



SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

# REBUILD BY DESIGN

■ RESIST ■ DELAY ■ STORE ■ DISCHARGE ■

## HUDSON RIVER

Hoboken

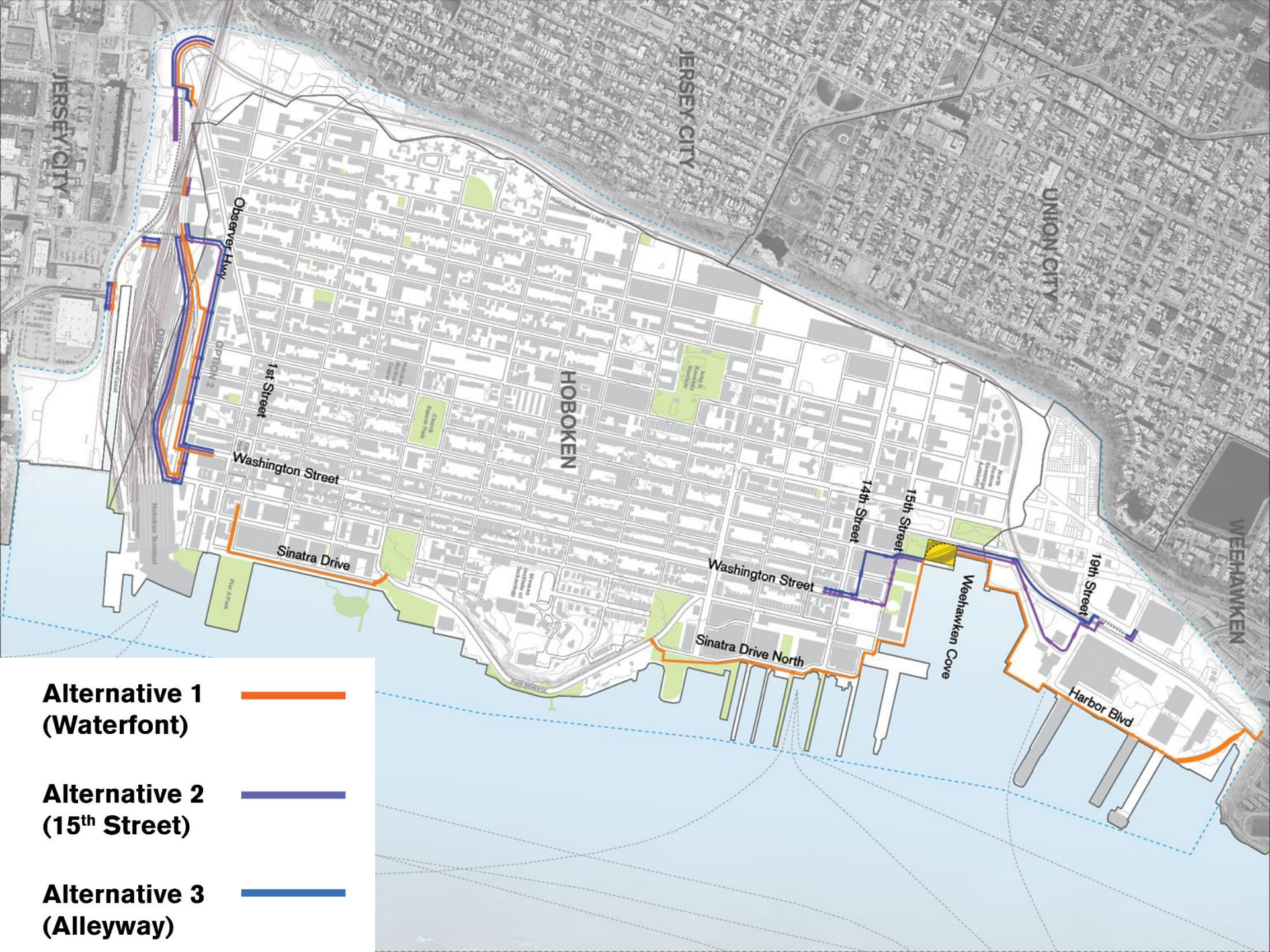
Weehawken

Jersey City

New Jersey

### RECOMMENDATION OF THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE





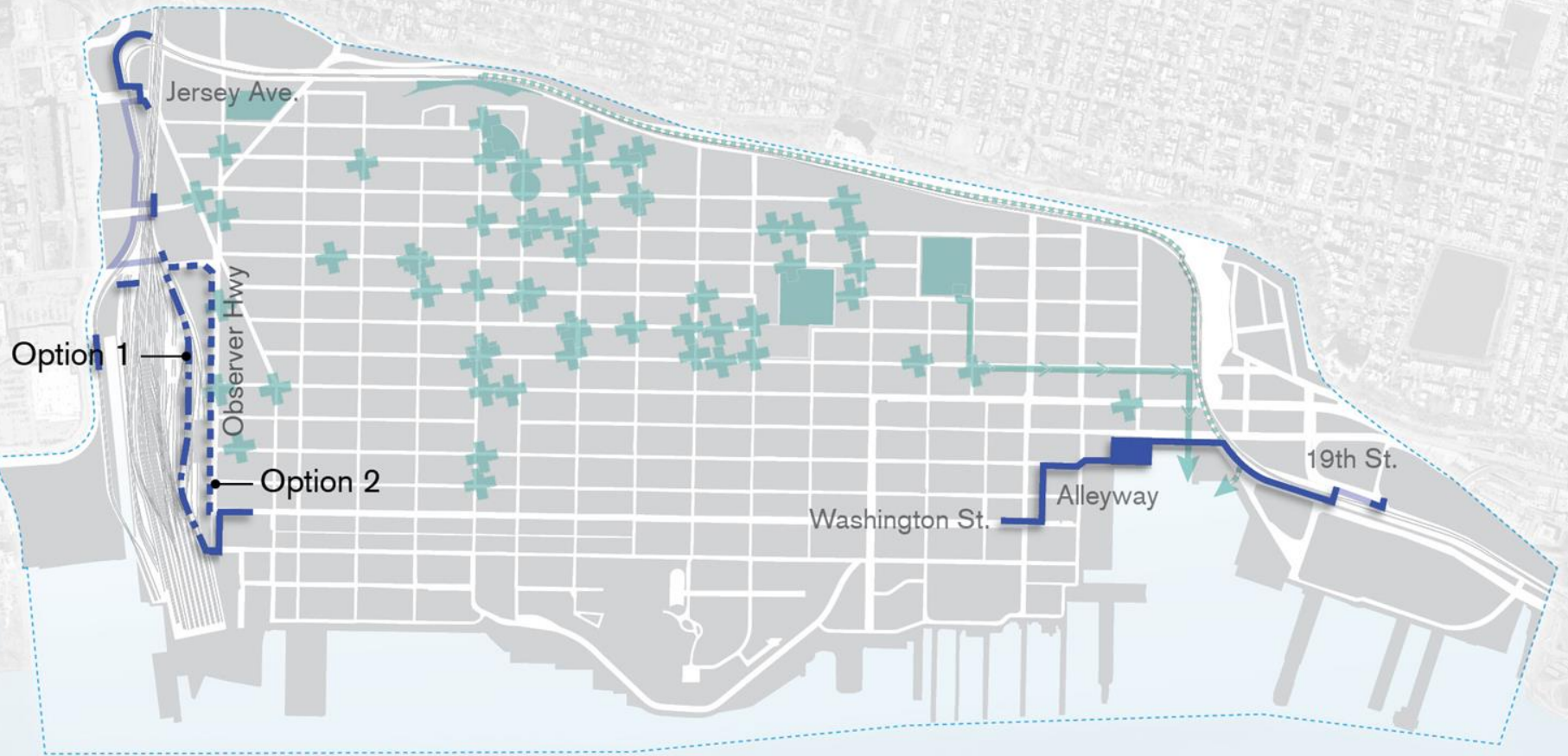
**Alternative 1**  
(Waterfont)

**Alternative 2**  
(15<sup>th</sup> Street)

**Alternative 3**  
(Alleyway)



# ALTERNATIVE 3



— Resist - Alternative 3    — Existing Structures

■ Delay, Store, Discharge

\*For more information on Alternative 3, please see the project boards



# Meeting Agenda

**Introduction**

**Project Status**

**Preferred Alternative / Alternatives Recap**

**Alternatives Analysis**



**Flood Risk Reduction**



**Socioeconomics / Built Environment**



**Benefit Cost Analysis**



**Maintenance / Operations and Construction**



**Environmental Impacts**

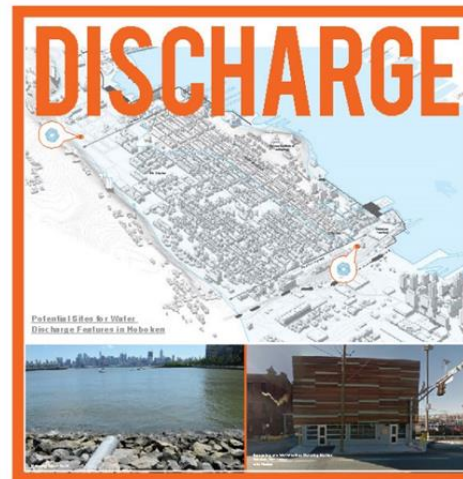
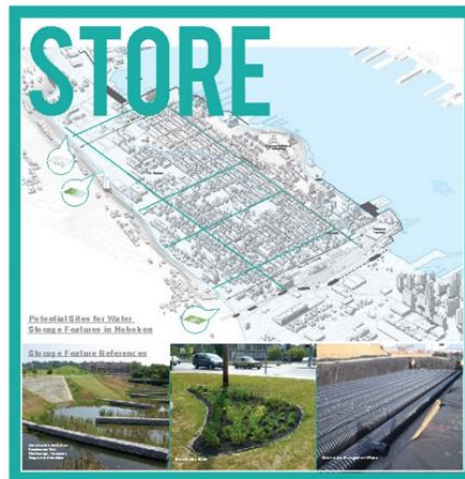
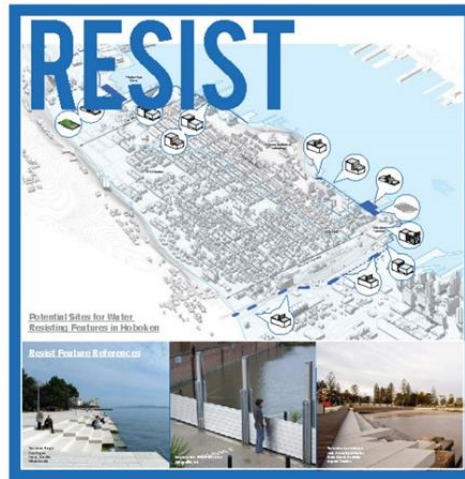
**Preferred Alternative**

**Takeaways / Next Steps**

**Q&A**



# Rebuild by Design Vision



# Project Status





# The Process

we are here



NEPA PROCESS

FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

# Opportunities to Participate

**How are we soliciting community input in this project phase?**

**CAG Meetings**



**Public Meetings**



(hudsonreporter.com)

**Workshops**

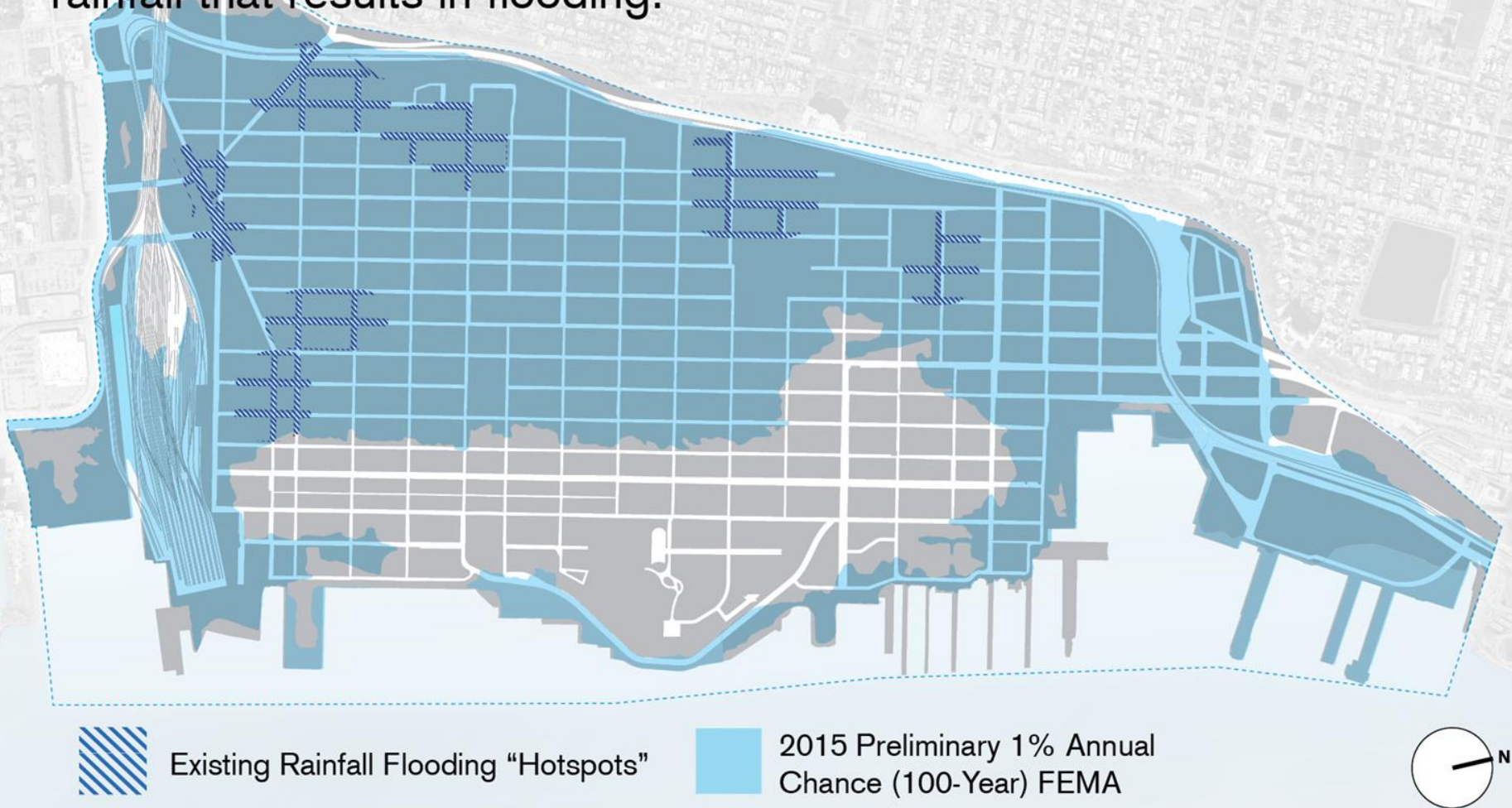


**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**



# WHY DO WE NEED THE PROJECT?

The project area is at risk from storm surge events and heavy rainfall that results in flooding.

