

South End Connector Activate This Space



WELCOME to the 3rd Public Meeting!

6:20 pm Zoom overview

6:30 pm Meeting starts & welcome

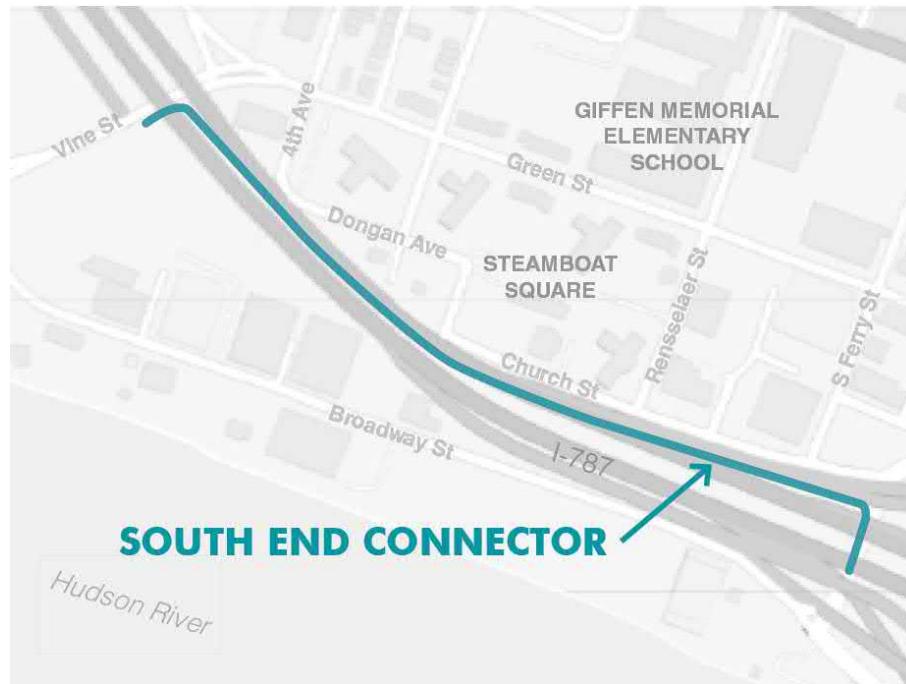
6:35 pm Design presentation

7:00 pm Questions and comments

7:30 pm Adjourn

Meeting Purpose

See the design and share your feedback for **activating the South End Connector**, a new shared-use trail below I-787 in the South End.



Who We Are: The Project Team

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Gavin Zeitz (notetaking during questions/comments)



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Tonight's Agenda

1. Design presentation
 - Project overview
 - What we heard (feedback from 2nd public meeting)
 - Updated design
2. Questions and comments
3. Next steps

Community Engagement Schedule

Public Meeting 1
September 22, 2020



Public Meeting 2
November 10, 2020



Goals

- Gather initial impressions and ideas

Goals

- Present design options based on initial ideas
- Gather feedback (what is liked, what is disliked and/or missing)



Public Meeting 3
June 15, 2021

Goals

- Present near-final design based on feedback
- Gather feedback to refine a final design

We are here!

Overall Project Schedule



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Summer 2021

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Late Summer
2021

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Fall 2021 (TBD)

