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# QueensWay Metropolitan Hub

Located between Trotting Course Lane, Metropolitan Expeditionary Learning School Driveway, Metropolitan Ave and Union Turnpike in the Borough of Queens.

Community Board 6 Meeting  
May 6, 2026  
Techno + Sasaki, EDC, NYC Parks

**Total Budget:** \$49M  
New York City Council - \$2.5M FY22  
Mayoral - \$32.5M FY22  
Mayoral - \$14M FY26

**Project Size:** 5.24 ac

# Agenda

- Project Goals and Context
- Summary of Community Input
- Proposed Final Design
- Project Schedule

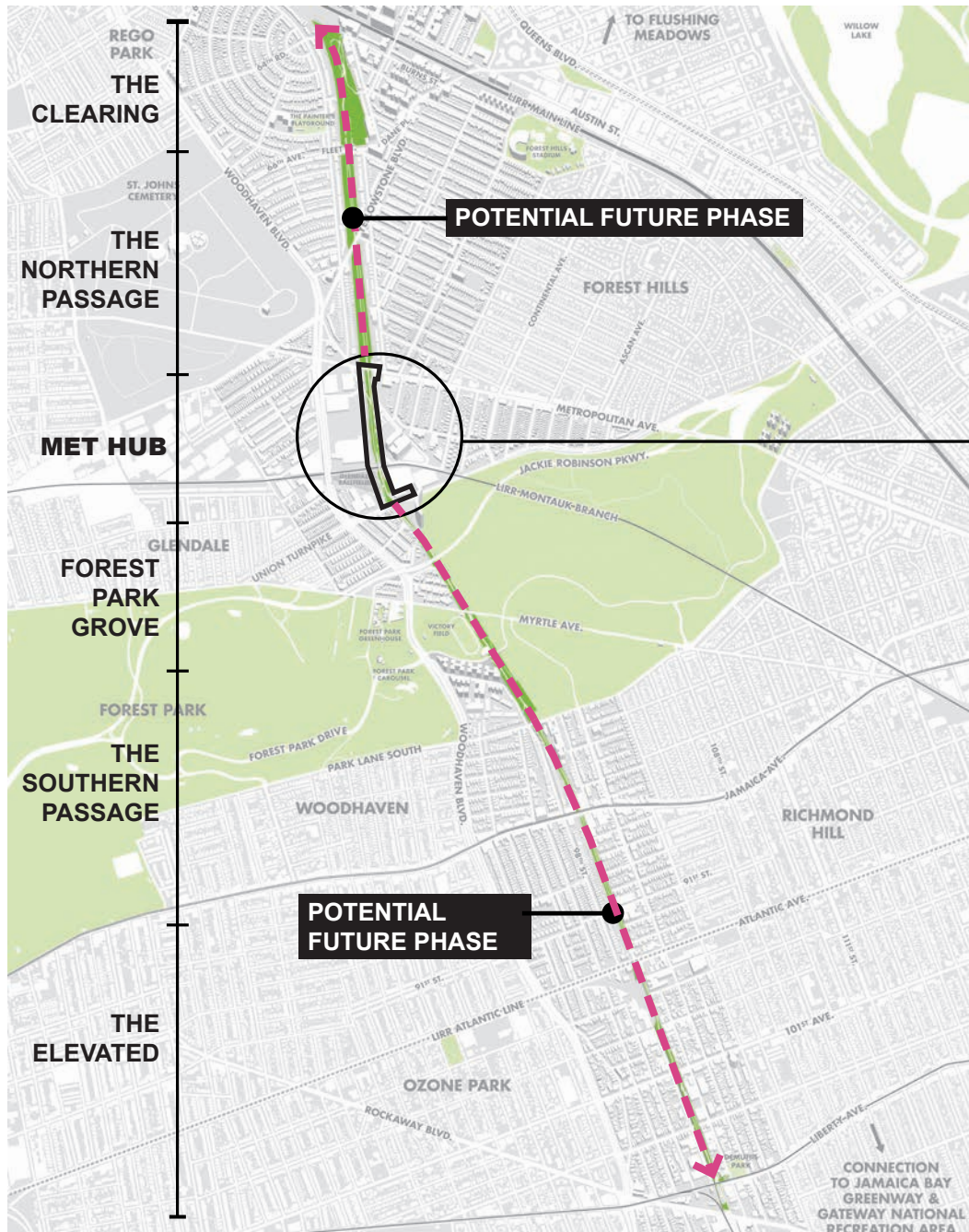


# Project Goals

Create new neighborhood linear park with:

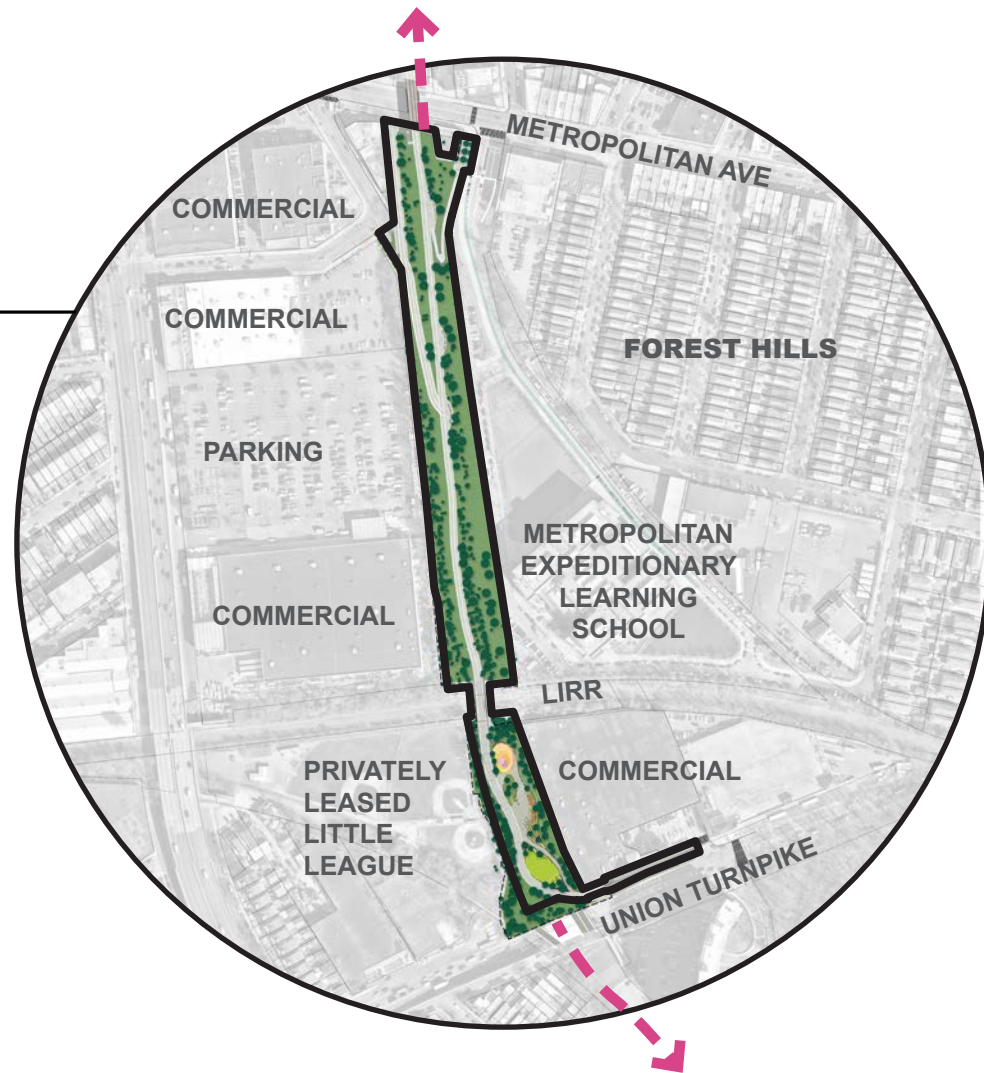
- Pedestrian pathways
- Greenway/Bikeway
- Active and passive recreation areas
- Restored/enhanced natural areas





QueensWay Plan

1000 FT



Metropolitan Hub Site

500 FT

## Legend

- Met Hub Project Limit
- Potential Future Phases of the QueensWay

## Project Context: QueensWay Conceptual Plan

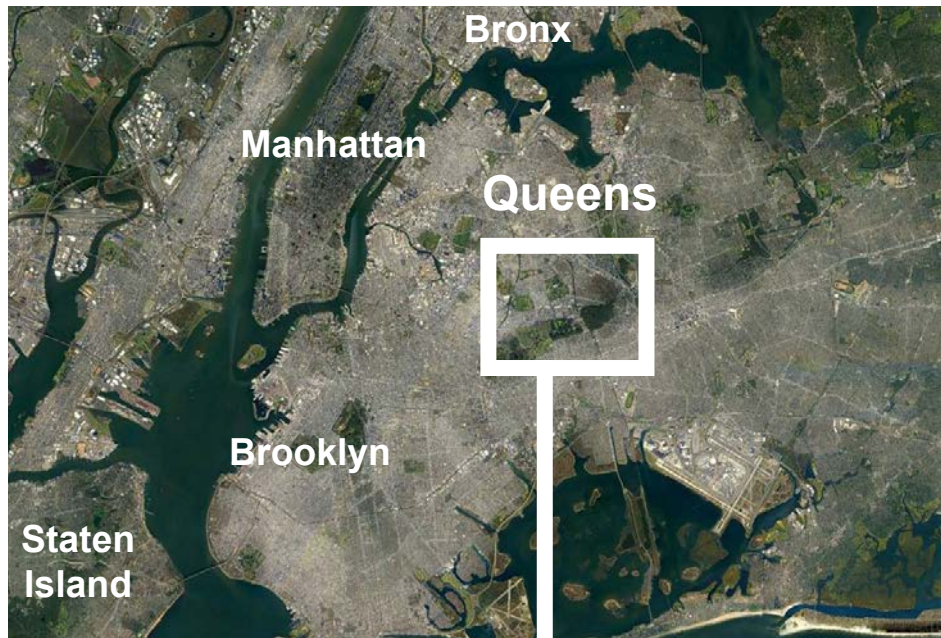
The QueensWay will transform a 3.5 mile length of the abandoned Rockaway Beach Branch LIRR line into a new public space corridor that will connect 6 neighborhoods.

The Metropolitan Hub (Met Hub) is the first phase of the larger QueensWay that will set the precedent for future phases. It is a 1/3 mile segment located north of Forest Park and adjacent to the Metropolitan Expeditionary Learning School complex (MELS). This segment will include a shared use greenway, pedestrian paths, program and seating areas, and improved understory planting.