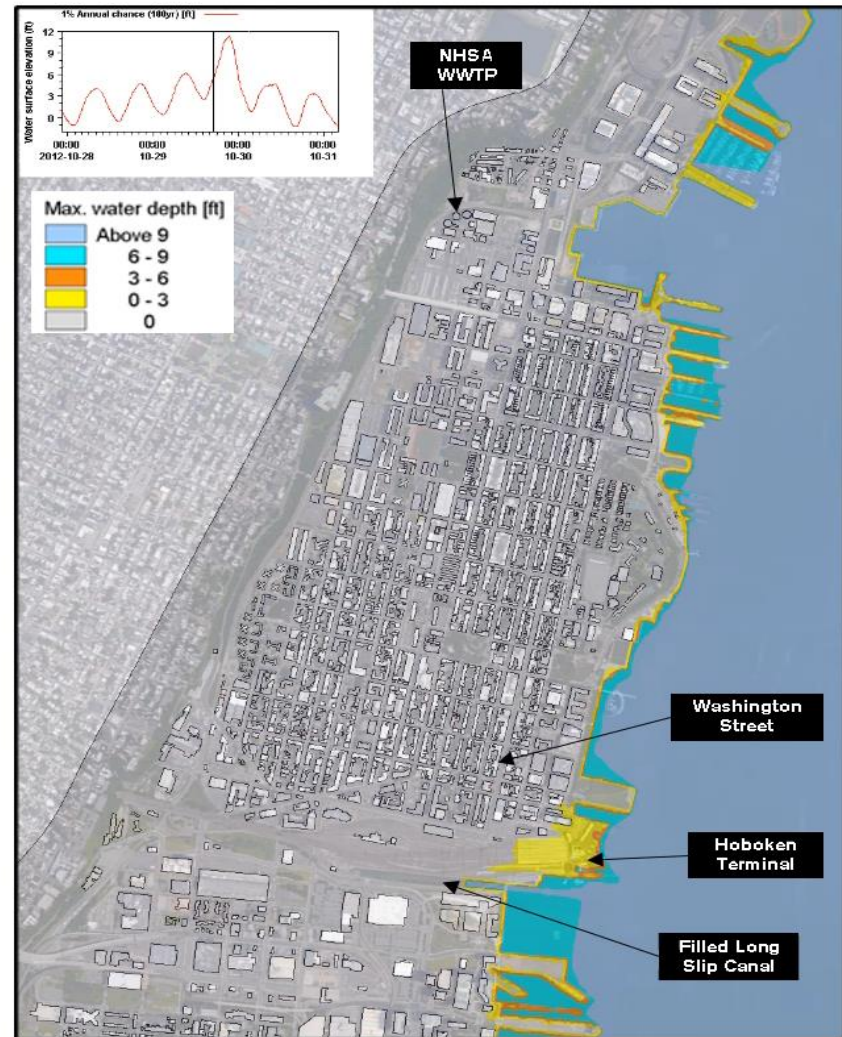


# What Happens During a Coastal Storm Surge Event?

**Coastal flood model demonstrating the concern of coastal storm surge during Superstorm Sandy.**

**Model depicts “No Action Alternative” (NAA). Estimates future flood (coastal) event if Project is not built.**

- **Assumes Long Slip will be built**
- **Assumes Newport development will be built**





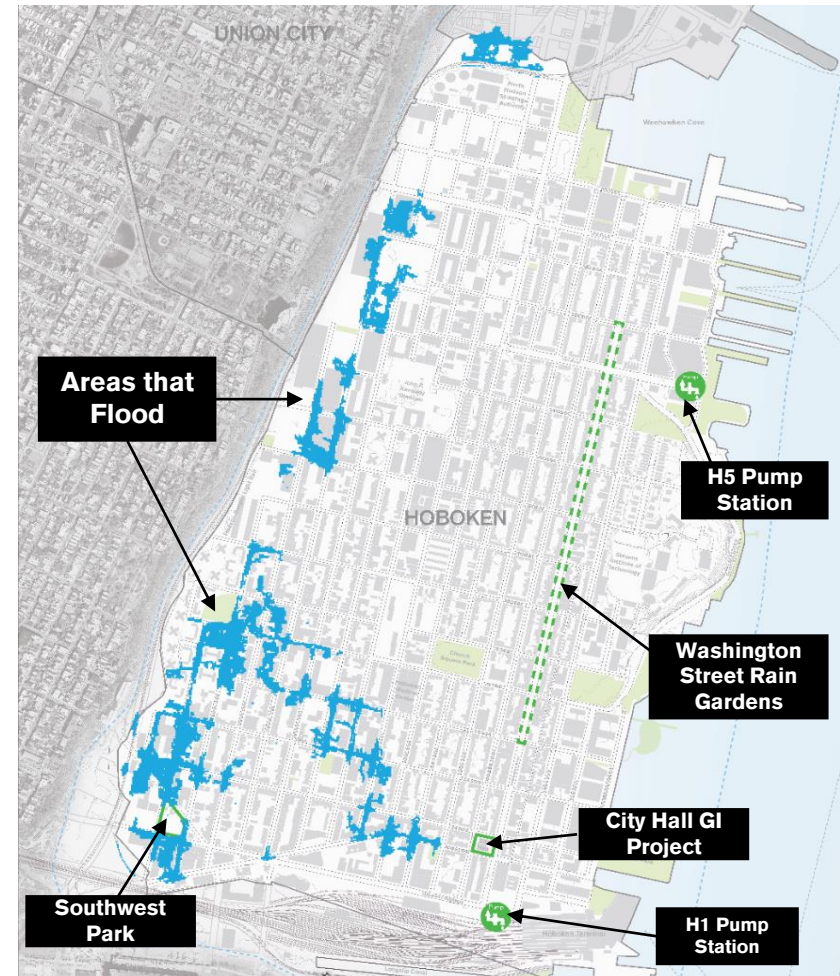
# What Happens During a Rainfall Flood Event?

**Rainfall model depicting a 5-year rainfall event (high-tide) “No Action Alternative.”**

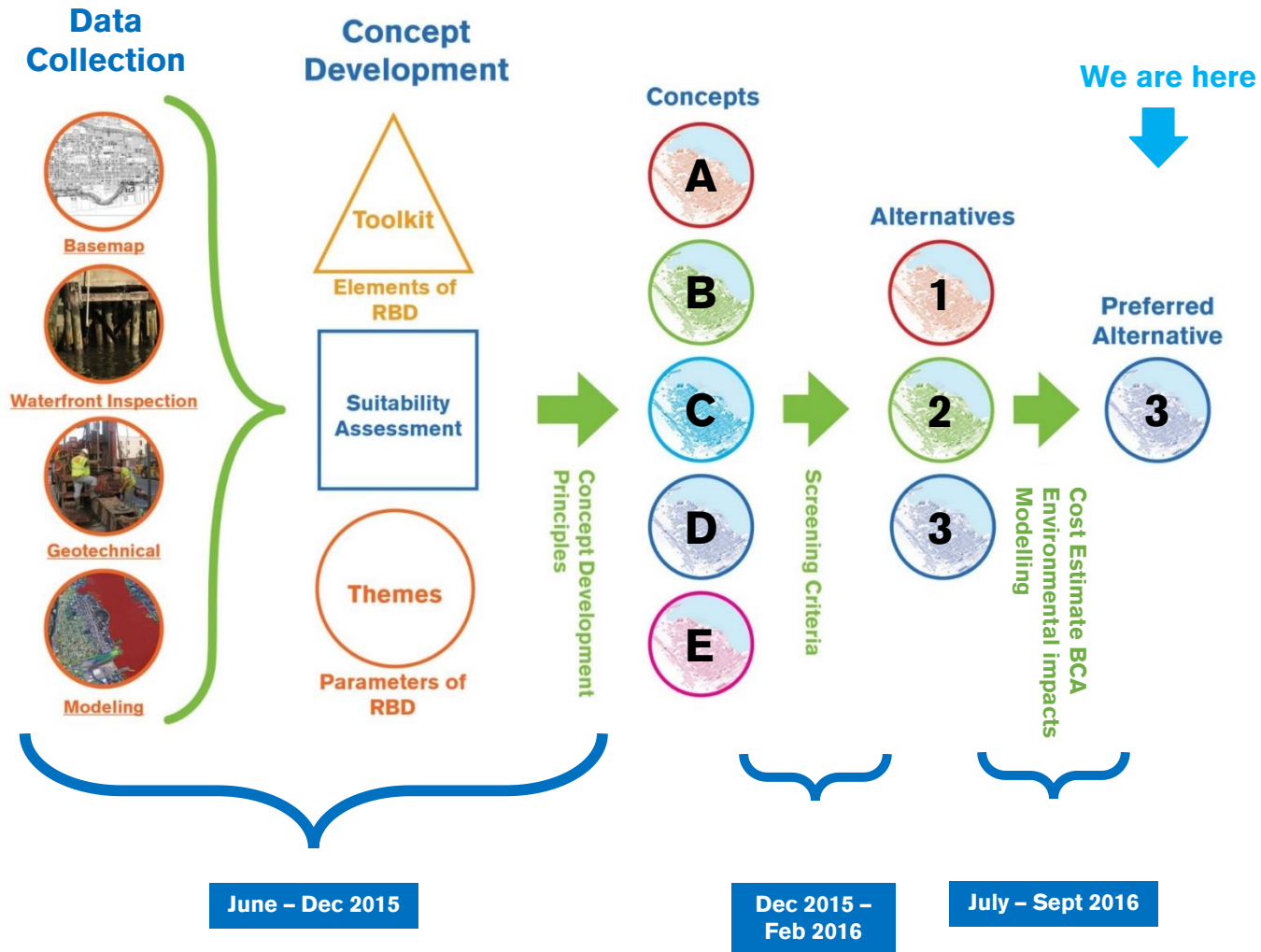
**Model estimates future flood (rainfall) event if Project is not built.**

**Model assumes Hoboken and NHSA’s existing on-going initiatives WILL be built:**

- **Southwest Park**
- **H1 and H5 Pump Stations**
- **Washington Street Rain Garden**
- **City Hall GI Project**



# Roadmap to Preferred Alternative





## Preferred Alternative

**ALT-3**

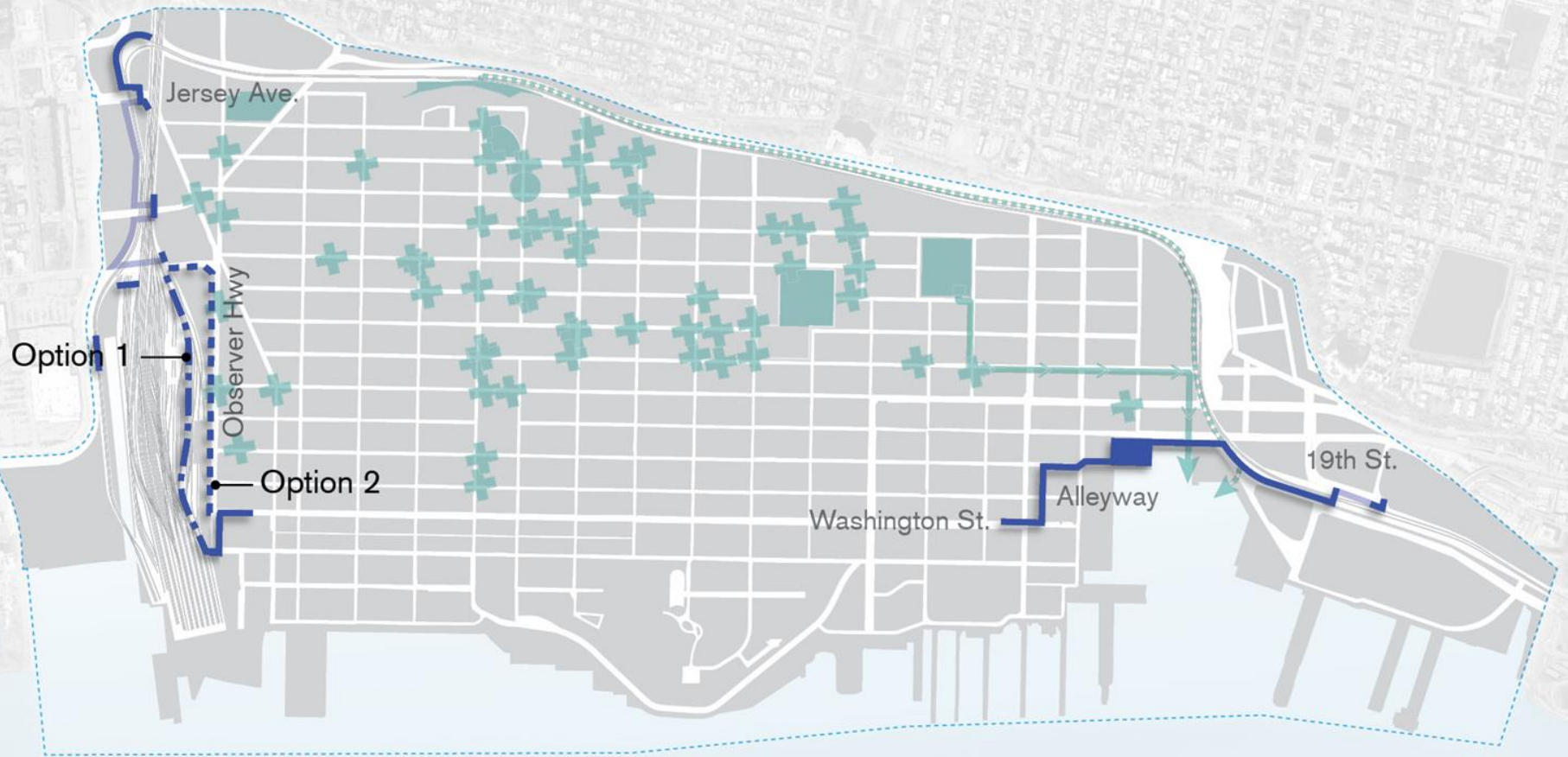
- **Provides a high degree of flood risk reduction while balancing public input, cost and urban amenities**
- **Resist can be constructed with available funds**
- **Significantly reduced impact to built environment compared to ALT-1 ; slightly lower than ALT-2**
- **Lowest annual maintenance cost**
- **Fewest number of gates**
- **Minimal impact to waterfront access and views**