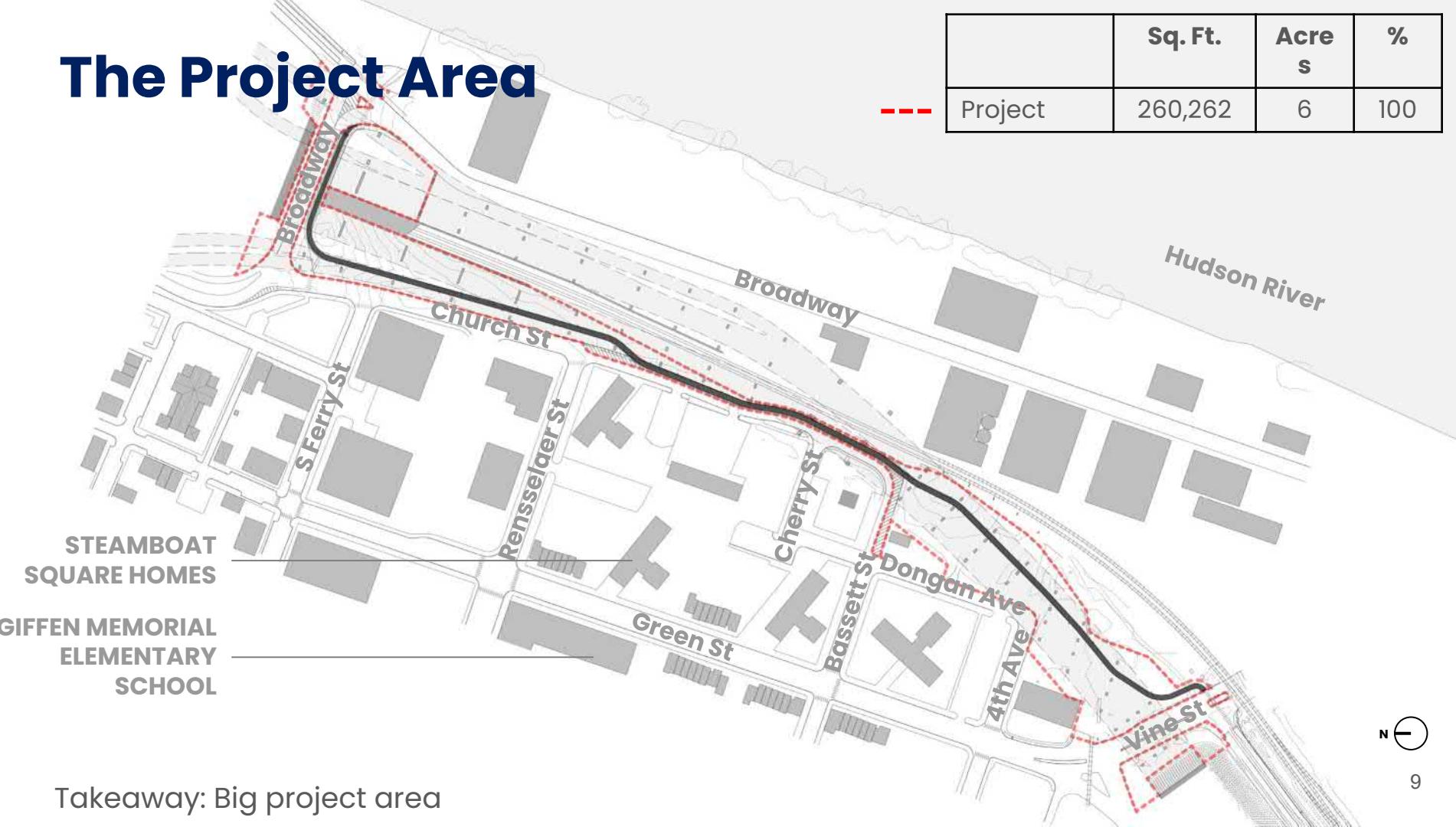
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The Project Area



