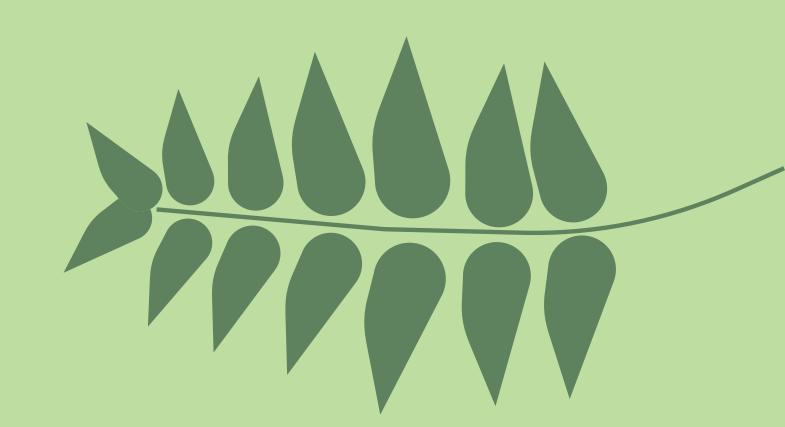




Let's talk about The Greenway!





what is the Greenway?

The Greenway is an approximately nine-mile, 100-foot-wide linear corridor crossing through Essex and Hudson Counties.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) acquired this property from Norfolk Southern railroad on August 19, 2022. The Greenway is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a multi-modal recreational and transit corridor enabling seamless walking, biking and transit opportunities between Montclair and Jersey City.

NJDEP is committed to learning how communities want to use and interact with this new public open space, how it can best serve community needs, and other methods to ensure equitable distribution of the environmental, public health, and economic benefits promised by this transformative project.



The Greenway: 9 miles from Montclair to Jersey City



what is the Transitway?

The Secaucus Meadowlands Transitway aims to increases transit capacity between Secaucus Junction and the Meadowlands Sports Complex, and in future phases, expand east and west to connect with Montclair, Newark, and Jersey City by repurposing a 9-mile stretch of the Historic Boonton Line rail to create a combined regional transit and recreational corridor.

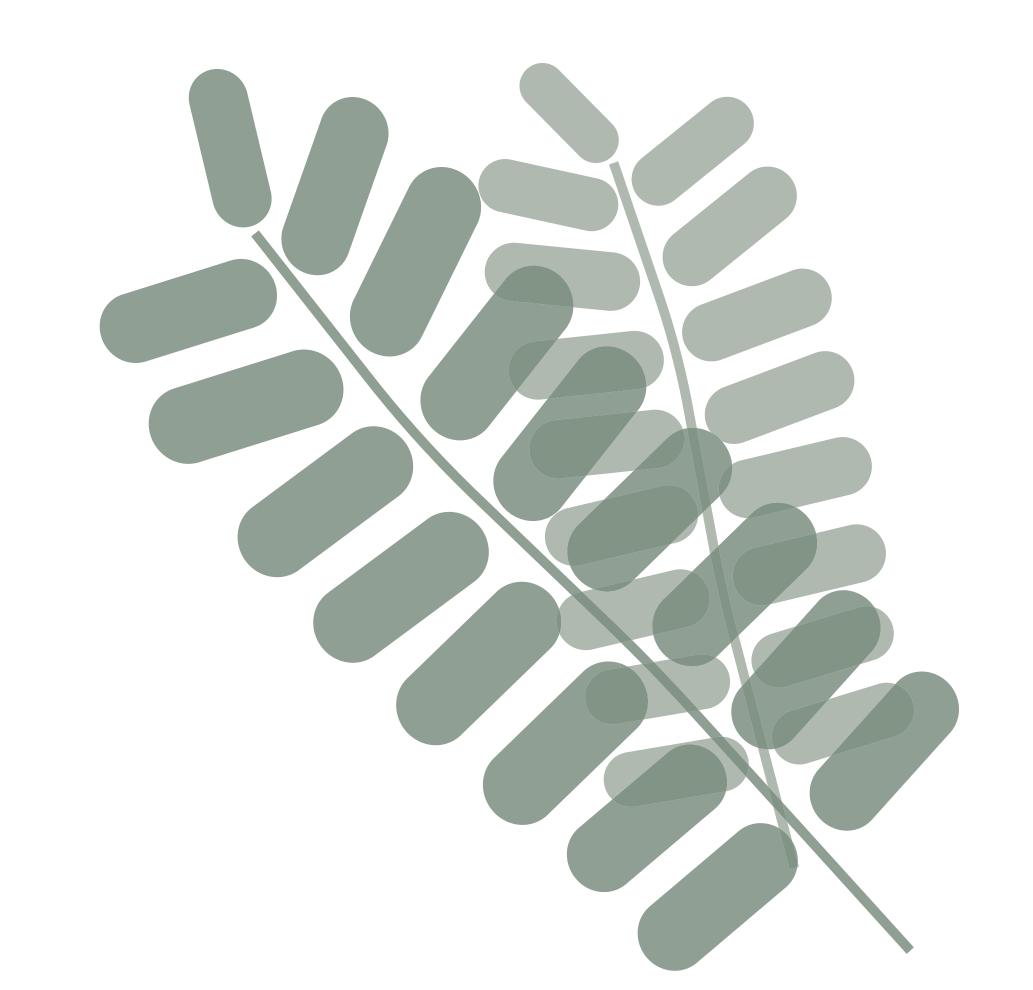


This effort will begin with a master planning effort to develop alternatives for a shared use right of way for both transit infrastructure and a bike/pedestrian route. Master planning will also evaluate transit modes using zero-emission vehicles or prepare for transition to zero-emission vehicles in the future, with the capability of being scalable to fully autonomous vehicle operation as advances in the industry allow.

Once master planning concludes, NJ TRANSIT will partner with adjacent infrastructure owners (such as the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, NJDOT, and the NJ Turnpike Authority) to leverage existing transportation infrastructure to implement a new, environmentally friendly transit service and expand active transportation options.



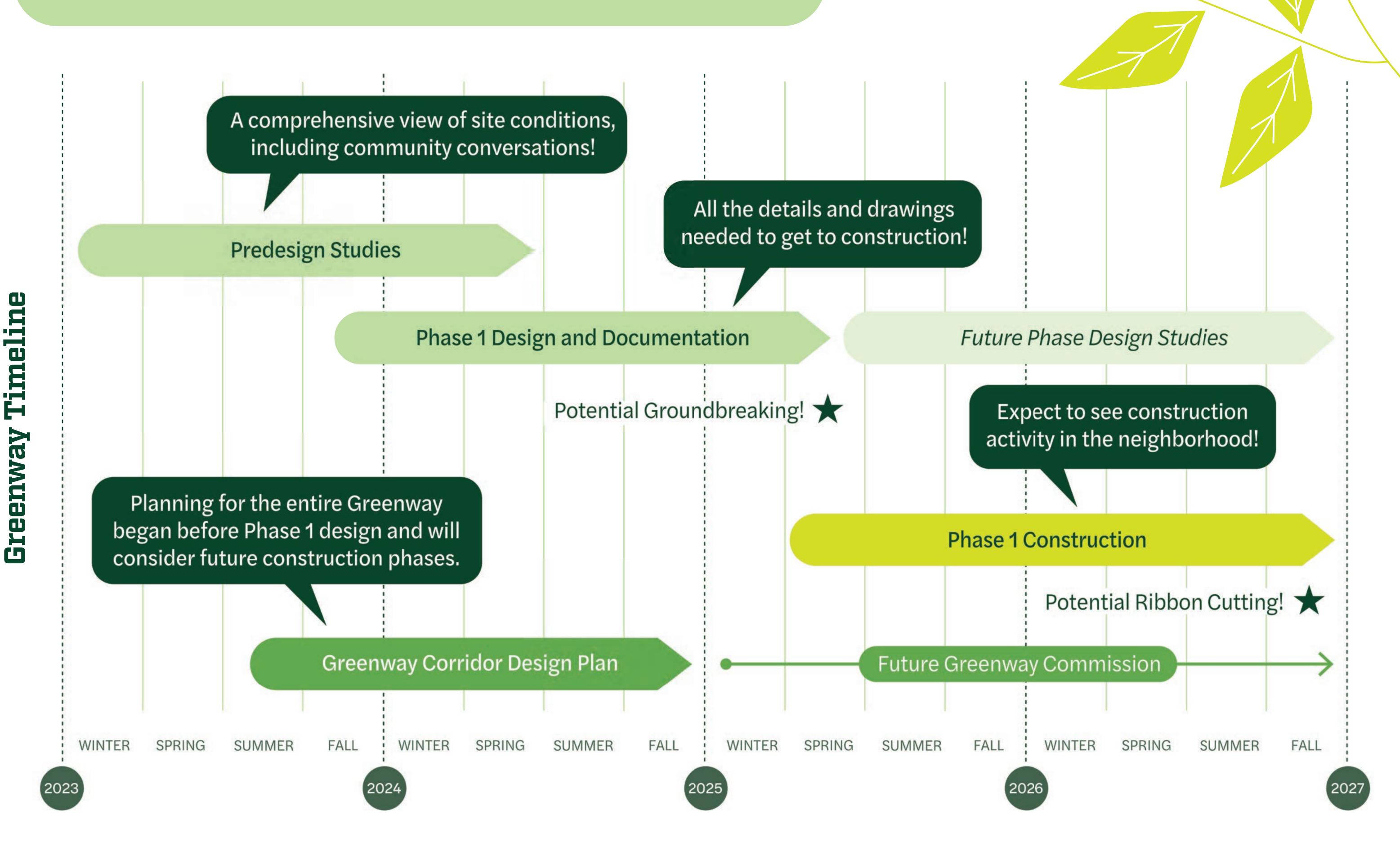


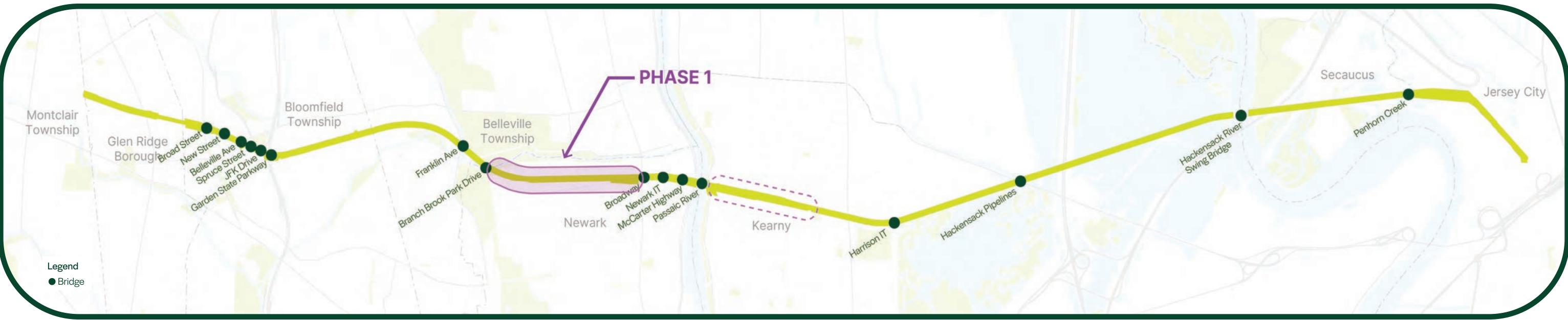




What to Expect and When

The Greenway will be developed in phases, starting with Phase 1 right here in Newark! This means that segments of the corridor would be made available to the public over time, eventually resulting in a fully accessible recreational and transit corridor.







Phase 1 encompasses roughly one mile of the Greenway between Branch Brook Park and Broadway in Newark. It was selected as the first phase for its relative ease of construction and positive impact on the surrounding community.



Your Neighbors' Priorities

Since 2023, NJDEP and the design team have been engaging with communities in every municipality intersected by the Greenway through digital + physical outreach and in-person conversations.

Community Listening Session Workshops 1 Trail

Pop-up
Garden

171

Businesses Reached

Pop-Up
Listening
Sessions

1 Youth Visioning Session



13 Advocacy Group Meetings

23 Agency and Municipality Meetings

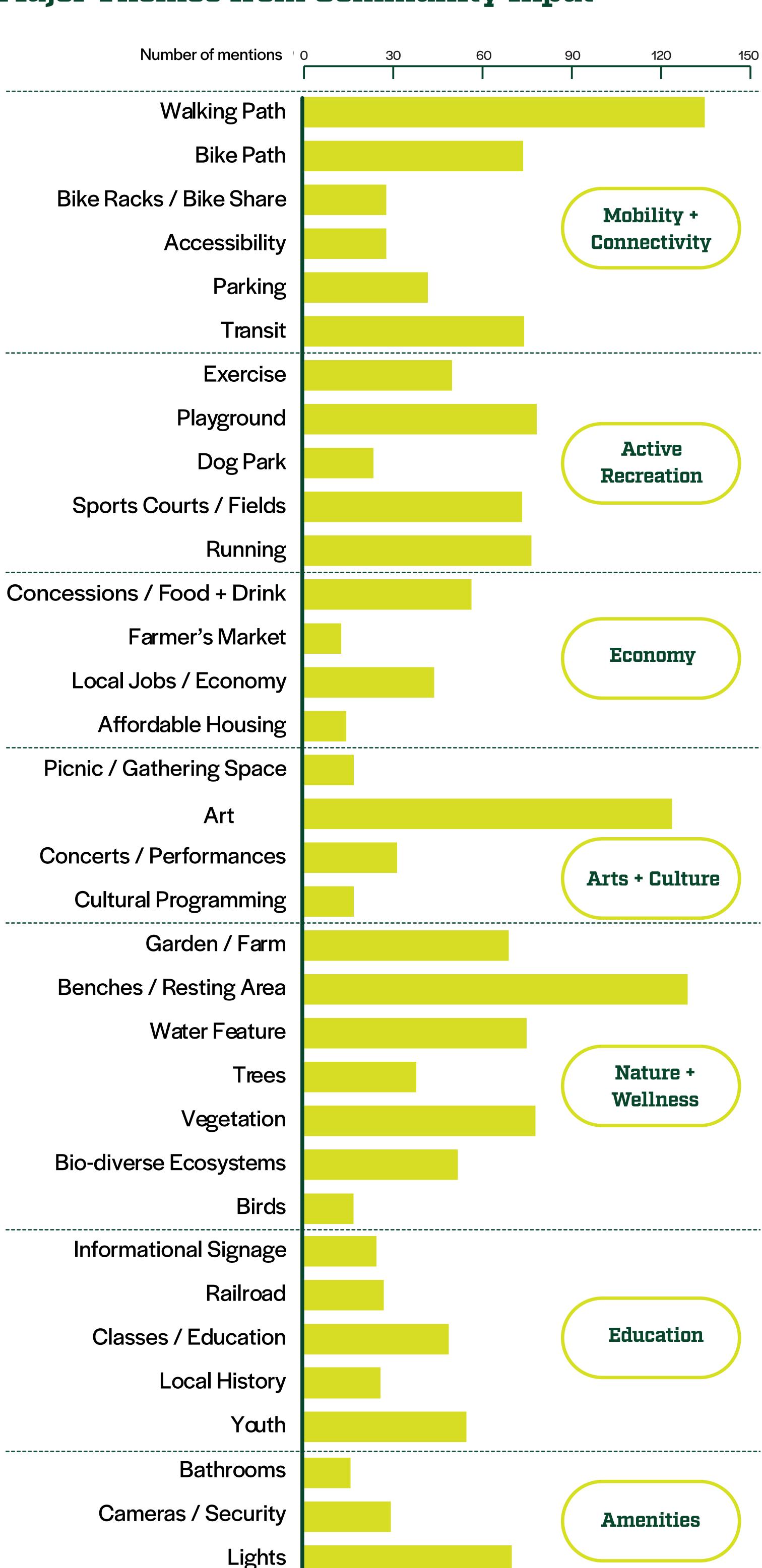


568 Survey Respondents

32,000 Mailers Sent

The focus has been to engage a diversity of community members from each of the eight municipalities the Greenway intersects. Major themes are illustrated to the right.

Major Themes from Community Input

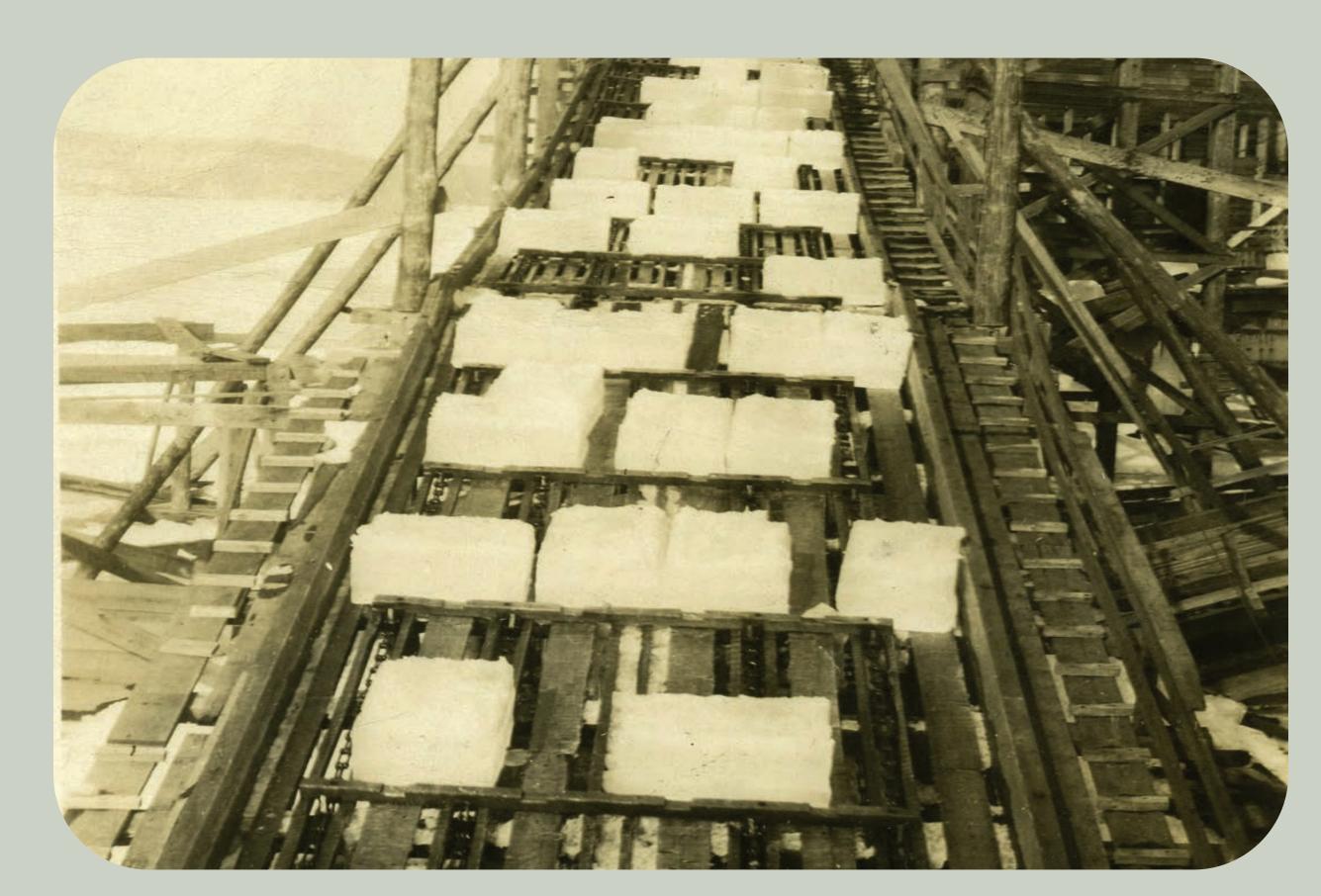


Iron + Ice: Design Inspiration

The Greenway corridor was once used to transport ice blocks from frozen lakes, to be used as cooling systems.