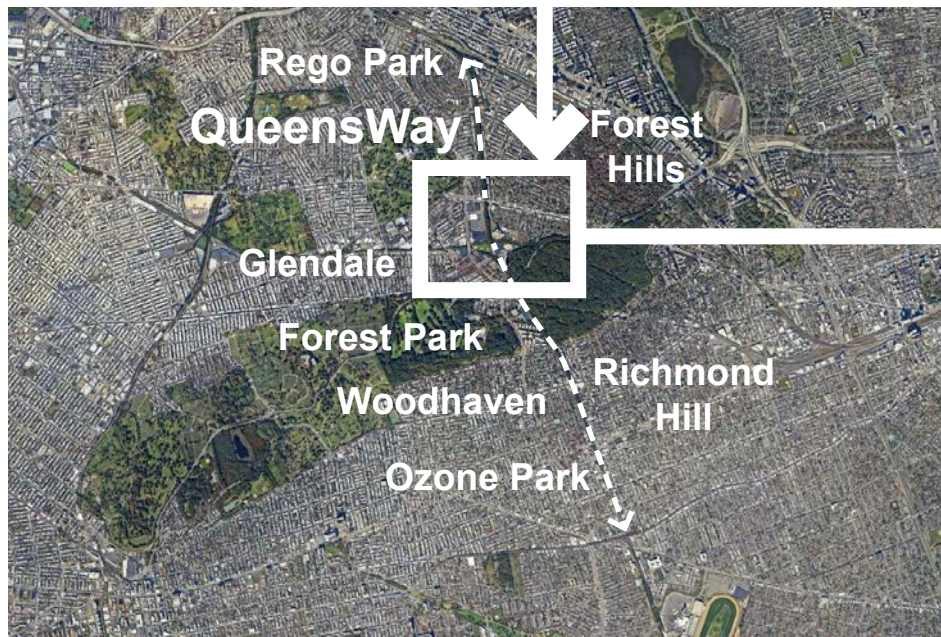


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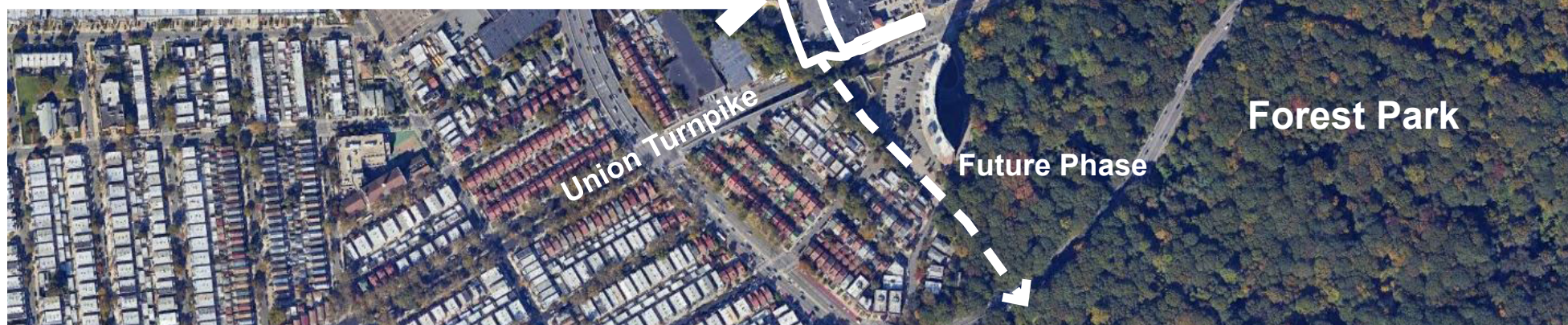




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Neighborhood



Site

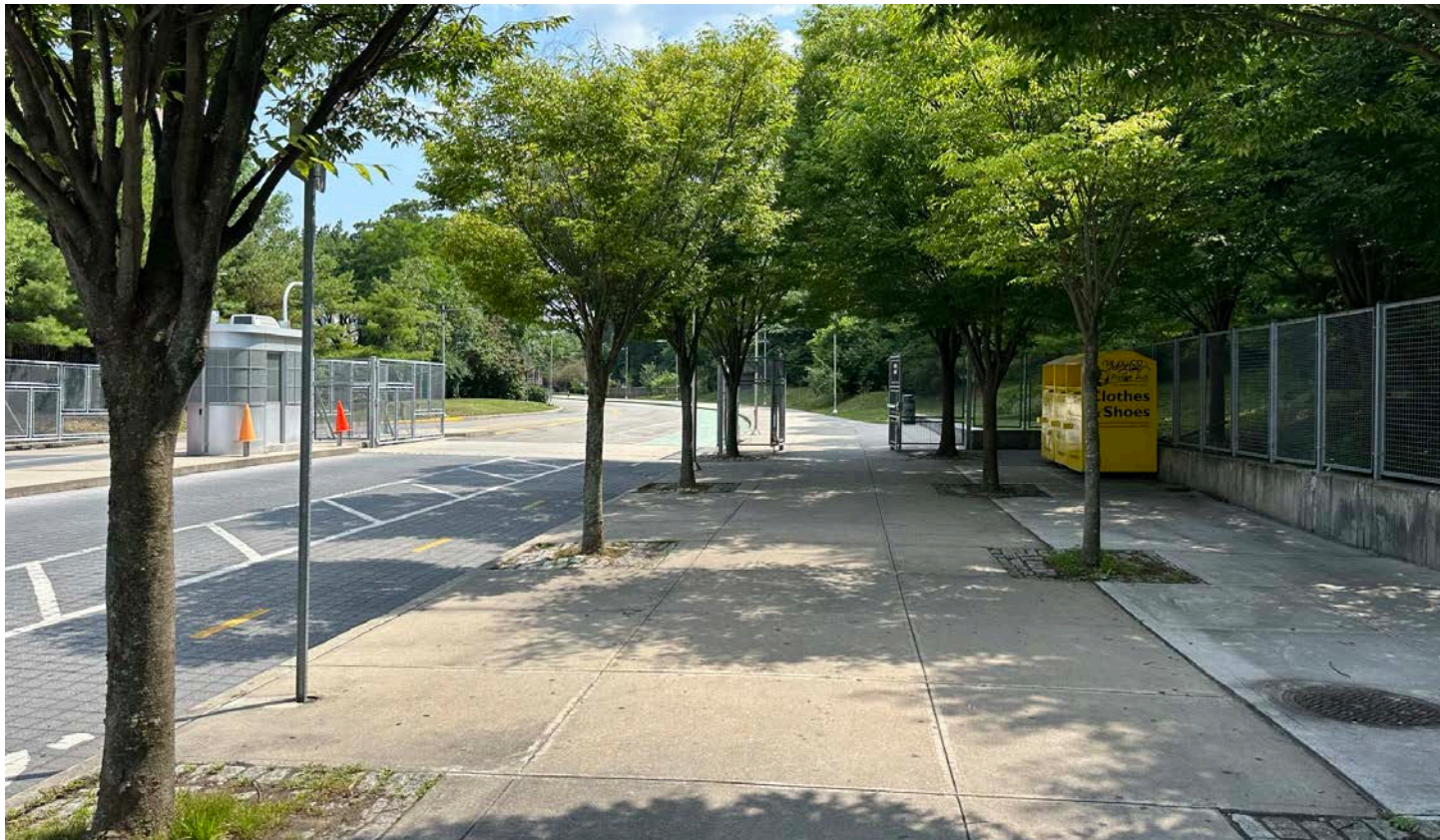


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QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Project Location

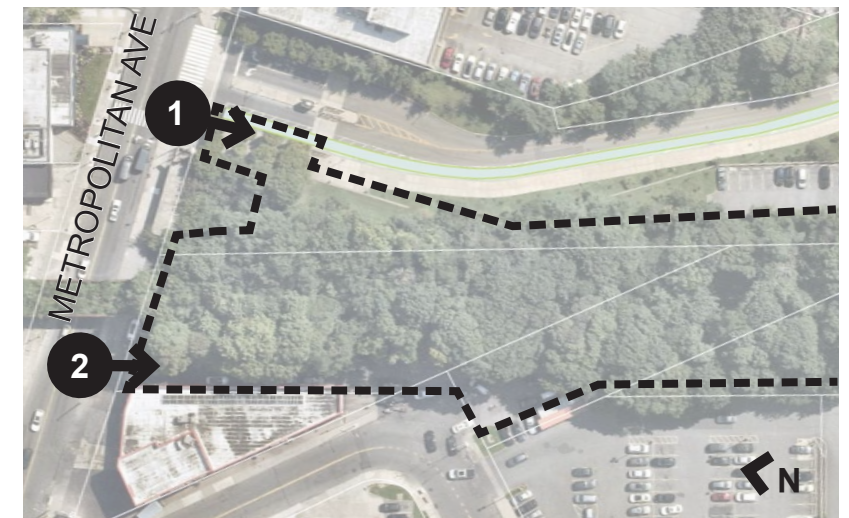
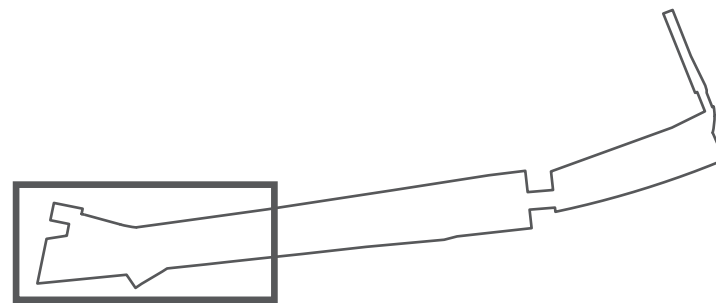




1 - MELS Driveway, Looking South



2 - Metropolitan Ave Access Point Behind the Car Wash, Looking South



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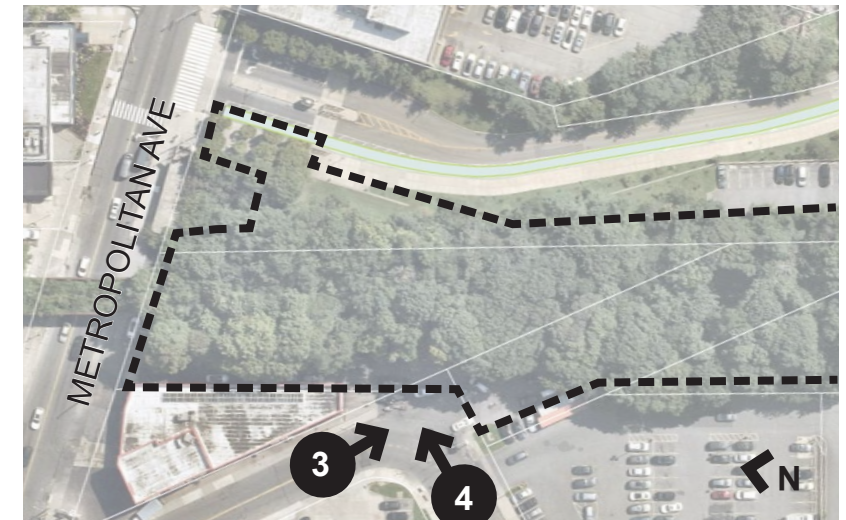
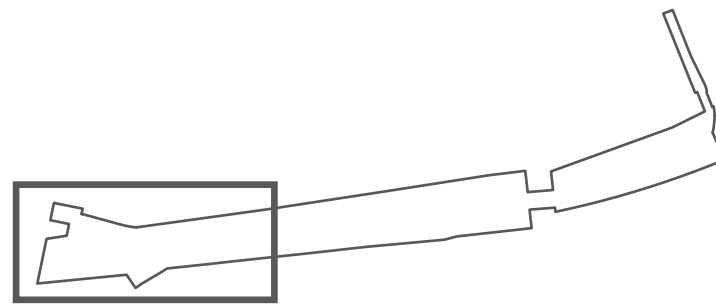
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3 - View South of Car Wash at Trotting Course Lane