# Alternative 3





# ALTERNATIVE 3



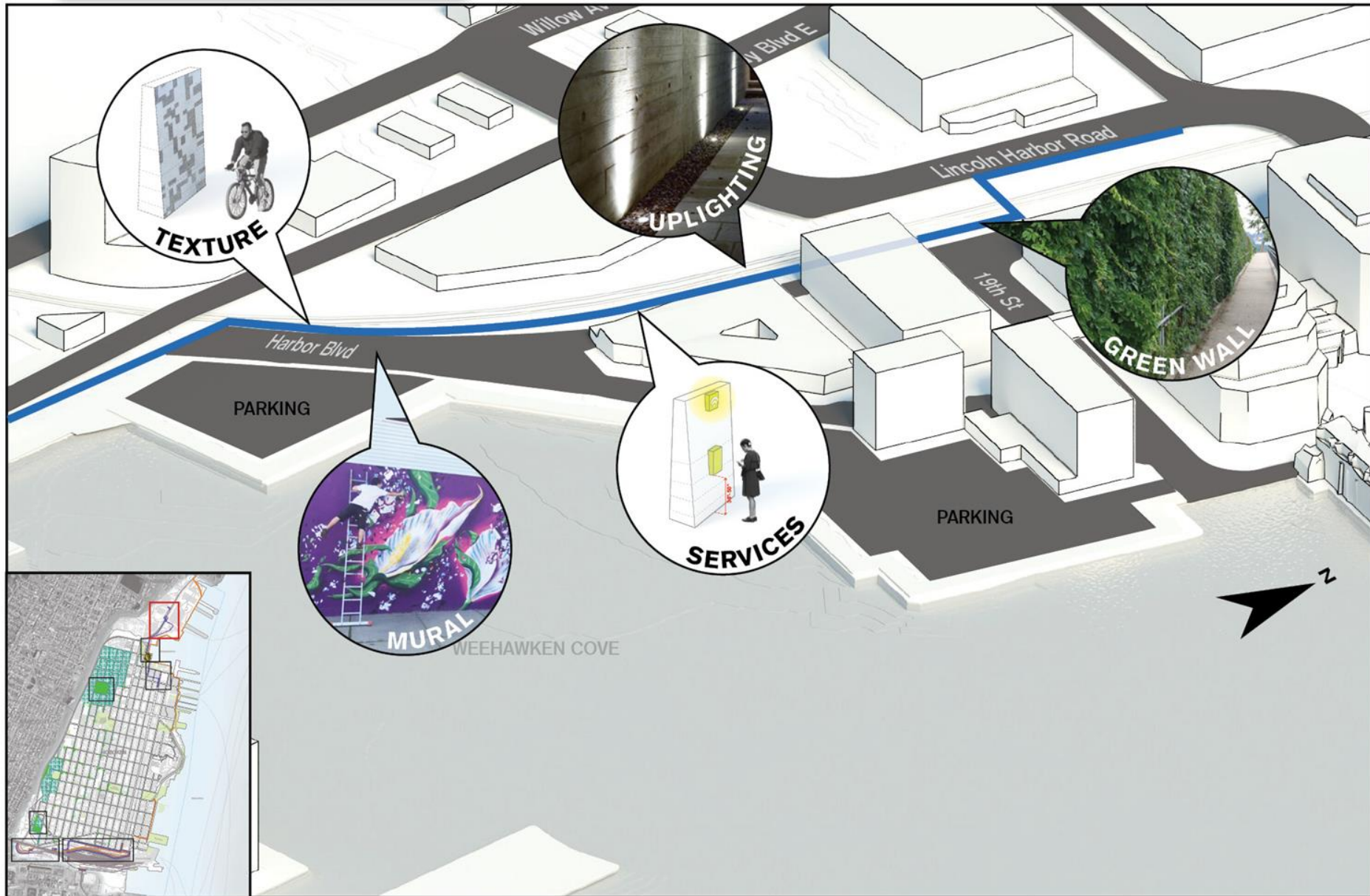
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■ Delay, Store, Discharge

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# Weehawken Tie-In

ALT-3





# Garden St. and Alleyway

ALT-3



Harborside Lofts

Hudson Tea Building

Parking Garage

1450 Washington

Garden Street

Alleyway

Washington Street



# Cove Park

Weehawken Cove

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3

Boathouse

View Deck

Beach

Playground

Harborside Lofts

Lawn

Multi-Game Court

Multi-Game Court

Sliding Gate

Lawn





# Cove Park

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3





# Cove Park

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3





# Cove Park

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3





# Cove Park

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3





# Cove Park

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3





# Cove Park

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3



**Garden St.**

**ALT-3**



**Sloped Planter**

**Parking Structure Egress**

Hudson Tea Parking Garage

**Inset Seating**

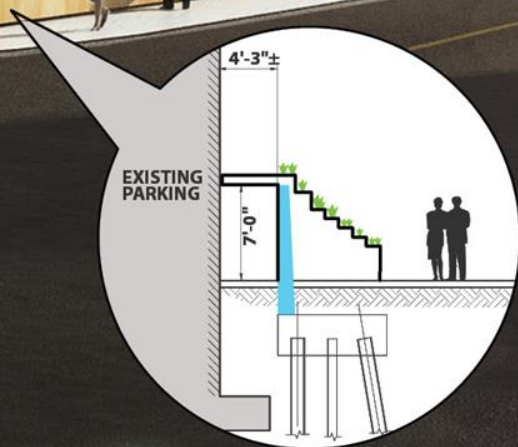
Garden Street





# Garden St.

ALT-3



**West Alleyway**

Garden St Lofts

ALT-3

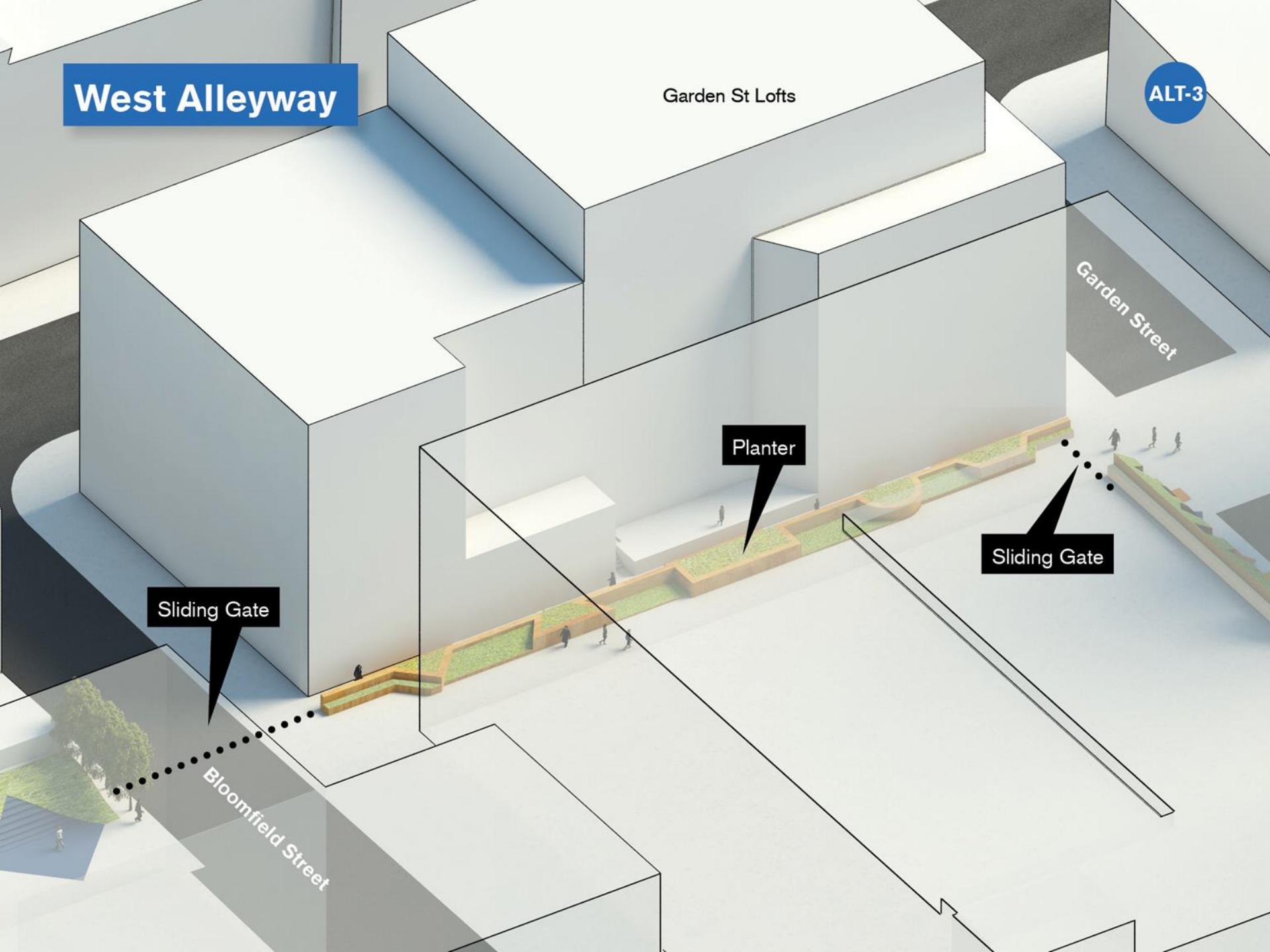
Garden Street

Planter

Sliding Gate

Sliding Gate

Bloomfield Street





# West Alleyway

ALT-3





# East Alleyway

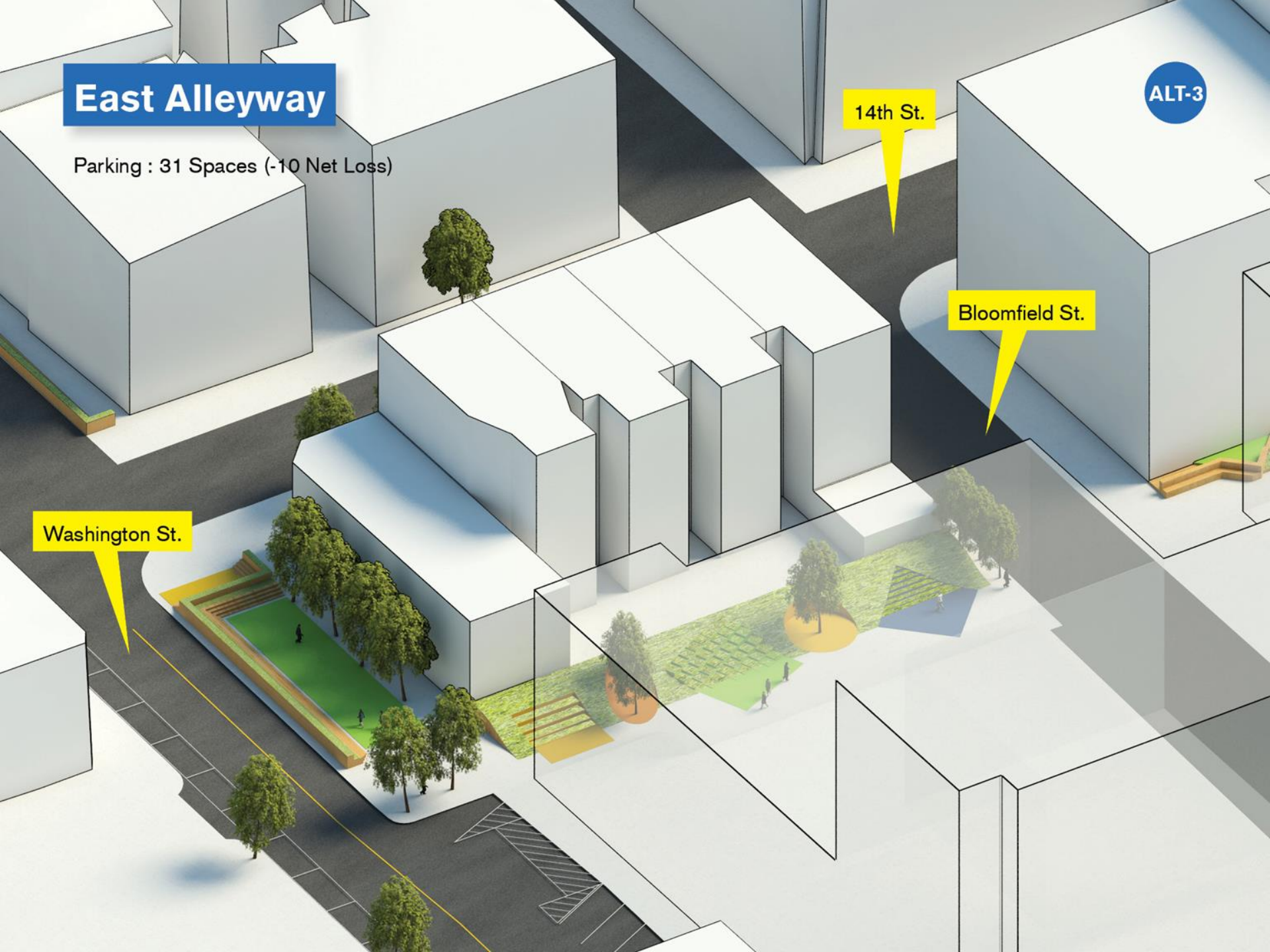
Parking : 31 Spaces (-10 Net Loss)

ALT-3

14th St.

Bloomfield St.

Washington St.





# East Alleyway

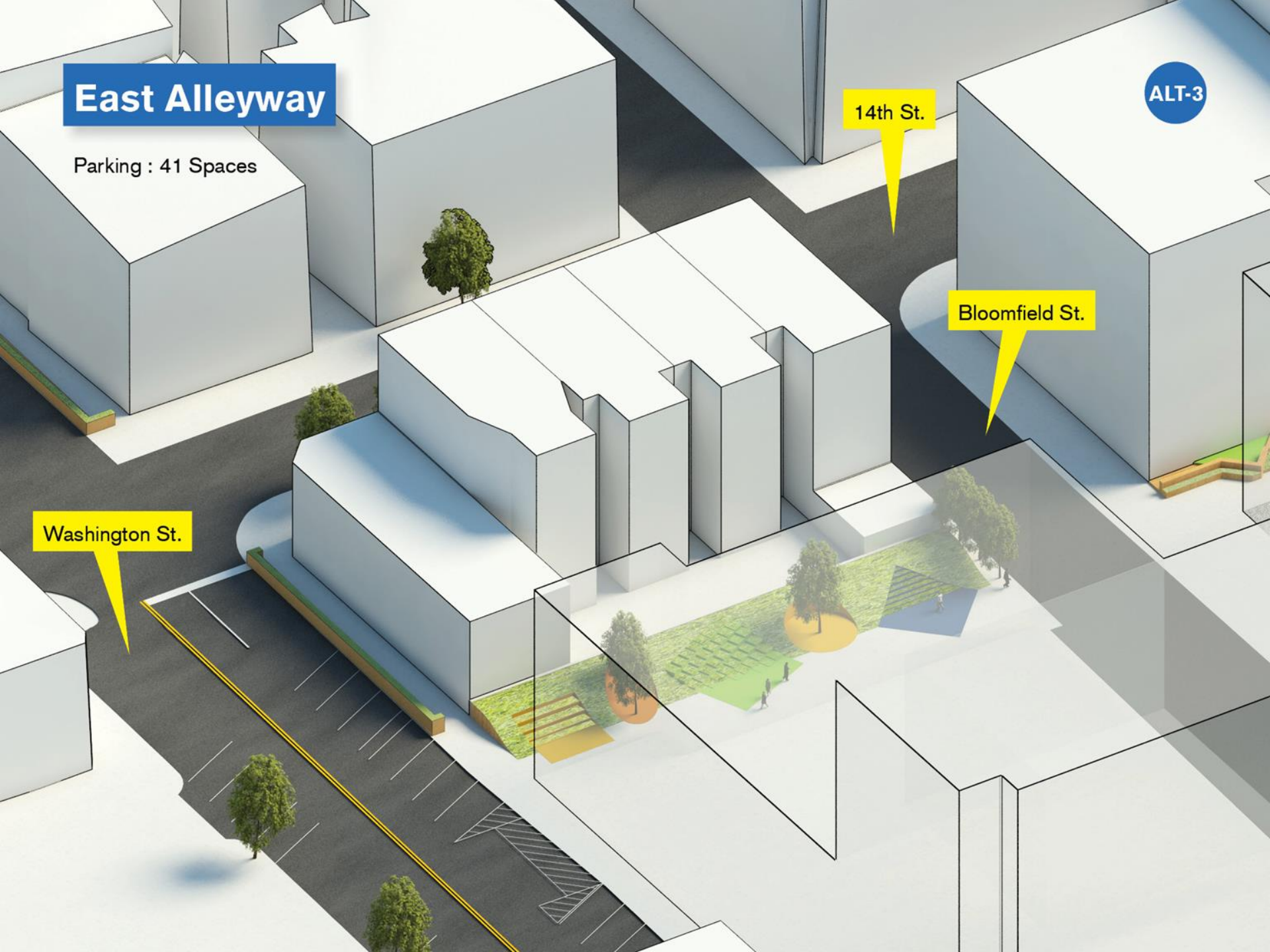
Parking : 41 Spaces

ALT-3

14th St.