First, ice floes were harvested from lakes such as Lake Hopatcong.



Then, the floes were diced into blocks and loaded via conveyors onto the train.



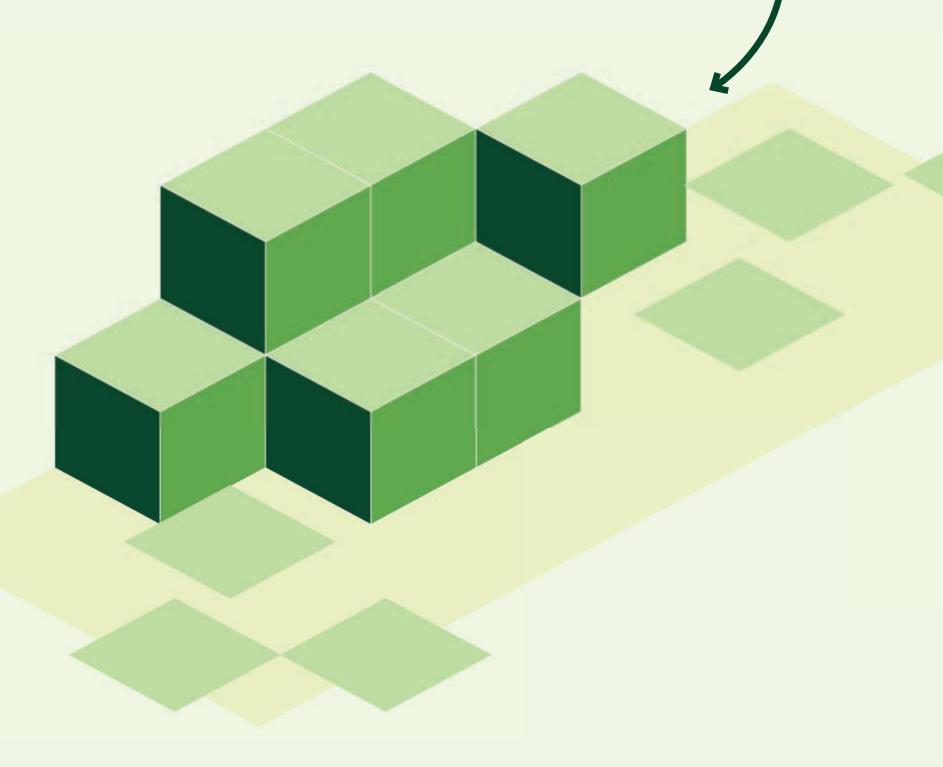
Finally, the ice blocks were stacked and stored in storage facilities, to be shipped elsewhere to serve as cooling mechanisms. Here, a stack of ice blocks is pictured post a storage facility fire.

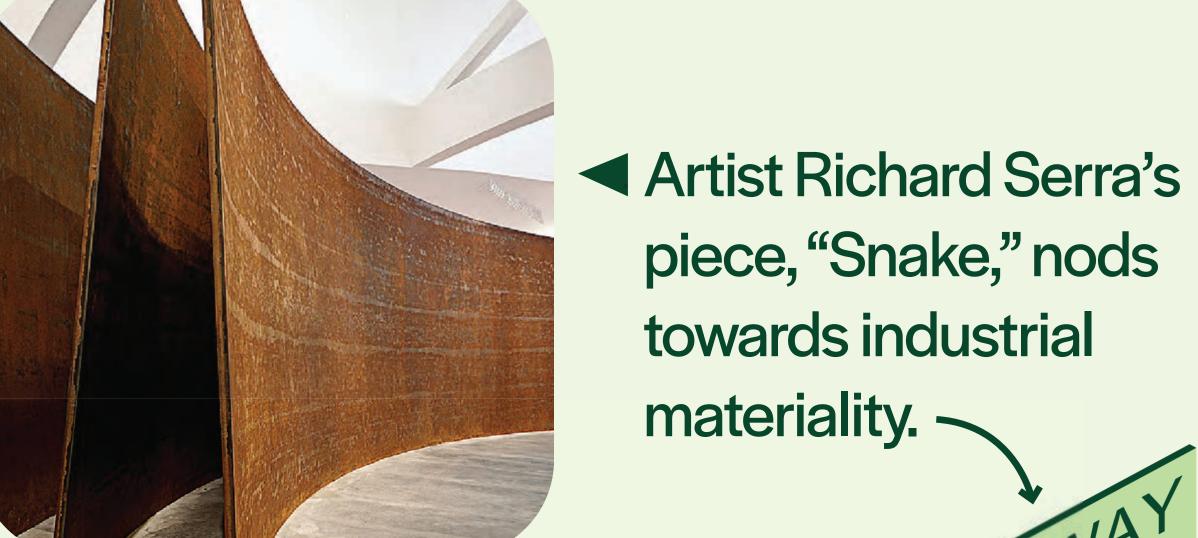


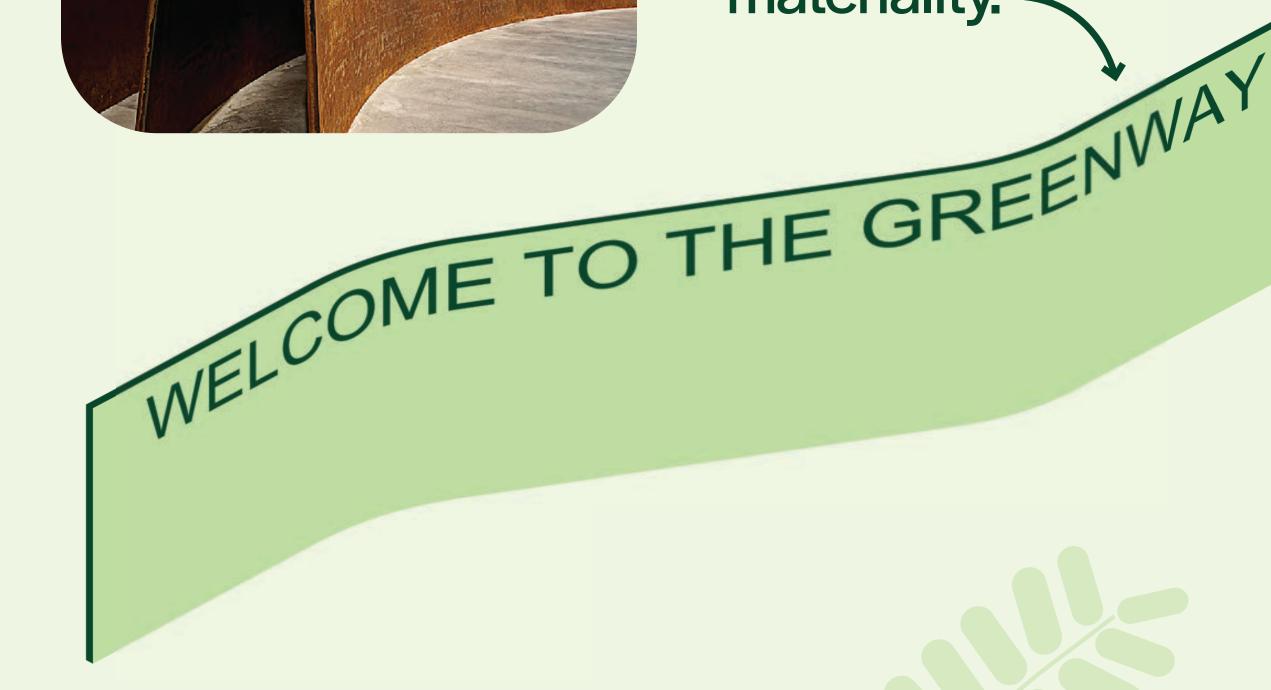
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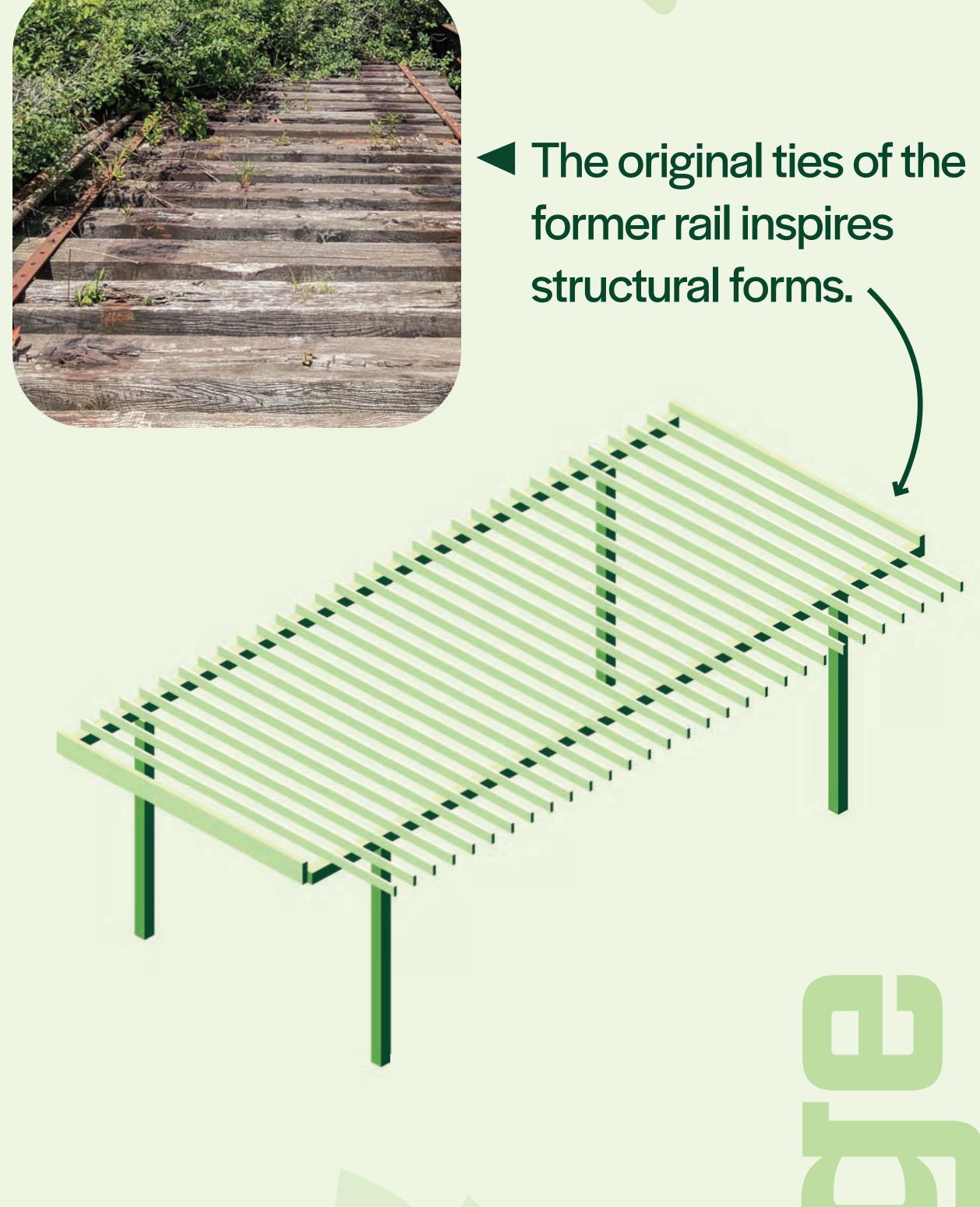


✓ Artist Rachel Whiteread's work, "Embankment," offers aesthetic similarities to stacked ice blocks.

