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Introduction

Overall Process



Master Plan Schedule

Ongoing:
Stakeholder Engagement (Steering Committee, Public Meetings, Workshops, Interviews, Pop-up Events)

Part 1:
Due Diligence &
Background Analysis

Part 2:
Using input from stakeholder
engagement meetings, identification of
site scenarios for the Master Plan

Part 3:
Develop master plan concept
and identify Phase 1 location.

Part 4:
Final Production
for Public Release



Stakeholder Engagement Update

Stakeholder Engagement Update: Interviews

Since August 2018, the team has conducted **75+** interviews with local stakeholders and dozens of small group discussions - another **25+** interviews are planned over the next 3 months.

Stakeholder Engagement Update: Public Meetings

375+ People attended
the first Public
Meeting.



**200+ People
attended the second
Public Meeting in
March. There will be
two more in 2019
scheduled for May and
October.**

Stakeholder Engagement Update: Workshops

**Today is the first of four workshops.
Upcoming workshops include:**

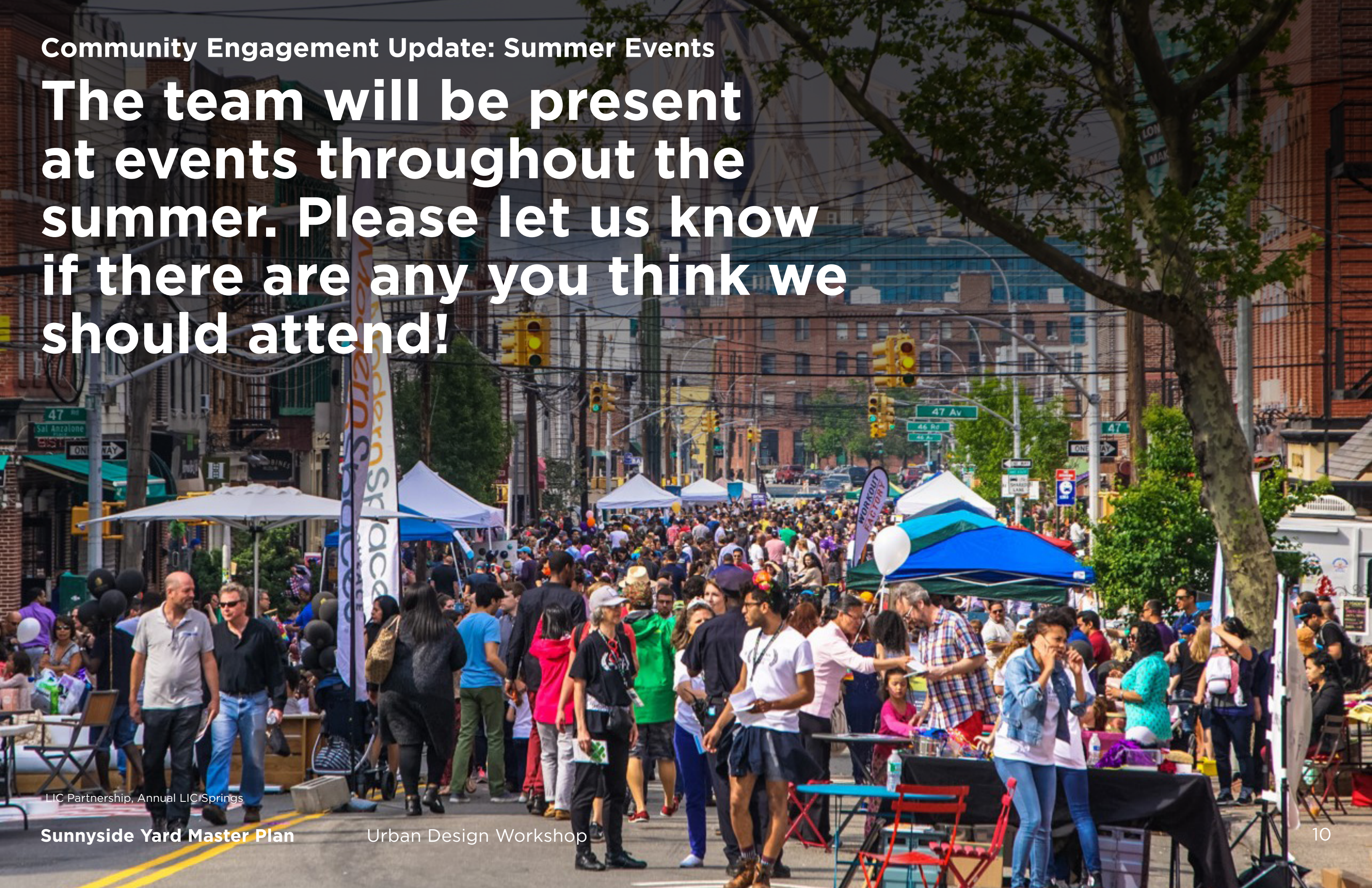
4/9: Open Space

4/30: Sustainability & Green Infrastructure

5/1: Transportation/Mobility 6-8PM

Community Engagement Update: Summer Events

The team will be present at events throughout the summer. Please let us know if there are any you think we should attend!



LIC Partnership, Annual LIC Springs

Guiding Principles

Sunnyside Yard: A 21st Century Neighborhood for Western Queens

1. Design **infrastructure and transportation** systems to meet current needs and anticipate future trends
2. **Address the neighborhoods' needs** for affordable housing, commercial, industrial, community services, and cultural spaces
3. Ensure sustained **economic diversity** in the community
4. Pilot and incorporate innovative approaches to **technology, sustainability, and climate change adaptation**
5. Create **public spaces** that support health, creative expression, community-building and quality of life
6. Create more **good jobs** that lead to careers and workforce development strategies like union jobs, MWBE, local hiring, etc.
7. Support **creative approaches to education, careers, and industries** that envision how we want to live and work in the future
8. **Respect and build on the heritage and diversity** of the surrounding neighborhoods
9. Ensure **high-quality, human-centered design** at every scale
10. Adapt to **evolve with the needs of Western Queens and NYC** over time