Bloomfield St.

Washington St.





# East Alleyway

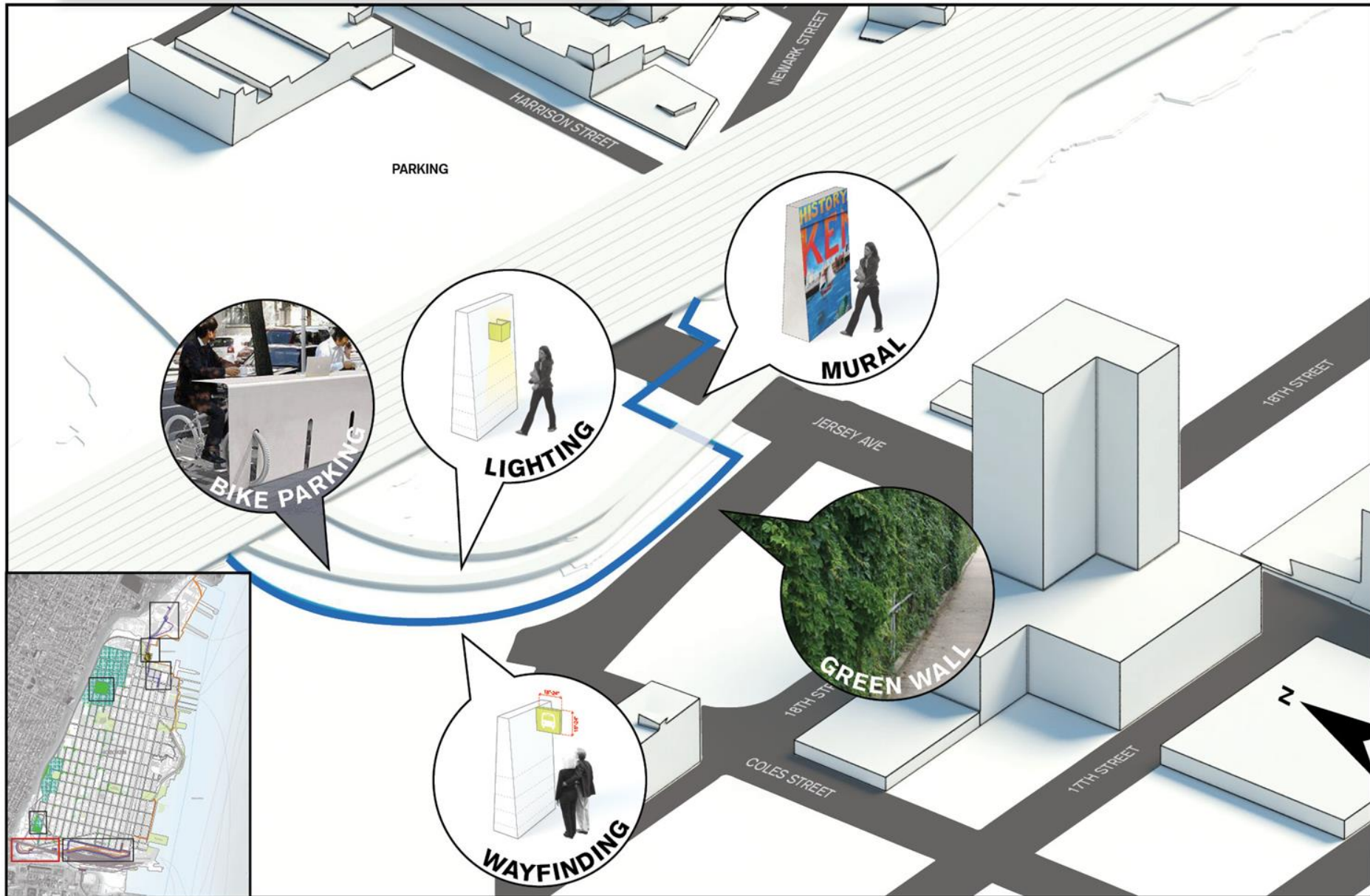
ALT-3





# Jersey Ave. Railyard Tie-in

ALT-3



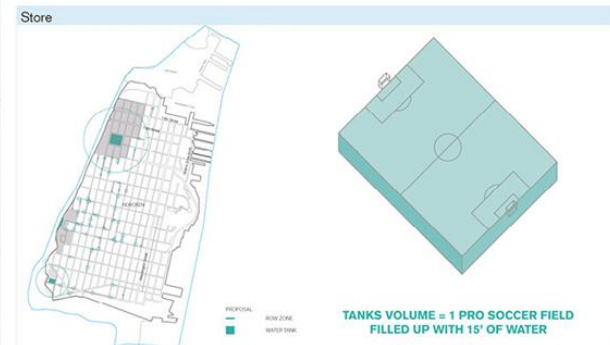
# Delay, Store, Discharge

**DELAY**  
**STORE**  
**DISCHARGE**

OVERALL STRATEGY

## Legend:

- Catchment Area
- Municipal Boundaries
- Study Area
- Ferry Lines

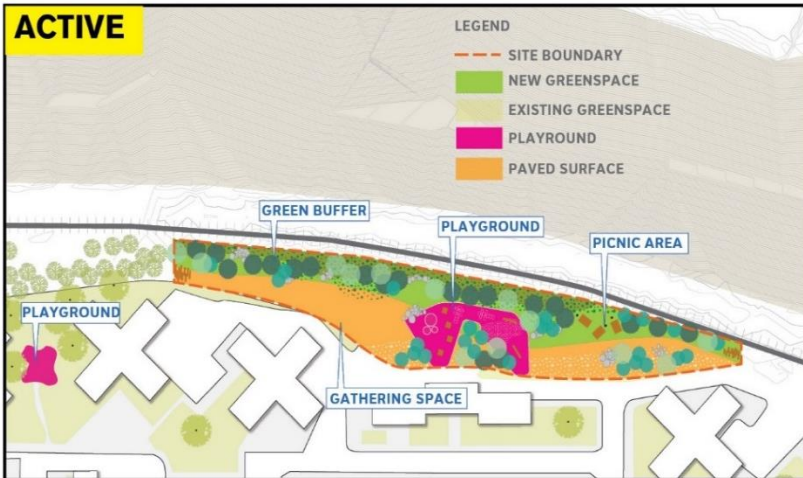




# BASF Site

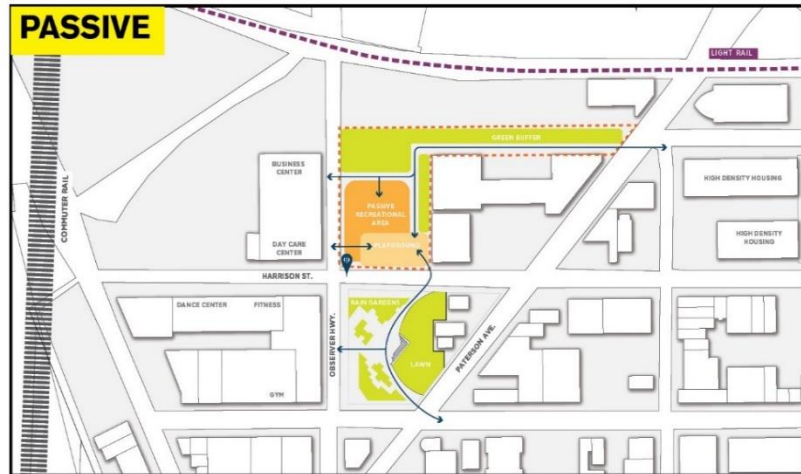
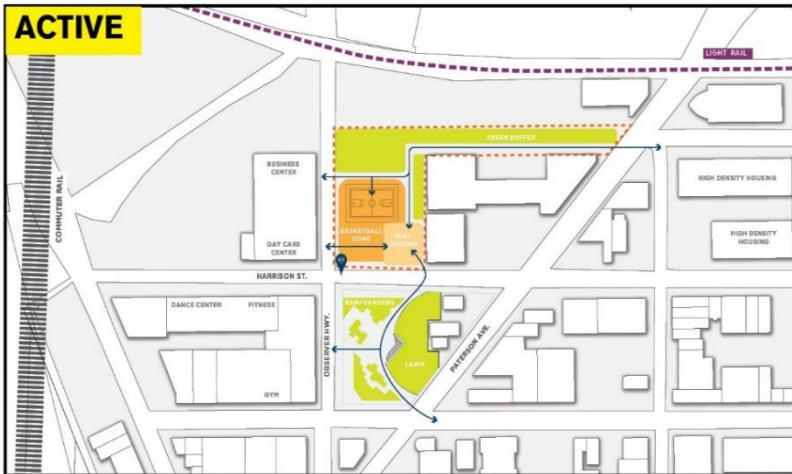


# NJ TRANSIT Site





# Block 10



**Delay, Store, Discharge**

# **UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE UNIT**

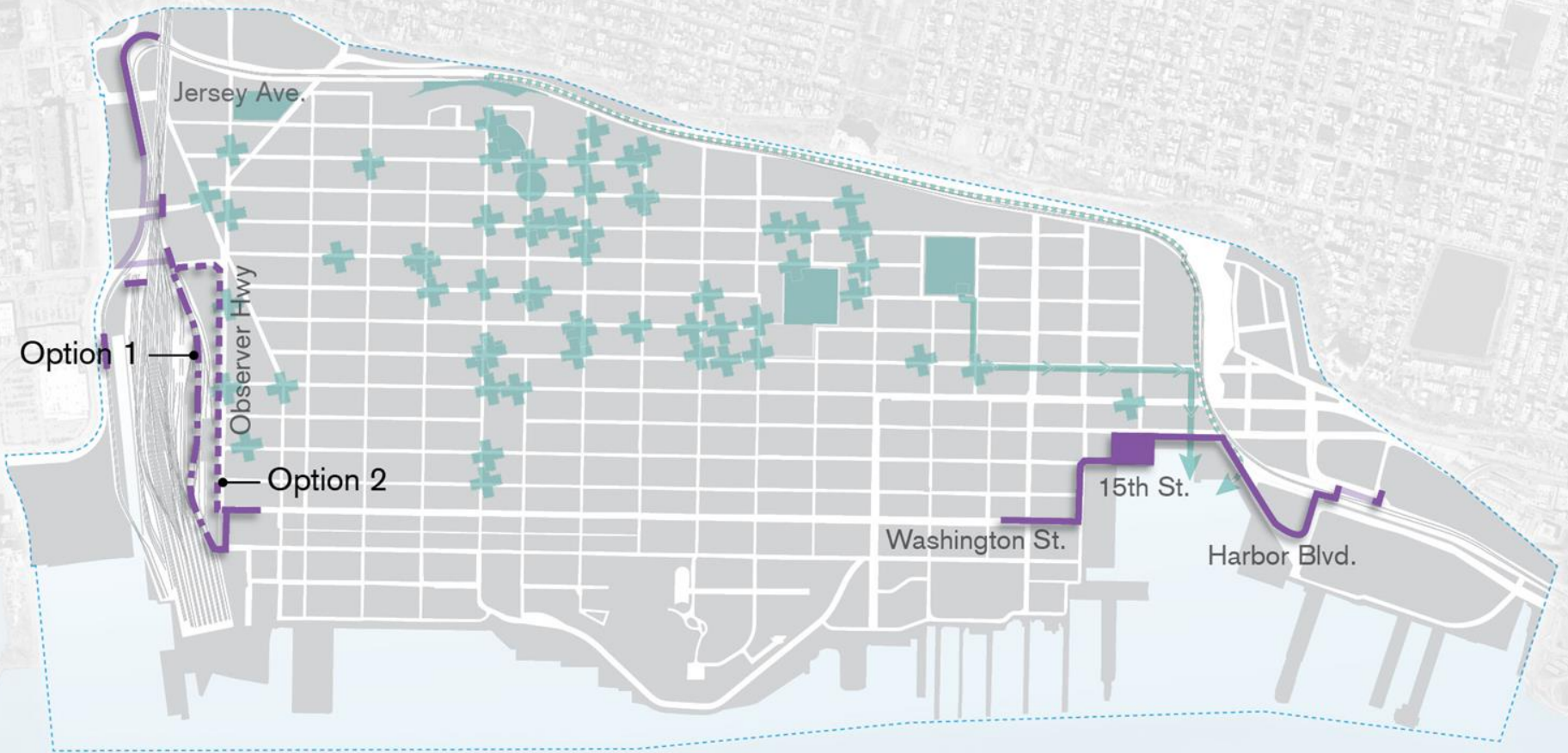
## **TYPICAL CONDITION**



# Alternative 2



# ALTERNATIVE 2



— Resist - Alternative 2    — Existing Structures

■ Delay, Store, Discharge

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# 15th St. and Washington St.

