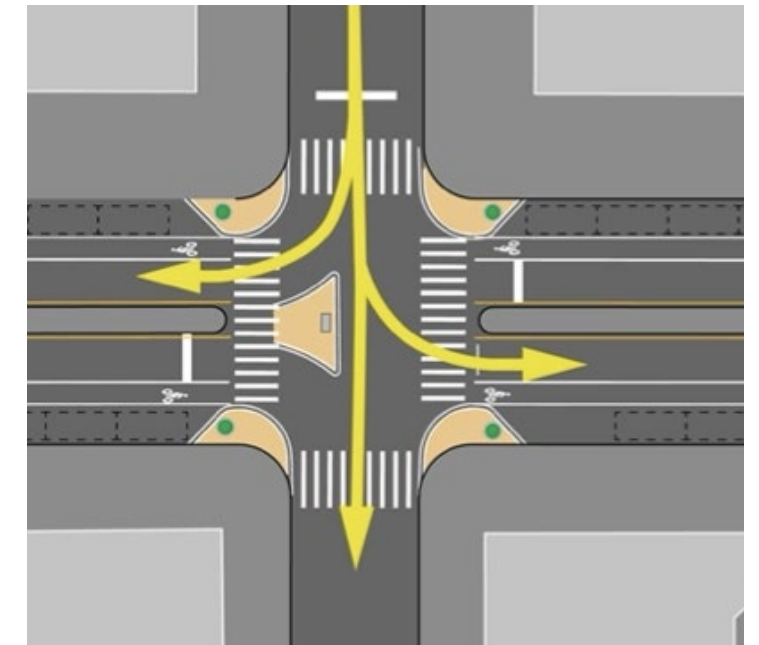
Community Priority 2: Measures to Reducing and Calm Through Traffic



Diverters



Chicanes



Redirecting Traffic

Calm Corridor Design Elements

Calm Corridors are designed for travel by pedestrians and micro-mobility users.

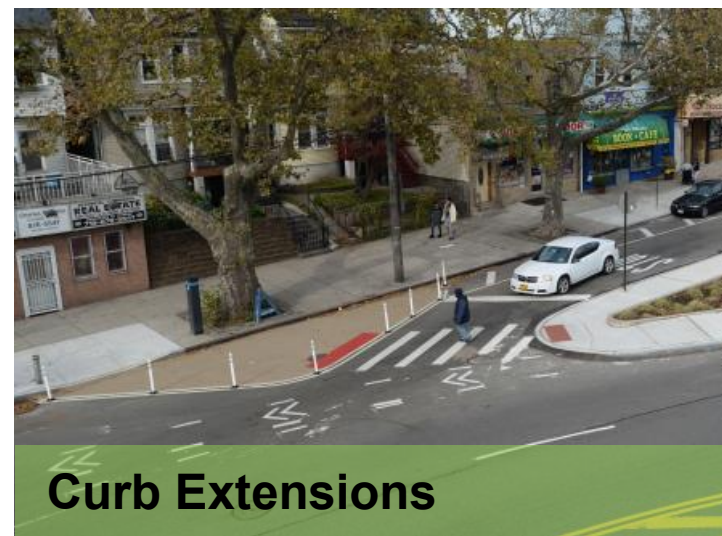
- **Calms vehicular traffic** with design interventions
- Creates **low-stress micro-mobility routes** in a pedestrian-friendly environment
- **Enhances** conventional, shared and signed bicycle routes

Design elements include:

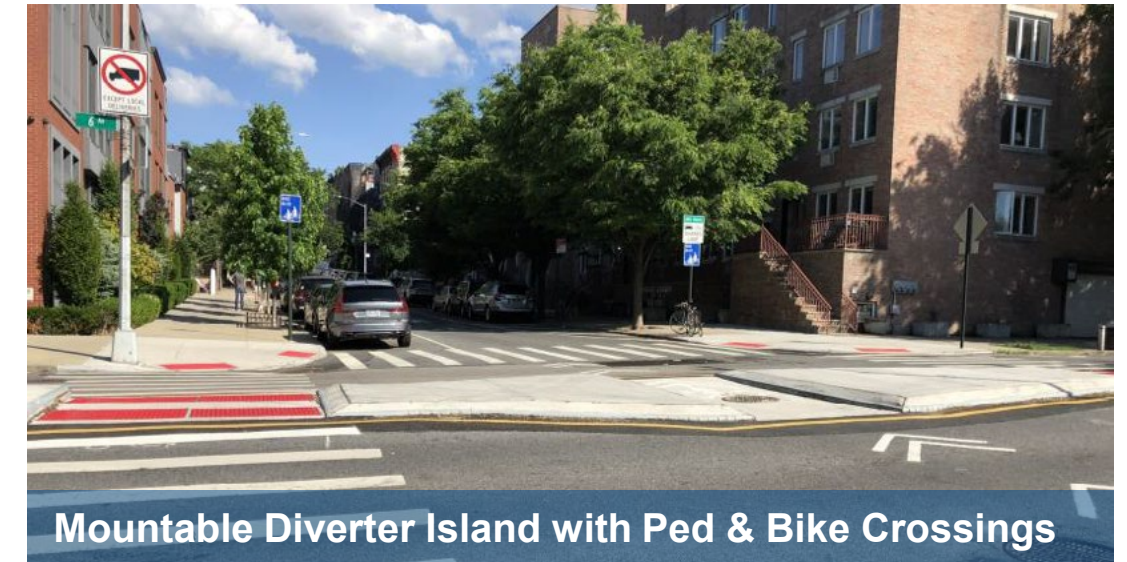
- **Route planning:** direct access to destinations
- **Speed and traffic volume management:** slow vehicle speeds and reduce vehicle volumes
- **Signs, wayfinding, pavement markings** easy to follow
- **Street crossings:** Safe and convenient crossings at major streets



Traffic Calming Design Elements



Reducing Cut-Through Traffic



Community Priority 2: Bedford Avenue Protected Bike Lane

- 1 Upgrade** Bedford Ave conventional bike lane to a **Protected Bike Lane** between Dean St and Atlantic Ave
- 2 Upgrade** Bedford Ave buffered conventional bike lane to a **Protected Bike Lane** between Atlantic Ave and Flushing Ave
- 3 Install new conventional bike lanes:**
 - Jefferson Ave, Claver Pl to Broadway
 - Hancock St, Broadway