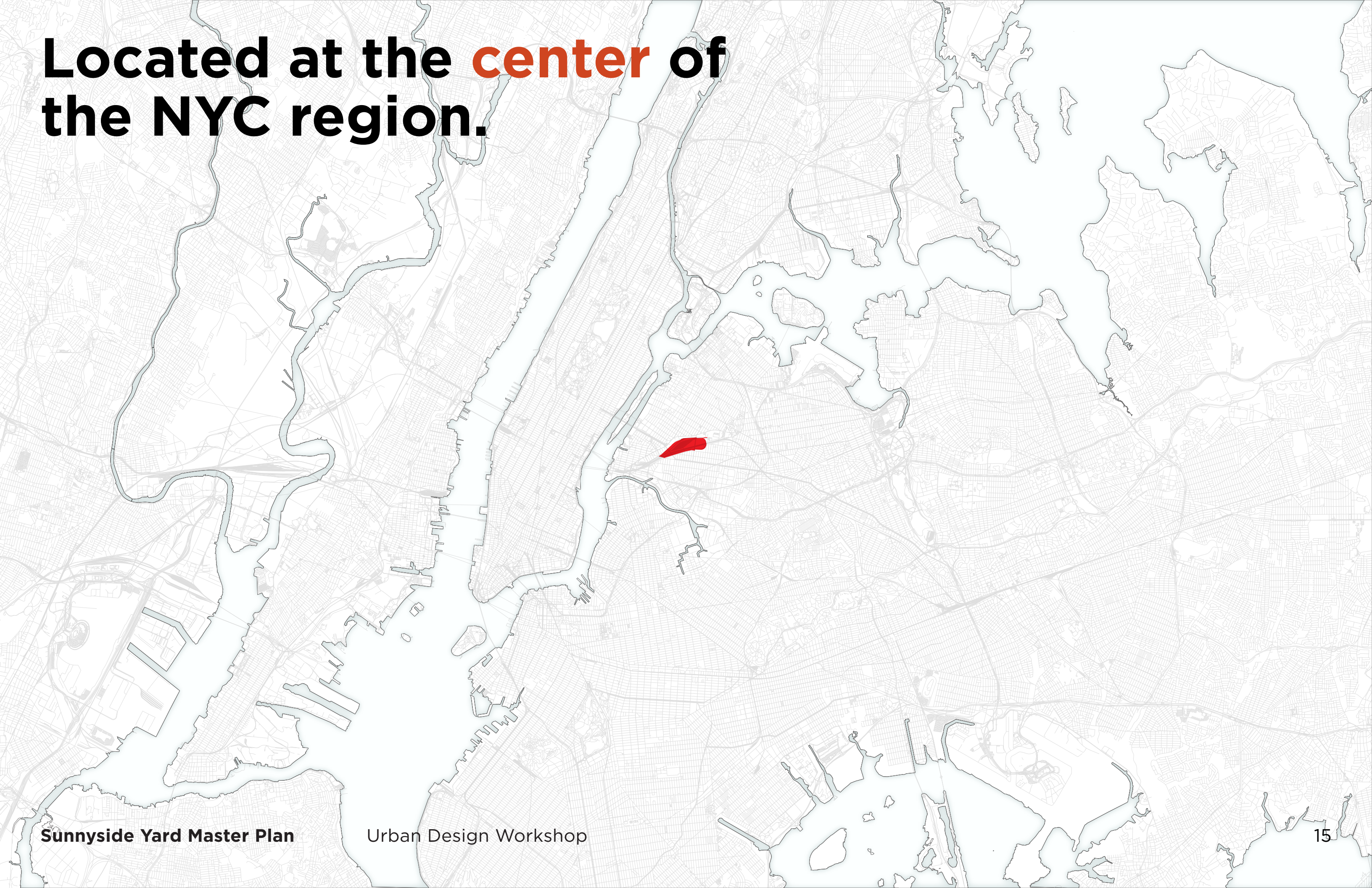
Master Plan Update

Why Deck Over Sunnyside Yard?

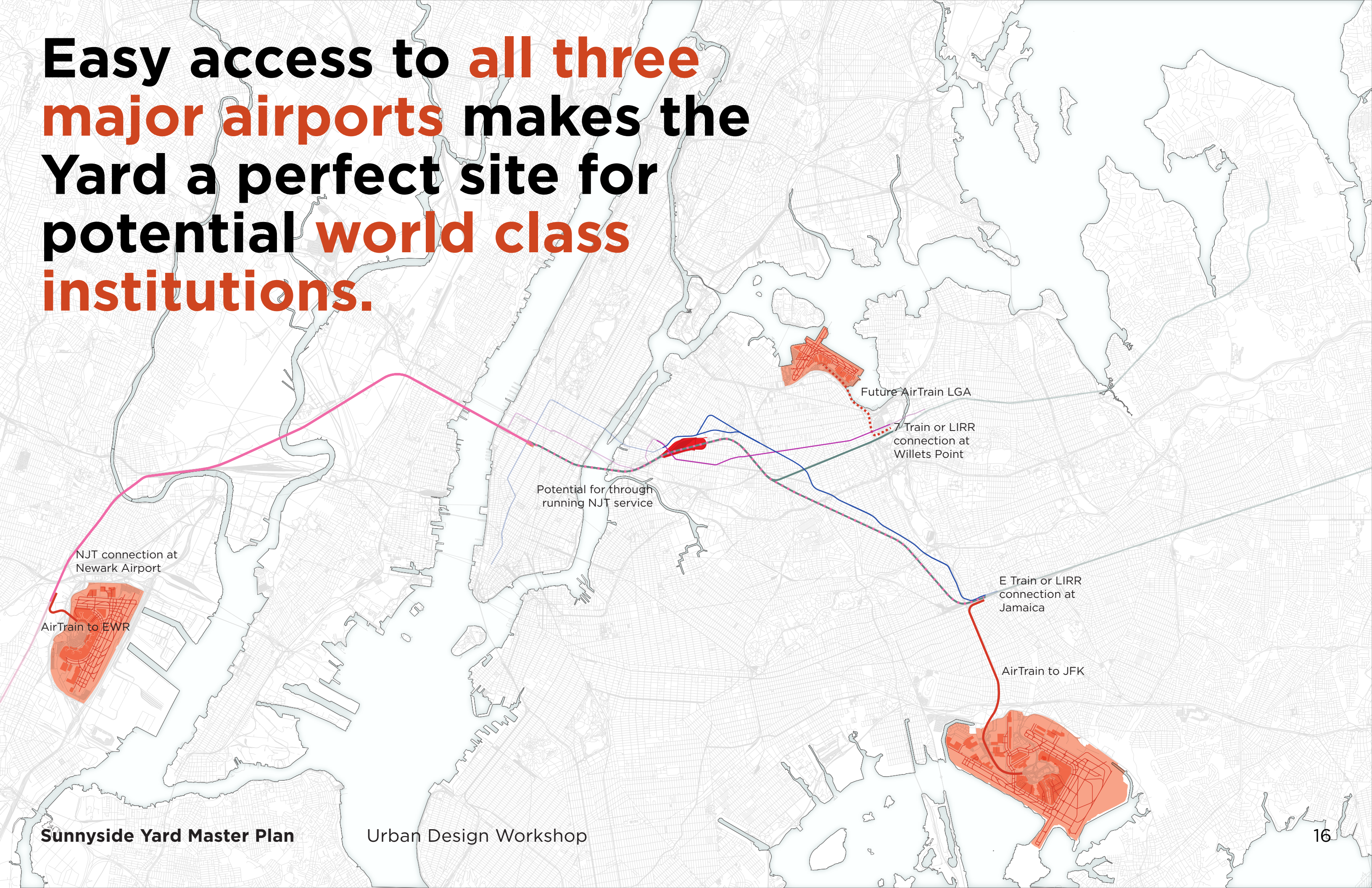
Sunnyside Yard is the largest site available in one of the most important cities in the world.