4 - View West of Car Wash at 73rd Ave



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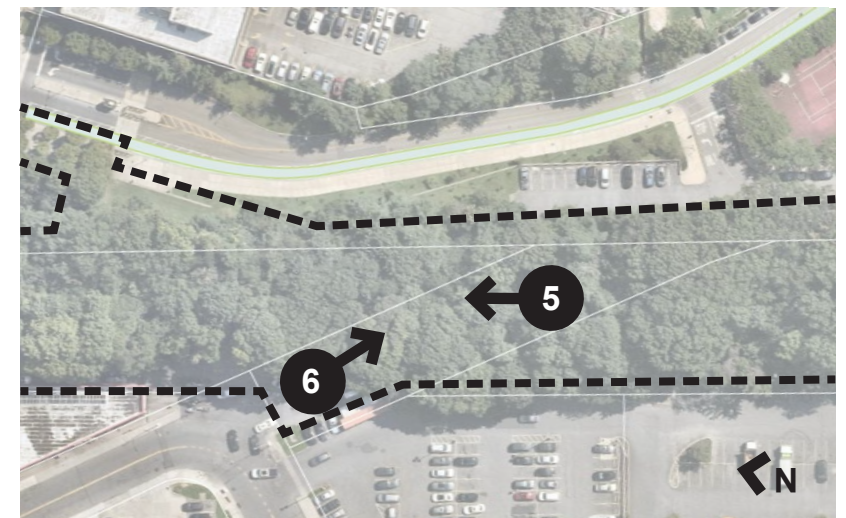
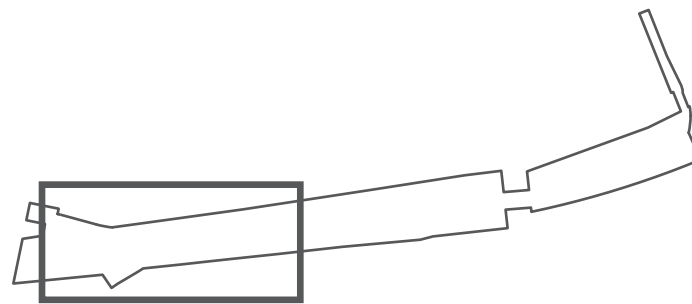
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5 - Looking North from Top of the Embankment



6 - Looking South East at Side Slope of the Embankment



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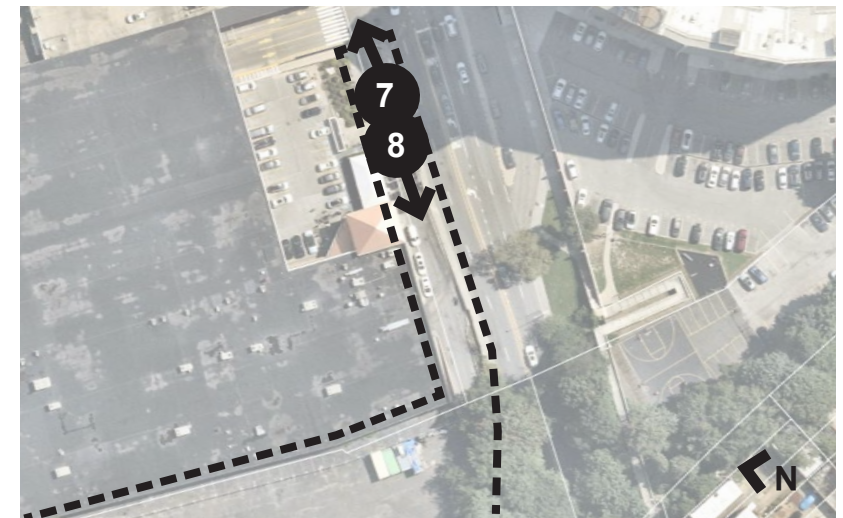
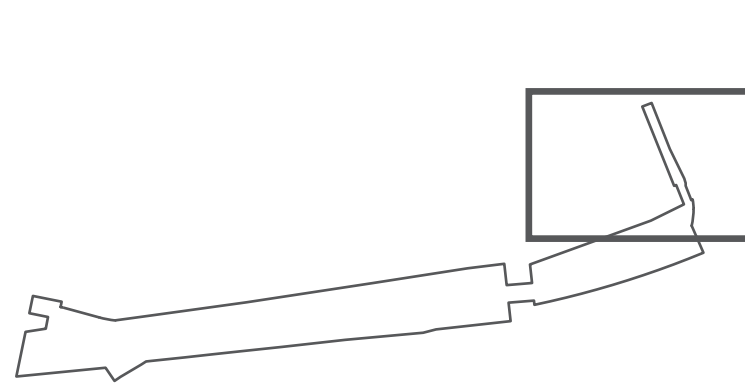
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7 - Entrance to Shopping Center Parking Lot at the Proposed Access Point



8 - Loading Dock and Ramped Drive, Looking West



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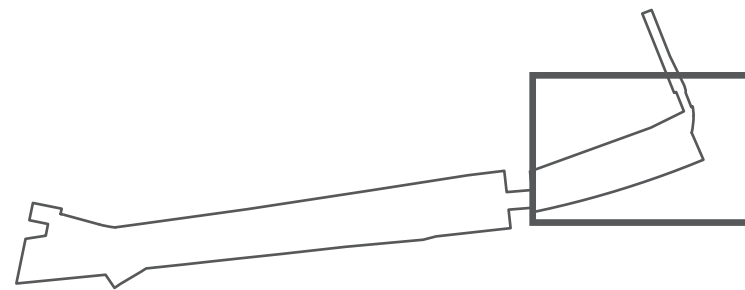
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11 - Existing Parking Lot