ALT-2





# 15th St. Landscape

ALT-2





# Washington Street - Looking South

ALT-2



# Alternative 1





# ALTERNATIVE 1



Resist - Alternative 1 Existing Structures

Delay, Store, Discharge

\*For more information on Alternative 1, please see the project boards



# Tea Building Viewing Platforms + Landscape

ALT-1





# Independence Court Waterfront

ALT-1



# Review of Matrix Results



**Flood Risk Reduction**



**Socioeconomics and Built Environment**



**Benefit Cost Analysis**








**Construction / Maintenance and Operations**



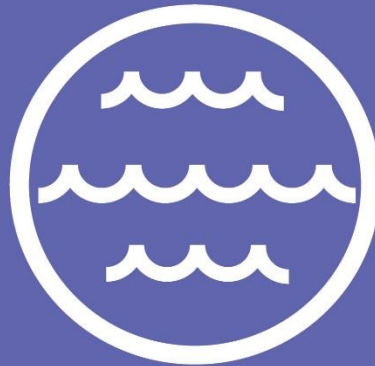
**Environmental Impacts**



## Review of Matrix Results - Alternative 3

	<b>Alternative 3 provides substantial flood risk reduction (85% of the community and majority of critical facilities).</b>
	<b>Alternative 3 provides amenities while minimizing impacts to the built environment.</b>
	<b>Alternative 3 has the highest Benefit/Cost Ratio of all the alternatives.</b>
	<b>Alternative 3 has the lowest construction cost of all the Alternatives.</b>
	<b>Alternative 3 will require the least amount of disposal of soils.</b>

# Flood Risk Reduction



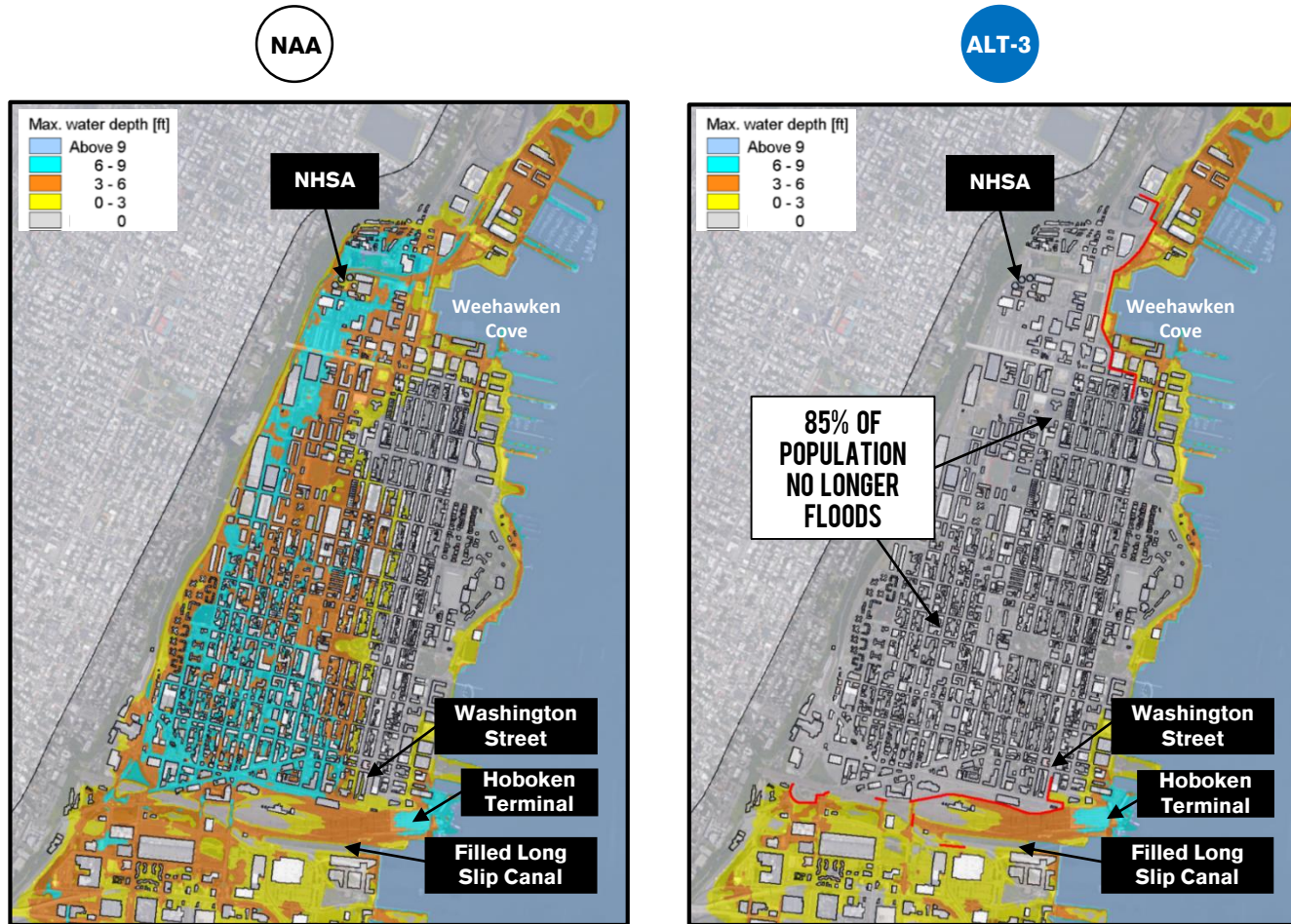


# Alternative 3 provides substantial flood risk reduction:

- **85% of community receives flood reduction from Coastal Surge (Resist)**
- **All critical facilities protected except one fire station (1313 Washington Street)**
- **14,000 people receive rainfall flood reduction benefits (from Delay, Store, Discharge)**

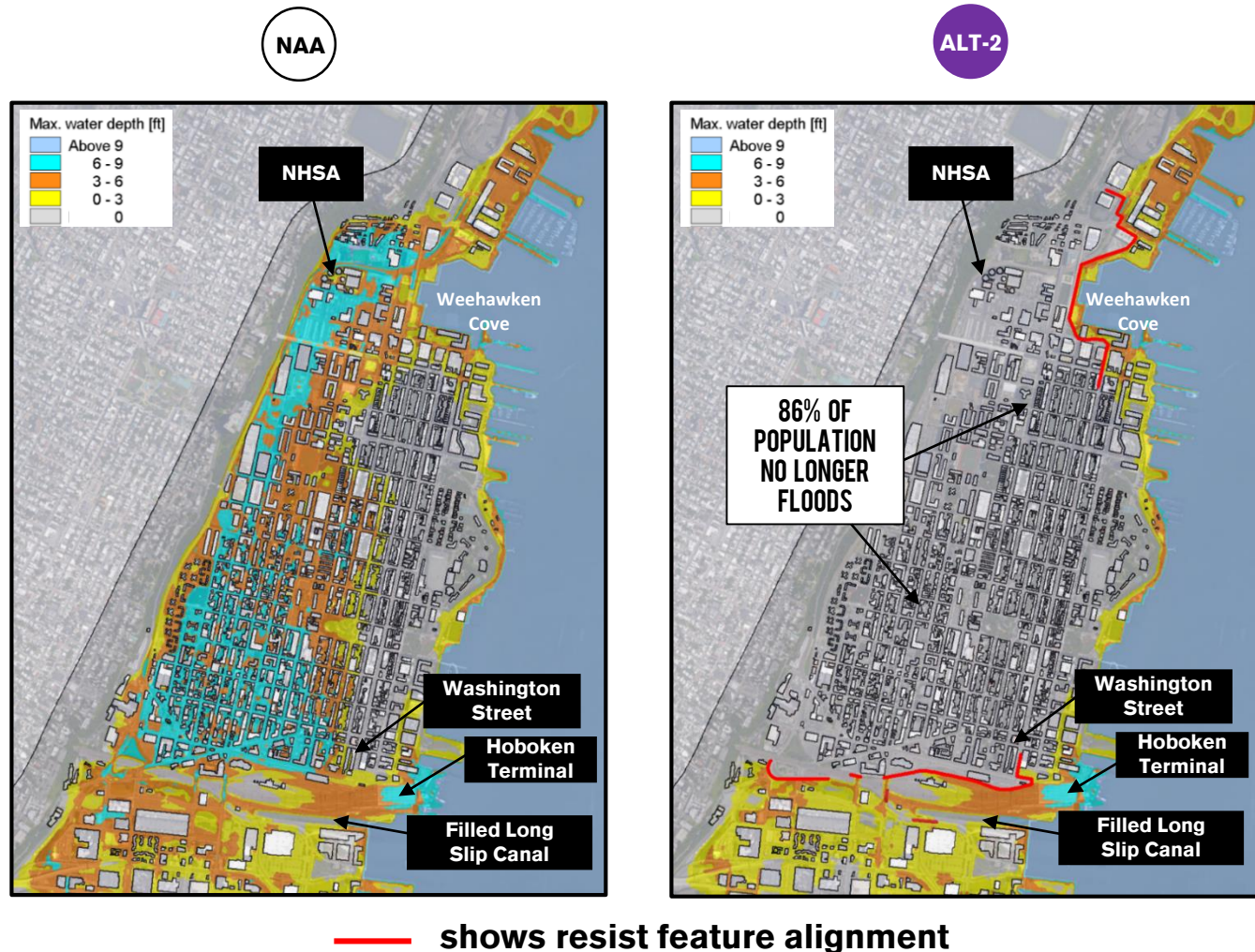


# NAA AND ALTERNATIVE 3 WITH 100-YEAR COASTAL STORM SURGE

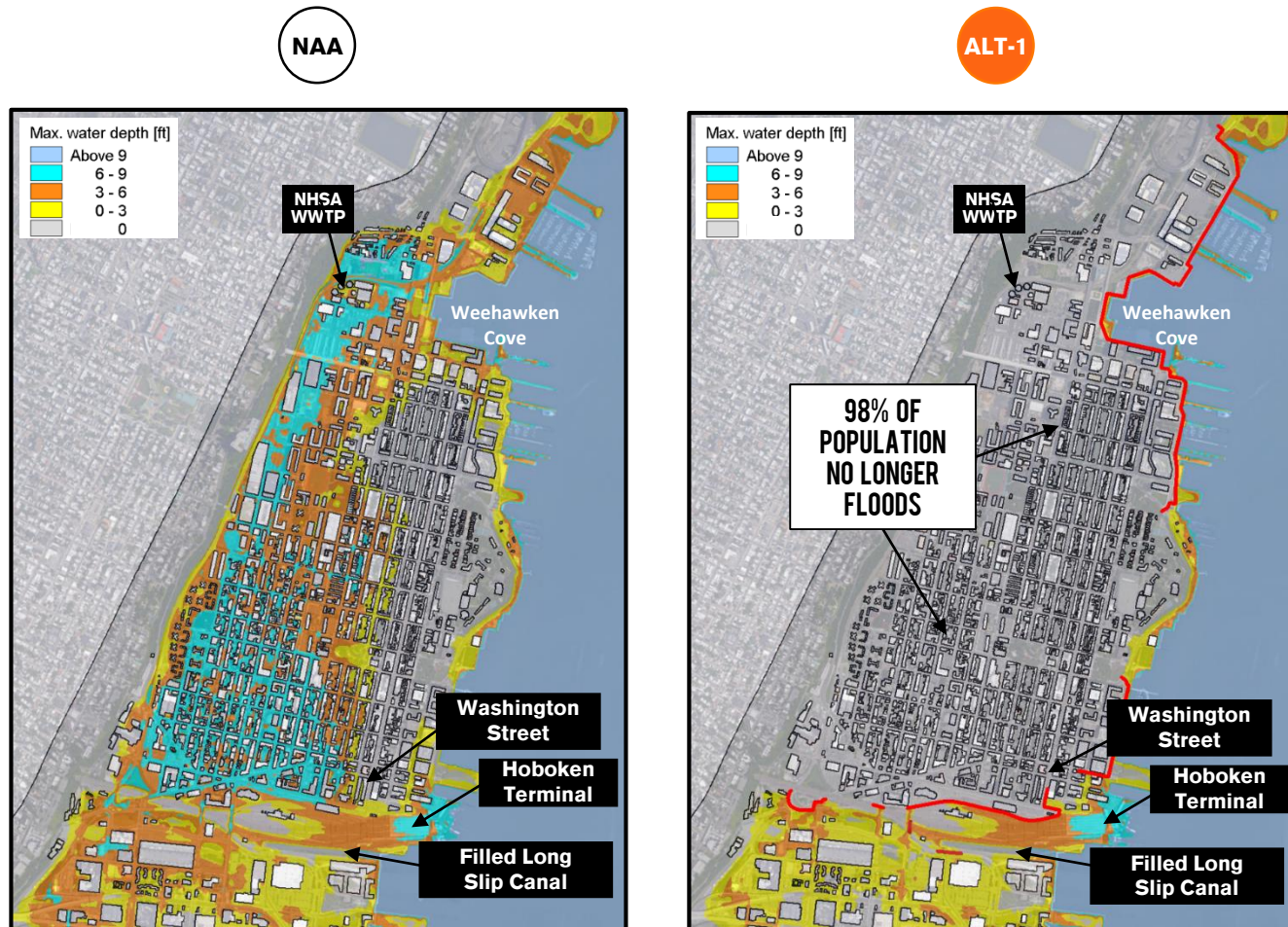




# NAA AND ALTERNATIVE 2 WITH 100-YEAR COASTAL STORM SURGE



# NAA AND ALTERNATIVE 1 WITH 100-YEAR COASTAL STORM SURGE





# Delay, Store, Discharge: Drainage Area

**Proposed underground detention facilities with green/open space on ground surface with discharge features such as pumps to manage rainfall runoff volume**

## **BASF site**

- Manages rainfall runoff for approx. 55 acres

## **NJ Transit site**

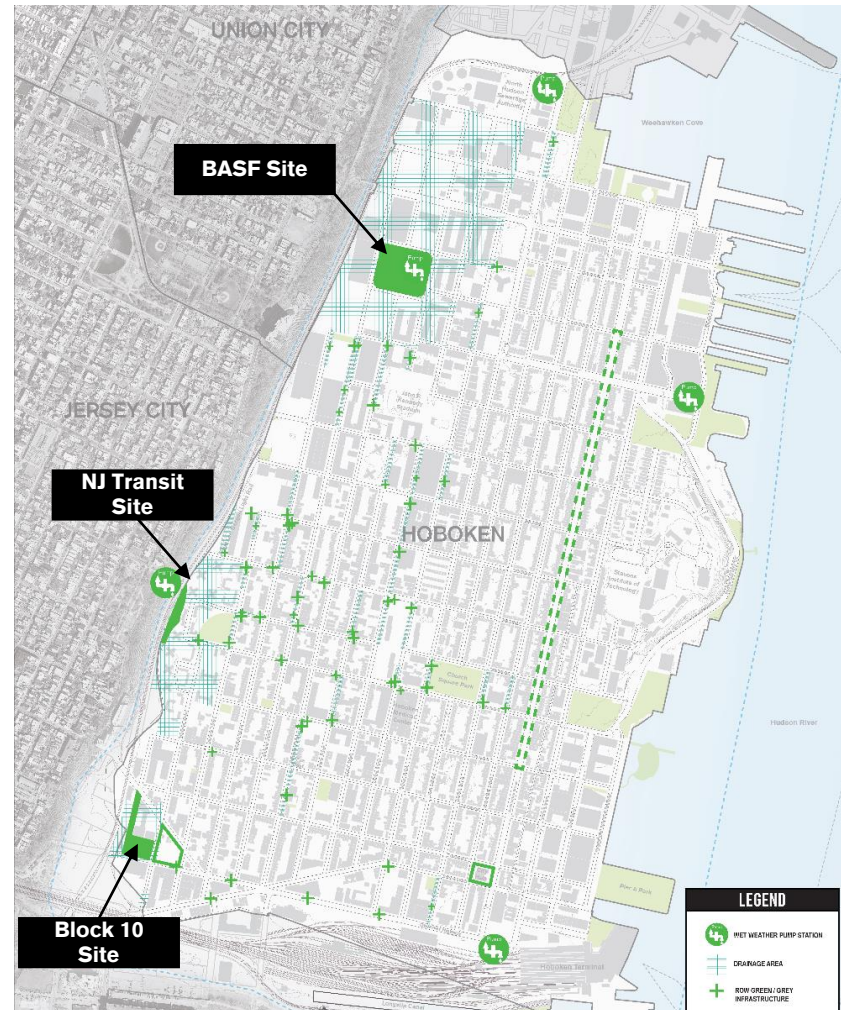
- Manages rainfall runoff for approx. 15 acres