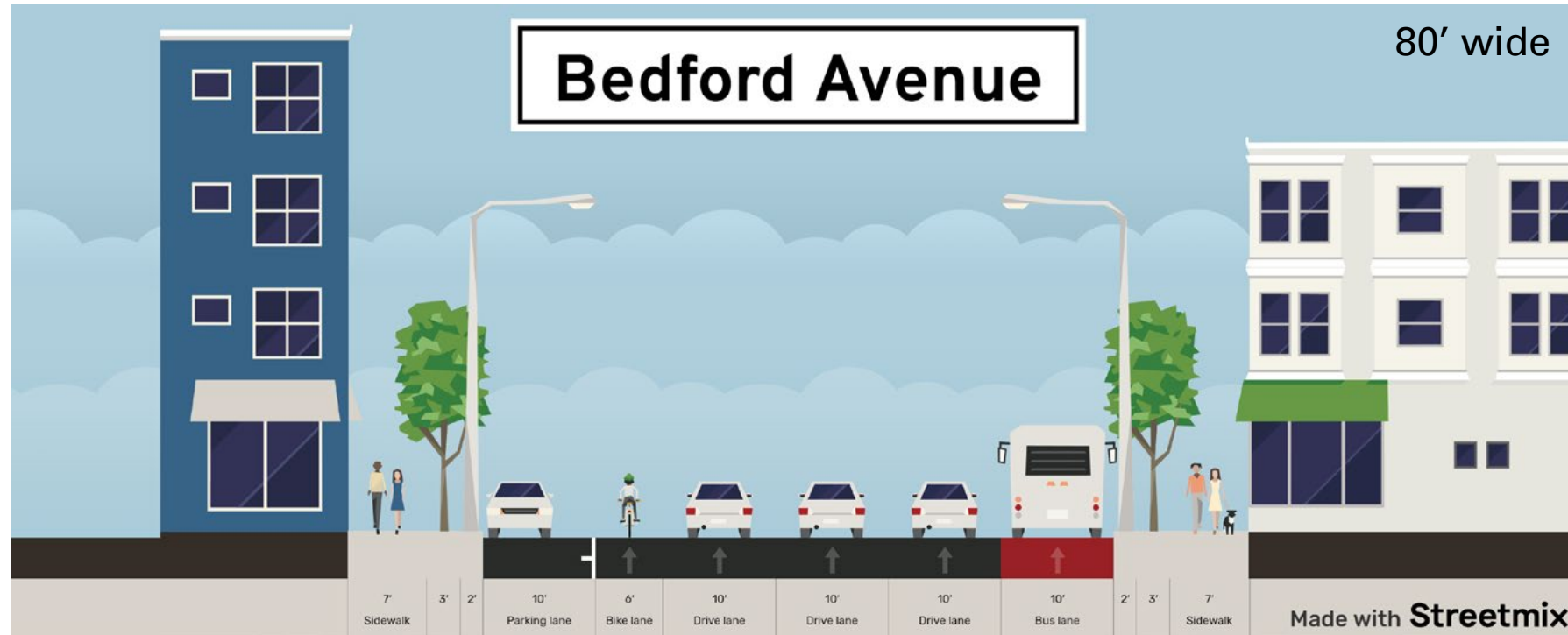


Community Priority 2: Bedford Avenue in Section

Image - between Dean and Pacific



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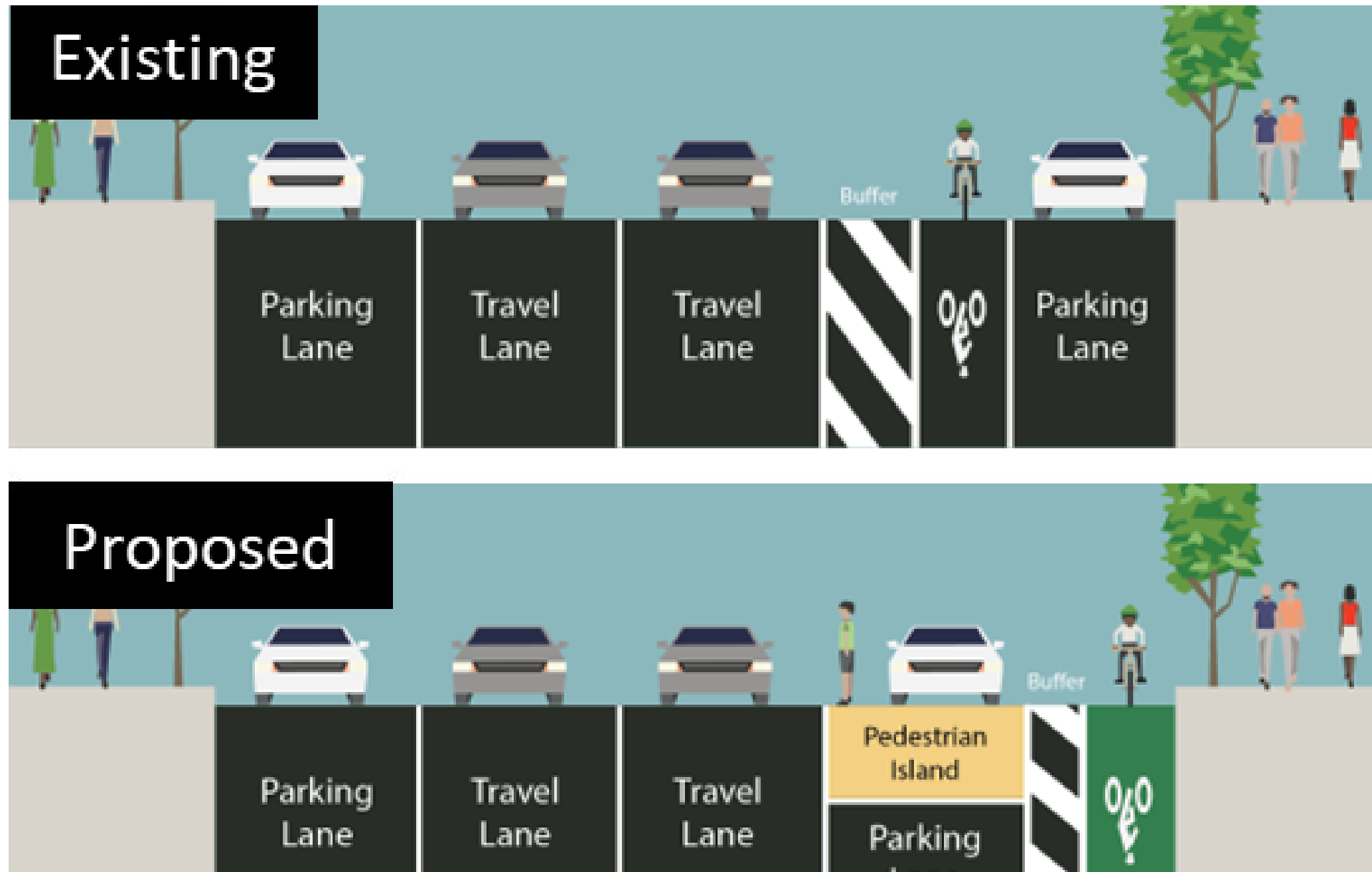