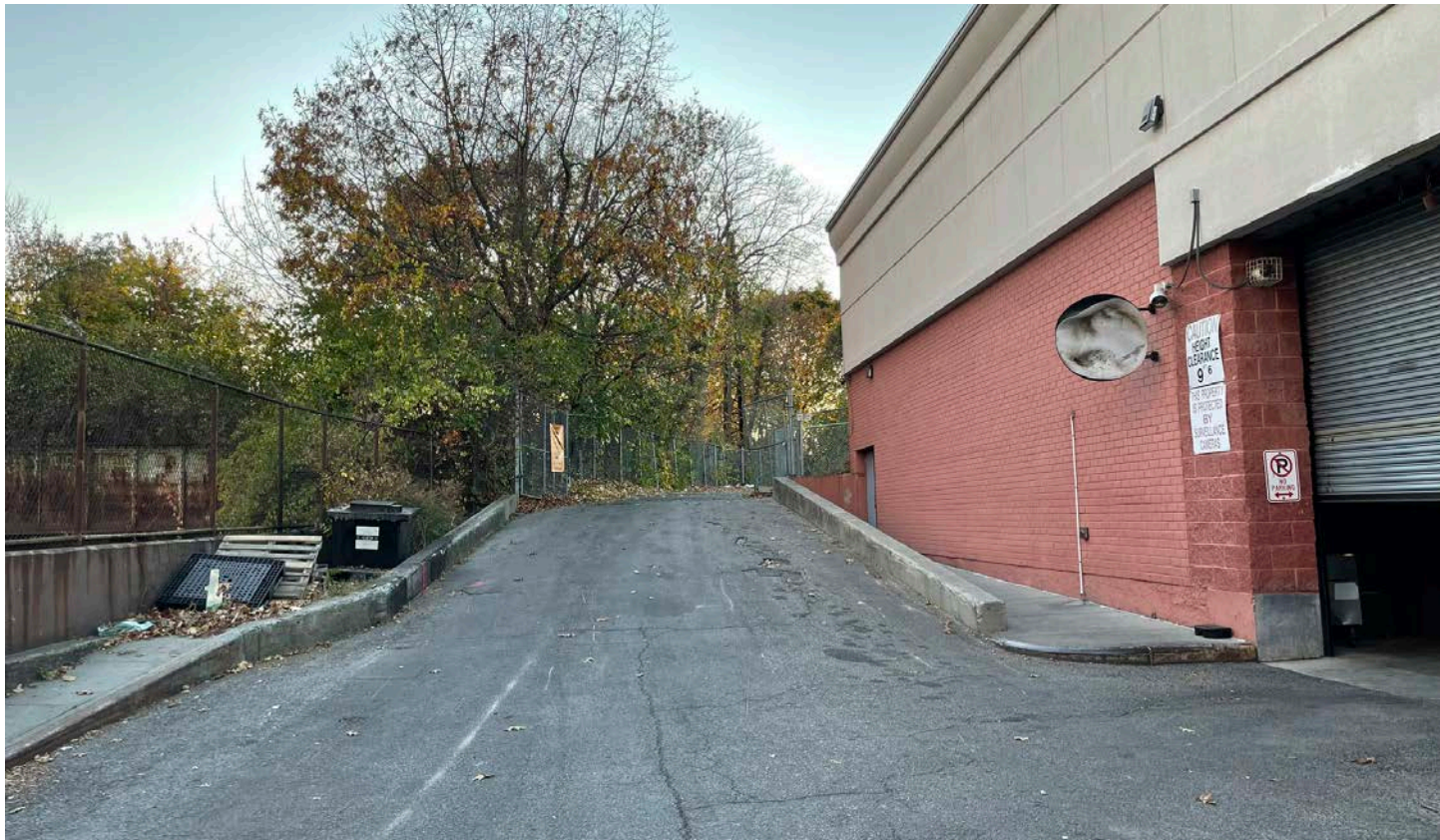


12 - Existing Gate and Steps to Privately Leased Little League Fields

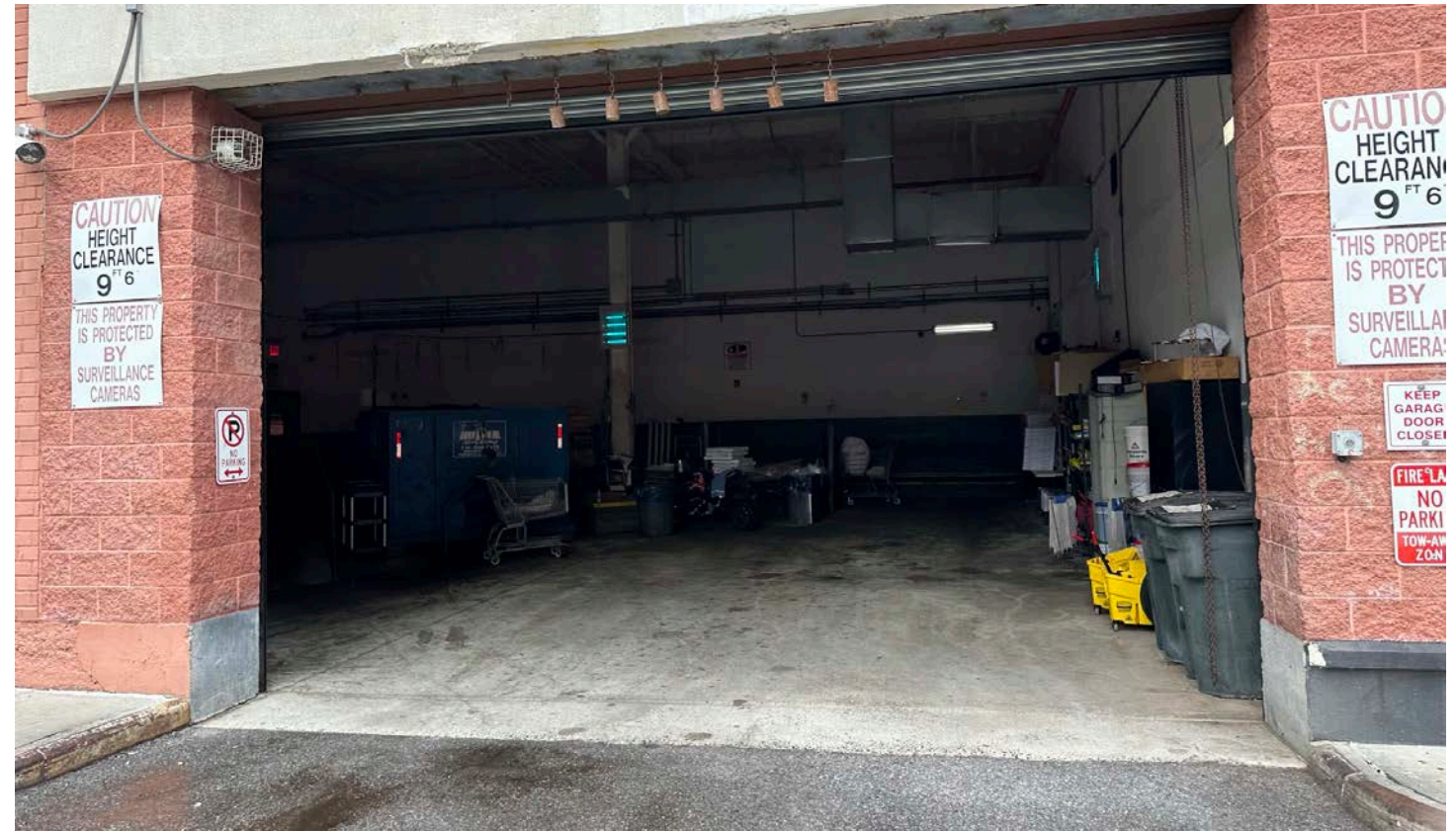


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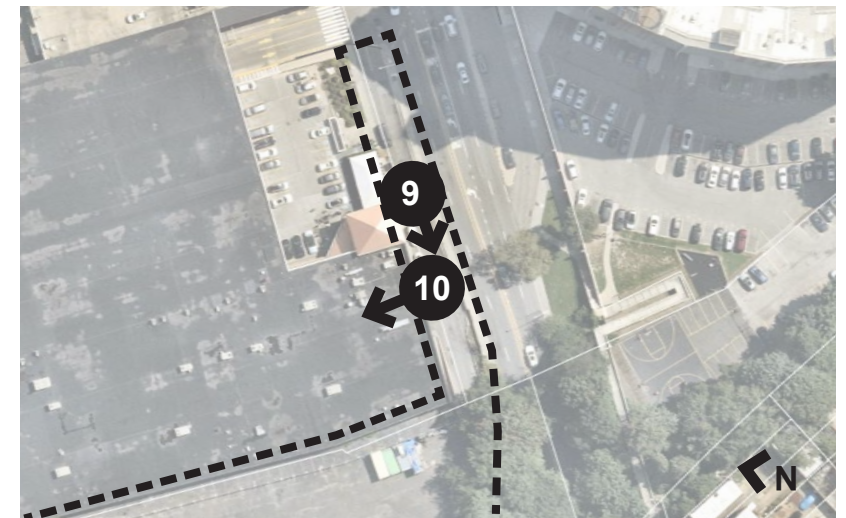
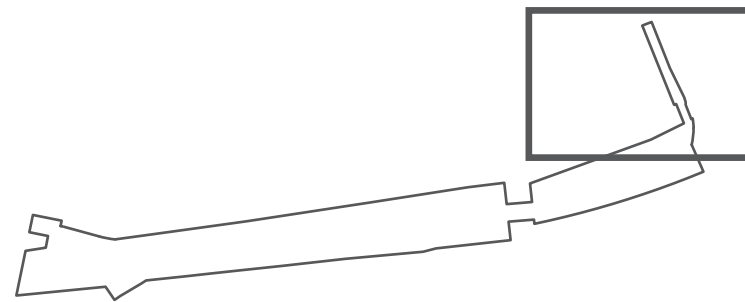
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9 - Loading Dock and Steep Ramp Entrance, Looking West



10 - Loading Dock



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# Summary of Community Input

## Proposed Final Design

- The final design of the QueensWay Metropolitan Hub reflects years of public meetings, community workshops, and stakeholder engagement initially led by the Friends of the QueensWay and Trust for Public Land, and later continued by the City-led project team.

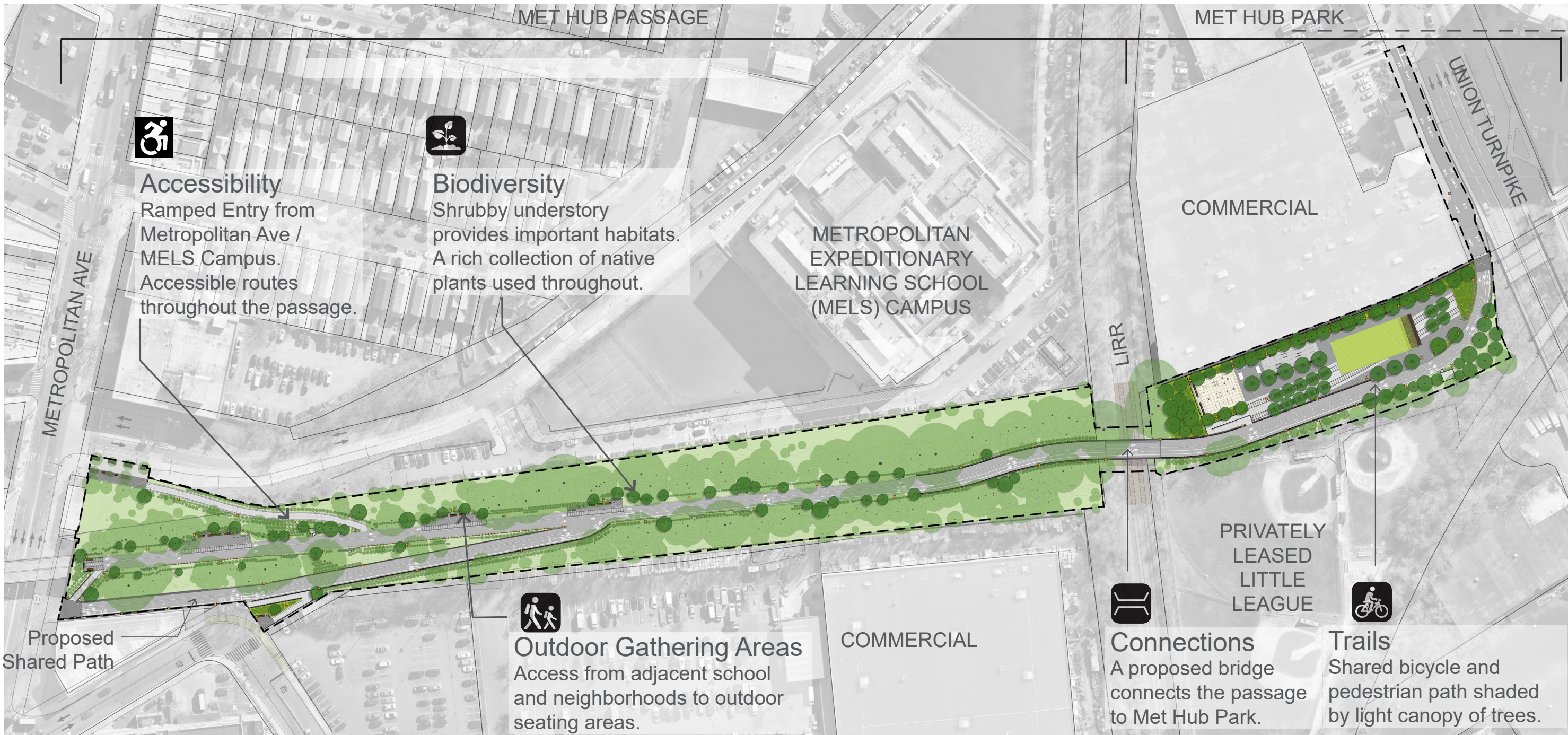
## Meetings

- Using initial concept designs, EDC, Parks and Sasaki have:
  - Hosted 3 community input sessions to gather feedback on programming uses for the MetHub
    - 100+ participants
    - ~100 comments received
  - Shared design updates through all design phases to the Community Board 6 Rockaway Beach Branch Committee
  - Partnered with FQW and TPL for community tabling events

## Outcomes

- Based on feedback from the 2024/2025 input sessions, community members are most excited to use the MetHub to:
  - Take a walk in nature
  - Ride a bike, skateboard, or go rollerblading
  - Relax on park benches





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### Legend

- Project Limit
- Existing Planting
- Proposed Planting
- Tree Pit (Mulch)
- Existing Tree
- Proposed Tree
- Proposed Shrub
- Natural Boulder
- Timber Barrier Rail
- Fence/Guardrail
- Fence Gate
- Removable Bollards
- Game Table and Bench
- Ping Pong Table
- Drinking Fountain + Bottle Filler
- Bike Rack
- Signage
- Ground Hydrant
- Trash Receptacle
- Asphalt
- Concrete
- Light Pole
- Bench w/ Armrests
- Bike Repair Station



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### Legend

- Asphalt
- Concrete
- Light Pole
- Bench w/ Armrests
- Game Table and Bench
- Ping Pong Table
- Drinking Fountain + Bottle Filler
- Bike Rack
- Signage
- Ground Hydrant
- Trash Receptacle
- Timber Barrier Rail
- Hexagonal Unit Paver
- Rectangular Unit Paver
- Epoxy Coating
- Existing Planting
- Proposed Planting
- Tree Pit (Mulch)
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- Proposed Shrub
- Natural Boulder
- Fence/Guardrail
- Fence Gate
- Removable Bollards
- Project Limit