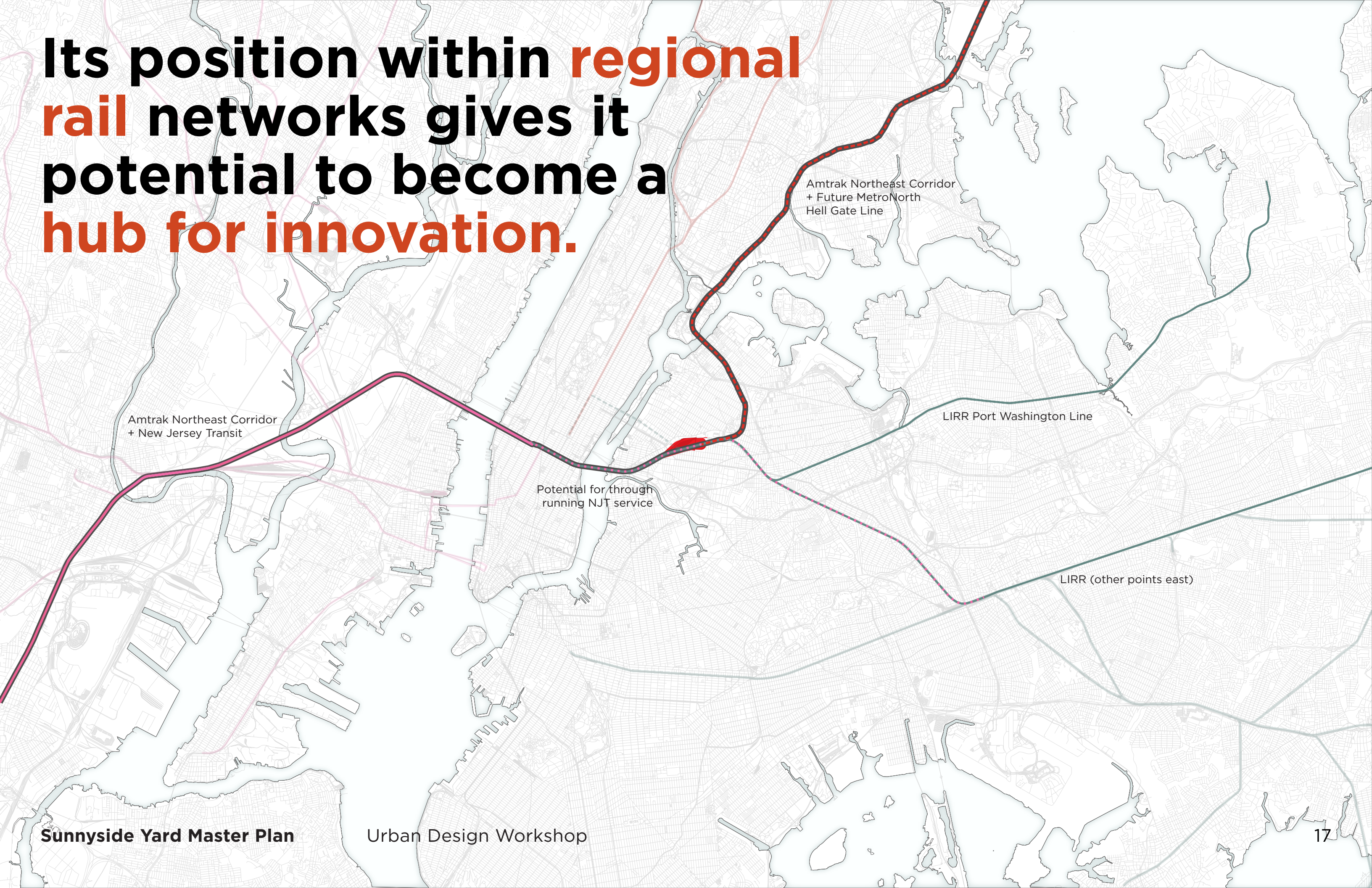
**Located at the center of
the NYC region.**



Easy access to all three major airports makes the Yard a perfect site for potential world class institutions.