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Community Priority 2: Bedford Avenue Protected Bike Lane

Bedford Avenue,
Atlantic to Flushing Ave



Community Priority 3: Lowry Park Improvement and Expansion



Community Priority 3: Lowry Park Triangle



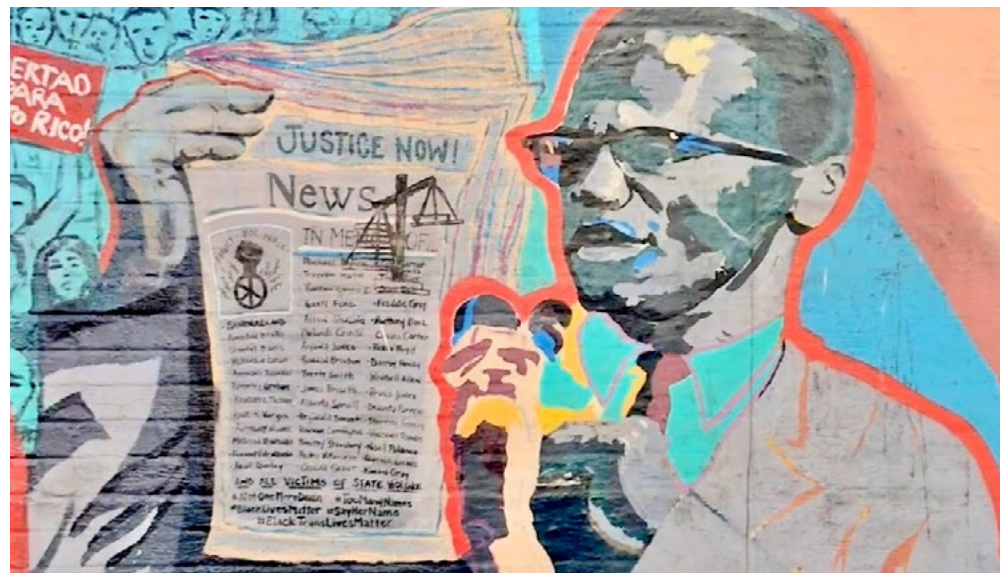
Community Priority 3: Lowry Park Improvement and Expansion