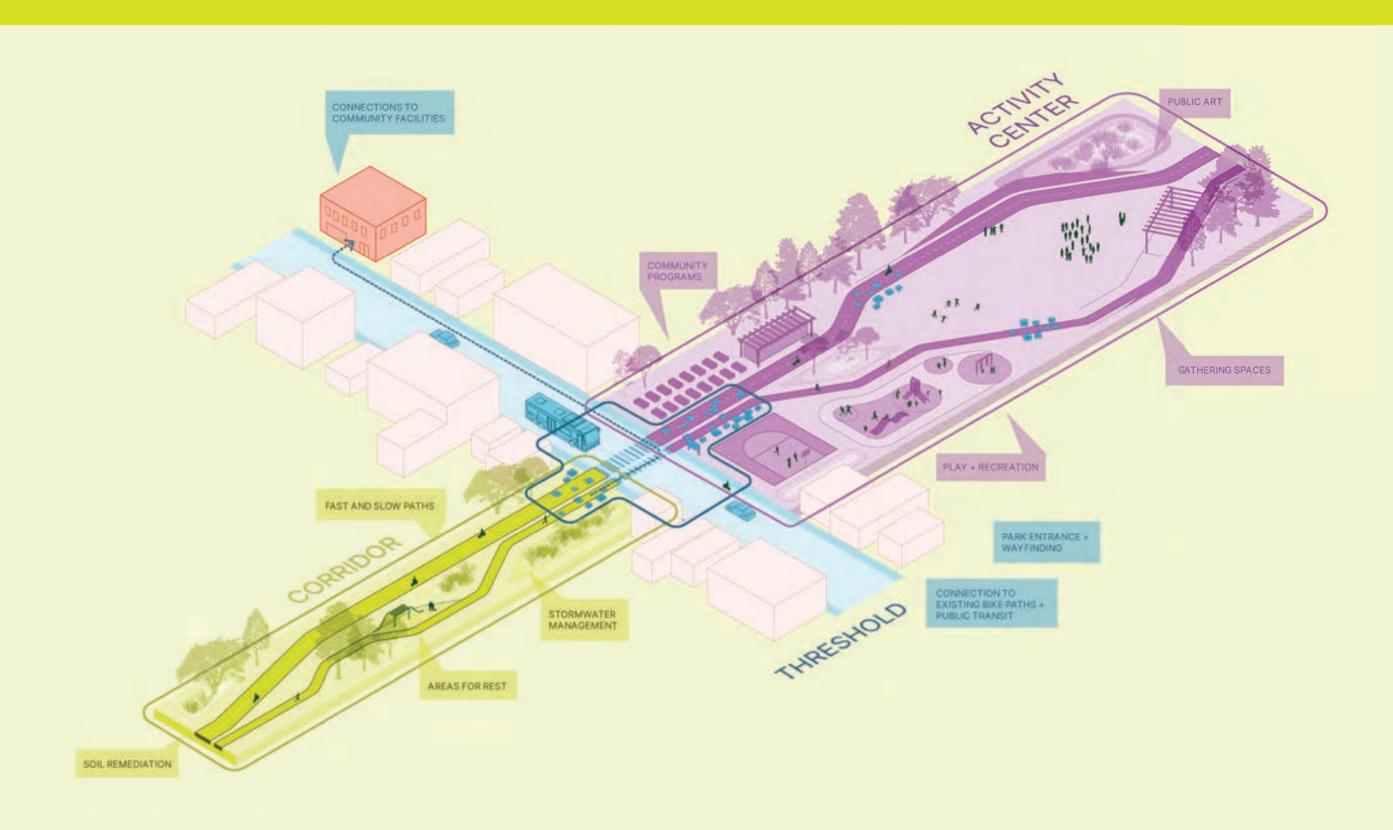




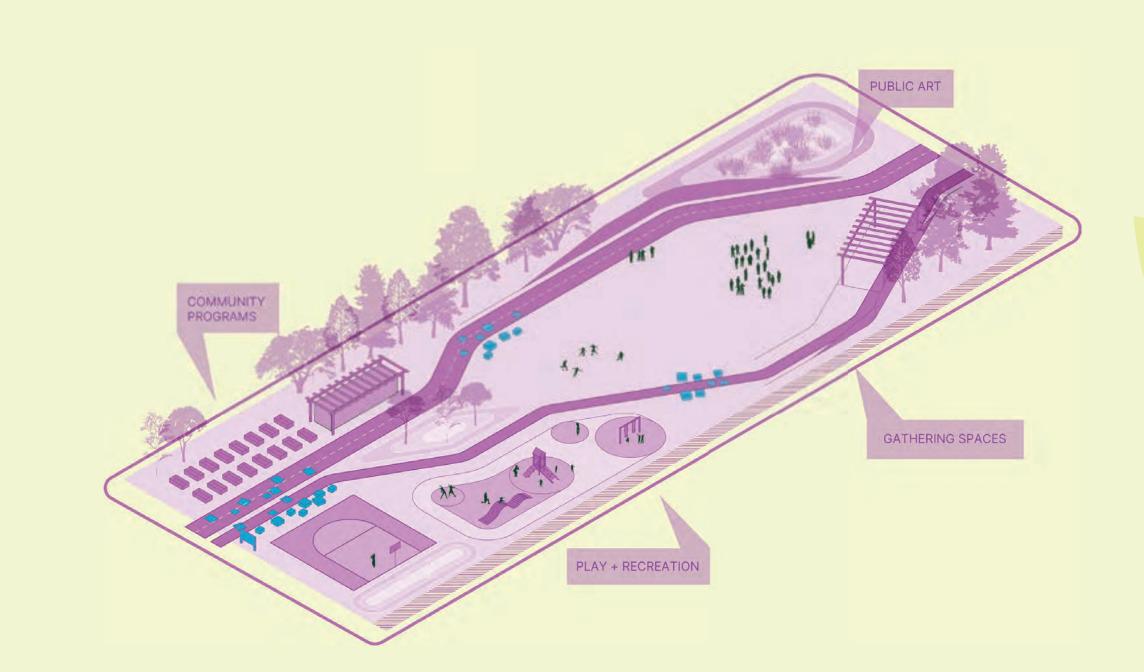




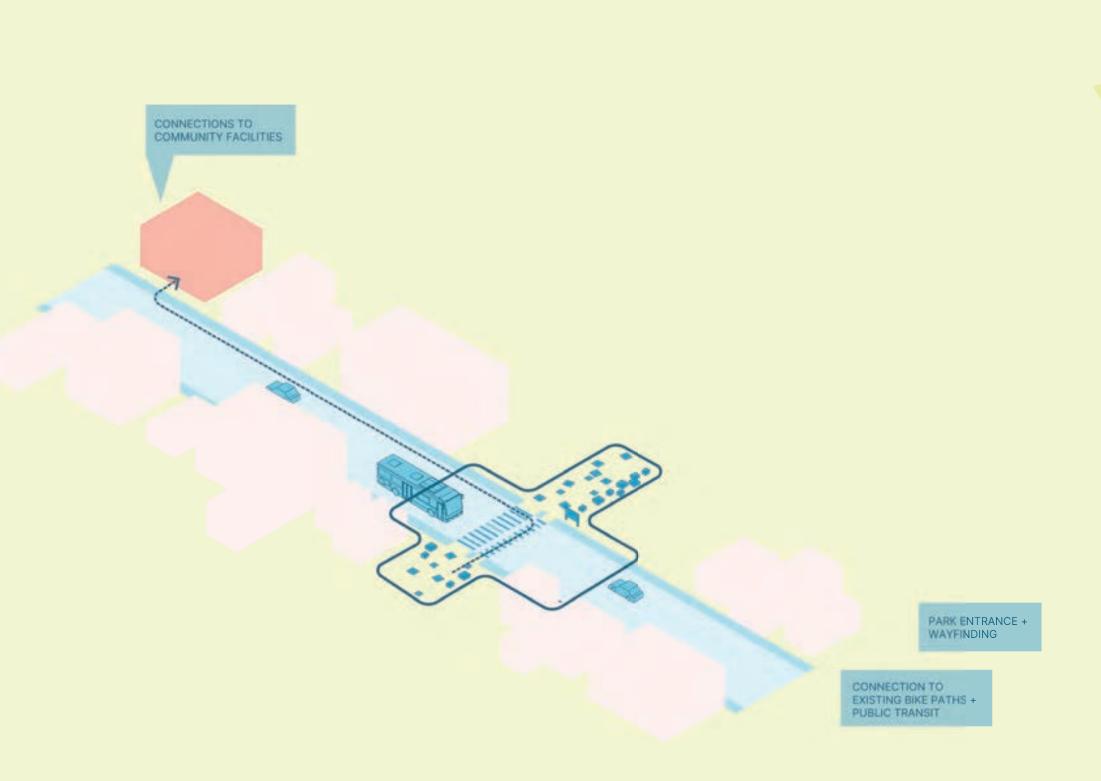
Design Components



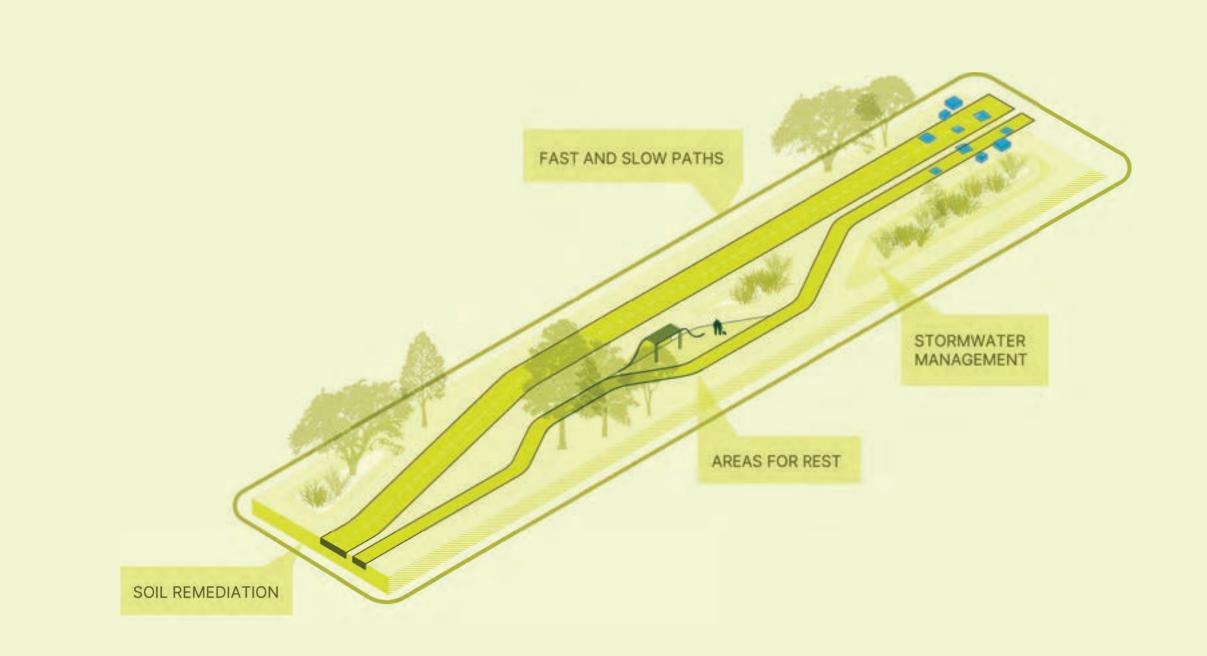
The Greenway can be categorized into three distinct components: corridors, thresholds, and activity centers.



Activity Centers are larger, centrally located spaces that contain active programming.



Corridors get people from one place to another, with small areas for rest.



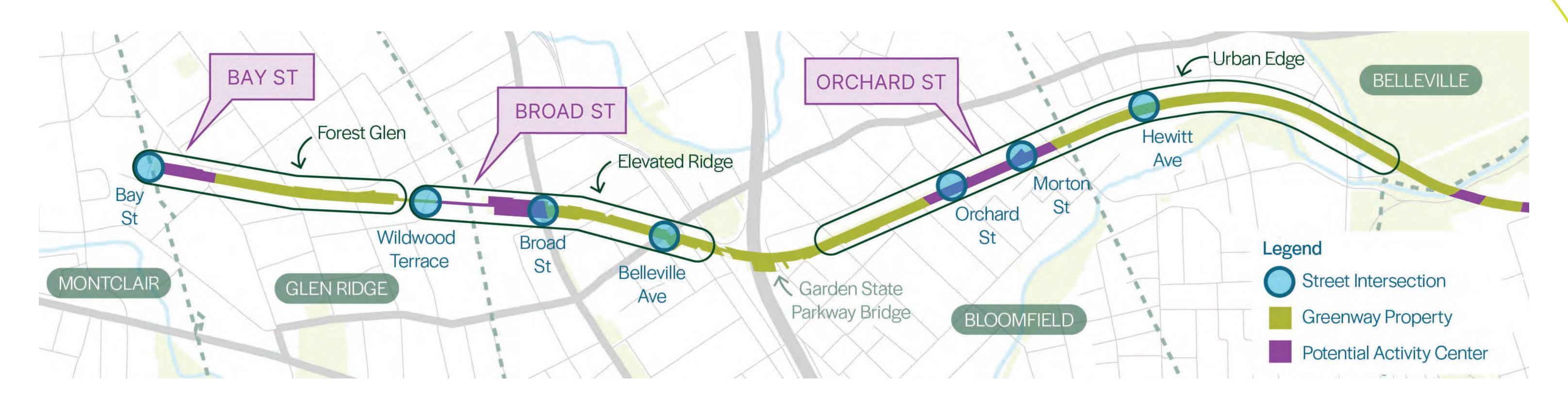
Thresholds are major entrances to the Greenway that contain wayfinding and cross major streets and bridges.





Let's talk about Montclair to Belleville!

Greenway West crosses through Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield and Belleville.



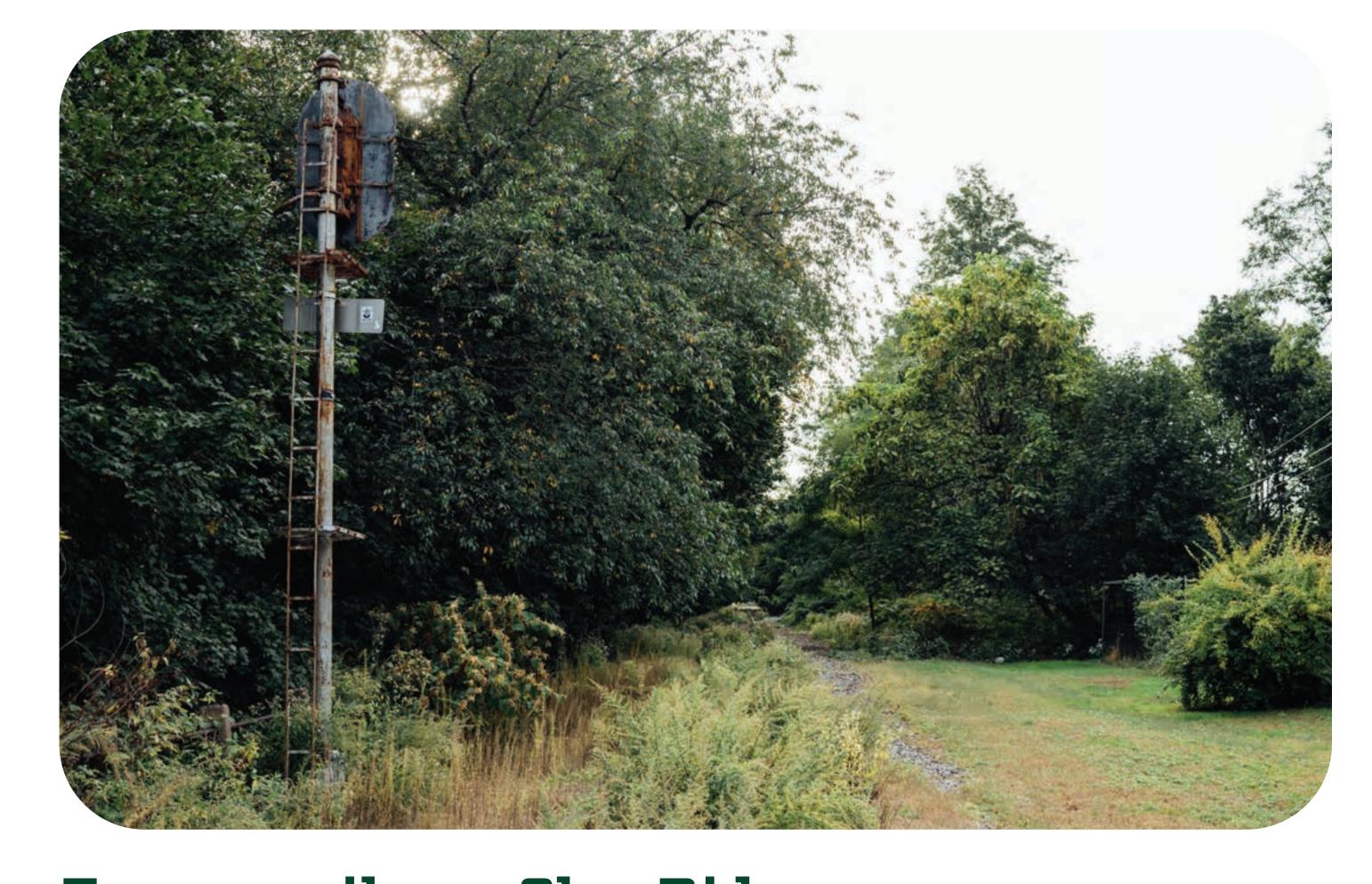
Let's focus on the WEST!



Benson Street Station, Glen Ridge



Former railway intersection, Bloomfield



Former railway, Glen Ridge



Former railway bridge, Belleville



Greenway West Conditions



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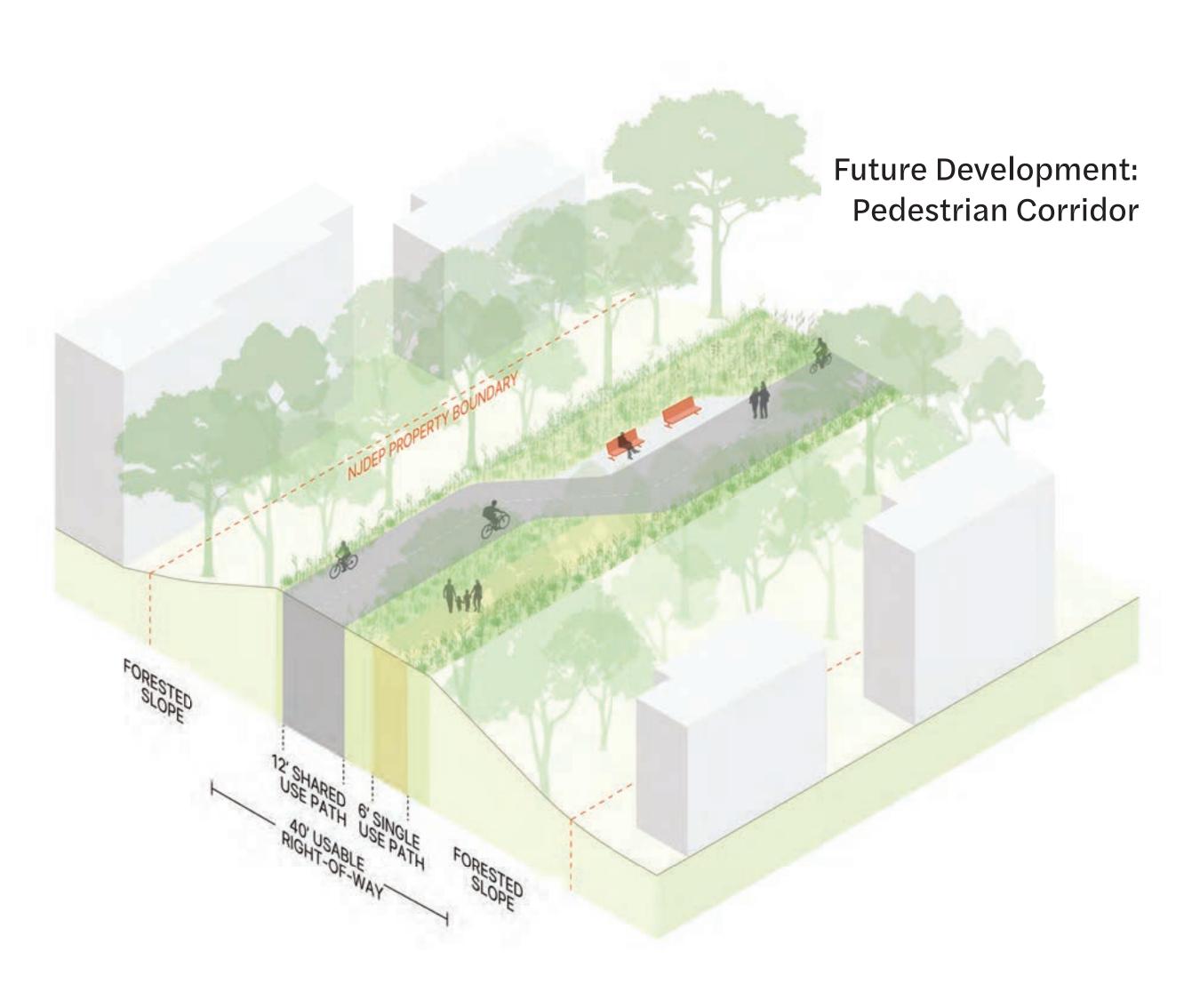
Future Development: Pedestrian Corridor Posterian Corridor Formation Corridor Forma

Within the three character zones, six distinct landscape typologies occur. In Greenway West, you can find the following typologies: Forest Glen, Elevated Ridge and Urban Edge.