Its position within **regional rail networks** gives it potential to become a **hub for innovation.**



**Sunnyside Yard is large enough
to accommodate numerous
neighborhood needs including
major public spaces, affordable
housing, and jobs.**

Sunnyside Yard provides an opportunity for New York to define the future of cities **by the public, for the public.**

1. Planning for Open Spaces at Sunnyside Yard

1.1 The Importance of Planning for Open Spaces



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1.1 Open Space Types from Public Meeting 01



Passive Parks



Ecological Parks



Active Recreation



Program + Arts



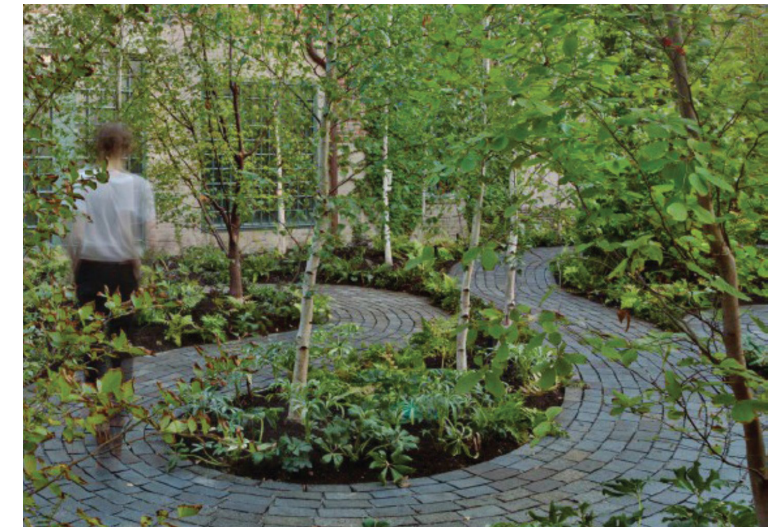
Play and Adventure



Gathering Places/Promenades



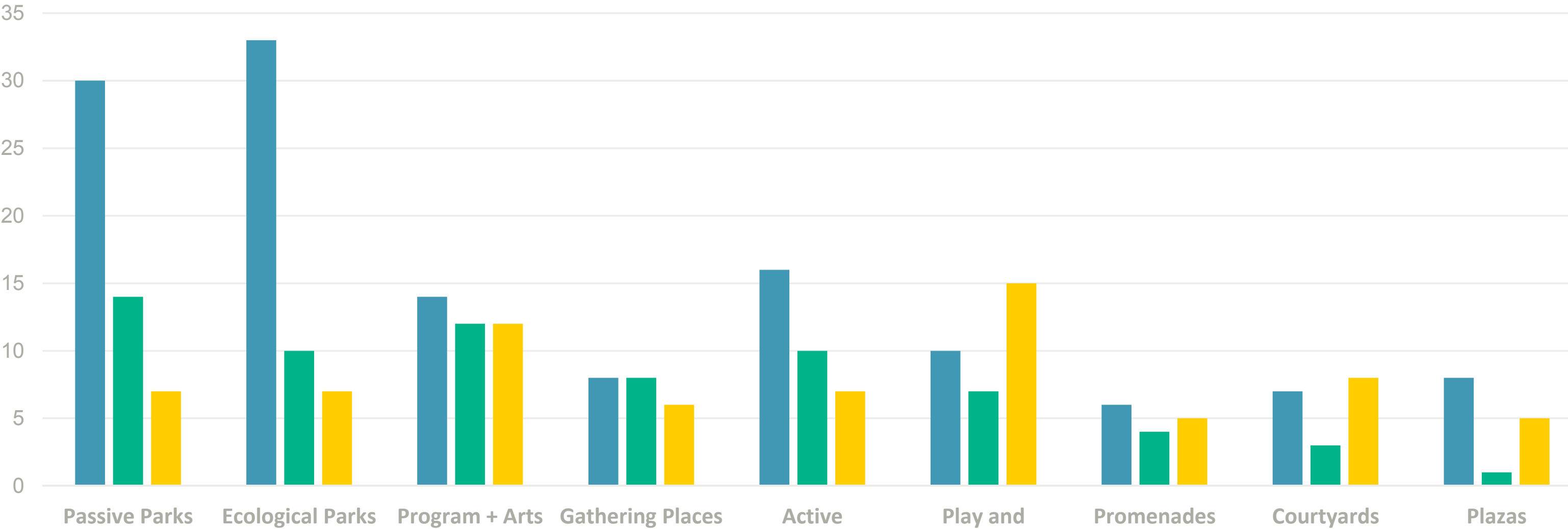
Plazas



Courtyards

1.2 What We Heard at Public Meeting 01

Votes for Public and Open Space Typologies



■ 1st Choice
 ■ 2nd Choice
 ■ 3rd Choice

2. The Scale of Open Space

2.1 Small, Medium, Large Scale Parks



GANTRY PLAZA STATE PARK
12 AC



RUFUS KING PARK
11.2 AC



RAINEY PARK
8 AC

LARGE PARKS

- ATTRACTS USERS FROM FAR AWAY
- PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL SERVICES
- PROGRAM: ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION, LARGE EVENTS, NATURAL SCENERY, ECO-DIVERSITY, ACCOMMODATES BUSINESSES AND REVENUE GENERATORS

SMALL PARKS

- SUPPORTS DAILY USERS
- PROGRAM: PLAY, FOOD, CIRCULATION, PUBLIC ART
- TYPES: PLAZAS, SQUARES, POCKET PARKS, PLAY FEATURE, CAFE, FOOD TRUCKS

MEDIUM PARKS

- SUPPORTS DIVERSE USERS AND PROGRAMS
- DRAWS REGULAR USERS FROM UP TO 1/2 MILE
- PROGRAM: SPORT COURTS, LARGE PLAYGROUNDS, PASSIVE RECREATION, PICNICS, SMALL EVENTS
- TYPES: NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS, LINEAR PARKS AND GREENWAYS



LOU LODATI PLAYGROUND
.38 AC



PALEY PARK
4200 SF



LOUISE NEVELSON PLAZA
.24 AC



MURRAY PLAYGROUND
2.2 AC



WINDMULLER PARK
4.75 AC



MADISON SQ PARK
6.2 AC

2.2 Open Space Scale Comparisons

MANHATTAN PARKS

Total Open Space | 24.9 acres



MADISON SQ. PARK | 6.2 AC



UNION SQ. PARK | 9 AC



WASHINGTON SQ. PARK | 9.7 AC

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2.2 Open Space Scale Comparisons

BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK

Total Open Space | 85 acres



HUNTER'S POINT+GANTRY PLAZA STATE PARK

Total Open Space | 23 acres



2.2 Open Space Scale Comparisons

HIGHLINE
Total Open Space | 6.7 acres



2.3 Open Space Scales for Sunnyside Yard



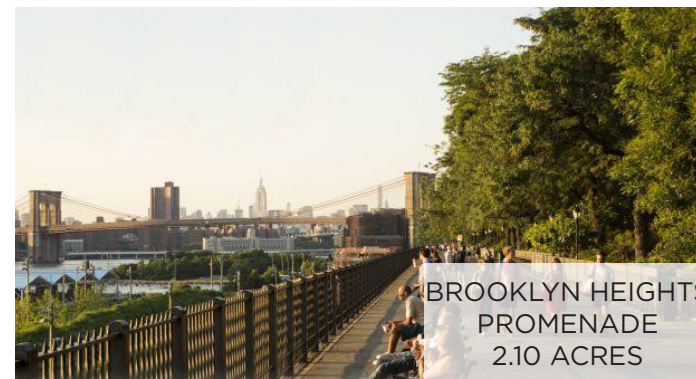
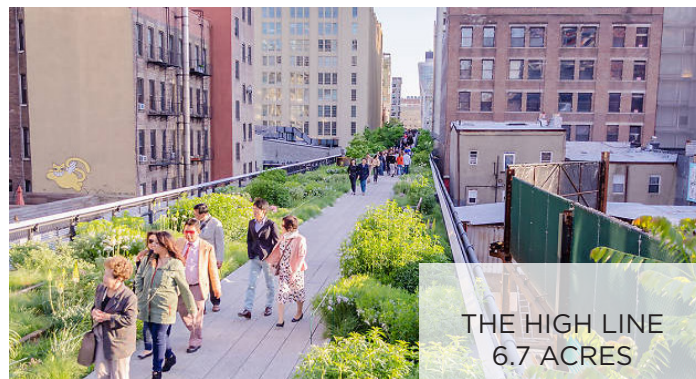
LARGE PARK



MEDIUM PARK



SMALL PARK



CONNECTOR PARK

Large Park

- Large-scale open space (approx 7+ acres)
- Mixed active recreation and passive recreation
- Playgrounds
- Attracts visitors from the surrounding neighborhoods

Medium Park

- Mid-scale open space
- Attracts nearby residents and visitors on a daily basis
- Combines passive recreation and small scale park activities

Small Park

- Small-scale open space
- Unique moments of respite or play within the city grid

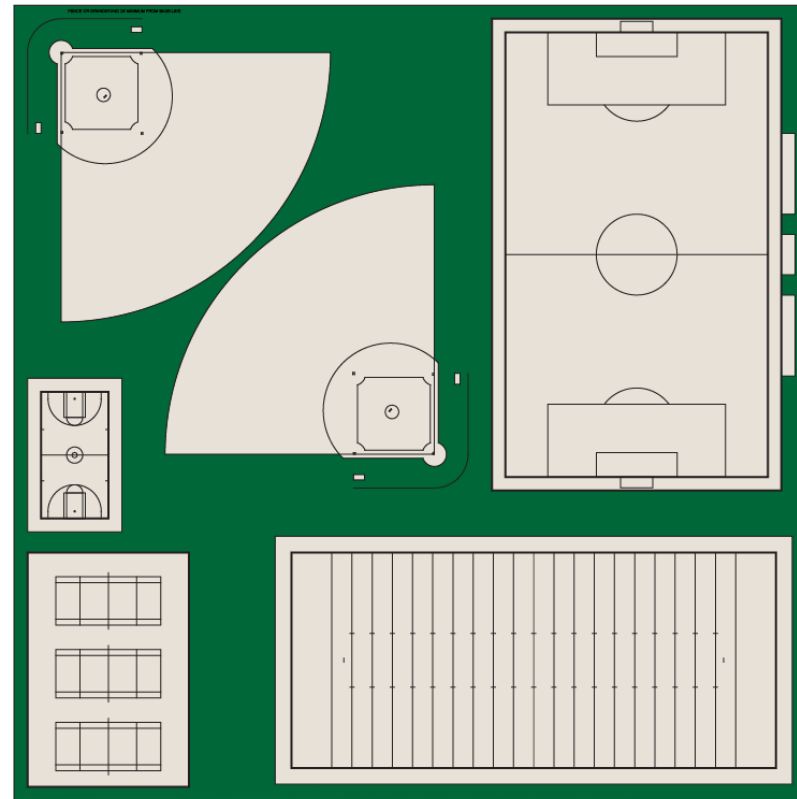
Connector Park

- Provides passive recreation
- Connects across continued blocks and neighborhoods

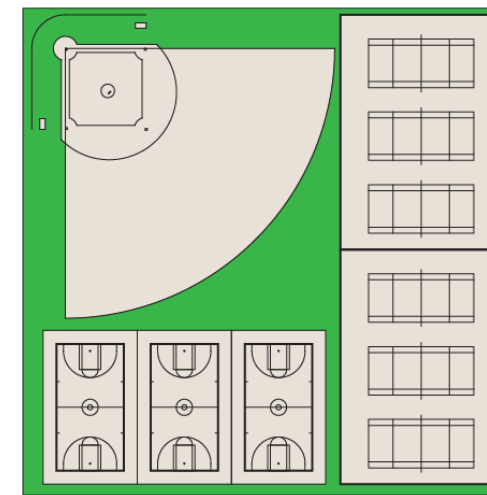
2.4 Active Recreation Scale Comparisons

SCALE OF ACTIVE RECREATION DIAGRAM

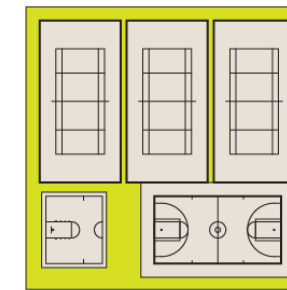
Diagrams of illustrating how active recreation fits within a variety of park sizes.