A Peaceful Park



Park Programming



Support Local Artists



Unified Open Space

Community Priority 4: Park and Open Space Access

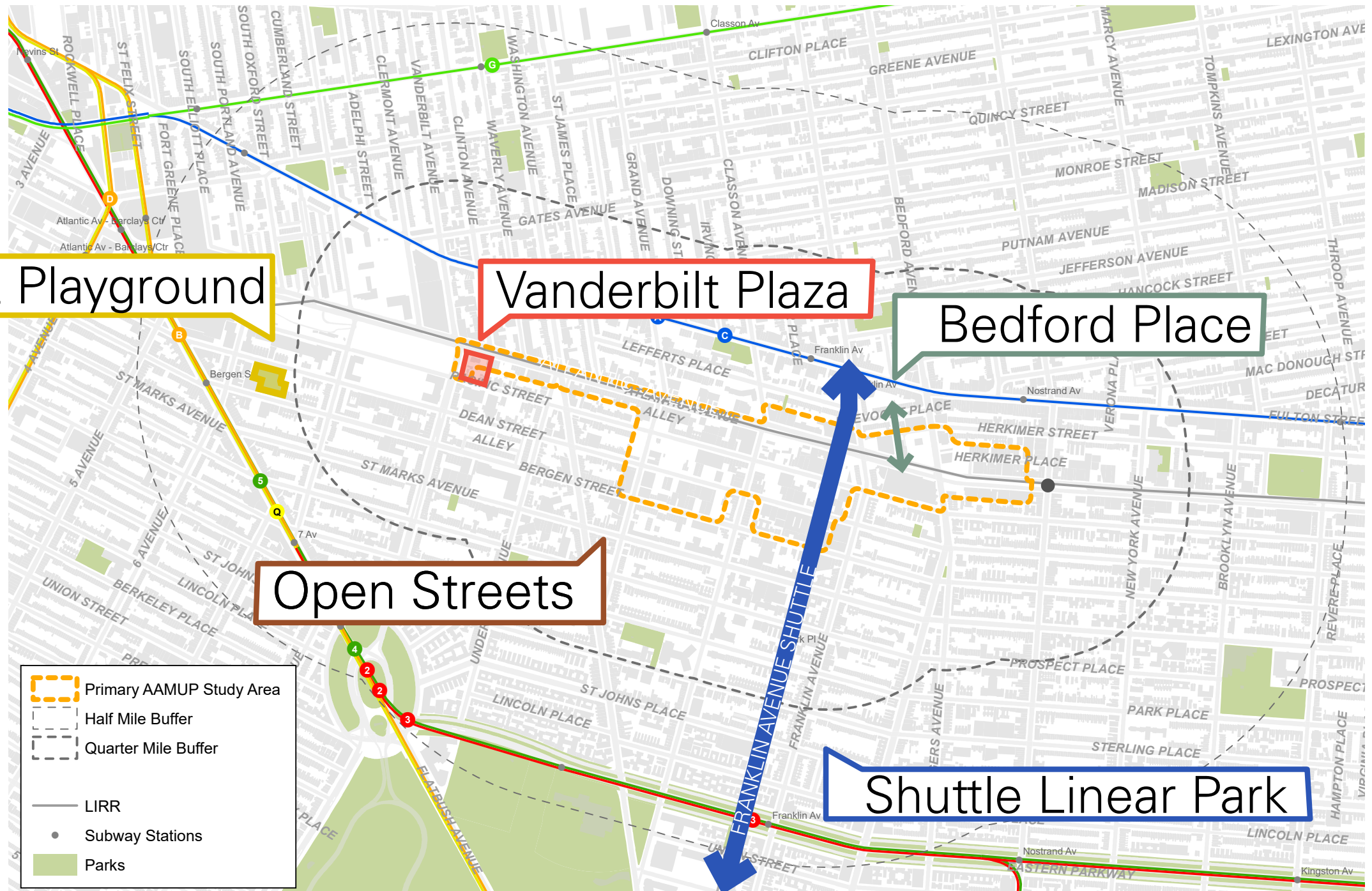
Dean Street Playground

Vanderbilt Plaza

Bedford Place

Open Streets

Shuttle Linear Park



Community Priority 4: Park and Open Space Access



Dean Street
Playground
Improvements



Dog Run



Franklin Avenue
Shuttle Linear Park



New Parks



Open Street at
Bedford Place



Open Streets on
Bergen and Dean



Vanderbilt Plaza

Community Priority 4: Bedford Place

There may be opportunity to create an Open Street or permanent open space at 1-block long Bedford Place between Atlantic Avenue and Brevoort Place



Community Priority 4: Franklin Avenue Shuttle Linear Park

There may be opportunity to create a linear green space alongside the Franklin Avenue Shuttle route that includes pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure



Community Priority 4: Vanderbilt Plaza

There may be opportunity to create a pedestrian plaza at Vanderbilt Avenue between Pacific Street and Atlantic Avenue



Community Priority 4: Dean Street Playground

The community would like to see City investment to improve Dean Playground



Other Local Parks

Which other parks in the surrounding area are in need of improvements?