## **Block 10 site**

- Manages rainfall runoff for approx. 8 acres

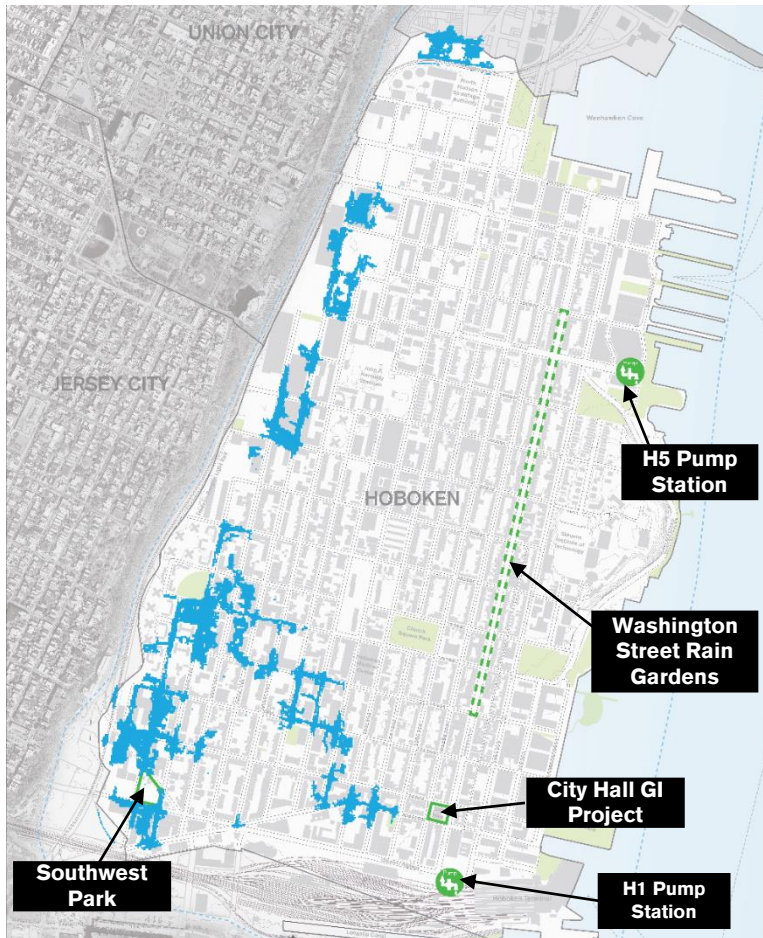
## **ROW Green/Grey Infrastructure Practices**

- Total of 61 sites to manage street drainage for approx. 13 acres

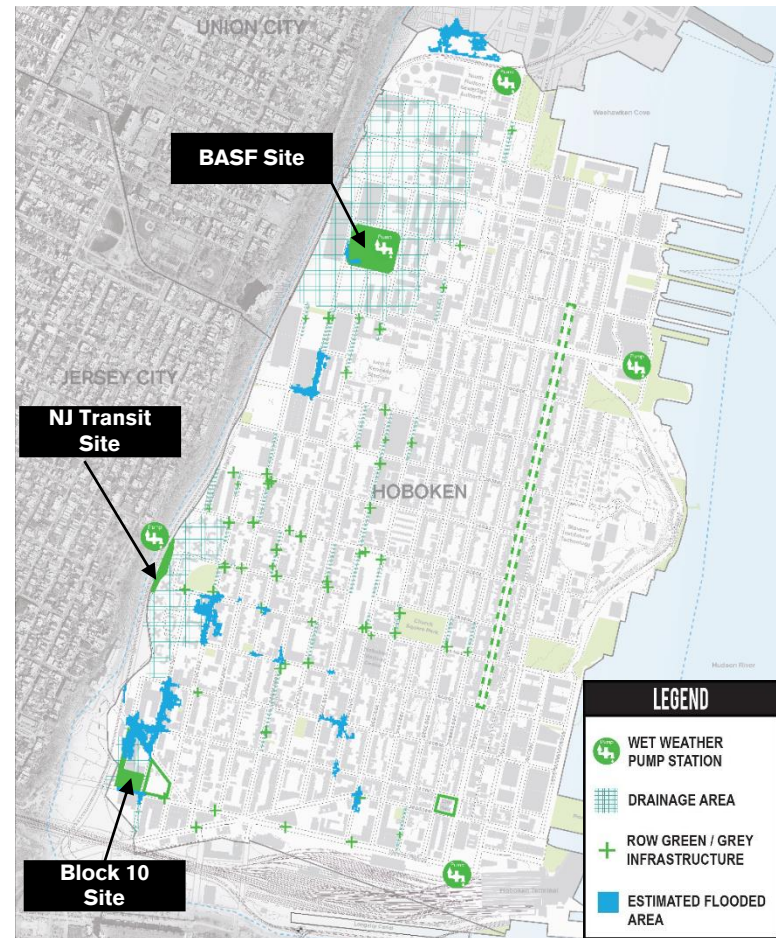


# COMPARISON OF FLOODING AREAS WITH 5-YEAR / HIGH TIDE - NAA AND PROPOSED DSD

**Baseline Conditions (NAA)**







**Proposed DSD Alternative**





# Flood Risk Reduction: Summary

<b>Flood Risk Reduction</b> 	 <b>ALT-1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reduces flood risk to <b>98% of population</b></li><li>- <b>All critical facilities protected</b></li></ul>
	 <b>ALT-2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reduces flood risk to <b>86% of population</b></li><li>- <b>One critical facility remains exposed (Fire station)</b></li></ul>
	 <b>ALT-3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reduces flood risk to <b>85% of population</b></li><li>- <b>One critical facility remains exposed (Fire station)</b></li></ul>

# Socioeconomics and Built Environment



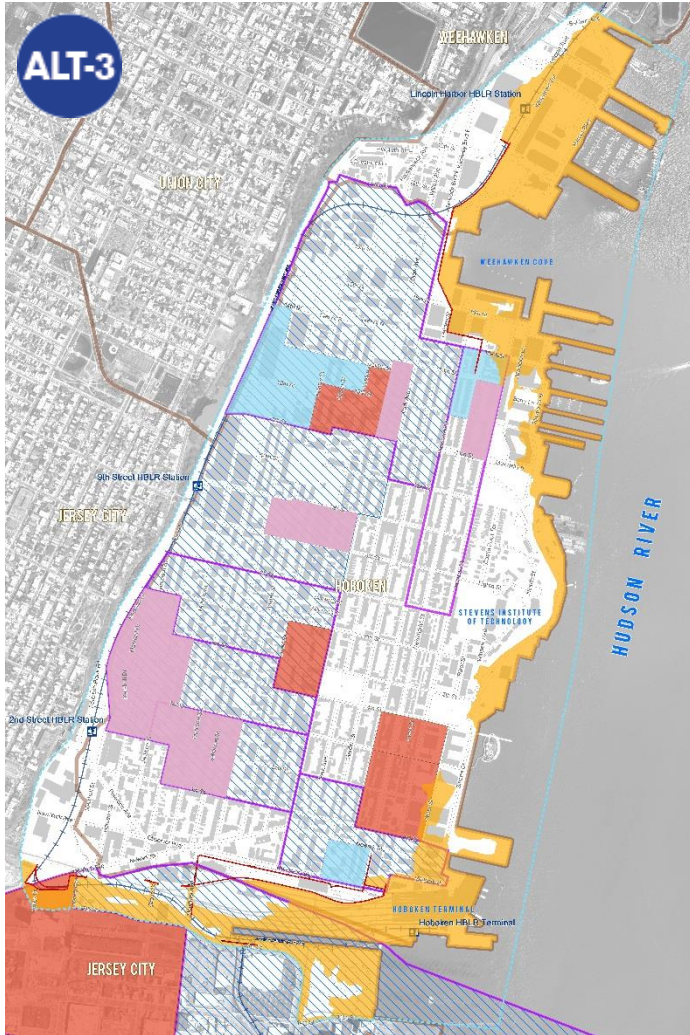


# **Alternative 3 provides amenities while minimizing impacts to the built environment:**

- **Approximately 7 acres of new/improved park space**
- **Minimal impact to waterfront access**
- **Least number of gates required**
- **Reduces flood risk for Environmental Justice communities from coastal surge and rainfall flooding**



# Coastal Flooding and Environmental Justice



## Legend

- Study Area
- Municipal Boundary
- Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR)
- Proposed Resist Structure - Alternative 3
- 100-Year Floodplain Area not Protected by Resist Structure
- Minority Block Groups
- Hispanic Block Groups
- Population (Over 75) Block Groups
- Households in Poverty Census Tracts
- Families with Children in Poverty Census Tracts

ALT-1

**Greatest number of EJ populations receive flood reduction benefits**

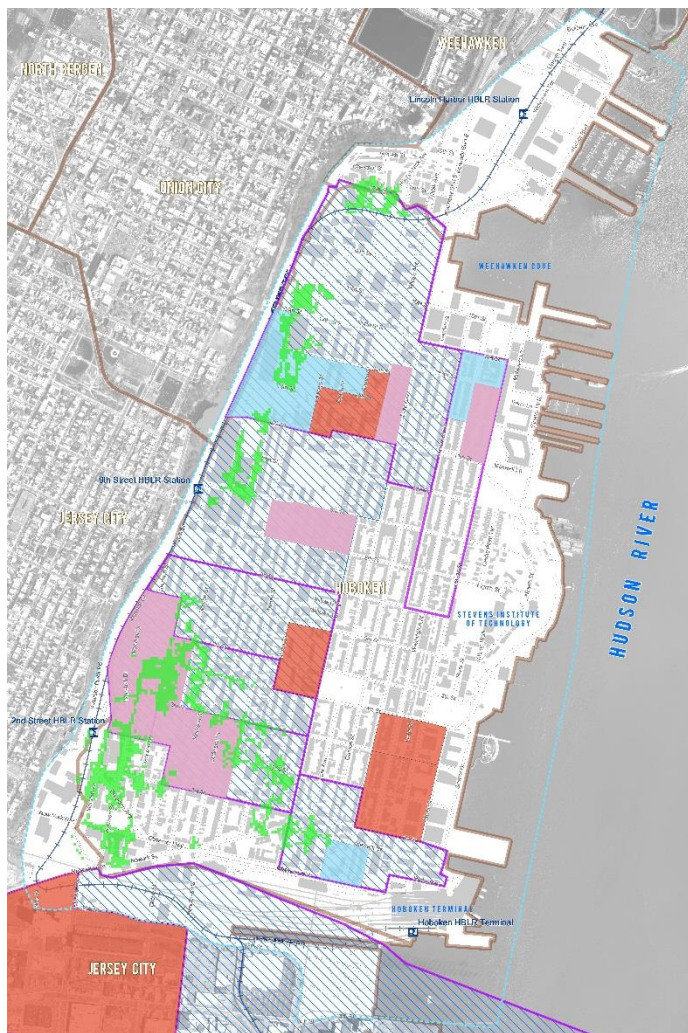
ALT-2

**Slightly fewer number of EJ populations receive flood risk reduction benefits compared to Alt-1**

ALT-3



# Rainfall Flooding and Environmental Justice



## Legend

- Study Area
- Municipal Boundary
- +— Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR)
- Minority Block Groups
- Hispanic Block Groups
- Population (Over 75) Block Groups
- Households in Poverty Census Tracts
- Families with Children in Poverty Census Tracts
- Area of Reduced Flooding (Based on 5-Year Storm Model)