8 ACRES | DESTINATION PARK



3 ACRES | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



1 ACRE | POCKET PARK

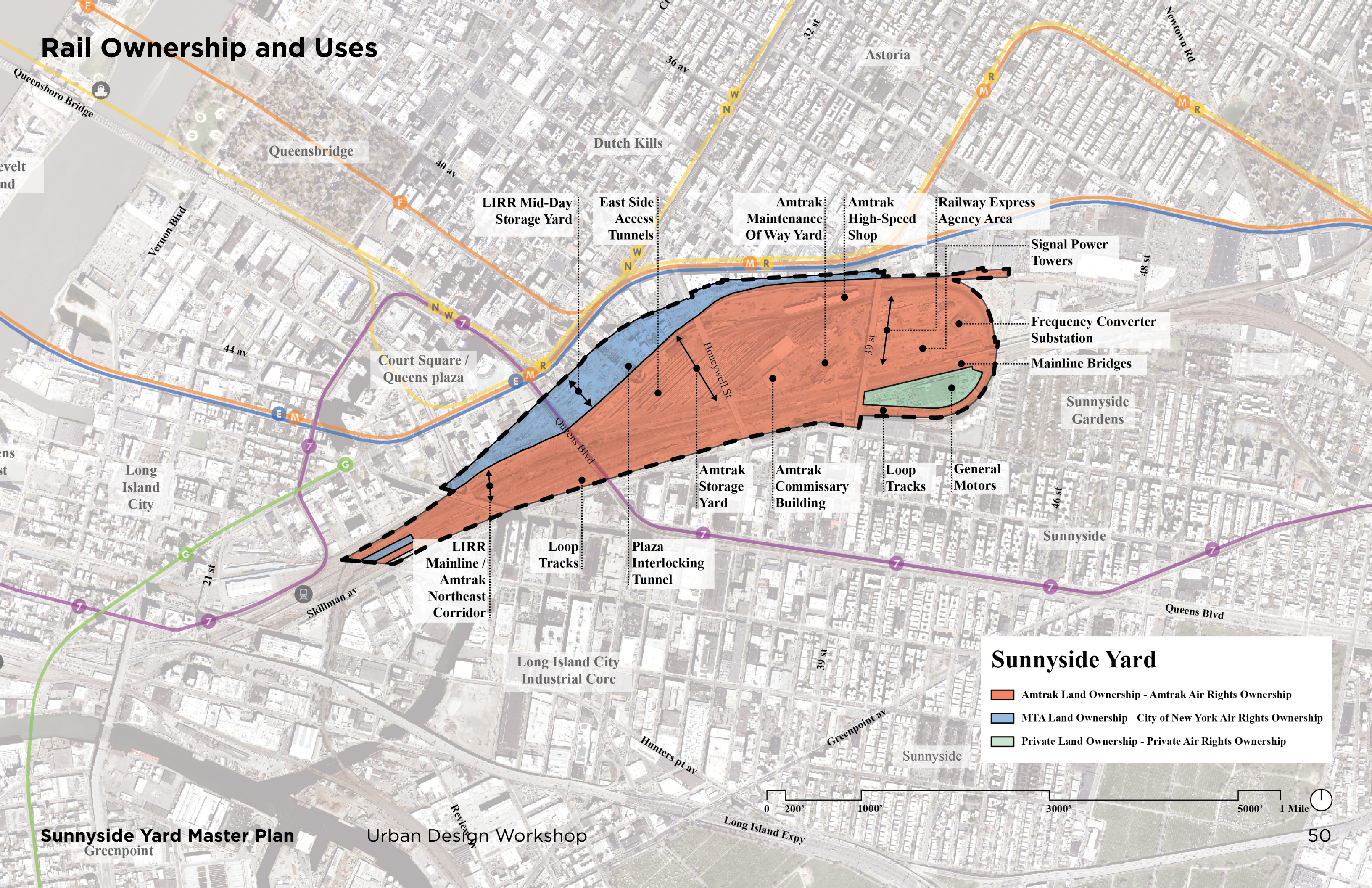
3. Open Space in Western Queens

3.1 Open Space in Western Queens



4. Building Open Space on a Deck

Rail Ownership and Uses



LIRR Mid-Day Storage Yard

East Side Access Tunnels

Amtrak Maintenance Of Way Yard

Amtrak High-Speed Shop

Railway Express Agency Area

Signal Power Towers

Frequency Converter Substation

Mainline Bridges

Sunnyside Gardens