Saint Andrews Playground



Hattie Carthan Playground



Potomac Playground



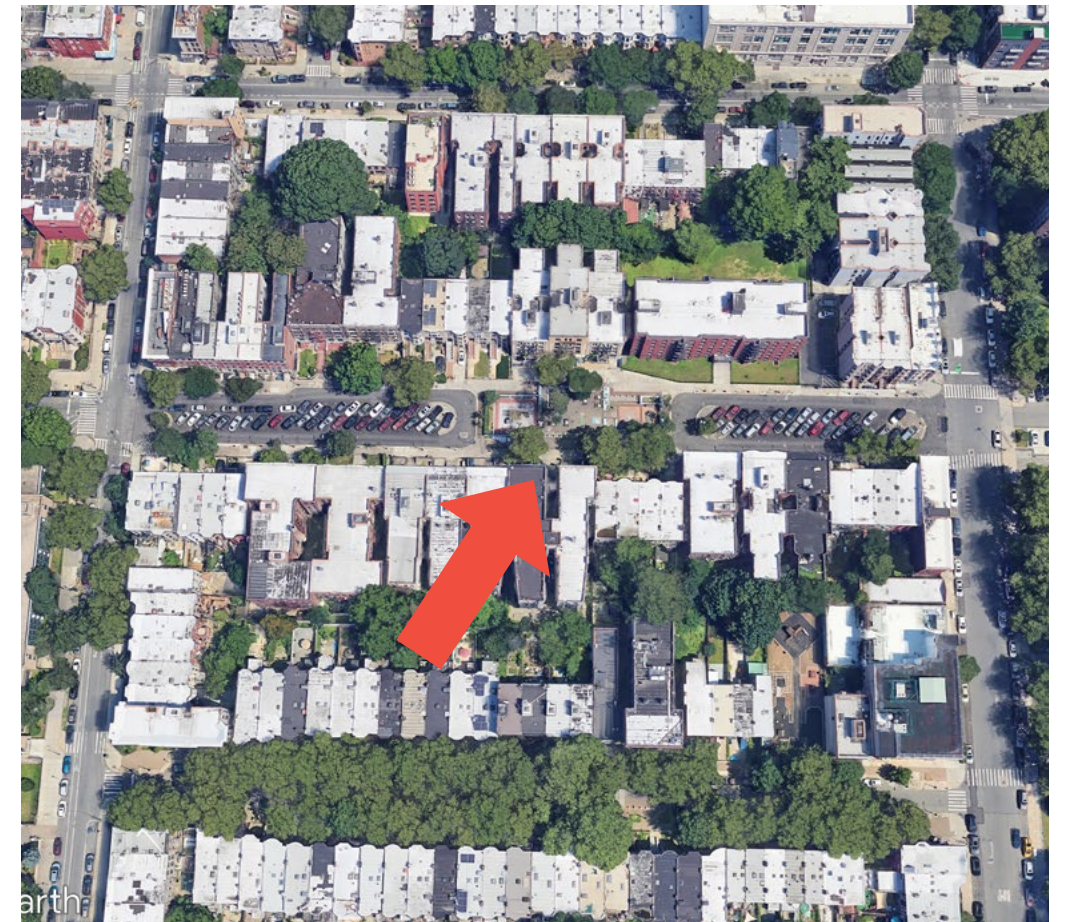
Crispus Attucks Playground

Community Priority 4: Public Park / Green Space Options

There may be opportunity to create a new park on vacant land or by reallocating street space within the project area