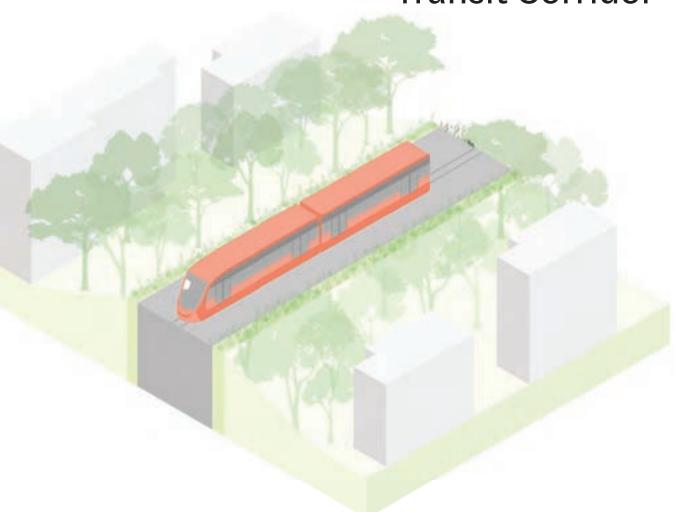
Alternative Future Development:
Transit Corridor

Tucked behind back yards in a shallow glen, this wooded stretch is surrounded by a buffer of trees and shrubs. Songbirds roost in the canopy while fox and deer forage below.

evated Ridge

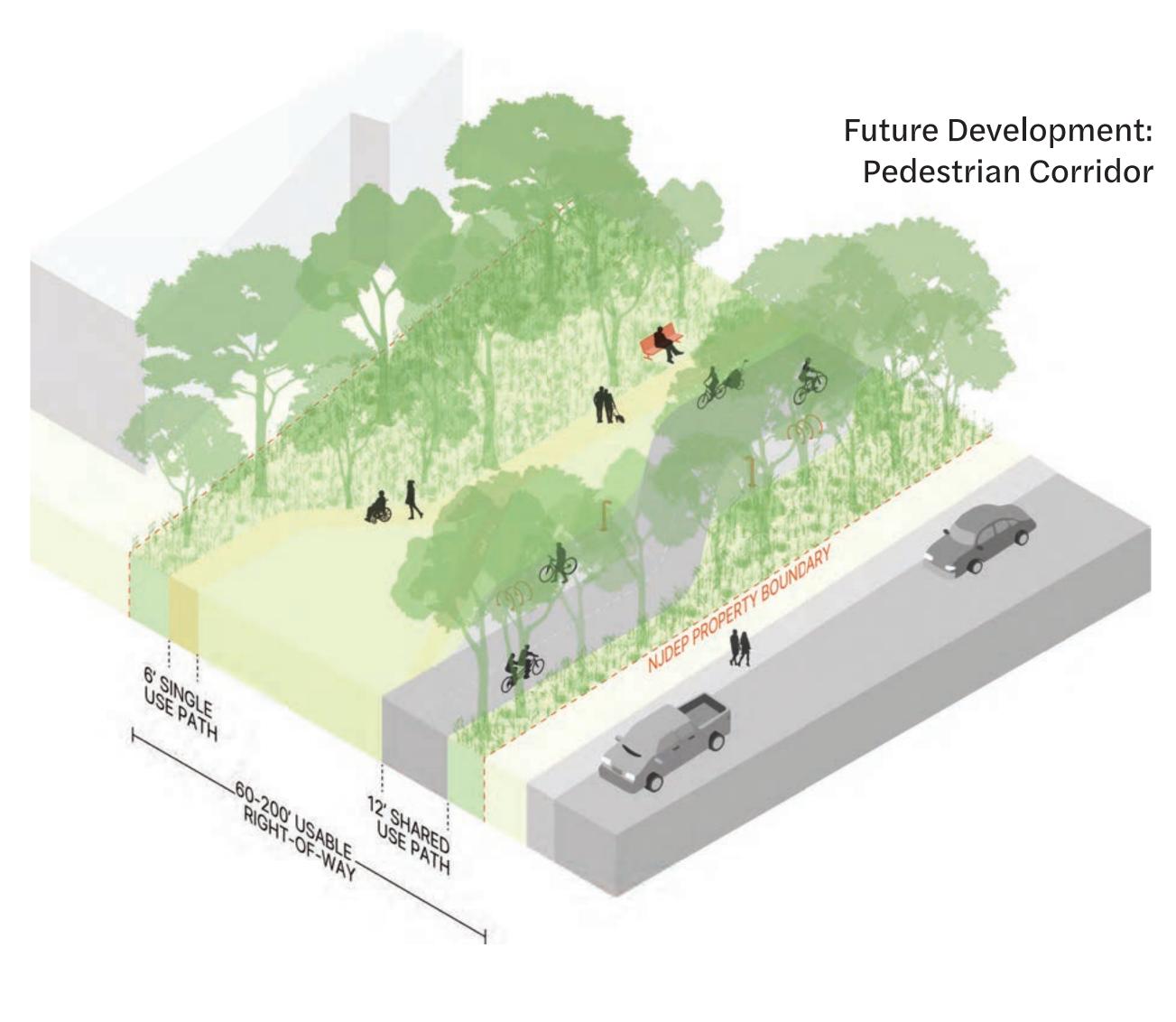


Alternative Future Development: Transit Corridor



This segment glides above its residential surroundings along a raised berm with mature trees that stand above the roof lines. Several historic bridges along the Greenway create scenic overlooks.

UIDan Edge



Alternative Future Development: Transit Corridor



This segment runs at street level and is fully integrated with the fabric of the surrounding neighborhood. Homes and businesses are directly connected to the Greenway at-grade.

Branch Brook Park Activity Center

Greenway Central

A Space to Recreate and Engage with Nature

This activity center would connect trails from Belleville Park, across the Second River, and into the beloved Branch Brook Park to the south. Doing so would expand the local park system and provide a safe and accessible outdoor recreational thoroughfare. Lastly, the design would enhance local wildlife habitat, strengthening overall biodiversity and ecosystem health.

Activity Potential



Immersion within the natural environment



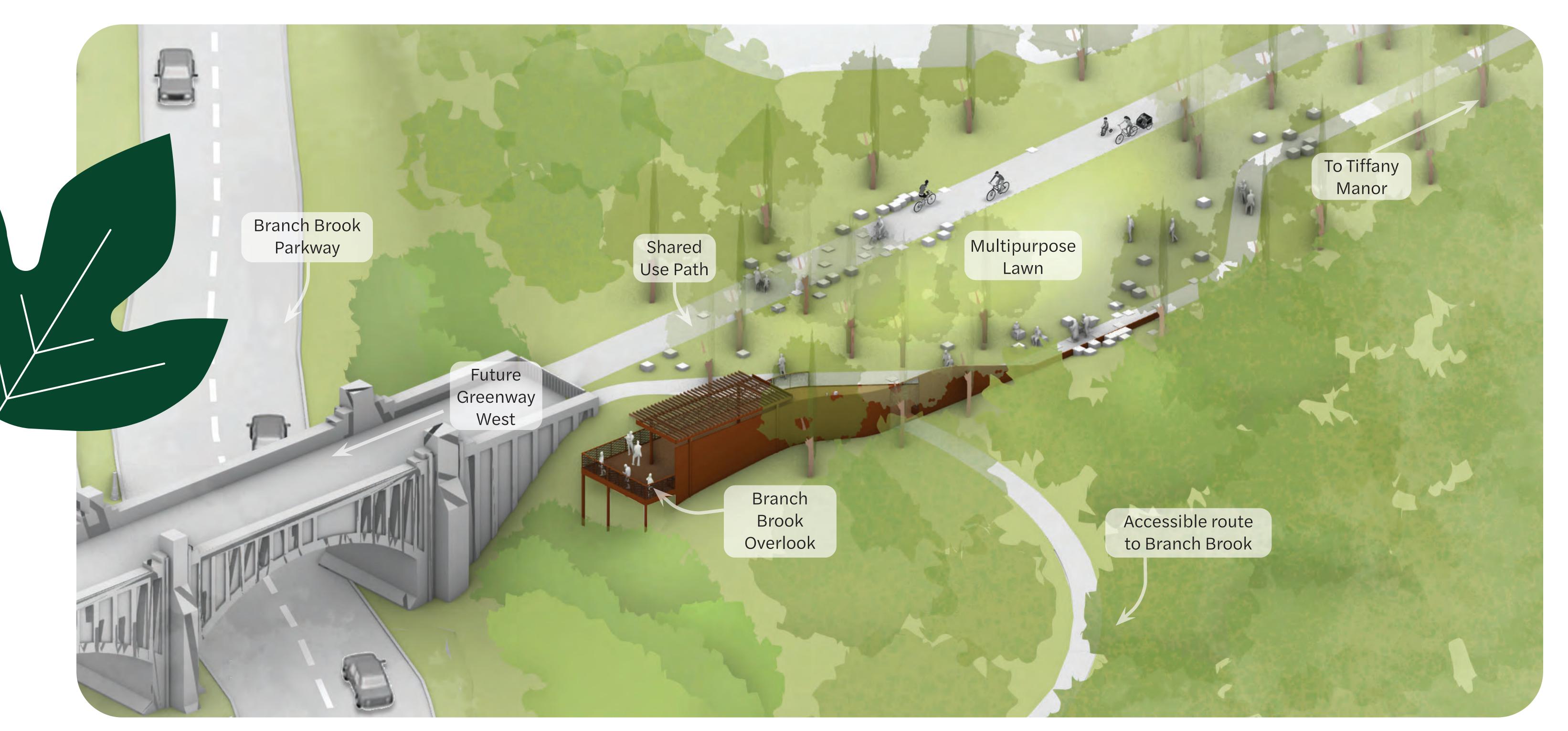
Safe space for rest, snack break, or a picnic



Recreational opportunities across parks



Gathering areas for individual to small group



Design Sketch



Branch Brook Park Activity Center

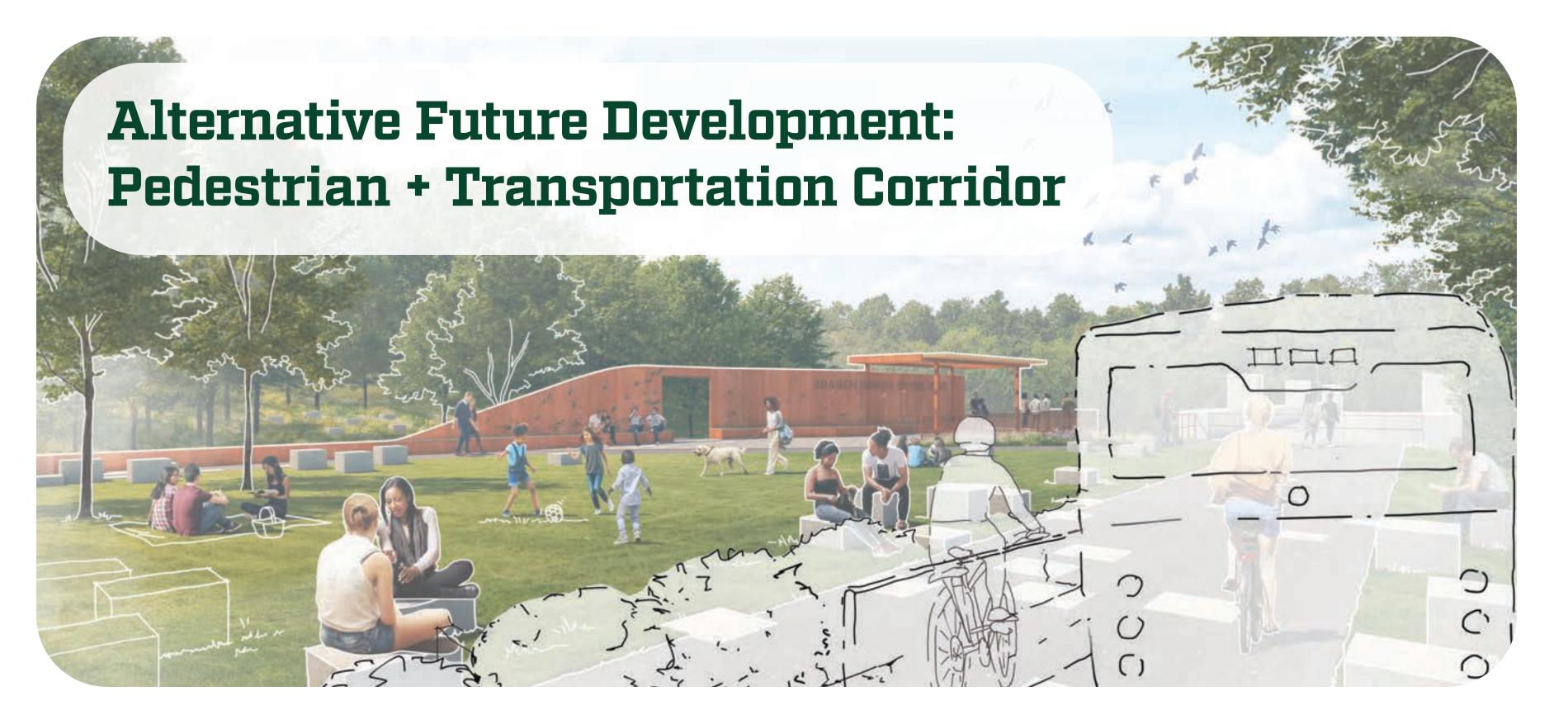
Greenway Central



Connecting Pathways, Parks + People

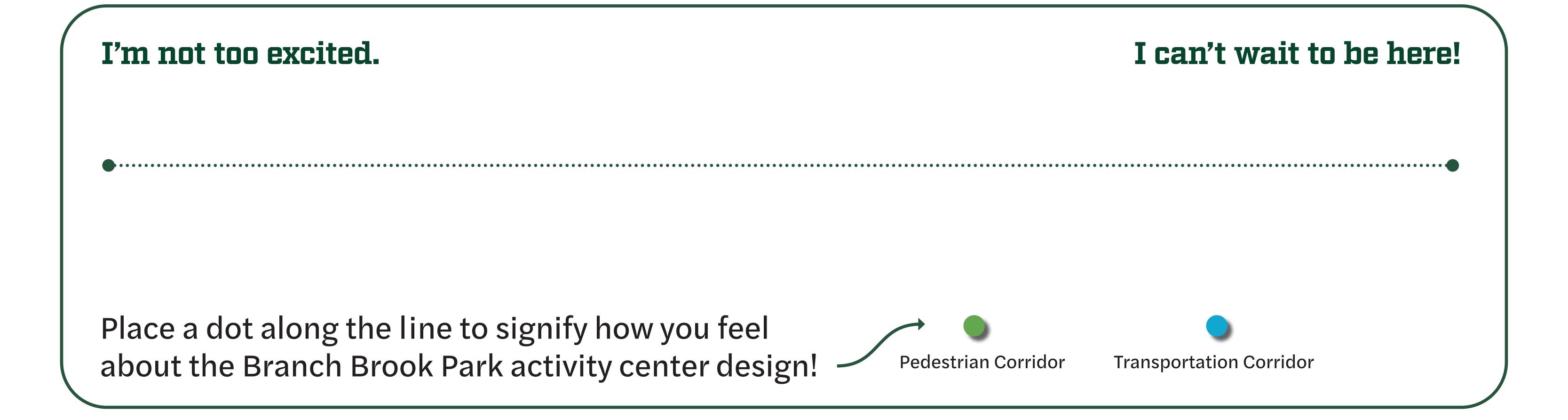
With Belleville Park to the north, Hendricks Field Golf Course to the northwest, and Branch Brook Park to the south - this intersection would act as an exciting hub for activity, gathering, and wayfinding. A shared use corridor would usher the visitor, whether on foot or on wheels, between Branch Brook Park and the rest of the Phase 1 segment of the Greenway.

A potential future transportation corridor would pass through the activity center. Cyclists and transit goers would share a multimodal path.



Share how you feel!



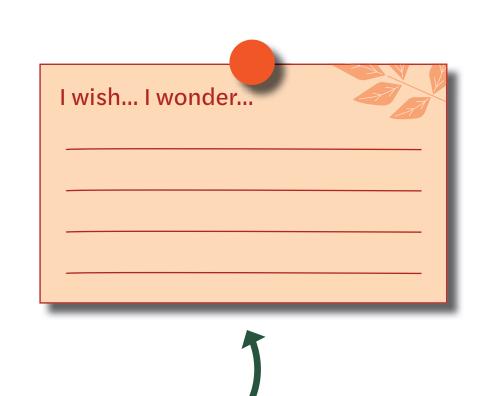


What excites you the most?



Fill out a card with your thoughts!

What do you wish for? What makes you wonder?



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Tiffany Manor Activity Center

Greenway Central



A Space to Gather

Once home to the Tiffany & Co. factory, the Tiffany Manor apartment complex is both a neighborhood icon and a historic draw. The Second River runs along the northern edge of Tiffany Manor, forming the boundary between Belleville and the neighborhood of Forest Hill in Newark. The future activity center would expand upon the pathways and greenspace of the nearby Belleville Park while connecting neighborhoods and towns alike.