Amtrak Storage Yard

Amtrak Commissary Building

Loop Tracks

General Motors

LIRR Mainline / Amtrak Northeast Corridor

Loop Tracks

Plaza Interlocking Tunnel

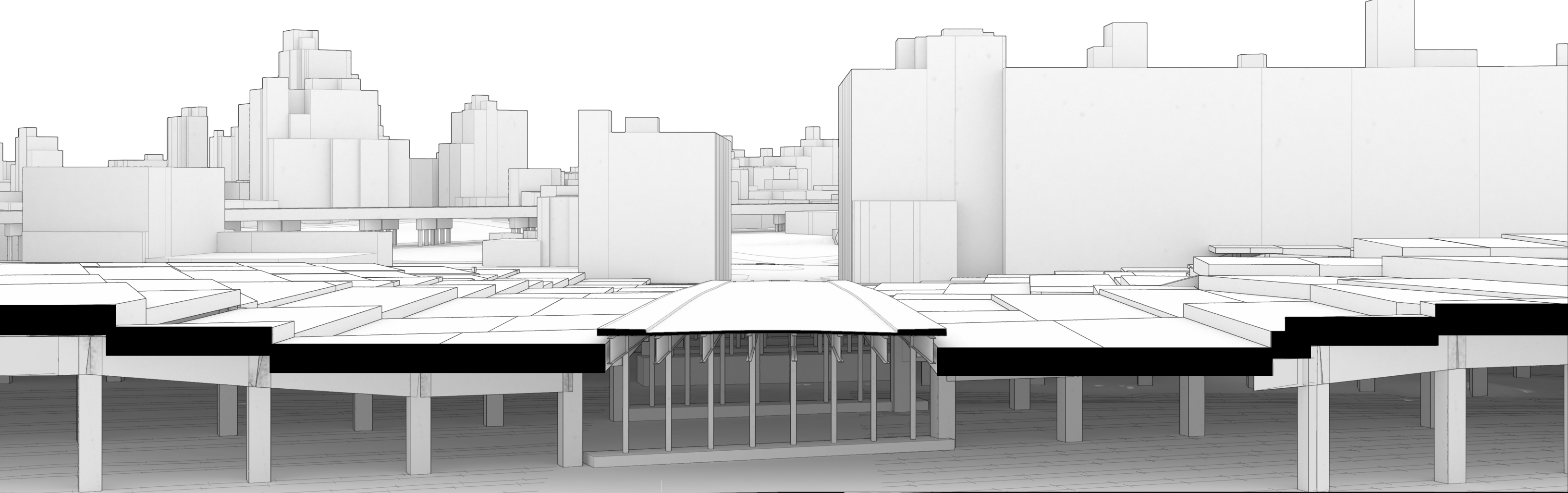
Long Island City Industrial Core

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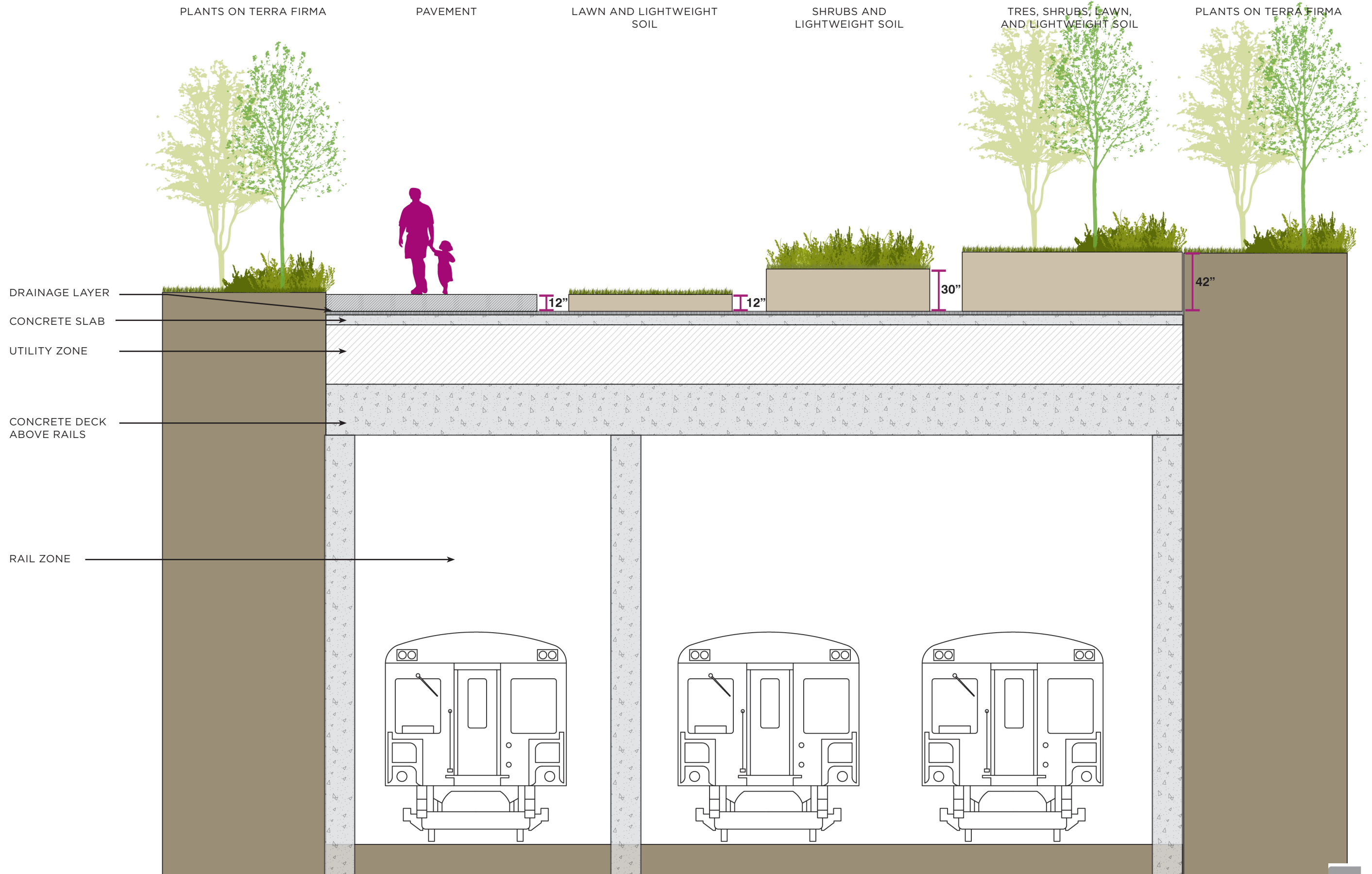
- Amtrak Land Ownership - Amtrak Air Rights Ownership
- MTA Land Ownership - City of New York Air Rights Ownership
- Private Land Ownership - Private Air Rights Ownership