New Park



Mid-block Parks

Community Priority 5: Transit Improvements



Improved C-Train Service

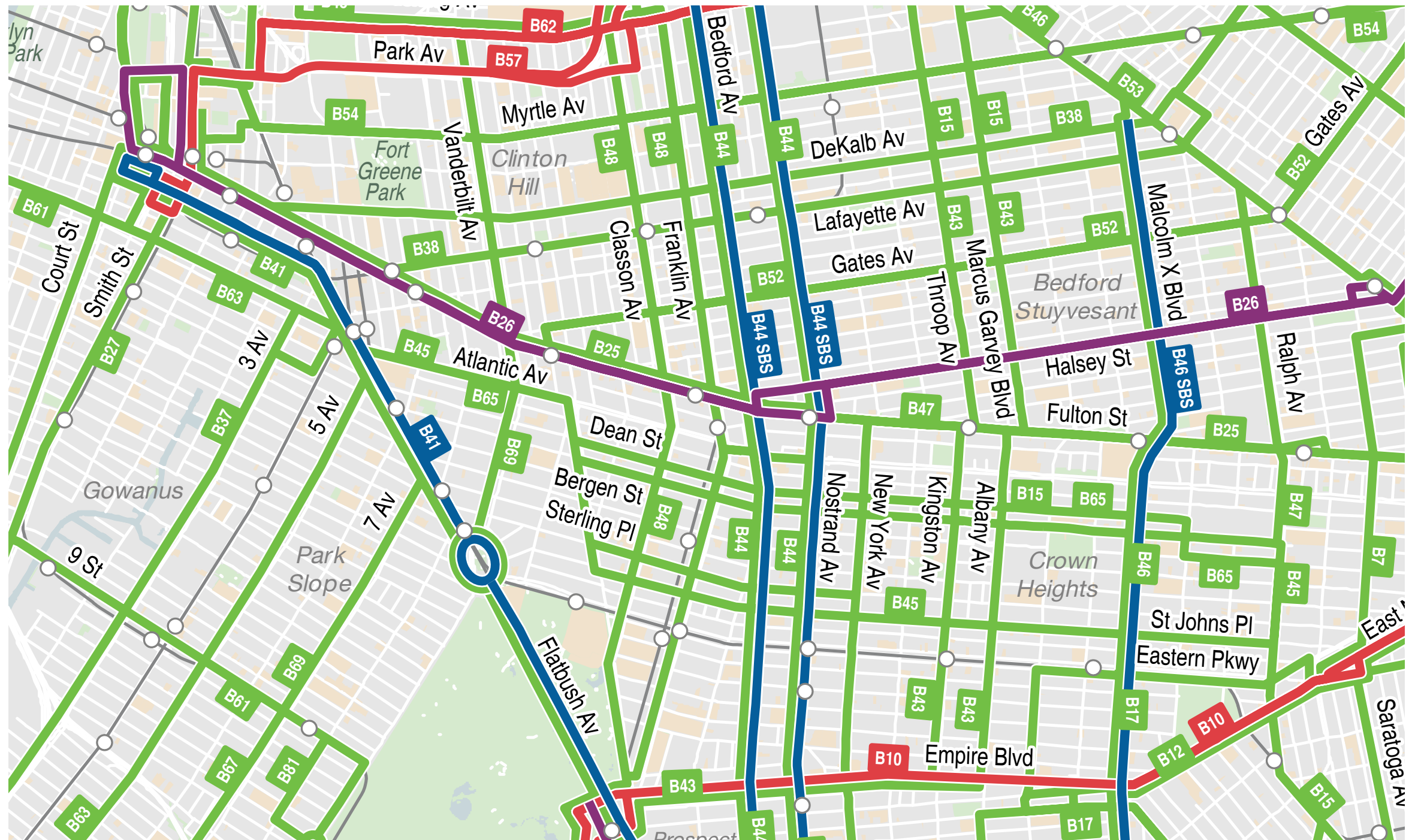


Bus Redesign Coordination



Protected Bus Lane (B44)

Community Priority 5: Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign



- Local
- Limited
- Rush
- Crosstown (SBS)

Community Priority 6: Clean Streets



Containerize Waste



Regular Street Cleaning

Community Priority 6: Dean Street (6th Ave / Carlton Ave)



Community Priority 7: Planning for Active Transportation



Cargo Bike
Loading Zones



Electrified
Mobility



Freight Loading Zone



No Parking Minimums



Secure Bike Parking

Community Priority 8: Climate Action



Contiguous Tree Canopy



Green Development



Green Curb Extensions

Building Efficiency Requirements

Local Law 97

- **Local Law 97** sets efficiency requirements for all buildings over 25,000 gross sq ft by 2024
 - » 50,000 buildings and 60% of NYC's building area
- Requirements step up in 2030 and 2040
- Goals to reduce building energy use:
 - » 40% reduction by 2030
 - » 80% reduction by 2040
- NYC just released an updated ***PlaNYC: Getting Sustainability Done***

City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality

ENERGY

Goal 1:
**Decarbonize our
energy grid**

by broadly allowing for distributed generation (wind + solar) as well as critically needed energy storage.

BUILDINGS

Goal 2:
**Decarbonize our
building stock**

by supporting the retrofitting of NYC's million-plus buildings to become energy-efficient and electrified.

TRANSPORTATION

Goal 3:
**Decarbonize our
vehicles**

by supporting the growth of EV adoption, biking, and e-mobility, by removing limits on where infrastructure can be placed.

WASTE & WATER

Goal 4:
**Decarbonize our
waste streams**

by supporting other City efforts to grow composting and rainwater collection

City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality



ENERGY

1. **Rooftop solar:** removing zoning impediments.
2. **Solar parking canopies:** remove zoning impediments to allow.
3. **Solar:** ensure standalone generation is allowed
4. **On-shore wind:** add a new tool for the CPC to consider future applications
5. **Energy storage (ESS):** add new rules to allow grid-supporting ESS in a wide range of zoning districts



BUILDINGS

6. **Electrification retrofits:** expand rooftop and yard allowances to accommodate increased need for outdoor electrified equipment like heat pumps
7. **Building exterior retrofits:** fix rules to ensure that the widest range of exterior retrofits are allowed.
8. **Fix Zone Green:** update and improve this floor area exemption to ensure it continues to promote better-than-code performance.