Activity Potential



Recreational activity space for those on foot or on wheels



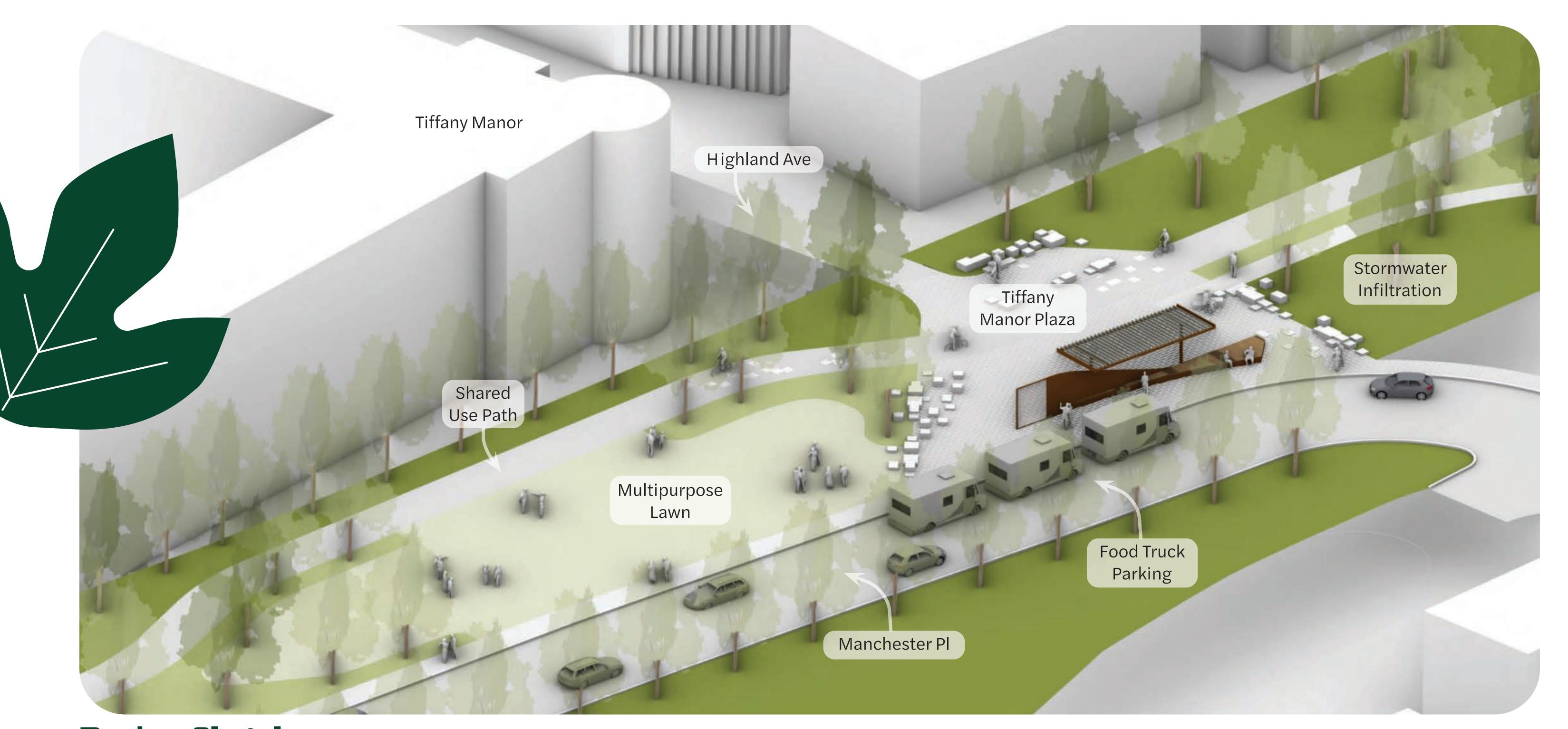
Shady rest areas



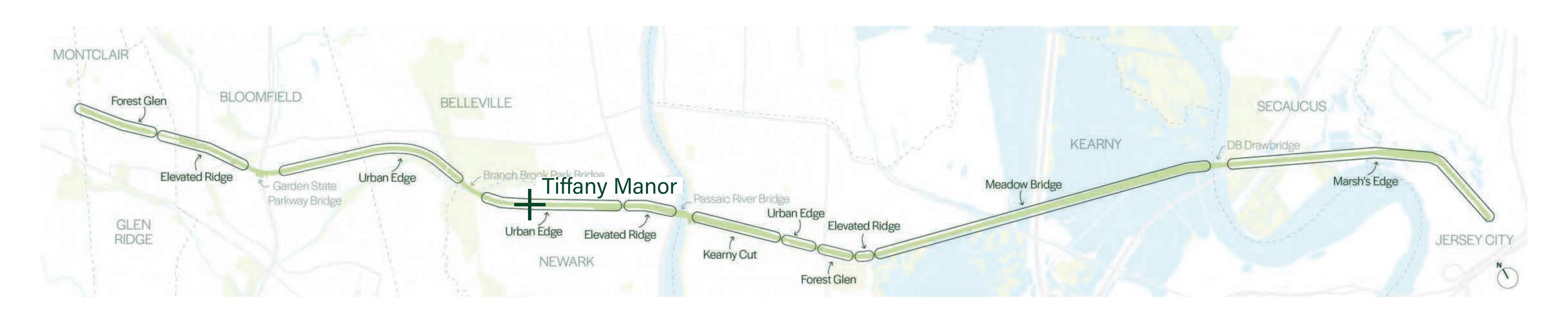
Gathering space for neighborhood events



Safe space adjacent to roadway for vendors



Design Sketch



Tiffany Manor Activity Center

Greenway Central



A Place for Gathering and Small Events

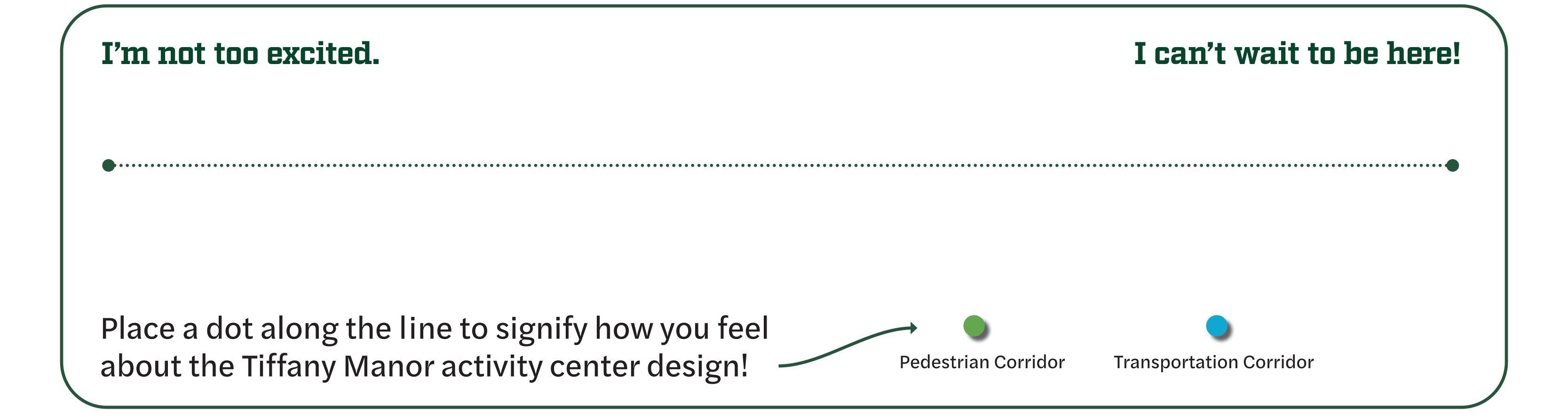
The Tiffany Manor activity center would have the capacity to host small groups or small-scale events, fostering relationships between communities and neighbors. With a sculptural trellis + bench centering the space, it offers shade and seating for pedestrians passing through or those coming to stay for a while.

A potential future transportation corridor would hug the edge of the activity center, with a shared use pathway running alongside.



Share how you feel!



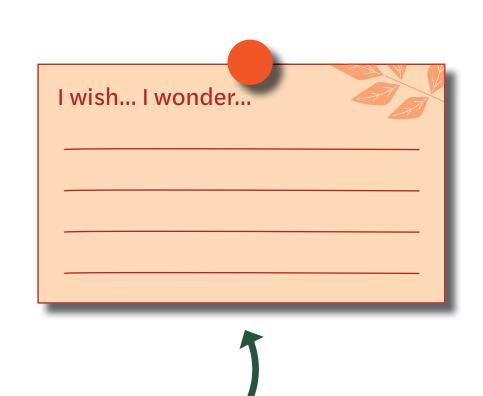


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Newark Central Activity Center

Greenway Central



A Space to Recreate and Play

This activity center in Newark will be the largest along the entire nine miles of the Greenway! At its widest point, this section is 200 feet wide. This creates an extraordinary space for different forms of play, multi-model recreational corridors, and different sizes of events. As a bustling urban hub in the heart of Newark and with a rich history in the arts, this activity center has many exciting opportunities to offer.

Activity Potential



Opportunities for environmental educational signage



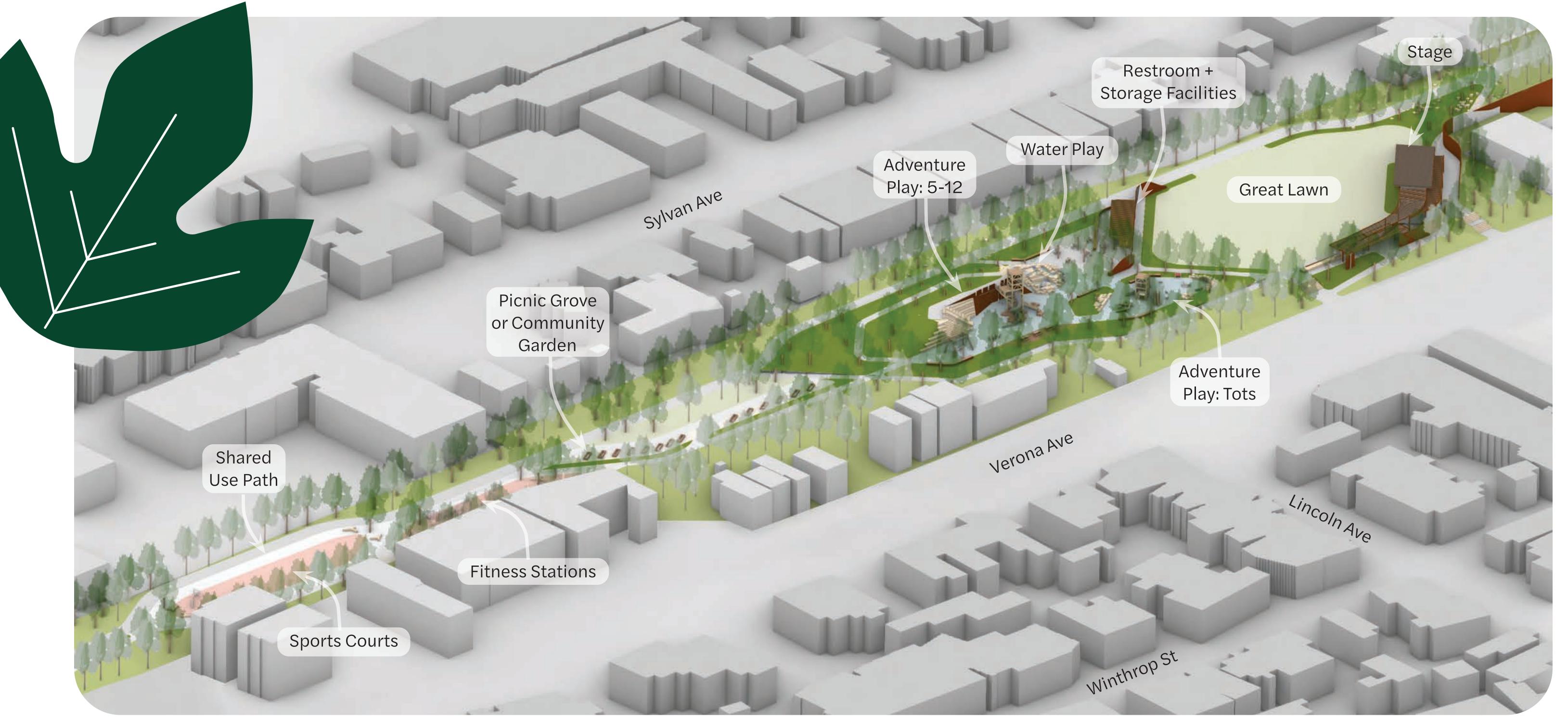
Playspaces for all ages



Gathering space for neighborhood events



Space for picnics and small to large group activities



Design Sketch



Newark Central Activity Center

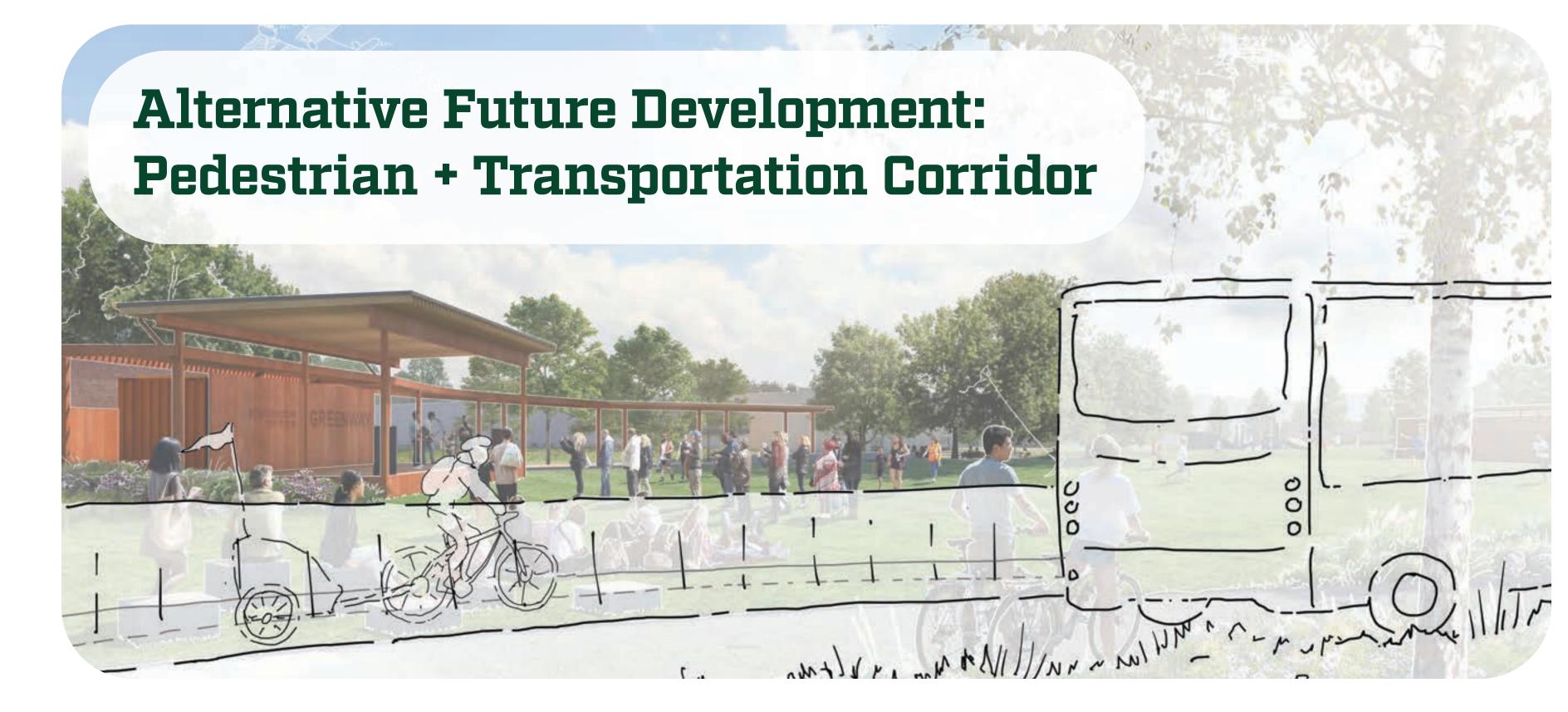
Greenway Central



A Bustling Urban Hub Packed with Activity

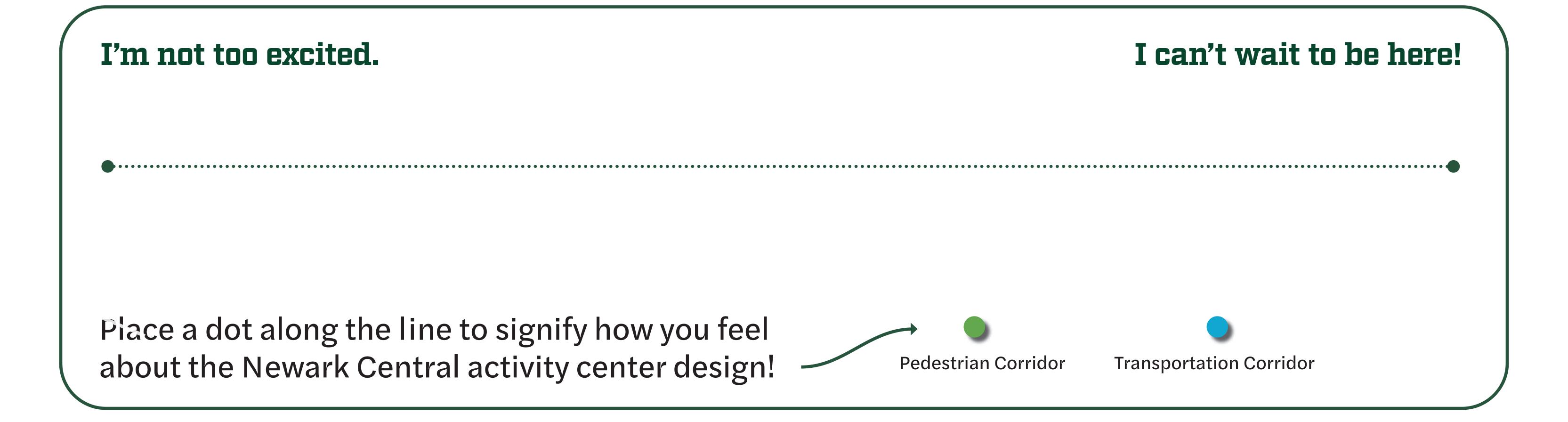
The Newark Central activity center is designed for every type of adventure. There could be fitness stations, sports courts, picnic groves, playgrounds for all ages, water play features, and an expansive greenspace ready for events - some that could even take place on a state-of-the-art stage! With a recreational corridor gently meandering through the activity center, it has something for everyone.

A potential future transportation corridor would hug the edge of the play areas, sports courts, and open greenspace.



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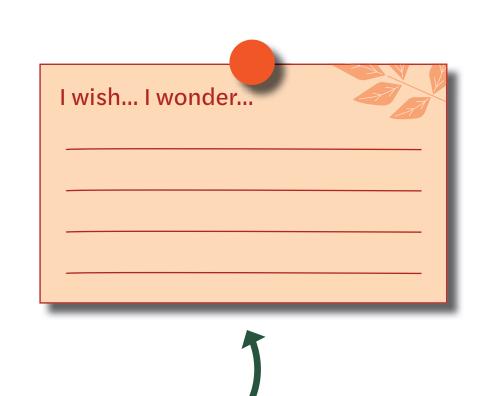


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Picnic Groves

Courts

Fitness Stations



The picnic groves will offer shaded gathering space under native tree canopy, for everything from dayto-day casual meet ups ato birthday parties and family reunions!





The multi-sport courts will be the perfect place to practice shots, play pickup games of basketball, soccer or street hockey, or learn to ride a bike!