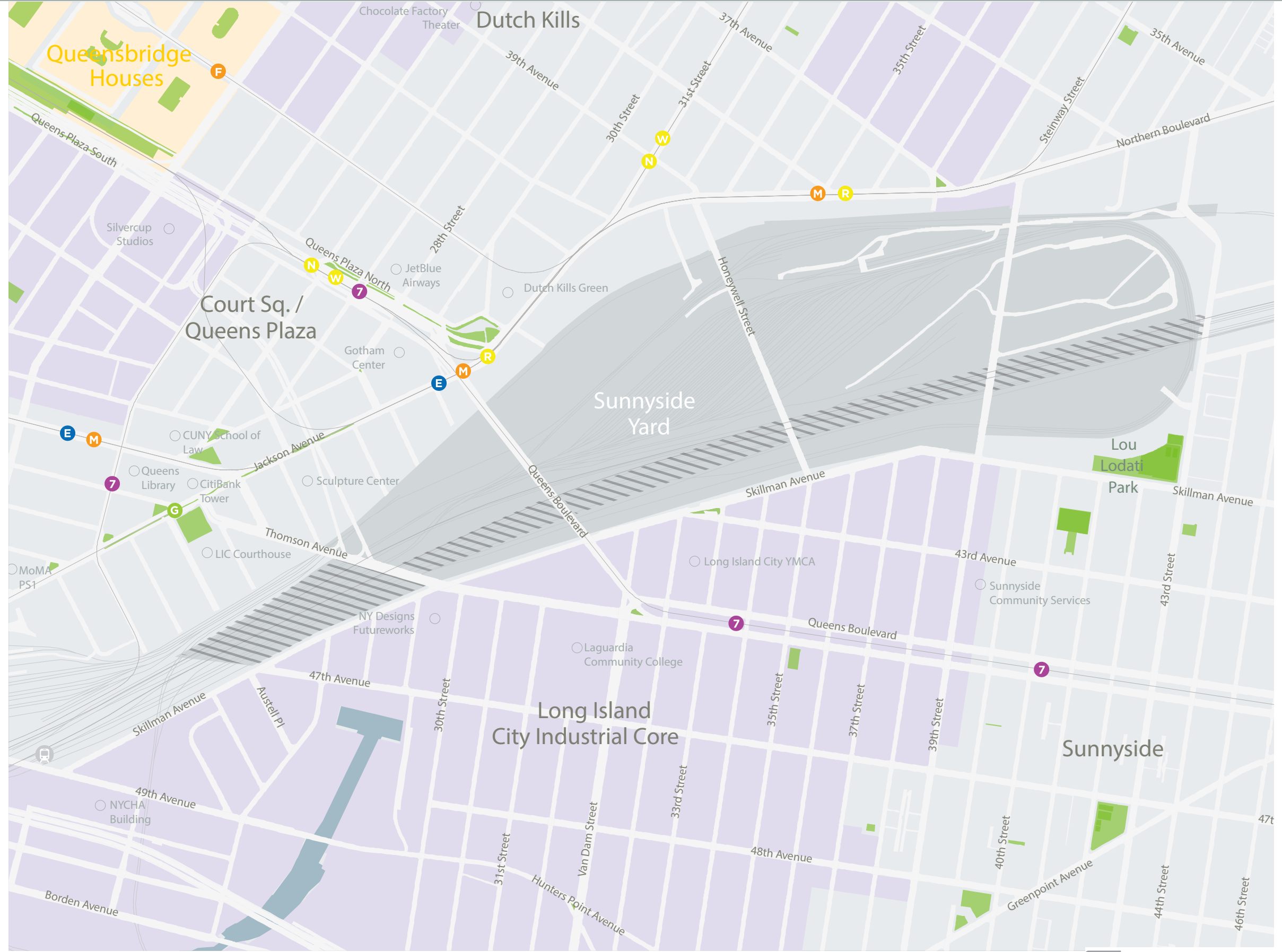
Deck with Clearance Relief



4.1 Soil Depths Required on the Deck



4.2 Site Specific Complexities



LEGEND

COMPLEX DECK
CONSTRUCTION
AREAS



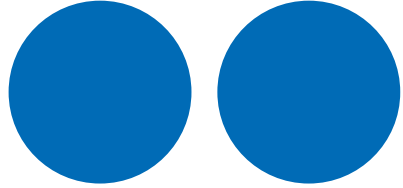
5. Open Space at Sunnyside Yard

5.1 Breakout Activity

PART ONE

EACH GROUP GETS 50 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE STICKERS

10 ACRES



5 ACRES



2 ACRES



PART TWO

ADD STICKY NOTES TO EACH OPEN SPACE ZONE INDICATING DESIRED ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM FOR EACH OPEN SPACE LOCATION

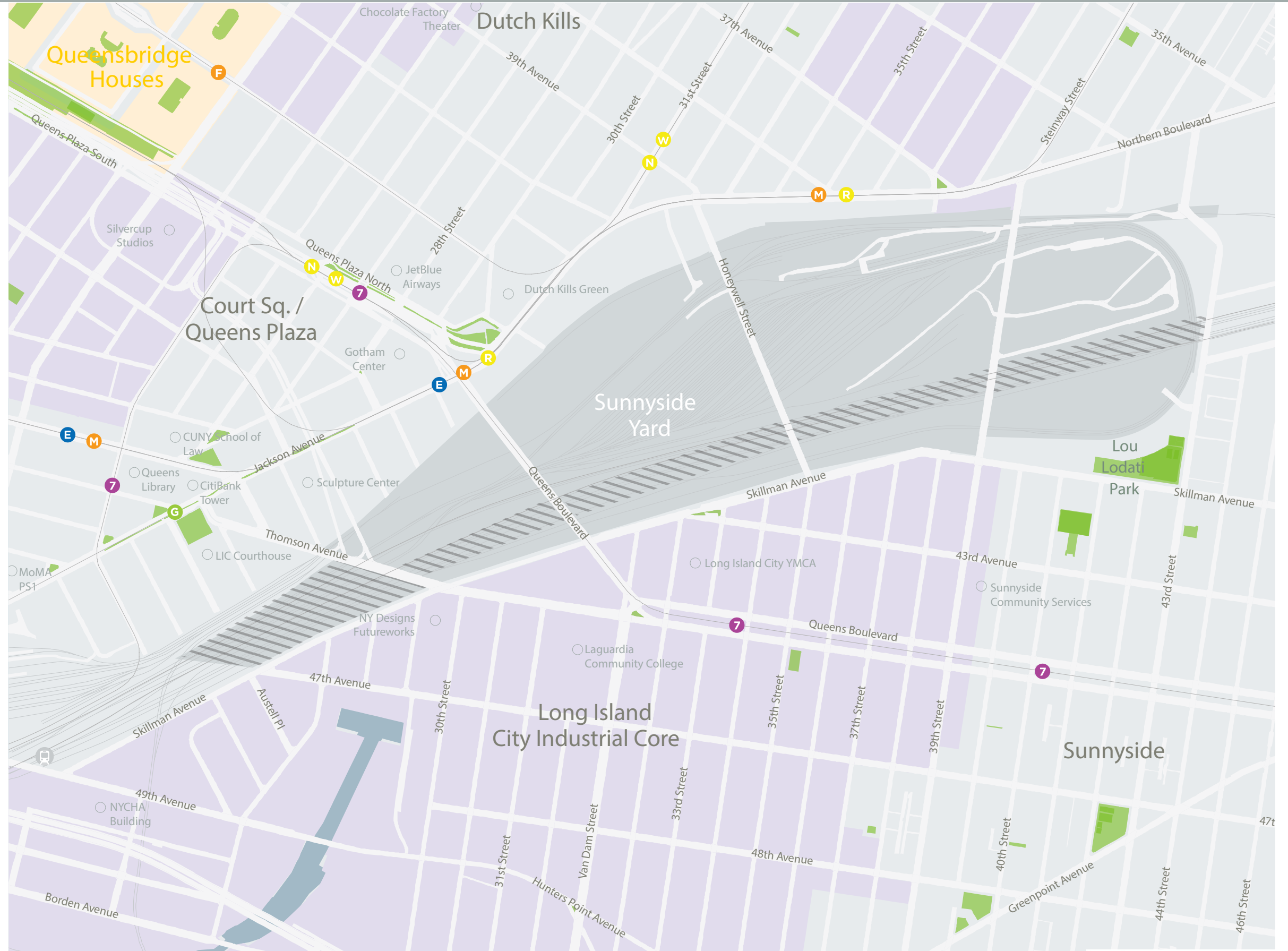
LEGEND

COMPLEX DECK CONSTRUCTION AREAS



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