ALT-1

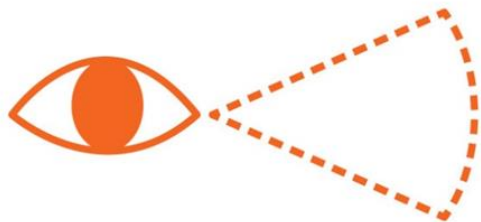
ALT-2

ALT-3

**48.1 acres flood during NAA (5-year rainfall):**

- All receive rainfall flood reduction**
- 35.5 acres no longer flood at all**

# Alternatives Analysis Screening Criteria



**View Corridors**



**Waterfront Access**



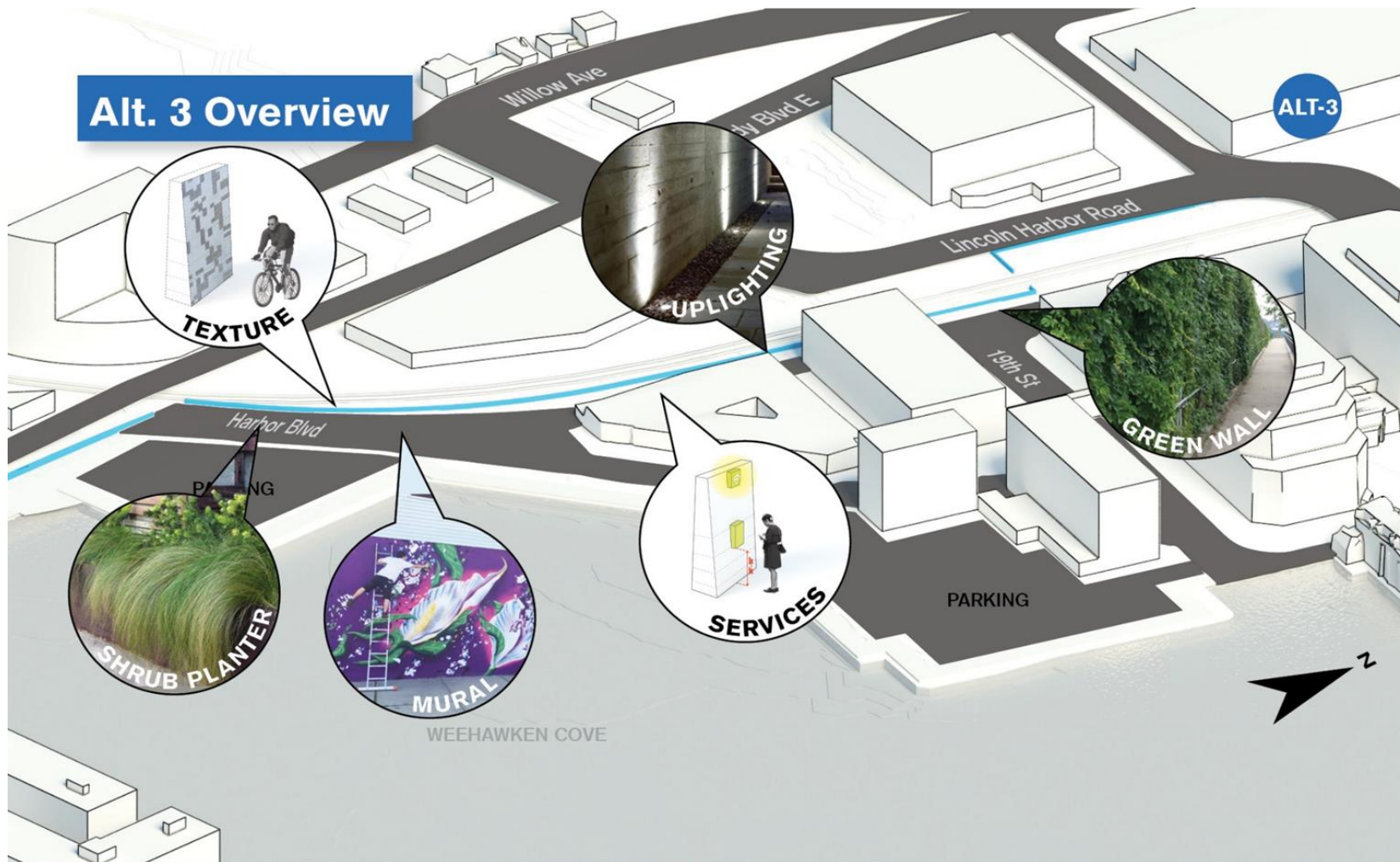
**Park Space**



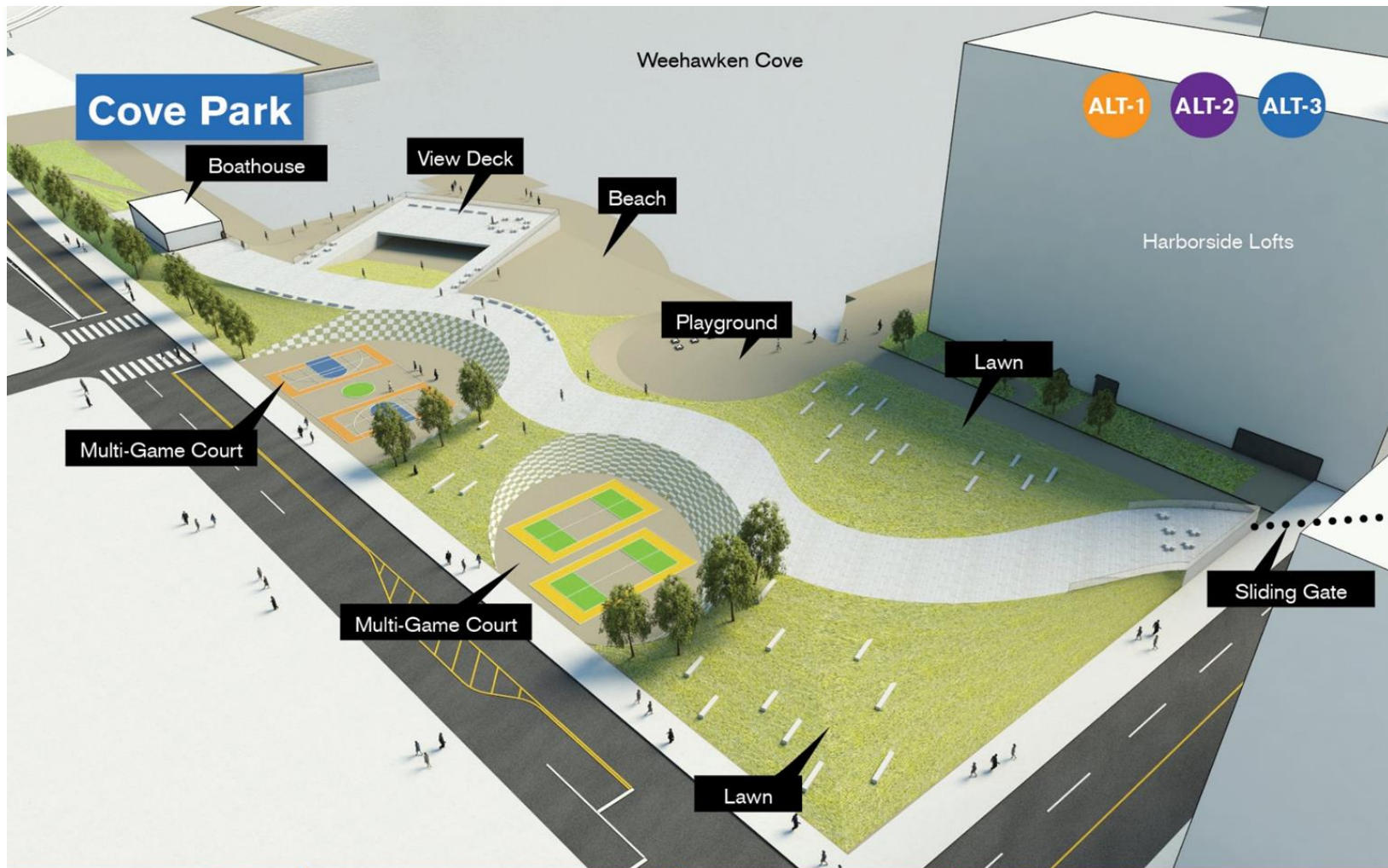
**Connectivity/Circulation**



## Alt. 3 Overview



View Corridors	Waterfront Access	Park Space	Connectivity/Circulation
Recreational impacts	No Waterfront access impact	N/A	0 Parking Impacted, 3 Gates



View Corridors	Waterfront Access	Park Space	Connectivity/Circulation
Residential impacts	No Waterfront access impact	New Park Space	0 Parking Impacted, 1 Gate







## Garden St. and Alleyway

ALT-3

Harborside Lofts

Parking Garage

Hudson Tea Building

1450 Washington

Garden Street

Alleyway

Washington Street

### View Corridors

Residential impacts  
Retail/Dining impacts

### Waterfront Access

No Waterfront access impact

### Park Space

New Park Space

### Connectivity/Circulation

0-10 Parking Impacted, 4 Gates







# Observer Highway

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3

Hoboken

View Corridors	Waterfront Access	Park Space	Connectivity/Circulation
Residential impacts Retail/Dining impacts	No Waterfront access impact	N/A	0 Parking Impacted, 2-5 Gates







## Jersey Ave Underpass

ALT-1

ALT-2

ALT-3

### View Corridors

Residential impacts

### Waterfront Access

No Waterfront access impact

### Park Space





N/A

### Connectivity/Circulation

0 Parking Impacted, 1-3 Gates



# Socioeconomics / Built Environment: Summary

<b>Socioeconomics and Built Environment</b> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Most impact to waterfront access</b></li> <li>- <b>Most impact to river and city views</b></li> <li>- <b>Most opportunity for new/improved park amenities</b></li> <li>- <b>29-31 gates</b></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Least impact to waterfront access</b></li> <li>- <b>Least impact to river and city views</b></li> <li>- <b>Less opportunity for new/improved park amenities</b></li> <li>- <b>21-25 gates</b></li> </ul>
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# Benefit Cost Analysis



## Benefit Cost Analysis

**Alternative 3 has the highest Benefit/Cost Ratio of all the alternatives**





# Comparison of Benefit-Cost Analysis Results

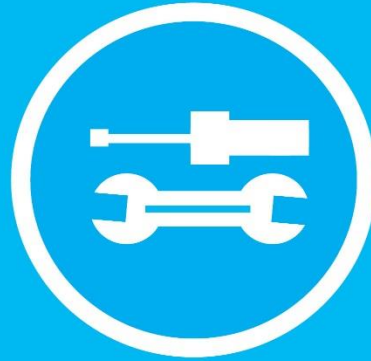
Build Alternative	Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR)
ALT-1	2.21
ALT-2	3.83
ALT-3	3.94

# Benefit Cost Analysis: Summary

<b>Benefit Cost Analysis</b> 		- <b>Most expensive, lowest BCR</b>
		- <b>Less expensive, higher BCR</b>
		- <b>Least expensive, highest BCR</b>



# Maintenance / Operations and Construction



# Alternative 3 has the lowest construction cost of all the Alternatives

- **Lowest construction cost**
- **Lowest estimated annual maintenance cost**





# Maintenance / Operations and Construction

## Resist Feature: Operations and Maintenance Annual Cost (Estimate, \$M)

<b>ALT-1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>\$3.6 - \$5.4</b>
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<b>ALT-1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>\$3.7 - \$5.5</b>
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<b>ALT-2</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>\$1.5 - \$2.4</b>
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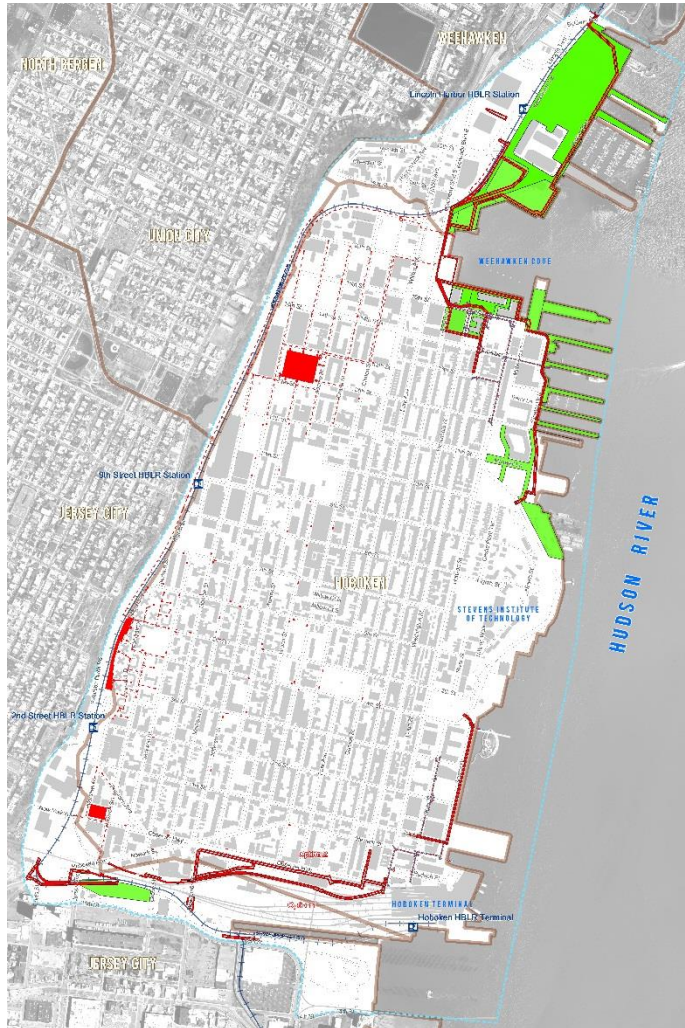
<b>ALT-2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>\$1.6 - \$2.6</b>
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<b>ALT-3</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>\$1.4 - \$2.3</b>
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<b>ALT-3</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>\$1.5 - \$2.4</b>
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**O&M will be further refined at the next phase of the project. Currently, the DSD O&M is estimated at 1% of the construction costs.**

# Constructability - Potential Private Property Easement



## Legend

- Study Area
- Proposed Resist Structure
- Proposed Underground Tank
- Proposed Underground Piping
- Municipal Boundary
- + + Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR)
- Potential Private Property Easement

**ALT-1**

- 15 properties with potential easements
- Approx. 4,860-4,600 feet of utility relocation

**ALT-2**

- 6 properties with potential easements
- Approx. 2,300-2,060 feet of utility relocation

**ALT-3**

- 6 properties with potential easements
- Approx. 1,280-1,030 feet of utility relocation



# Maintenance / Operations and Construction: Summary

<b>Construction / Maintenance and Operations</b> 	<b>ALT-1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Most expensive annual cost</b></li><li>- <b>Greatest amount of utility impacts</b></li><li>- <b>15 properties w/potential easements</b></li></ul>
	<b>ALT-2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Less expensive annual cost</b></li><li>- <b>Less amount of utility impacts</b></li><li>- <b>6 properties w/potential easements</b></li></ul>
	<b>ALT-3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Least expensive annual cost</b></li><li>- <b>Least amount of utility impacts</b></li><li>- <b>6 properties w/potential easements</b></li></ul>

# Environmental Impacts





## Environmental Impacts

# All three alternatives have varying degrees of environmental impacts.

- **Alternative 3 will require the least amount of disposal of soils**
- **Alternative 3 (and Alternative 2) will impact the fewest noise receptors during construction.**



# Recognized Environmental Conditions



## Legend:

- Study Area
- Proposed Resist Structure
- High Level Storm Sewer System
- Proposed Underground Tank
- Proposed Underground Piping
- Municipal Boundary
- Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR)
- NJDEP Mapped Historic Fill (REC 1)
- Current and Historic Rail Area (REC 2)
- REC Site Impacted by Chlorinated Solvents
- REC Parcels
- NJDEP Mapped Classification Exception Areas
- NJDEP Mapped Deed Notice Parcels

**ALT-1**

**- 43-46 RECs**  
**- Approx. 150,000 tons soil (total) potentially requiring off-site disposal**

**ALT-2**

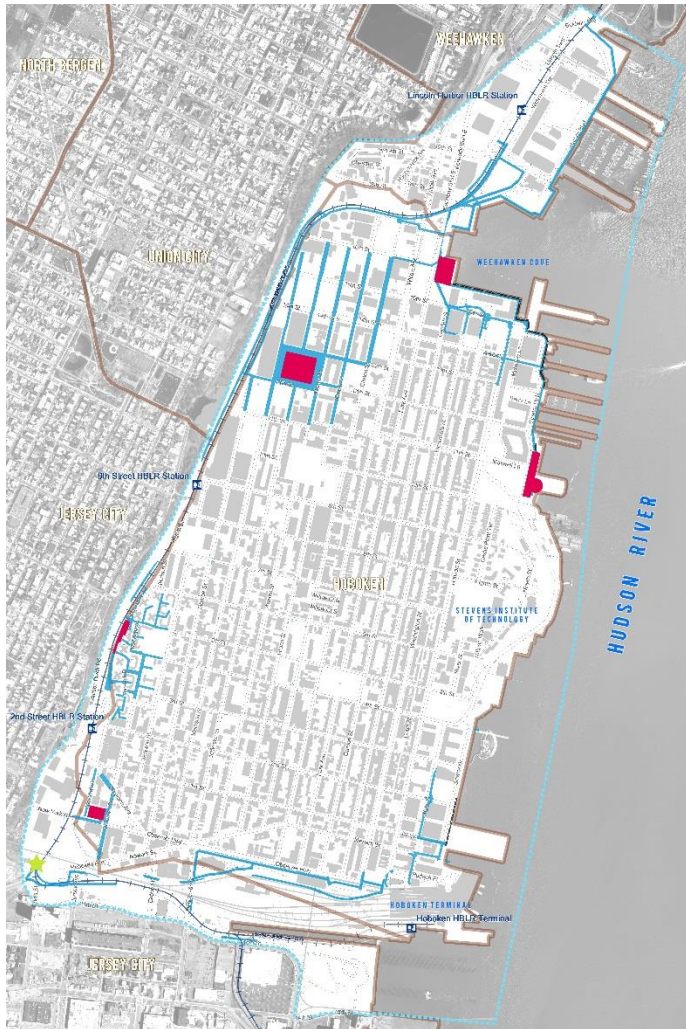
**- 45-49 RECs**  
**- Approx. 138,000 tons soil (total) potentially requiring off-site disposal**

**ALT-3**

**- 45-49 RECs**  
**- Approx. 137,000 tons soil (total) potentially requiring off-site disposal**



# Environmental Permitting



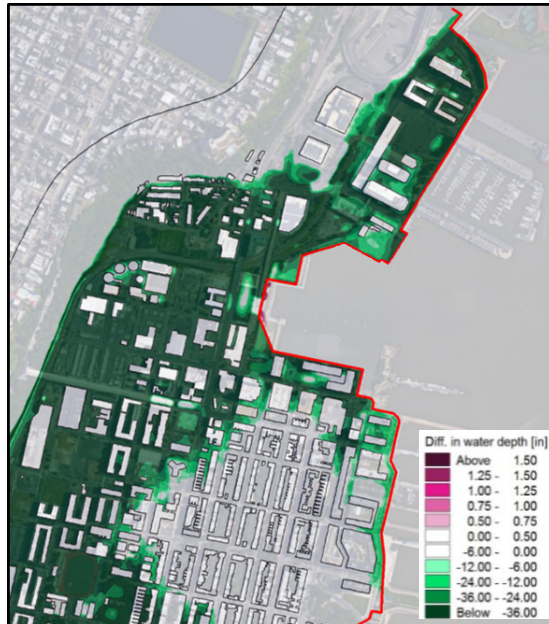
## Legend

- Study Area
- Municipal Boundary
- Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR)
- Positive Floodplain Benefit
- Bulkhead Replacement
- Permanent and Temporary Floodplain Impacts
- Freshwater Wetland Impact