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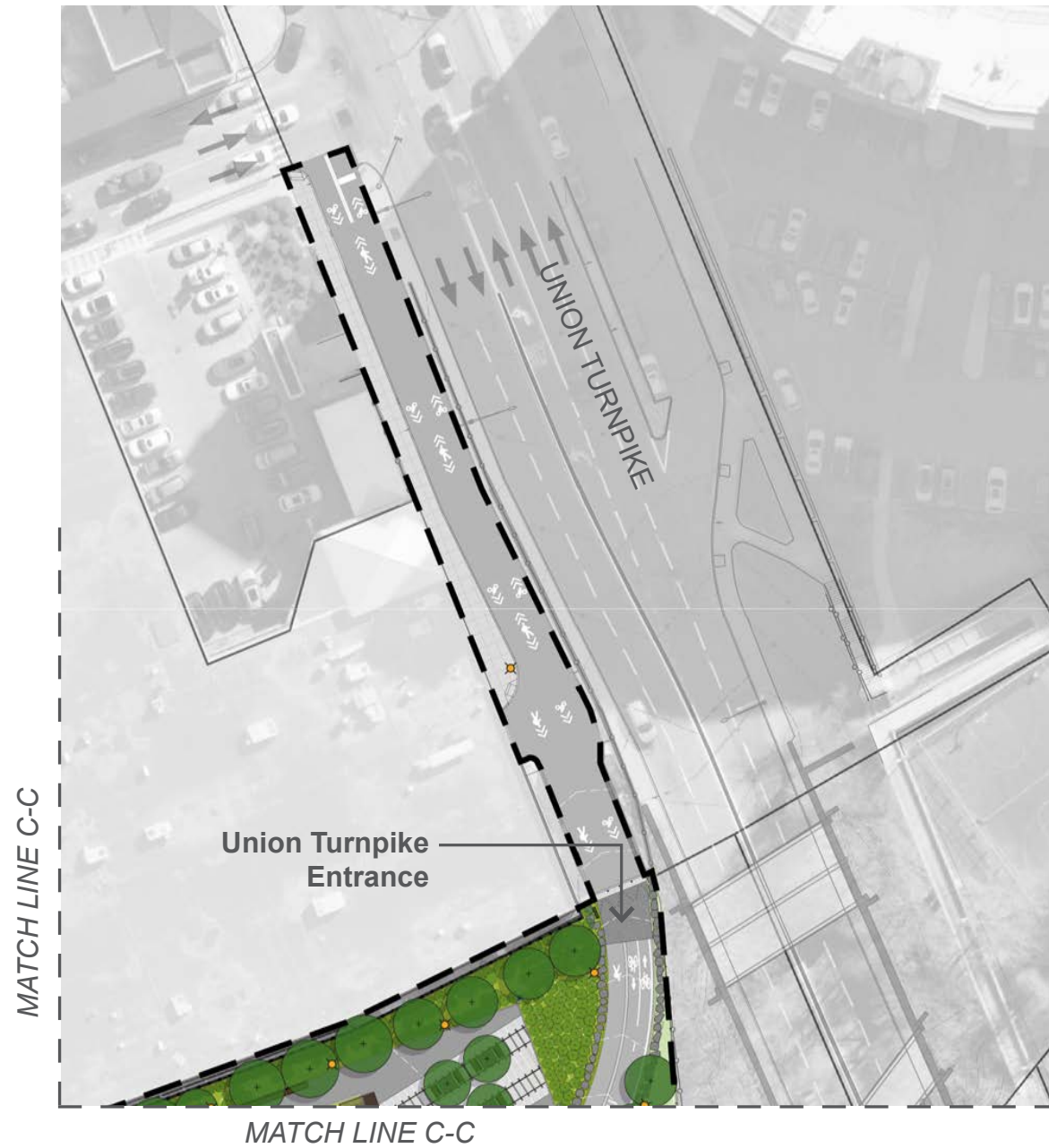
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|  | Bench w/ Armrests                 |  | Proposed Planting      |
|  | Game Table and Bench              |  | Synthetic Turf         |
|  | Ping Pong Table                   |  | Tree Pit (Mulch)       |
|  | Drinking Fountain + Bottle Filler |  | Existing Tree          |
|  | Bike Rack                         |  | Proposed Tree          |
|  | Signage                           |  | Proposed Shrub         |
|  | Ground Hydrant                    |  | Natural Boulder        |
|  | Trash Receptacle                  |  | Fence/Guardrail        |
|  | Spray Mister                      |  | Fence Gate             |
|  |                                   |  | Removable Bollards     |
|  |                                   |  | Project Limit          |



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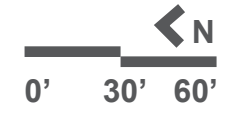
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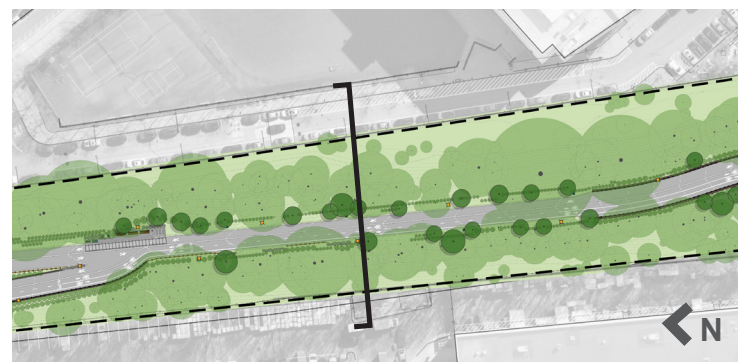
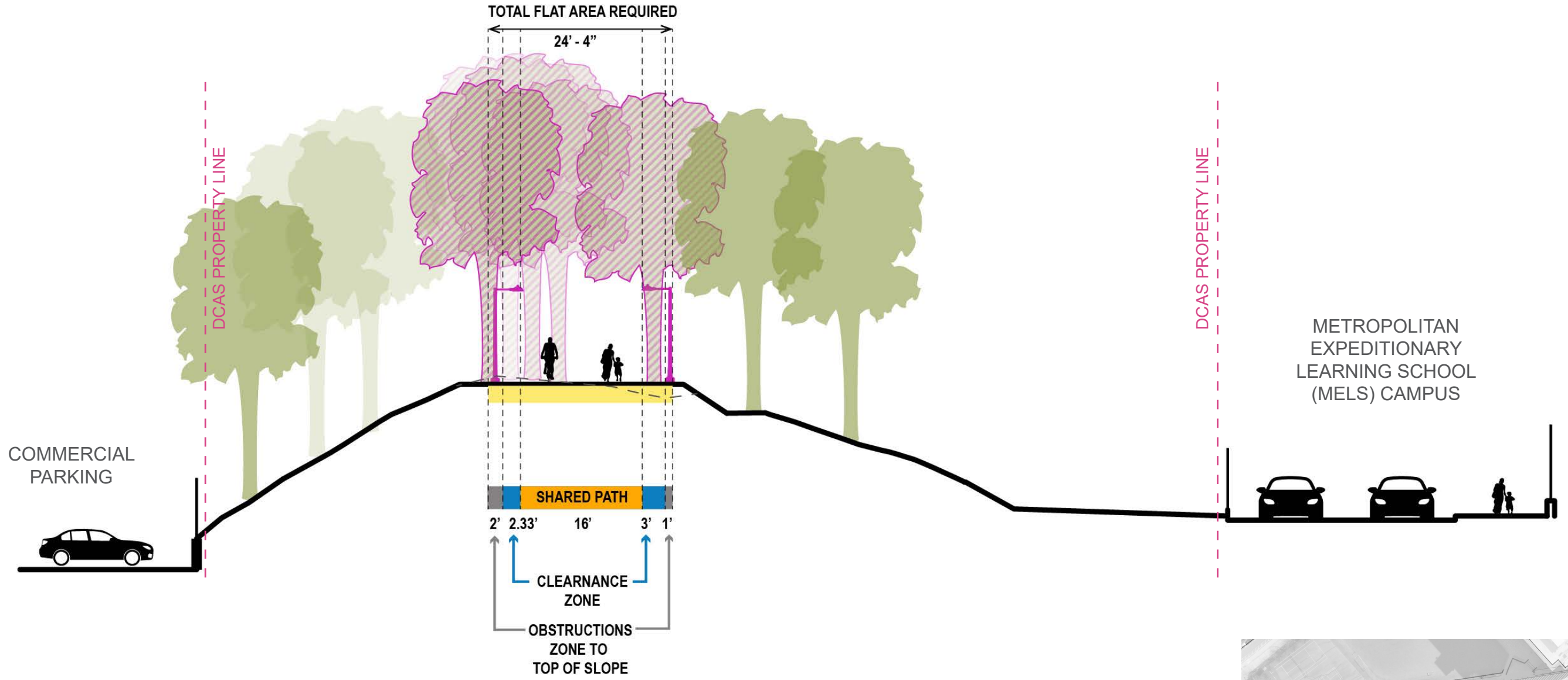
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|  | Ping Pong Table                   |  | Proposed Shrub     |
|  | Drinking Fountain + Bottle Filler |  | Natural Boulder    |
|  | Bike Rack                         |  | Fence/Guardrail    |
|  | Signage                           |  | Fence Gate         |
|  | Ground Hydrant                    |  | Removable Bollards |
|  | Trash Receptacle                  |  | Project Limit      |