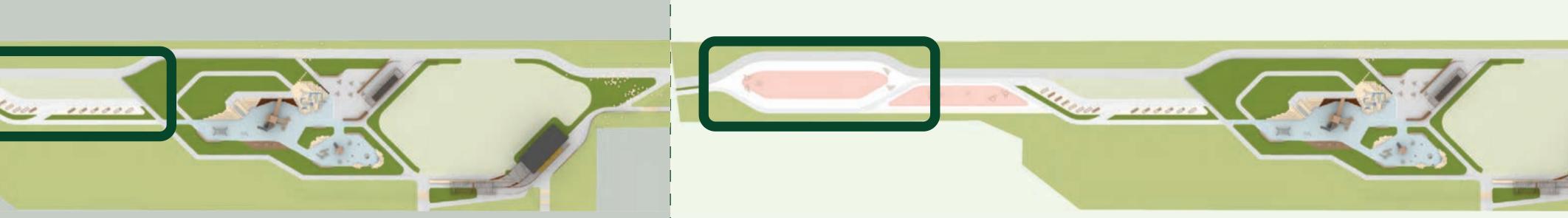




The equipment and open lawns of the fitness area will provide outdoor exercise opportunities for all ages and abilities...from weight lifting to calisthenics to yoga and boot camp classes.

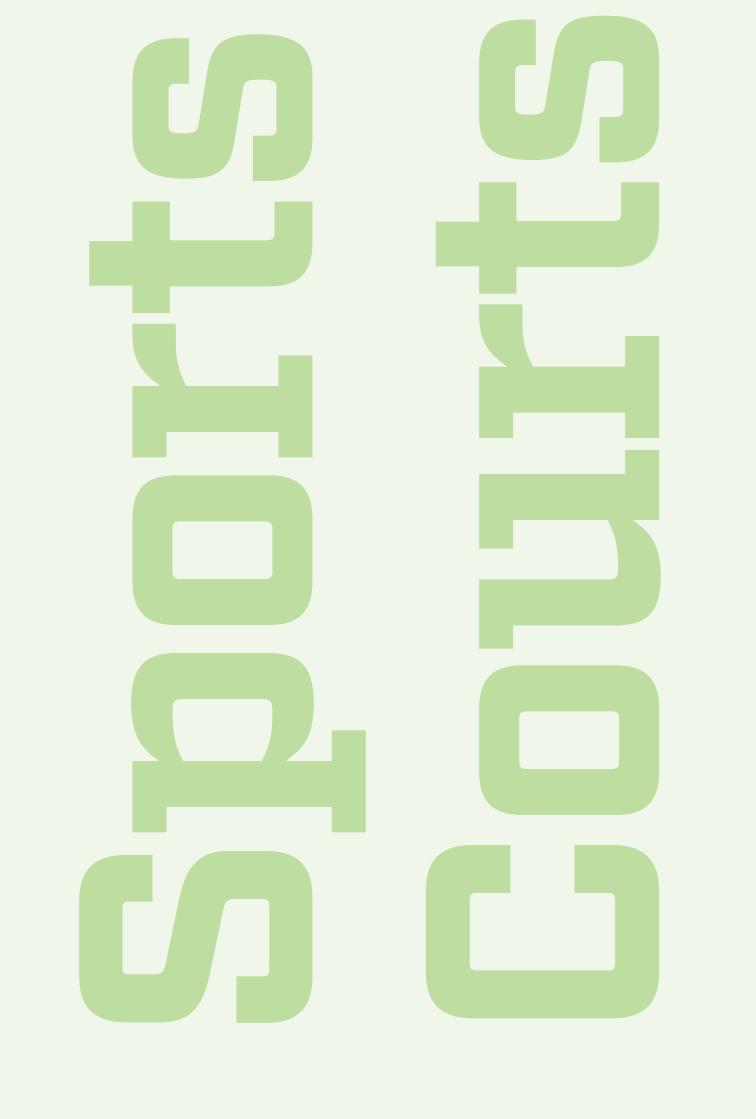










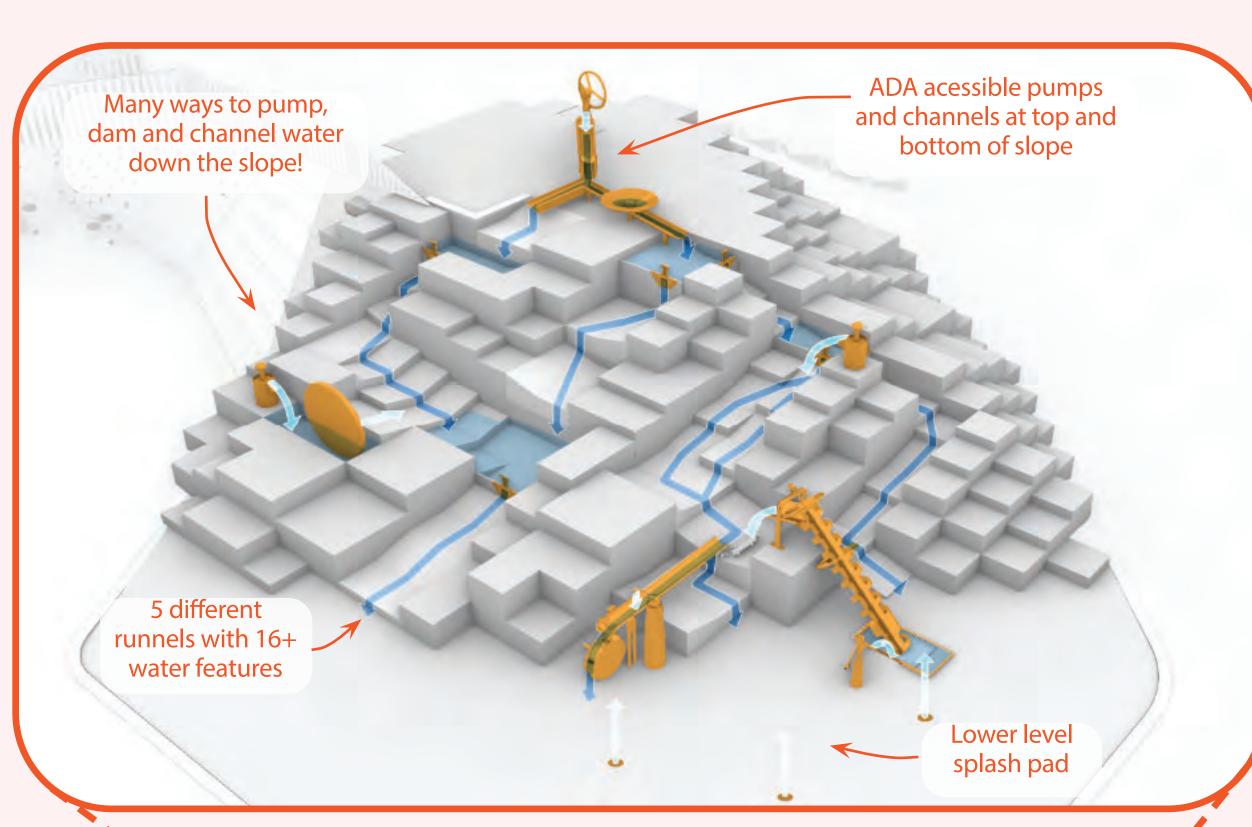


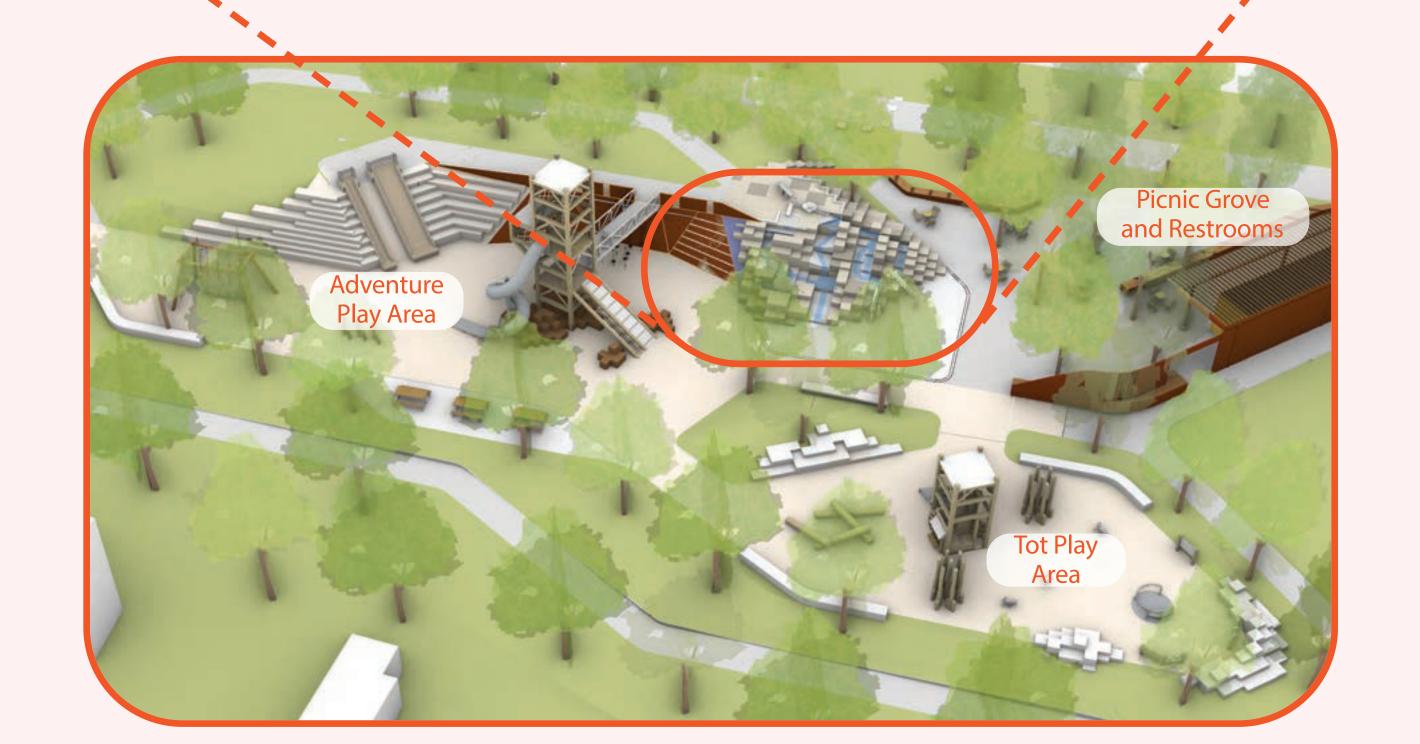
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Play: 5-12



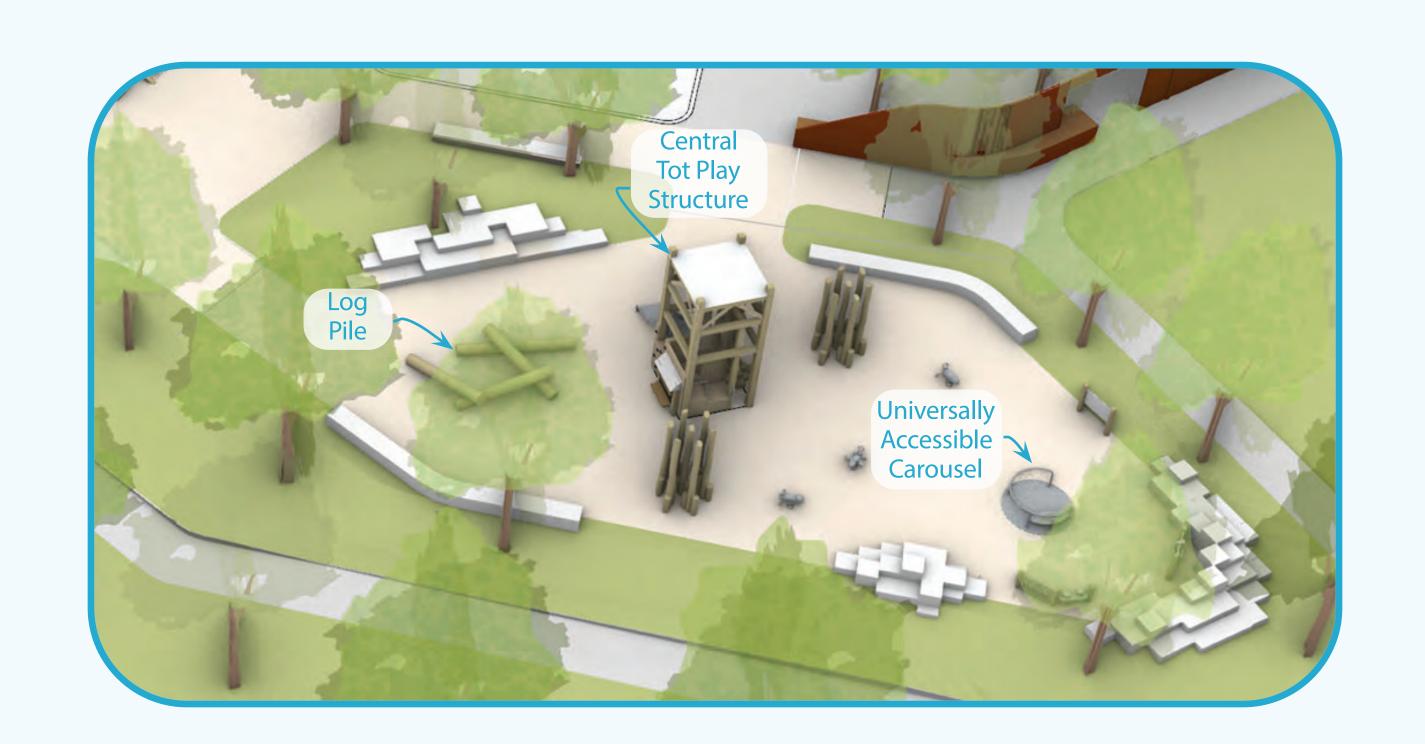




Newark youth will build STEM skills while keeping cool in the hot NJ summers! This water feature is inspired by the Greenway's ice block history and encourages creative play for all abilities.