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Potential minor impacts due to in-water work</li> <li>- Individual permits (USACE, NJDEP)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Negligible impacts from outfalls</li> <li>- Nationwide Permit (USACE)</li> <li>- Individual Permits (NJDEP)</li> </ul>
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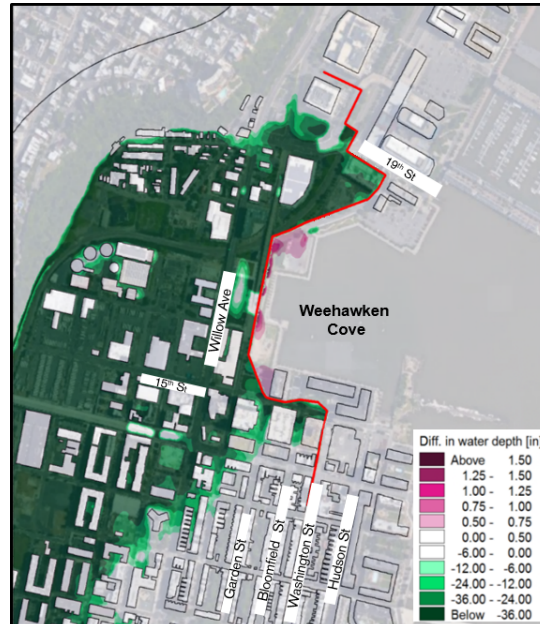
# COMPARISON OF DIFFERENCES IN WATER DEPTH (IN INCHES) BETWEEN NAA THREE ALTERNATIVES IN THE NORTH STUDY AREA FOR THE 100-YEAR COASTAL STORM

ALT-1



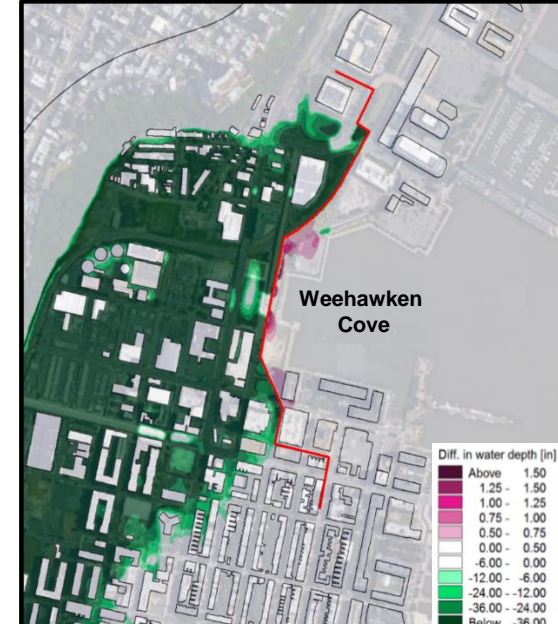
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ALT-2



**PINK** shows increases in flood depth in inches

ALT-3

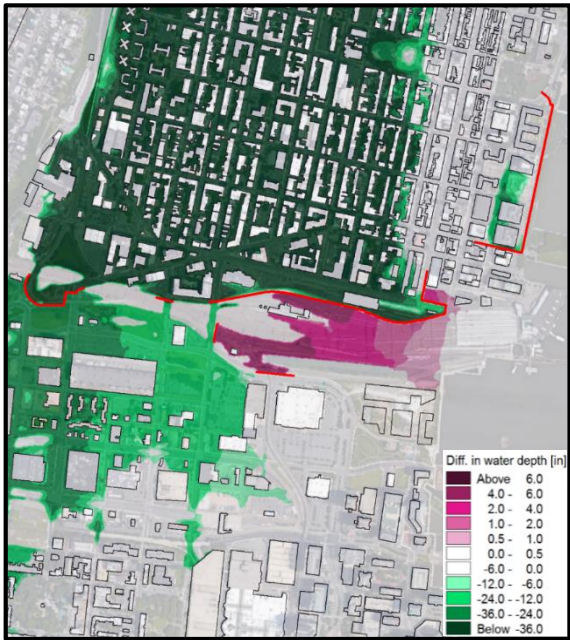


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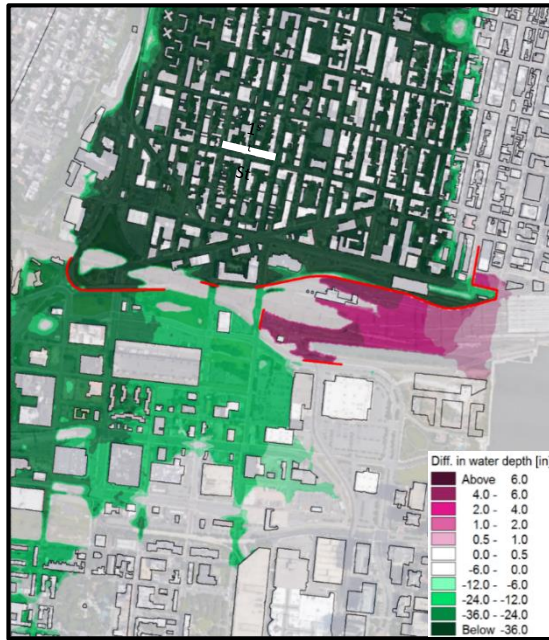
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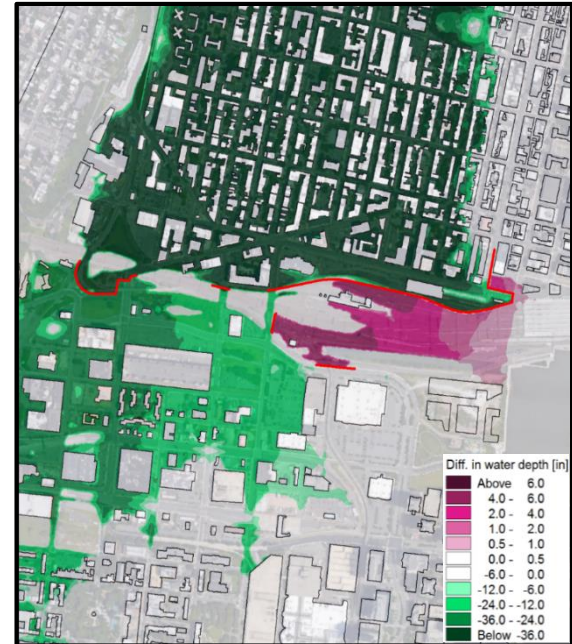
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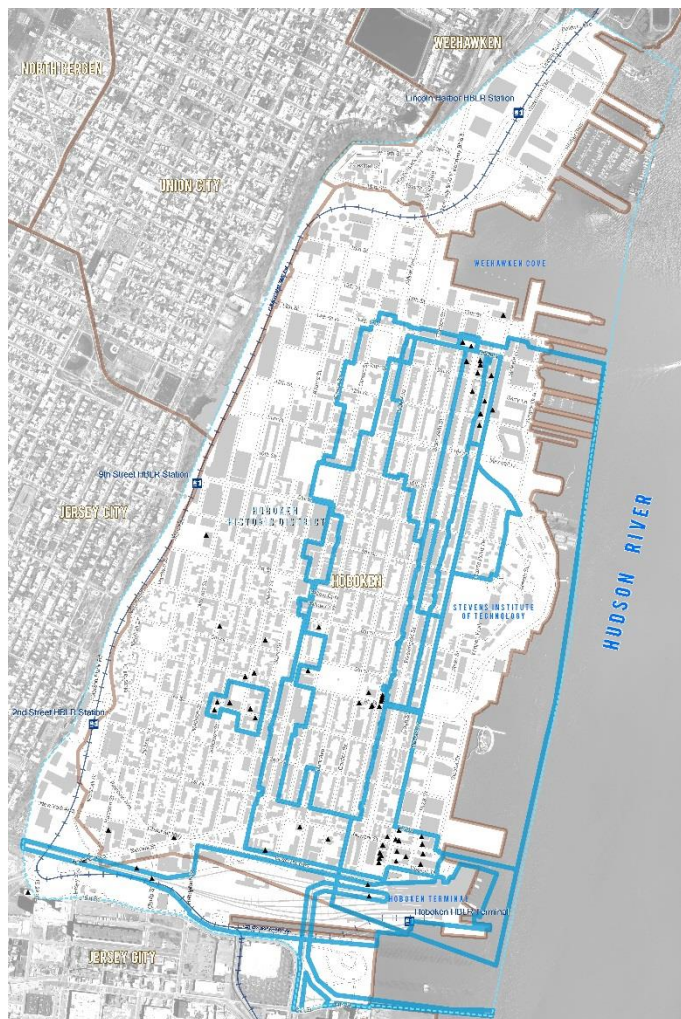
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# Historic Architecture



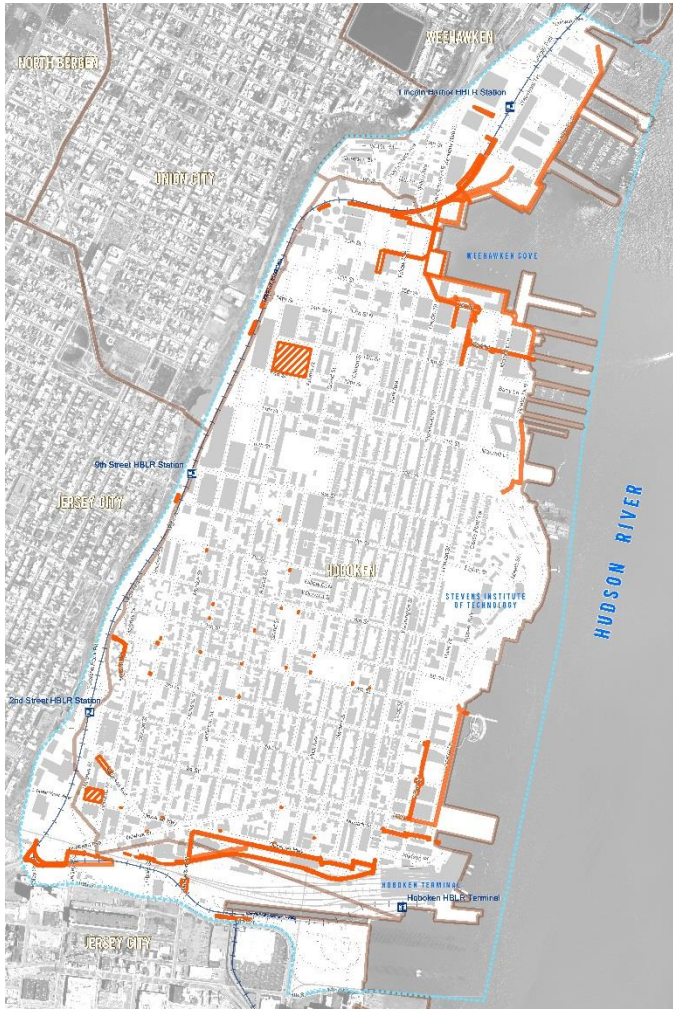
## Legend

-  Study Area
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR)
-  Historic Properties with Potential Adverse Affects
-  Historic Districts





	<b>45 historic properties potentially Impacted</b>
	<b>65 historic properties potentially impacted</b>
	<b>64 historic properties potentially impacted</b>



# Area of Archaeological Potential Impact

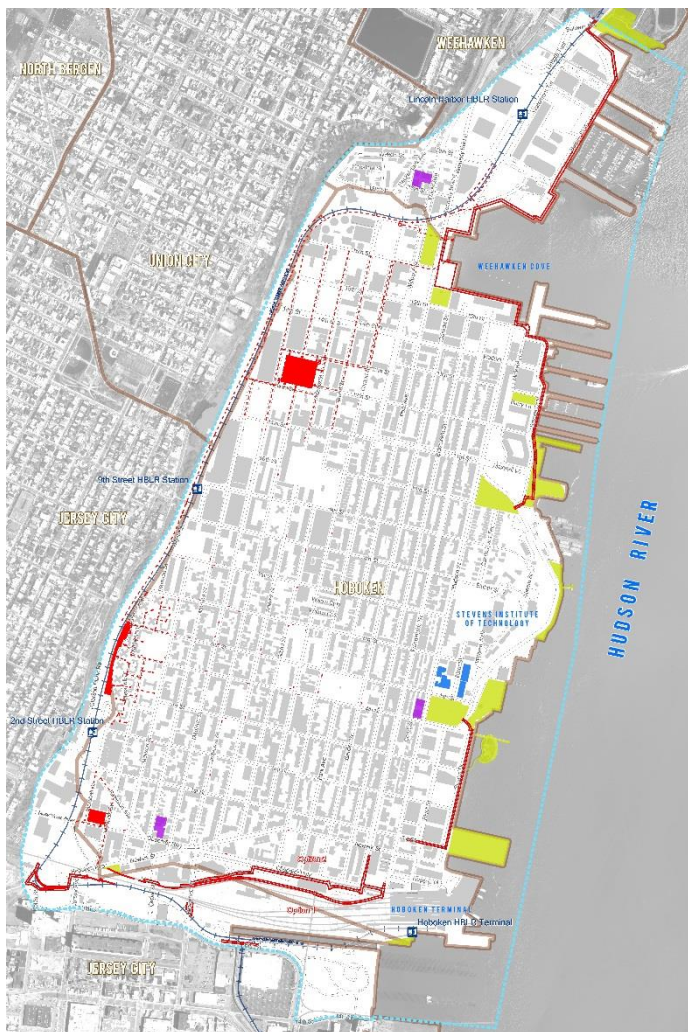


## Legend:

-  Study Area
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR)
-  Area of Archaeological Potential Impact

	<b>Approx. 16.8 acres potentially impacted</b>
	<b>Approx. 15.7 acres potentially impacted</b>
	<b>Approx. 14.7 acres potentially impacted</b>

# Noise Receptors



## Legend

- Study Area
- Municipal Boundary
- Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR)
- Proposed Resist Structure
- Proposed Underground Tank
- Proposed Underground Piping
- Noise Receptor - Parks
- Noise Receptor - Schools
- Noise Receptor - Places of Worship

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schools: 4</li> <li>- Parks: 13</li> <li>- Places of Worship: 3</li> </ul>
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# Environmental Impacts: Summary

<b>Environmental Impacts</b> 	<b>ALT-1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Greatest amount of off-site soil disposal</b></li><li>- <b>2 properties potentially impacted (pursuant to land use regulations)</b></li></ul>
	<b>ALT-2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Less amount of off-site soil disposal</b></li><li>- <b>5 properties potentially impacted (pursuant to land use regulations)</b></li></ul>
	<b>ALT-3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Least amount of off-site soil disposal</b></li><li>- <b>5 properties potentially impacted (pursuant to land use regulations)</b></li></ul>

# Preferred Alternative





## Preferred Alternative

**ALT-3**

- **Provides a high degree of flood risk reduction while balancing public input, cost and urban amenities**
- **Resist can be constructed with available funds**
- **Significantly reduced impact to built environment compared to ALT-1 ; slightly lower than ALT-2**
- **Lowest annual maintenance cost**
- **Fewest number of gates**
- **Minimal impact to waterfront access and views**

# Alternative 3 - Flyover



# Key Takeaways

**Alternative 3 is a technically feasible cost effective project that was recommended through the alternatives analysis.**

- 1. Contribute to Community Resiliency**
- 2. Reduce Risks to Public Health**
- 3. Contribute to On-going community efforts to reduce FEMA flood insurance rates**
- 4. Deliver Co-benefits**
- 5. Connectivity to the Waterfront**
- 6. Activation of Public Space**
- 7. Consider Impacts from Climate Change**

**The Design efforts will continue into Final Design.**

# Next Steps

**Publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)** ..... **Dec. 2016/Jan. 2017**

**Public Hearing for DEIS** ..... **Jan. 2017**

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# Q&A