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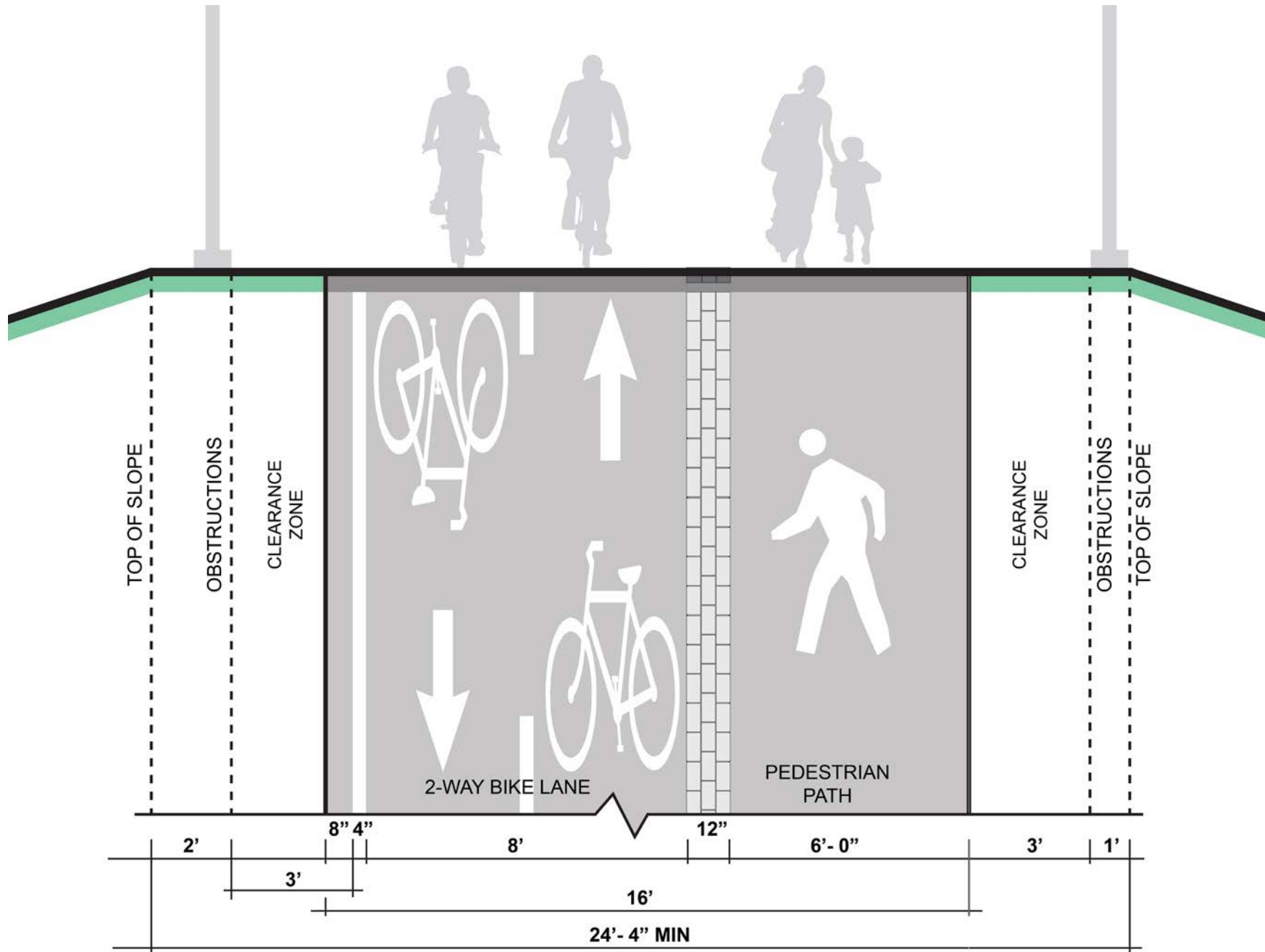


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Not To Scale

# Shared Use Path



Brooklyn Bridge Park Greenway  
Credit: Alexa Hoyer

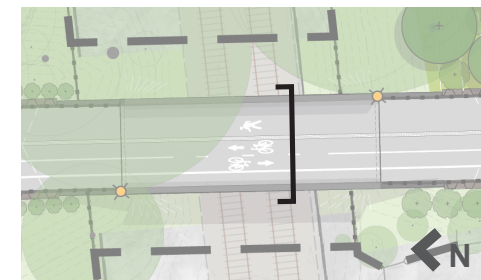
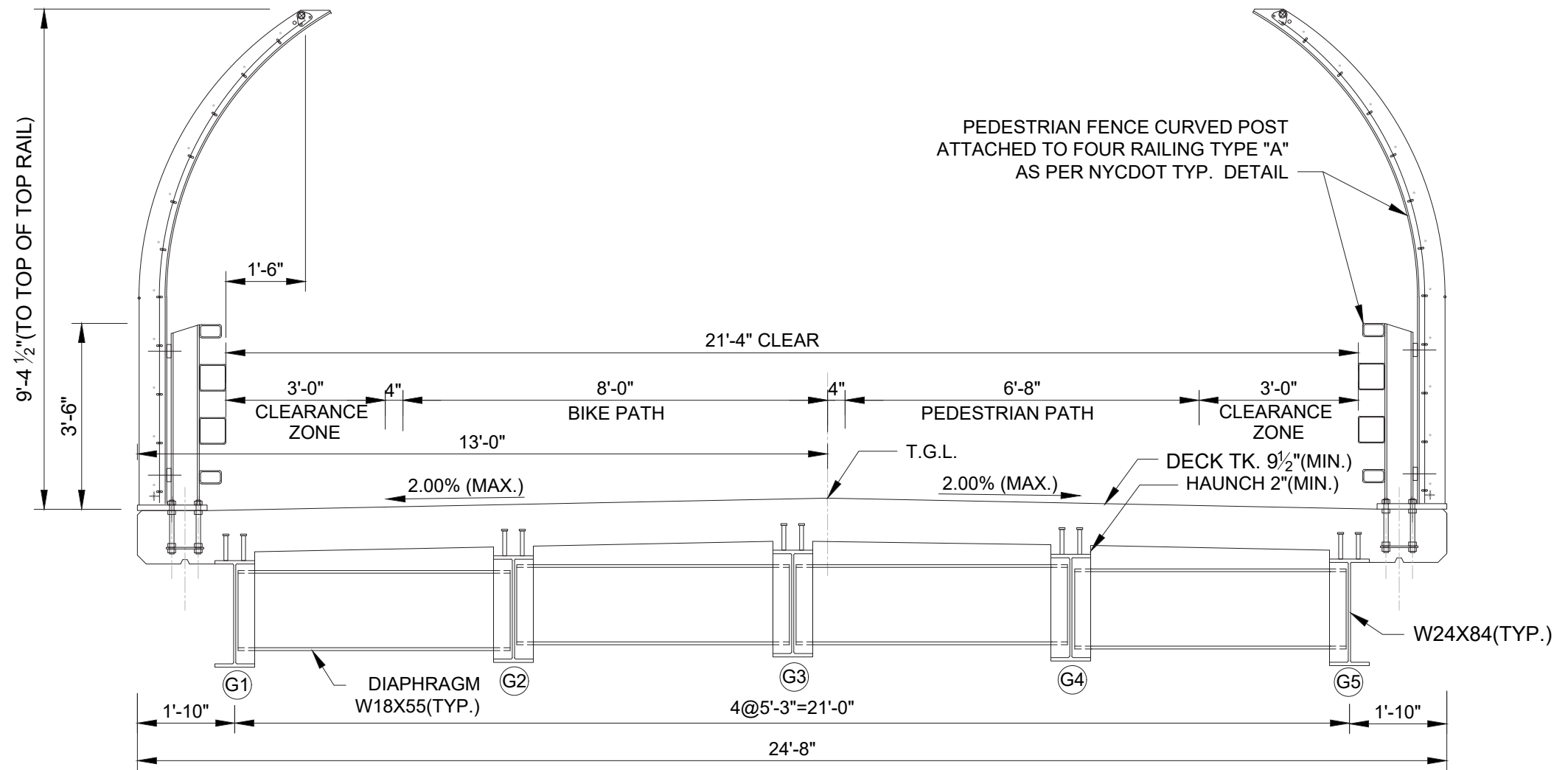


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QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Typical Shared Use Path Section



NYCDOT Standard Curved Fence with Railing



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QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Final Bridge Section





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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - Metropolitan Avenue Entrance**



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QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - Metropolitan Avenue MELS Entrance



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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - Trotting Course Lane Entrance**



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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - Seating Area**



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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - Typical Shared Path On Embankment**



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QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - from Ramp Landing to Program Area



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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - from Program Area to Ramp Landing**



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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - from Fitness Area to Shared Use Path**



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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - from Lawn to Play Area**



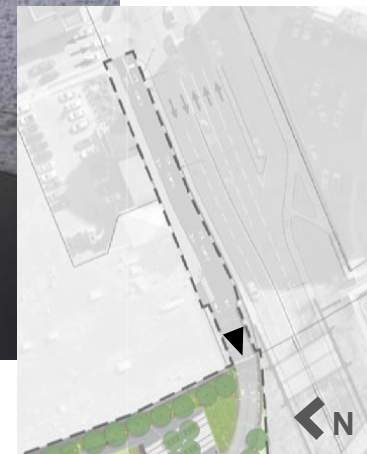
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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - from Shared Use Path Entrance at Grade**



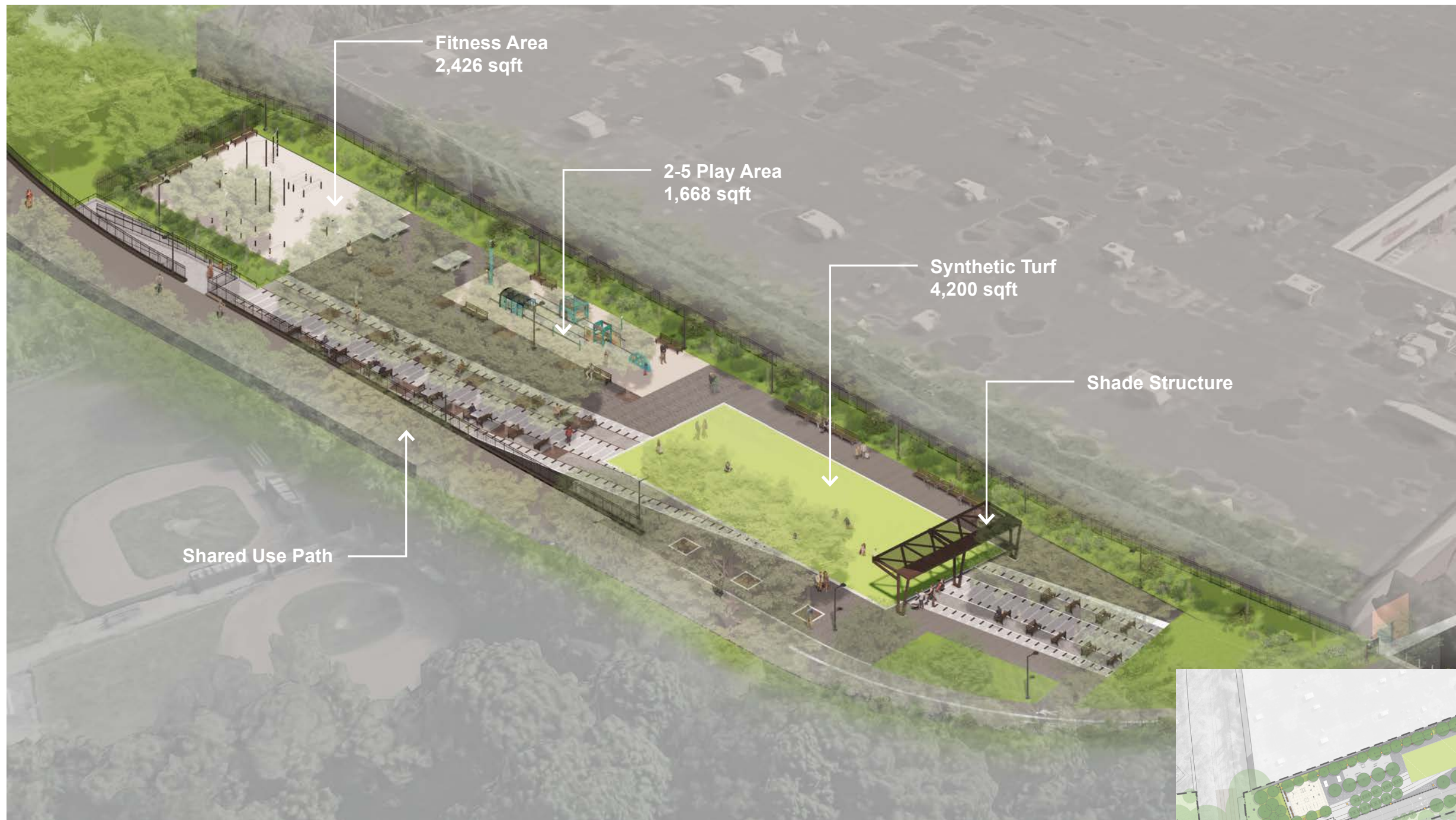
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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Perspective View - Entry Grove, Lawn, and Shade Structure**