TRANSPORTATION

9. **Vehicle charging:** expand allowance to all Commercial Districts
10. **Charge-sharing:** allow a % of residential spaces to be shared w/ the public
11. **Parking flex:** streamline car-sharing, car rental, and commercial parking rules
12. **Automated parking:** expand rules to encourage more automated facilities
13. **Bike parking:** add rules for storage and charging



WASTE & WATER

14. **Porous paving:** clarify language to ensure permeable paving is allowed.
15. **Street Trees:** update rules to accommodate new raingarden prototypes
16. **Organics:** add new use regulations clarifying when composting and recycling are allowed.
17. **Rooftop greenhouses:** simplify the process to allow them as-of-right

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LIVE SURVEY



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5 | TABLE DISCUSSION



Breakout Discussion Format

- Each breakout table will have one facilitator, and one notetaker
- Facilitators will lead the discussion prompts
- Table materials (please mark them up!)
 - » Project area maps
 - » Street sections
 - » Draft community priorities

Breakout Discussion Format

As you consider the proposed community priorities...

- Does this recommendation meet your goals for the community?
- How would you build on or expand this recommendation?
- In what ways would you change this recommendation or make it more specific?
- Are there any recommendations you would remove or replace?
- What new recommendations would you add?

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NEXT STEPS



BRANTE Y DE USO MIXTO DE INWOOD EN DIRECCION HACIA EL RIO HARLEM

... a fin de promover un desarrollo de alta calidad que provea una gran variedad de viviendas, un área costera revitalizada, nuevas opciones comerciales, así como un espacio público continuo del área costera.

... con el objetivo de transformar terrenos vacíos e infrautilizados al este de la estación de Inwood en un vecindario dinámico y de uso mixto.

... la nueva urbanización nueva desarrolle un porcentaje de vivienda económica a nivel de inclusión obligatoria.

... alentar una combinación de usos que brinden oportunidades para que los residentes nuevos que cumplan con las necesidades de los residentes actuales de Inwood se sienta acogido en los nuevos desarrollos, y animar un diseño urbano adecuado que incluya espacios públicos, servicios institucionales, tales como Con Edison, y otras instalaciones que apoyen operaciones e infraestructura esenciales.

USO DE TERRENO

RECOMENDACIONES

... RÍO HARLEM POR MEDIO DE NUEVOS ESPACIOS PÚBLICOS EN NUEVOS ESPACIOS COSTEROS COMO EL PARQUE SHERMAN CREEK.

... público continuo del área costera (por sus siglas en inglés).

... posible, requerir que las nuevas urbanizaciones sigan los últimos estándares de zonificación costera.

EJEMPLOS DE LAS NUEVAS URBANIZACIONES



Battery Park, New York, NY

CREAR CALLES SEGURAS Y ANIMADAS Y PAISAJES URBANOS ATRACTIVOS

... la nueva urbanización para fomentar un espacio público continuo del área costera por medio de tiendas y otros usos comerciales.

... seguridad y reducir los conflictos de tránsito a lo largo de 10a Avenida.

... 10a Avenida en una "Avenida de Comercio" que se extiende desde este a oeste hacia el río.

... desde el Bronx por medio de las líneas de BxMts y Broadway.

Planning Process Resources

- Visit the project website at <https://nyc.gov/AtlanticAvenue> for the latest updates
- Sign-up for email updates about the process and upcoming meetings on the website
- If you have questions or would like to submit written comments for consideration in the community planning process, please email AtlanticPlan@planning.nyc.gov

Community Resources

Council Member Hudson's Office can connect you with City and nonprofit resources if you are experiencing...

- Housing insecurity or tenant harassment
- Food insecurity
- Challenges accessing healthcare, mental health resources, or other City services

To be connected, please contact:

District35@council.nyc.gov or 718-260-9191

Upcoming Public Workshop

ATLANTIC AVENUE | MIXED USE PLAN

Final Working Group Series #3

Join local stakeholders and city agencies to help review and finalize community recommendations for the future of Atlantic Avenue!

Streets | Infrastructure | Open Space
May 22
6:30 - 9pm
Fort Greene Council's Grace Agard Older Adult Center
966 Fulton Street
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Economic Dev | Human Capital | Services
May 24
6:30 - 9pm
Fort Greene Council's Grace Agard Older Adult Center

Land Use | Housing | Density
May 30
6:30 - 9pm
Fort Greene Council's Grace Agard Older Adult Center

NYC Brooklyn 2 Community Board
NYC Brooklyn 3 Community Board
COMMUNITY BOARD 8
COUNCIL MEMBER CRYSTAL HUDSON
WXY NYC PLANNING
www.nyc.gov/AtlanticAvenue
AtlanticPlan@planning.nyc.gov

Working Group Meetings
6:30 - 9:00pm
966 Fulton

**WGB: Economic Development
Wednesday, May 24th**

**WGC: Land Use, Housing
Tuesday, May 30th**

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THANK YOU.



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APPENDIX