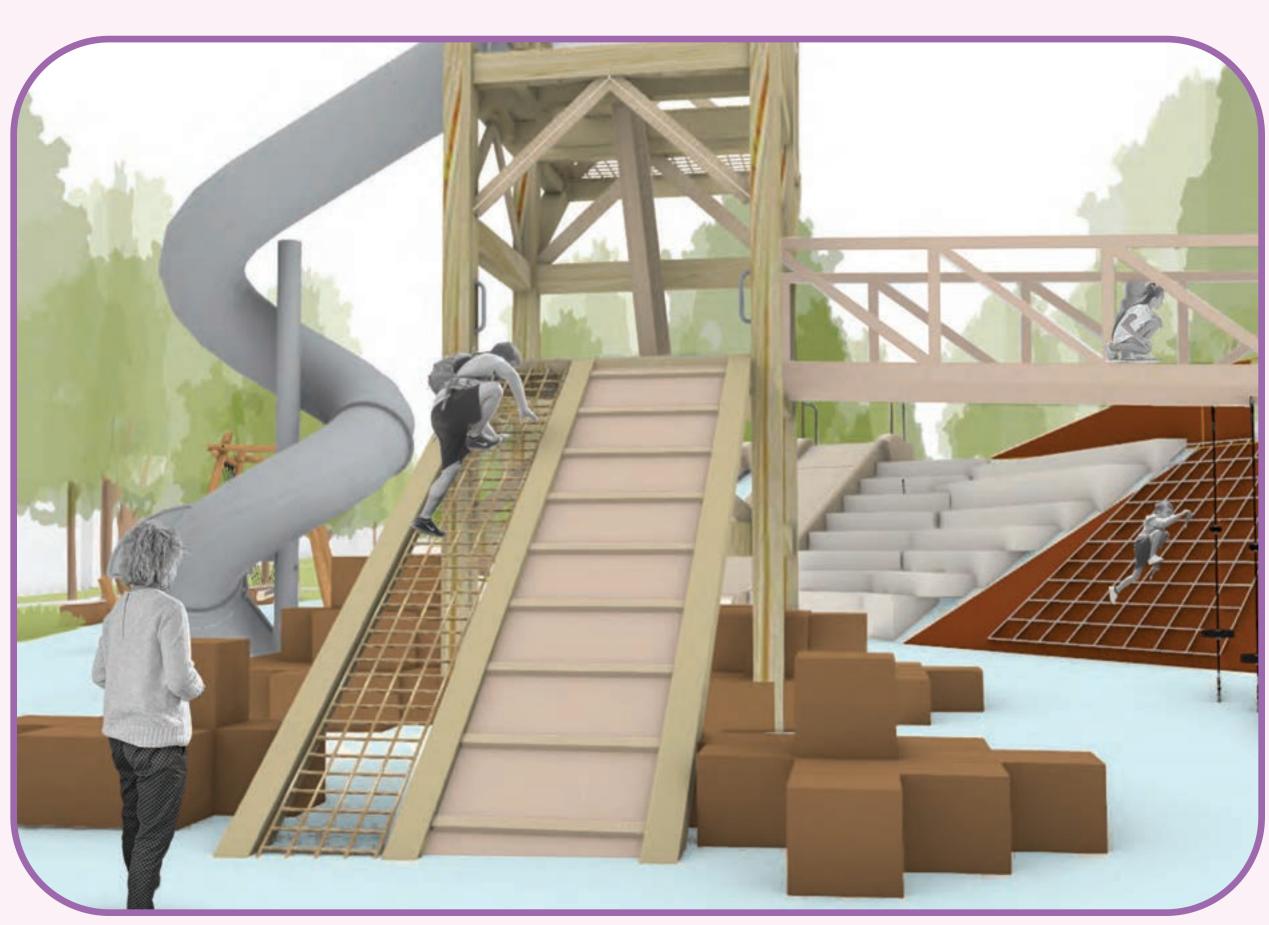


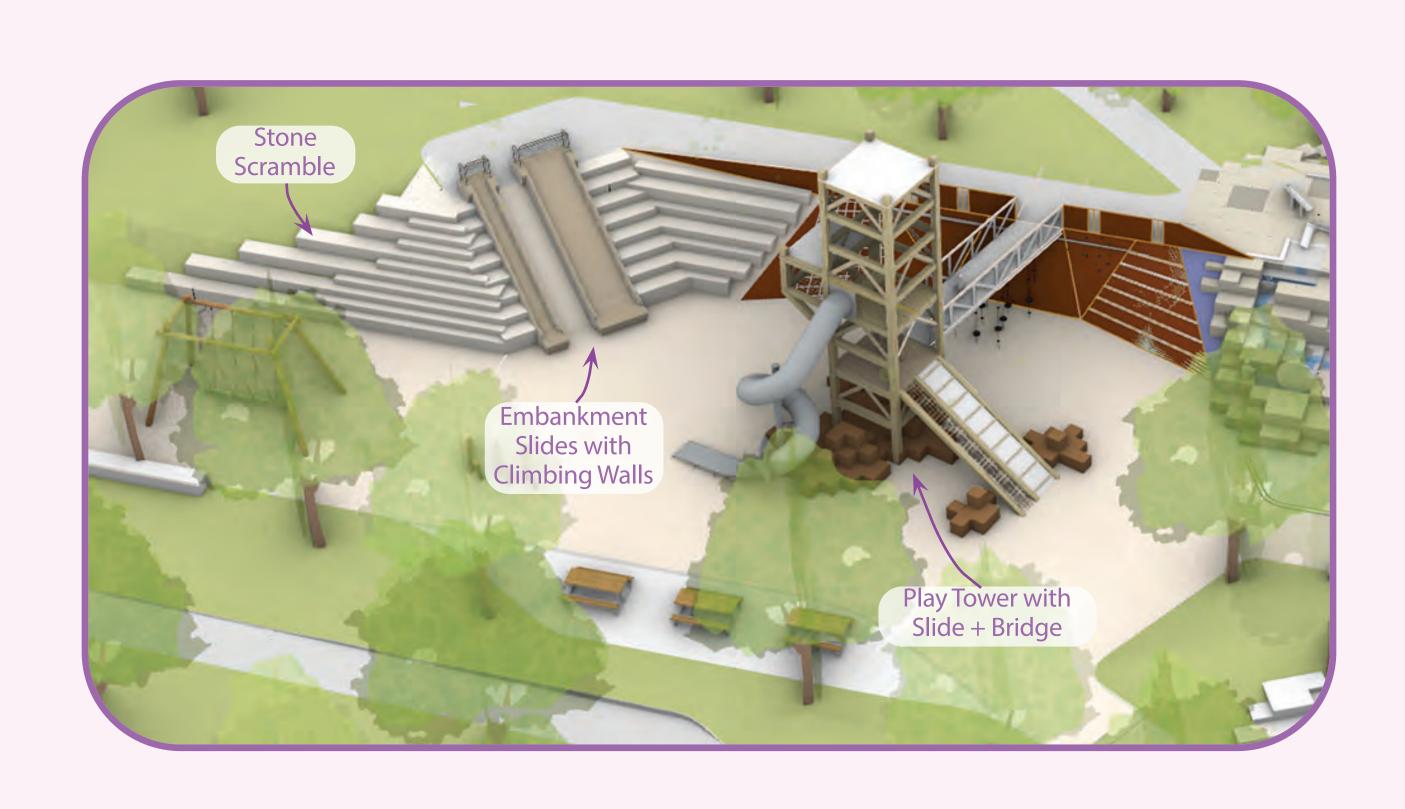




The Greenway's youngest visitors will be treated to a intimate playscape all their own, surrounded by seating for parents and caregivers. With right-sized features to inspire the senses and promote active exploration, this will be a place to play all day!







Inspired by the Greenway's landscape of deep cut valleys and high berms as well as the industrial history of the site, the playscape provides adventurous challenge, healthy risk and many inclusive ways to play!



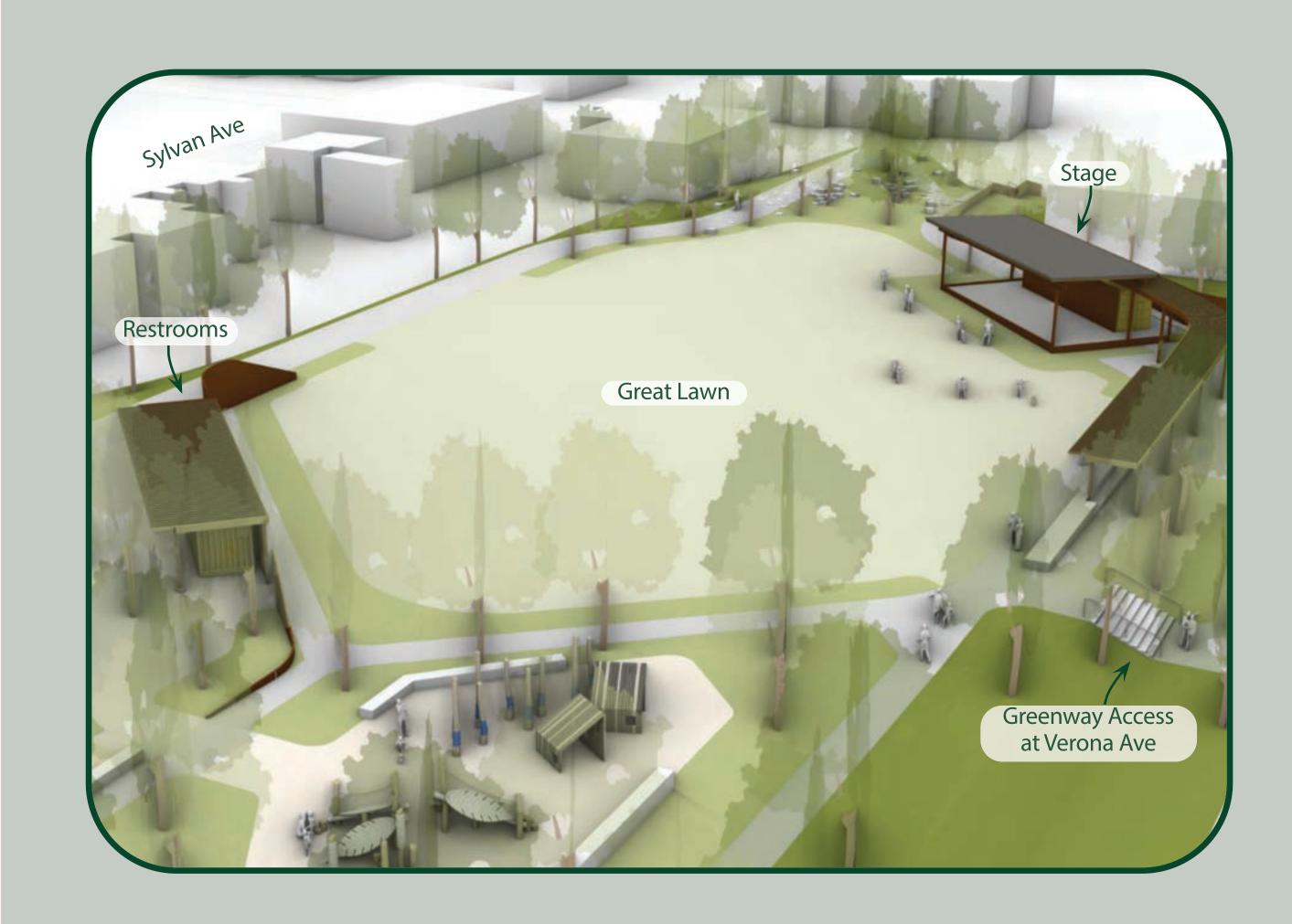




Great Lawn + Stage

Amenities

Great Lawn Capacity Studies



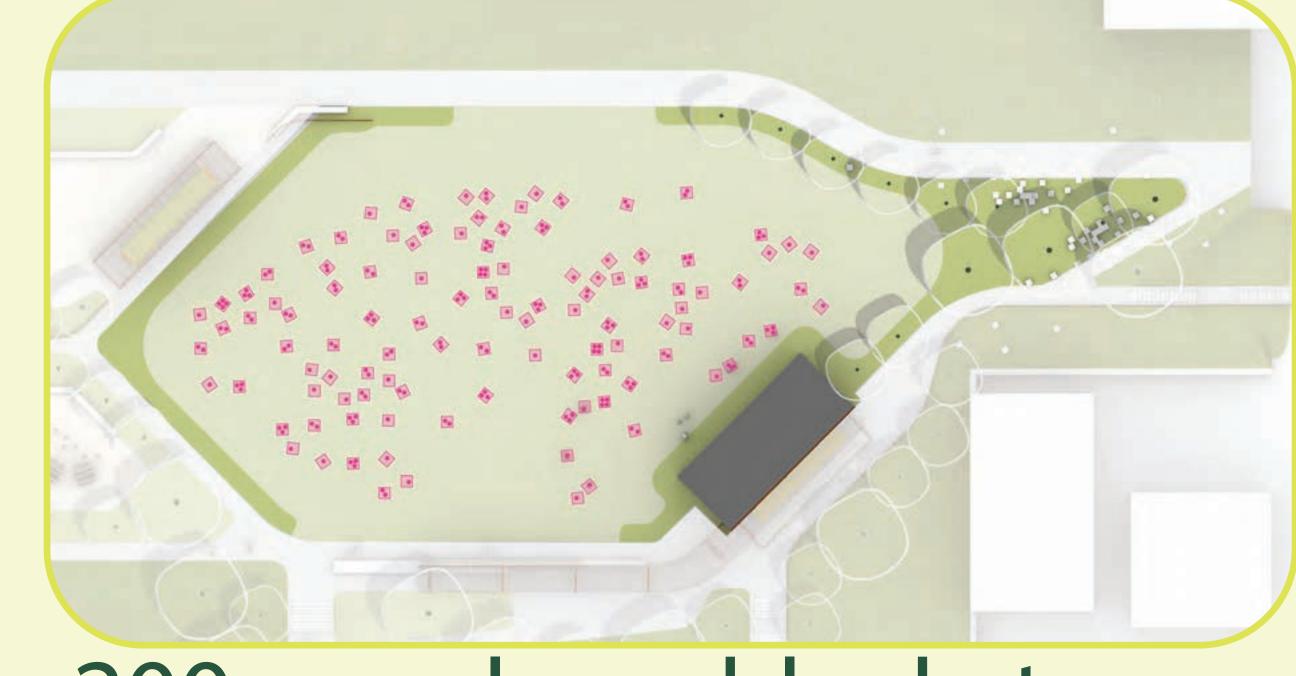




100 people (group class)







200 people on blankets

The Great Lawn provides the perfect canvas for largescale events with a stateof-the-art stage designed to host events large and small. Think festivals, farmer's markets, frisbee games, outdoor exercise classes, and more. The opportunities are endless in this amazing space!



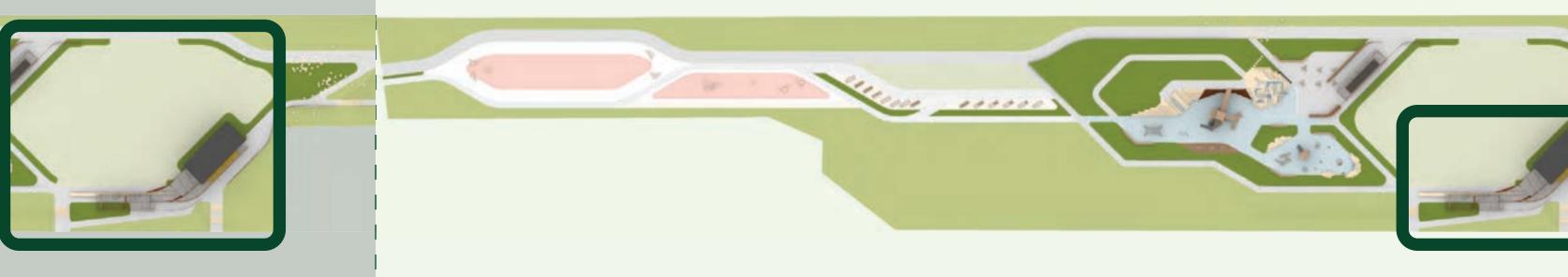






2,500 people standing



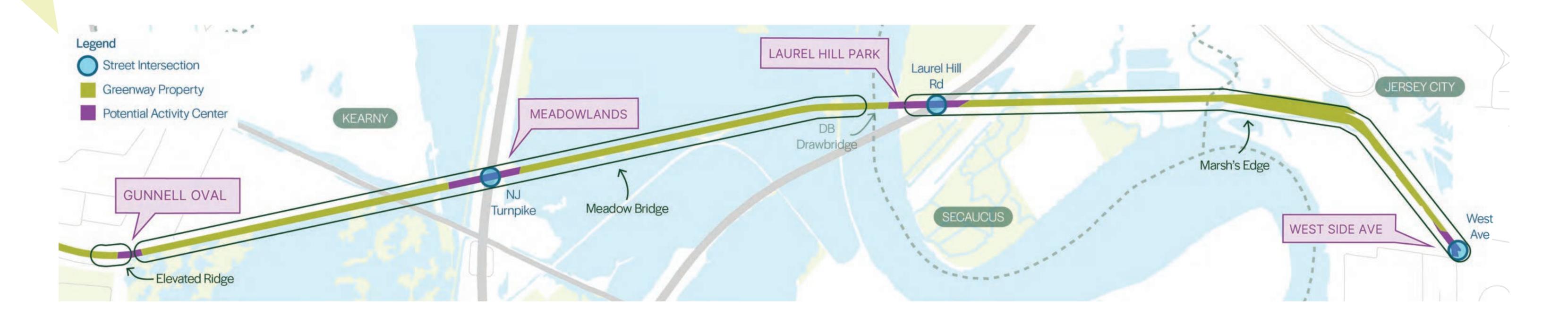




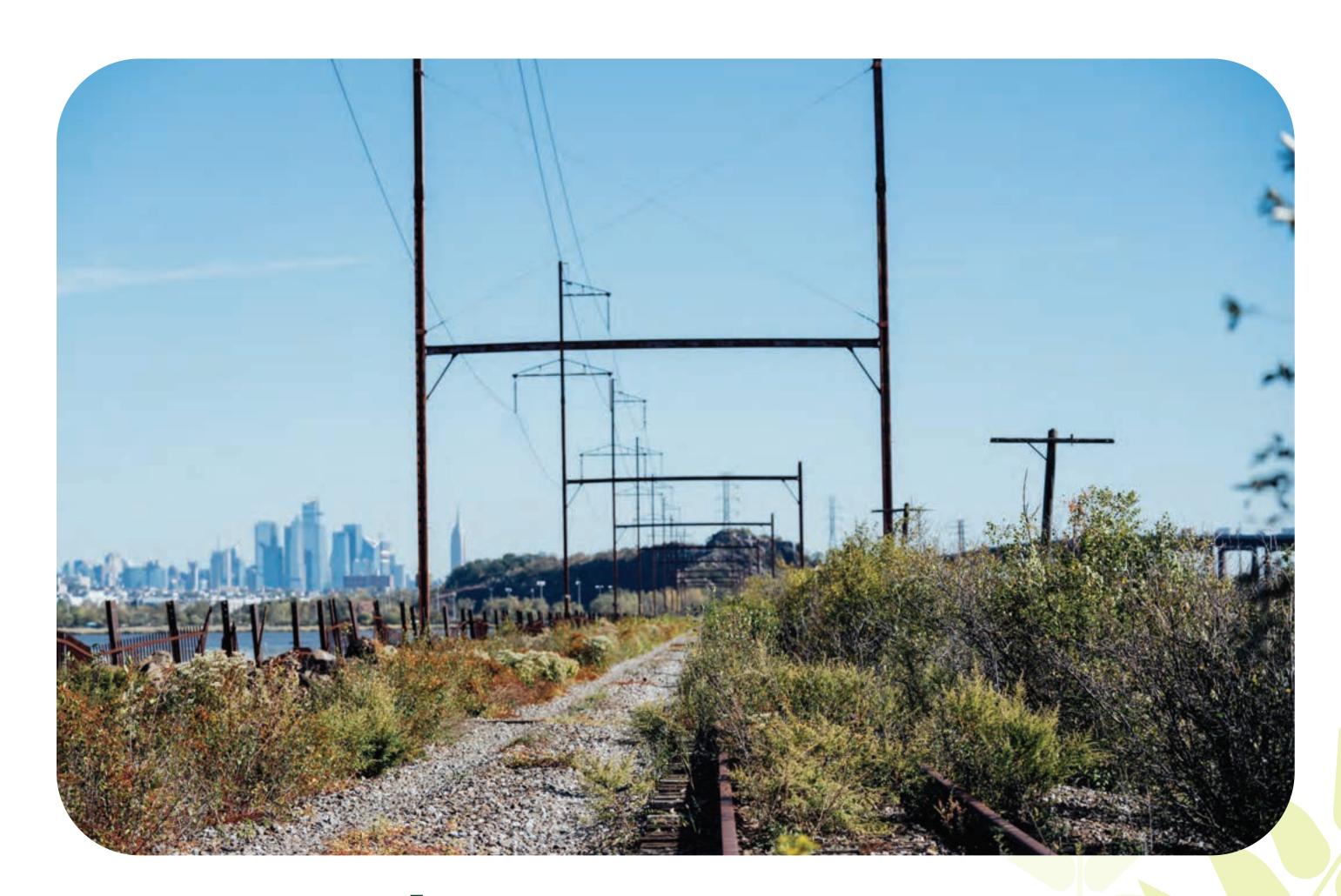


Let's talk about Kearny to Jersey City!