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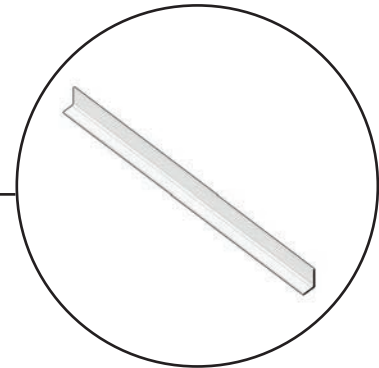
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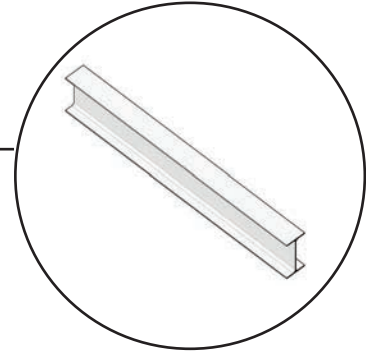
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QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Axon View - Program Area

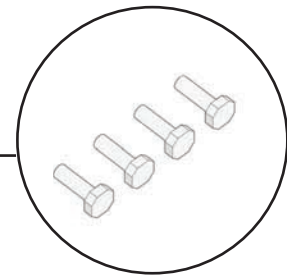
# Shade Structure as Park Identity



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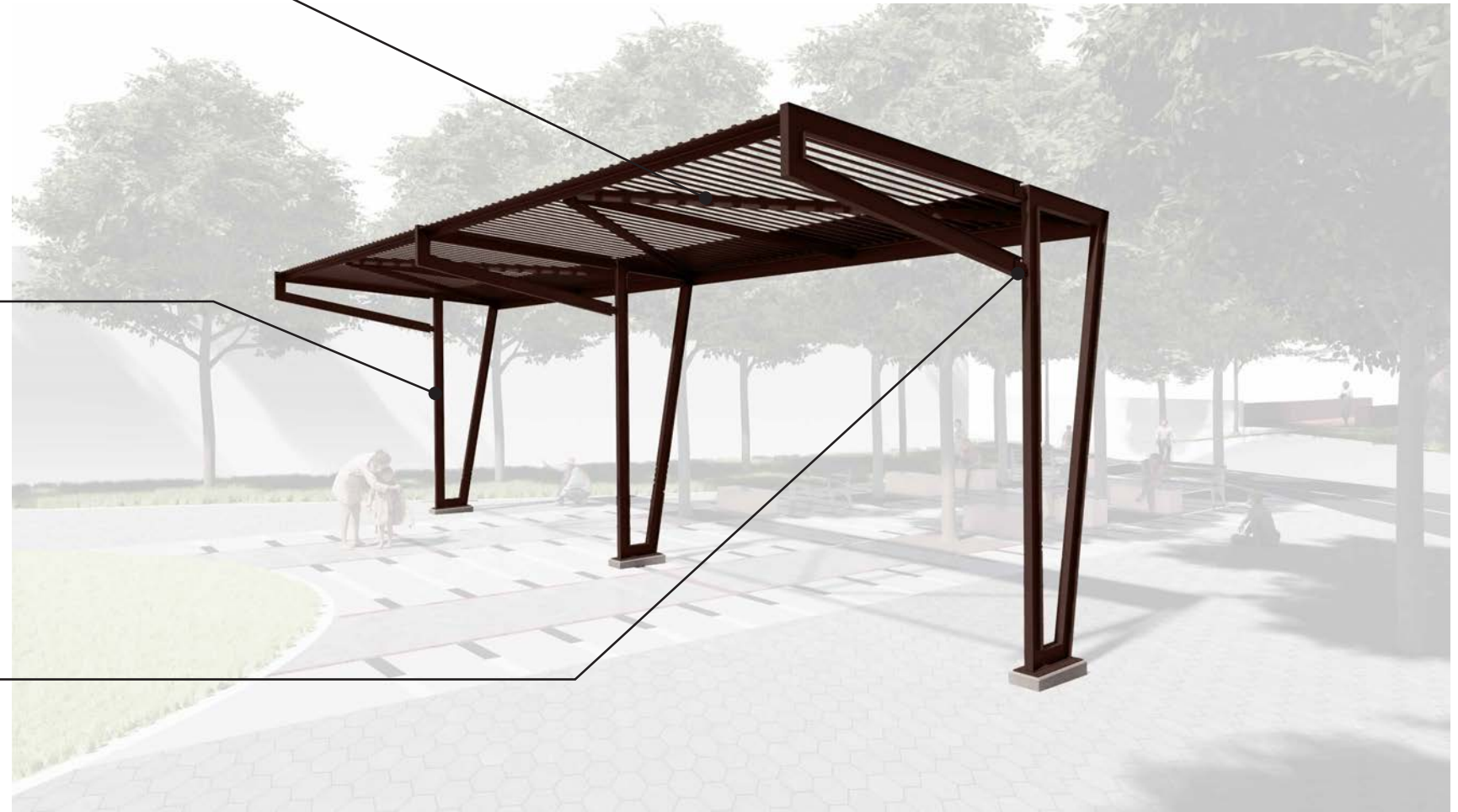


W-Shapes



Bolted Connections

- The shade structure and signage structures pull directly from silhouettes and detailing of the historic rail line infrastructure.
- The detailing of the shade structure and signage structure prioritize ease of maintenance and longevity while celebrating its connection to the rail line infrastructure through bolted connections and expressed standard steel members.



# Signage Structure Family



## ● Park Identity Signage Structure

The park identity signage structure features a NYC Parks standard format but uses metal posts to tie into the material palette of the project.



## ● Wayfinding Signage Structure

The wayfinding signage structure is designed for pedestrians within the park and accommodates various sizes.



## ● Interpretive Signage Structure

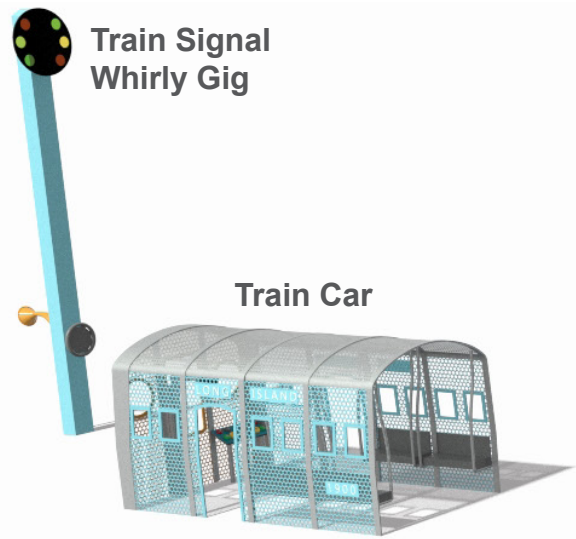
The interpretive signage structure is ADA accessible with low height mounted signs and will be featured at key learning moments within the park.