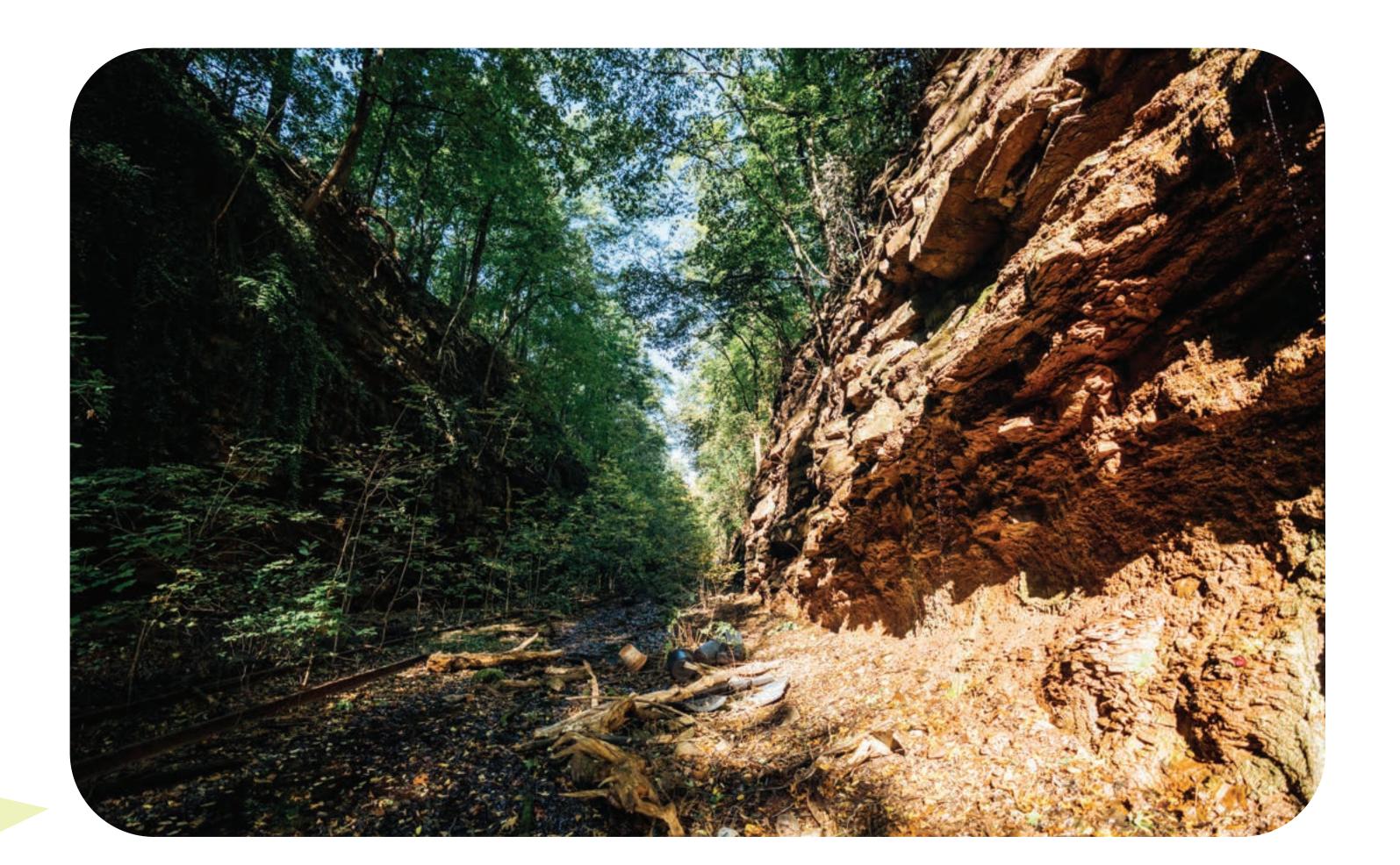
Greenway East crosses through Kearny, Secaucus and Jersey City.



Let's focus on the EAST!



Kearny Marsh



Kearny Cut



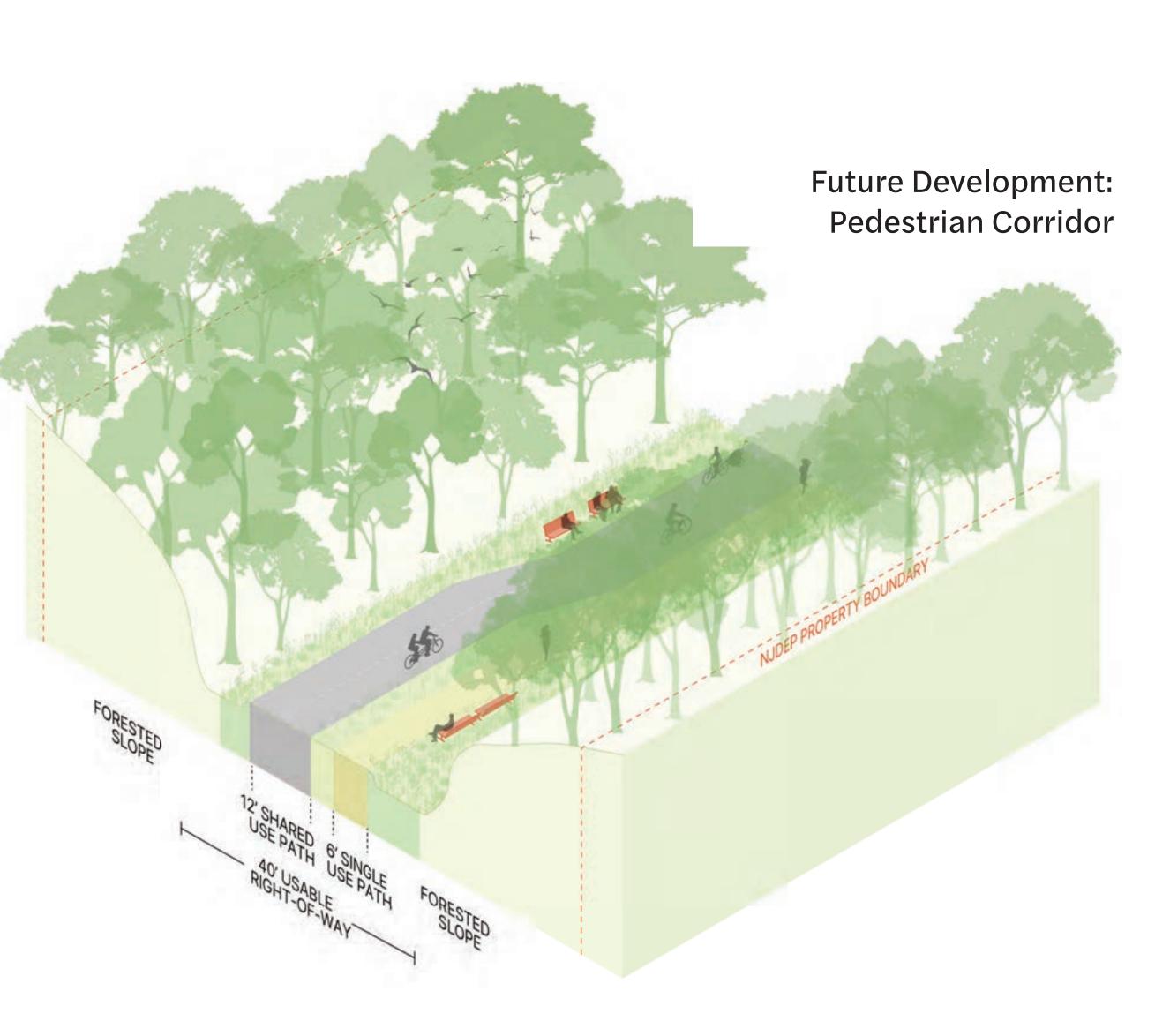
DB Drawbridge, Secaucus



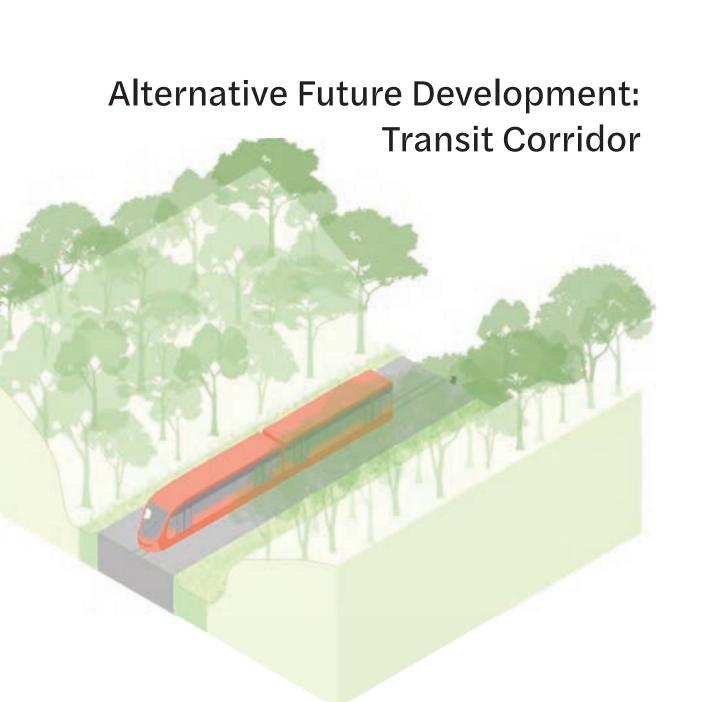
View of Manhattan Skyline, Secaucus

Greenway East Conditions



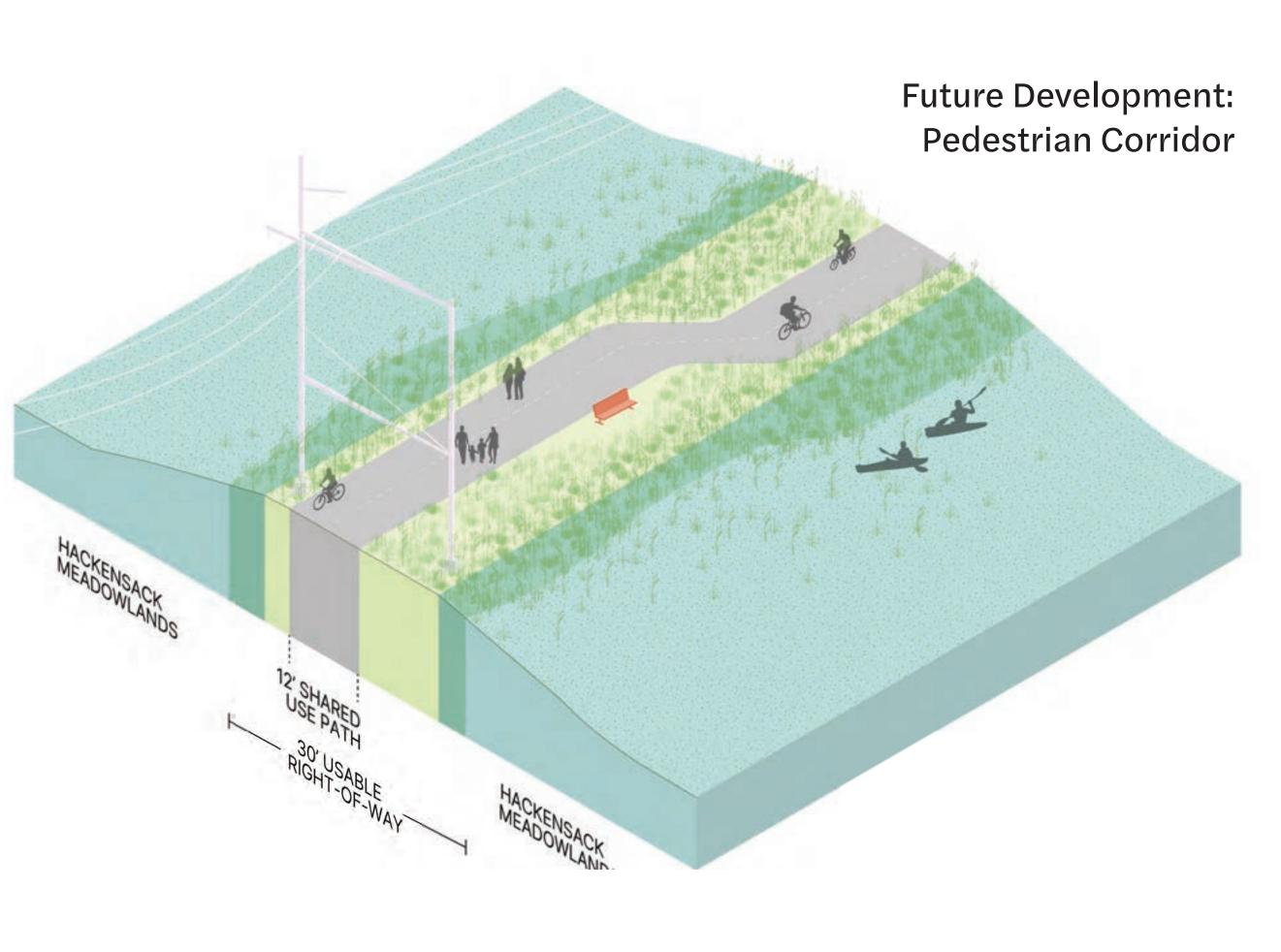


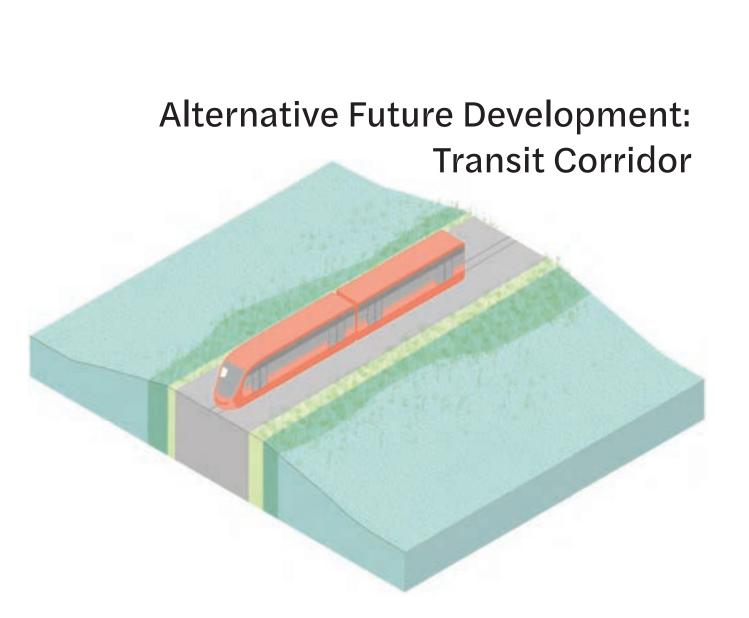
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This segment slices through bedrock, exposing beautiful rock faces and nestling the Greenway in a canyon-like landscape, making it a significantly cooler temperature. Towering trees provide habitat for many native species.

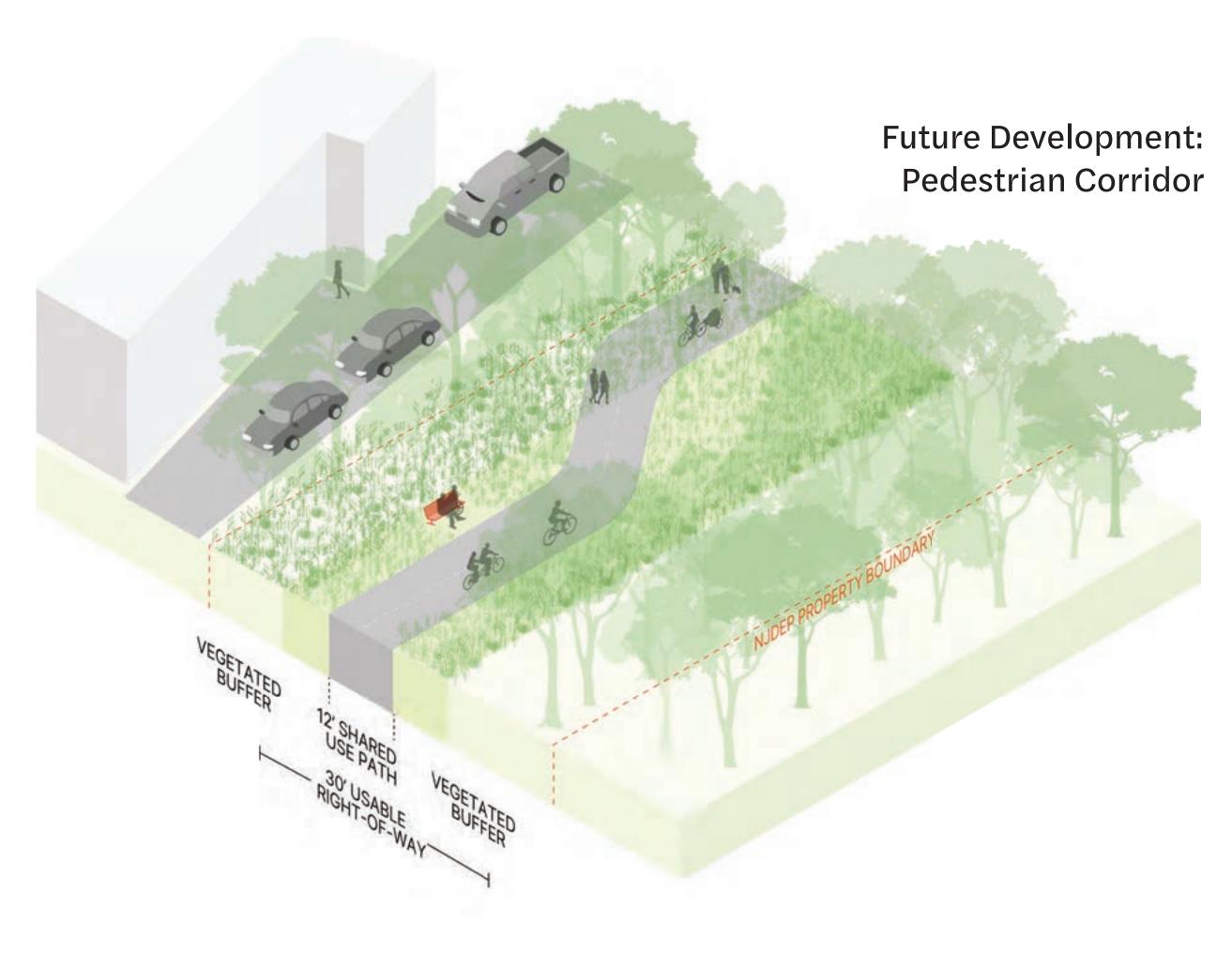






A panoramic experience of the Hackensack Meadowlands makes this segment stand out. On the horizon are Manhattan skyline views, with train and industrial power infrastructure crisscrossing the landscape in the foreground.







Jersey City and Secaucus meet in this section of the Meadowlands. Marshes merge with active industrial and rail infrastructure, highlighting the interplay between industry and nature.