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Train Signal Whirly Gig



Train Car

“Service Station” Clubhouse with Wheelchair Turnaround

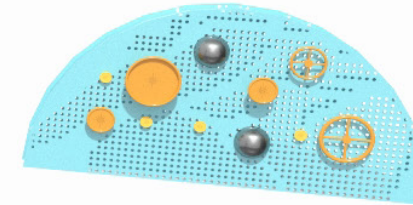


Rail Road Crossing Signs

“Service Station” Clubhouse with Table

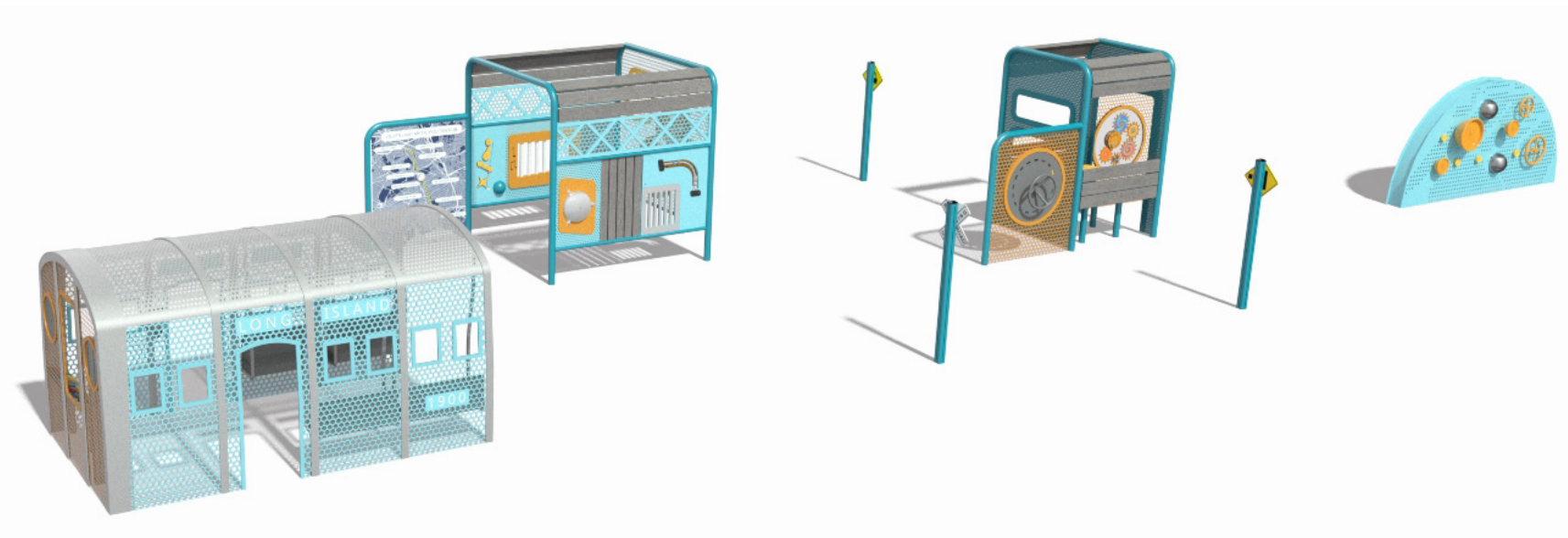


“Industrial” Sensory Wall

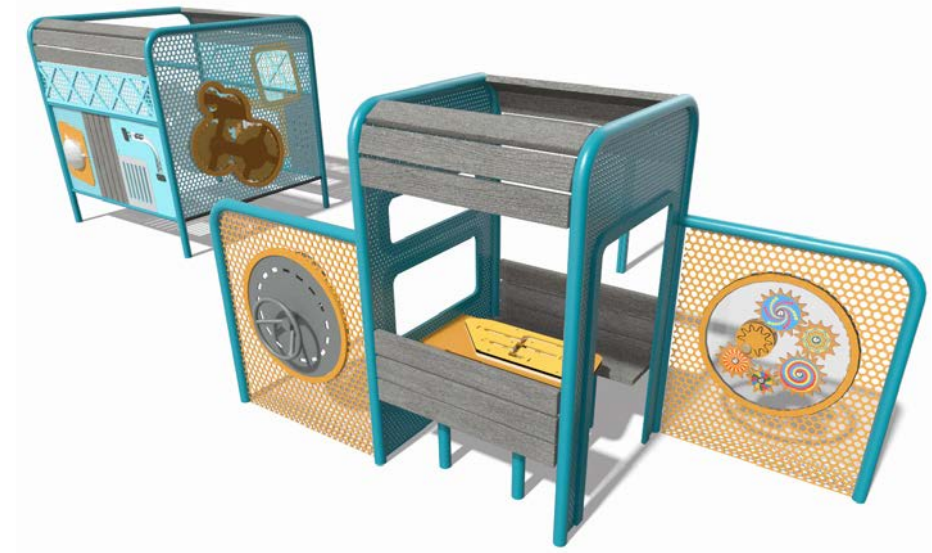


Interactive Map of Historic Rockaway Beach Branch LIRR Line

Overall View 1



Overall View 2



“Service Station” Clubhouses and Play Panels



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Triple Parallel Bars  
ADA



Pull Up Bars  
ADA



Flex Wheel and Leg Lift  
ADA



Double Chest Press  
ADA



Arm Bike Pro  
ADA



Plyometric Steps



Hurdles



Combination Structure with  
Sit Up Bench



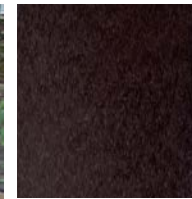
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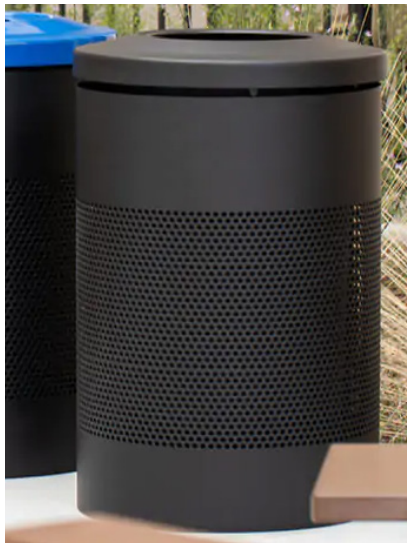
Removable Bollards: Black



1964 Worlds' Fair Bench w/Arms: Black with Milwaukee Brown RPL



Concrete Game Table



Public Space Receptacle Bin: Black



Drinking Fountain Type F Hi-Lo



Bottle Filler: Black



Concrete Ping Pong Table



DOT-SL Standard Flushing Meadows Park Post with LED Stad Luminaire Mounted on Arm: Black



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**Red Maple**  
*Acer rubrum* 'October Glory'



**Shadblow Serviceberry**  
*Amelanchier canadensis*



**American Hornbeam**  
*Carpinus caroliniana*



**Hackberry**  
*Celtis occidentalis*



**Eastern Redbud**  
*Cercis canadensis*



**Taylor Eastern Redcedar**  
*Juniperus virginiana* 'Taylor'



**Tulip Tree**  
*Liriodendron tulipifera*



**American Hophornbeam**  
*Ostrya virginiana*



**Red Cherry**  
*Prunus virginiana*



**Okame Flowering Cherry**  
*Prunus* 'Okame'



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**QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub | Proposed Final Plant Palette**



**Sweetshrub**  
*Calycanthus floridus*



**New Jersey Tea**  
*Ceanothus americanus*



**Dwarf Fothergilla**  
*Fothergilla gardenii*



**Oakleaf Hydrangea**  
*Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Pee Wee'



**Inkberry**  
*Ilex glabra* 'Shamrock'



**Drooping Leucothoe**  
*Leucothoe fontanesiana*



**Compact Bayberry**  
*Myrica pensylvanica* 'Bobzam'



**Fragrant Sumac**  
*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Lo'



**Staghorn Sumac**  
*Rhus typhina*

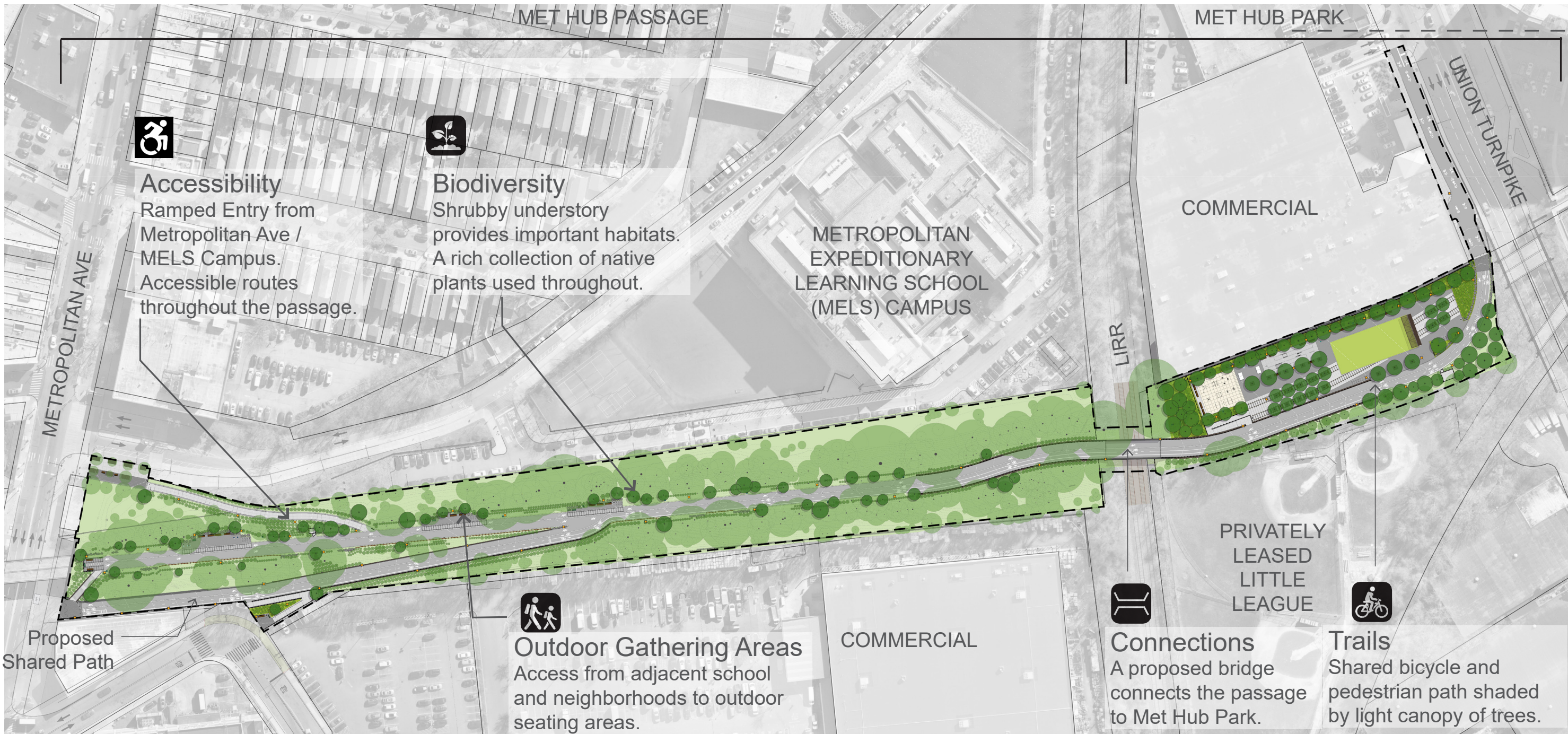


**Elderberry**  
*Sambucus canadensis*



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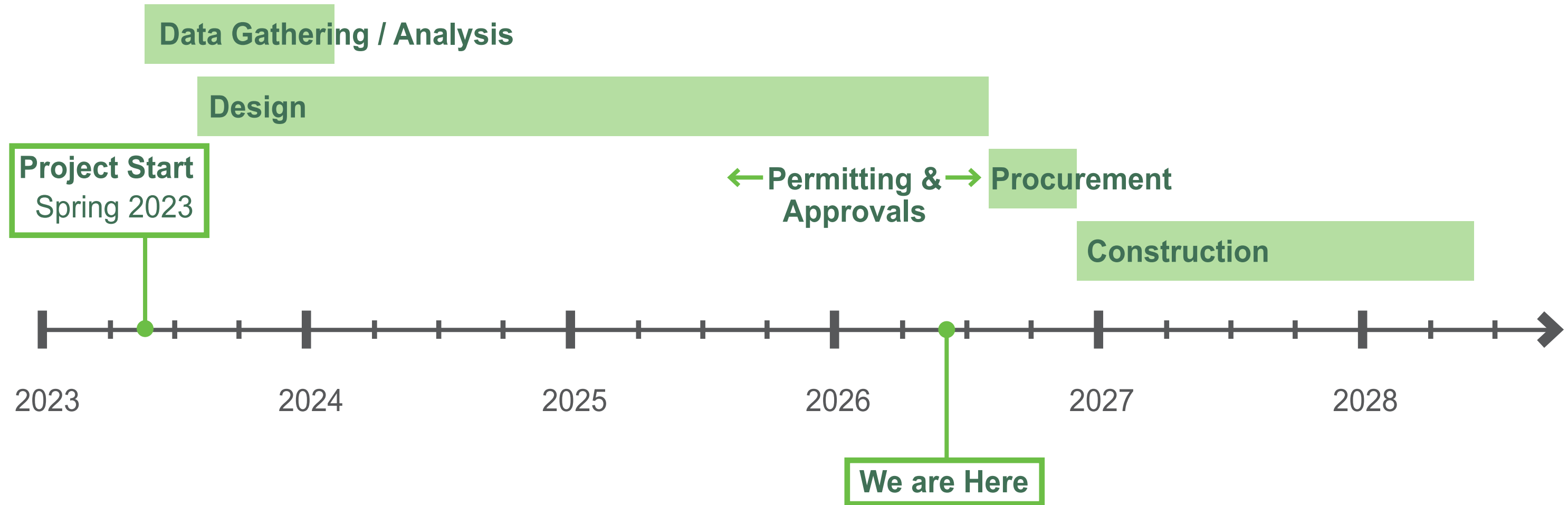


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# Anticipated Project Timeline



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