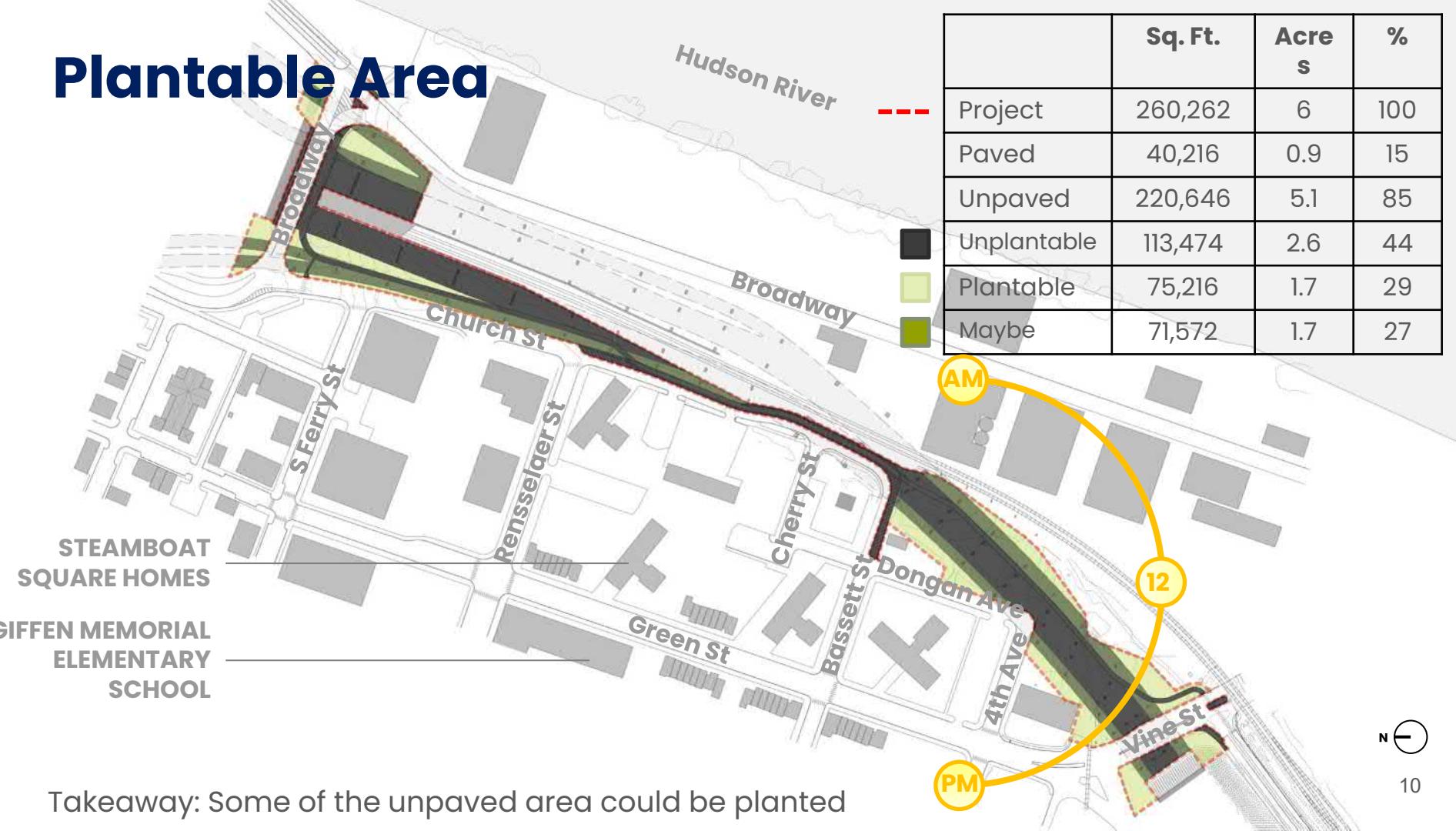
The Project Area

	Sq. Ft.	Acre s	%
Project	260,262	6	100



Takeaway: Big project area

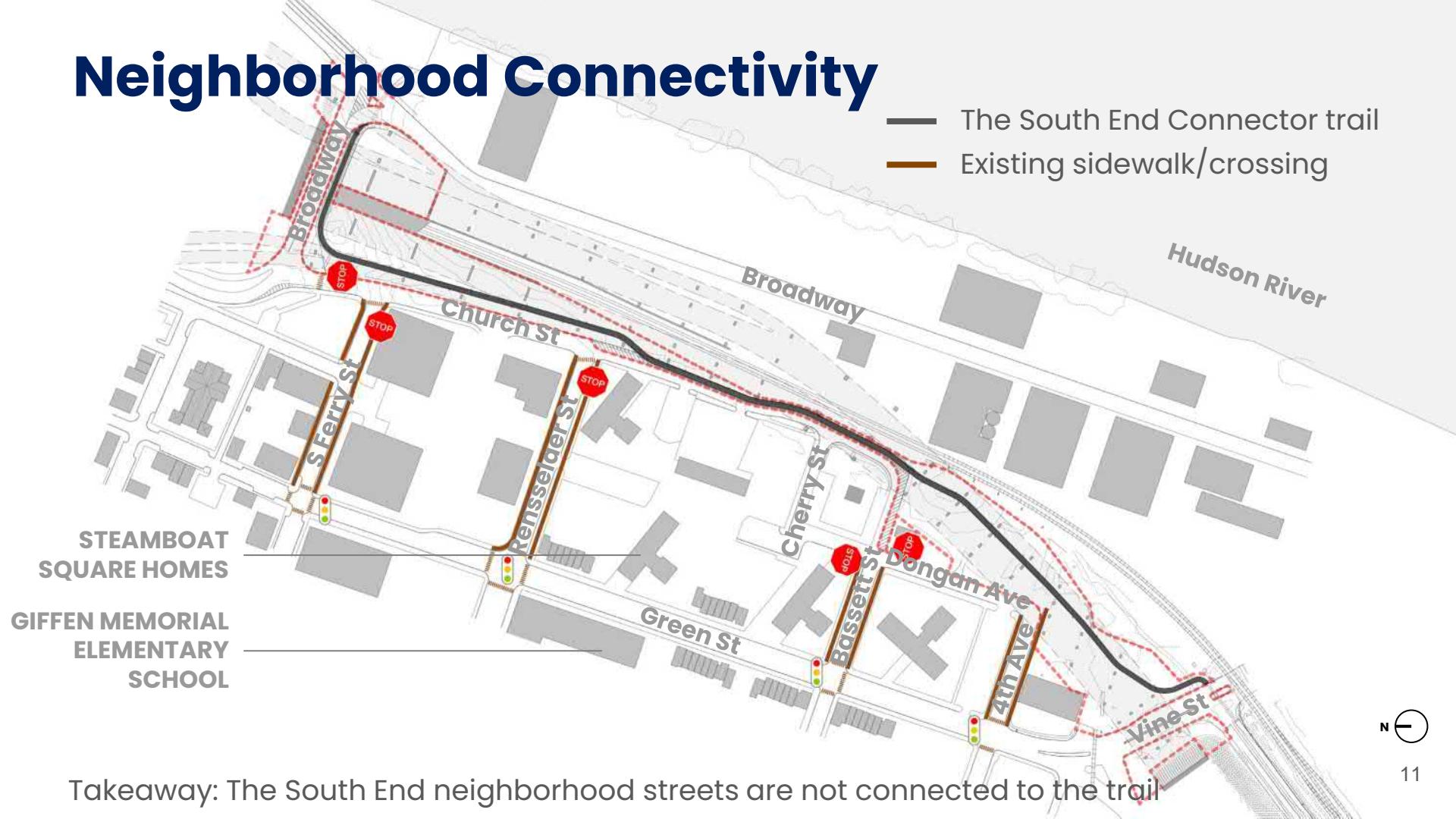
Plantable Area



Takeaway: Some of the unpaved area could be planted

Neighborhood Connectivity

- The South End Connector trail
- Existing sidewalk/crossing



Takeaway: The South End neighborhood streets are not connected to the trail

Design Goals

Reflect Community

The space should reflect the local South End community and their stories.

Gathering Space

Create spaces for gathering and events, especially those that support neighborhood economic development and family activities.

Vibrant

The design should bring color into the space.

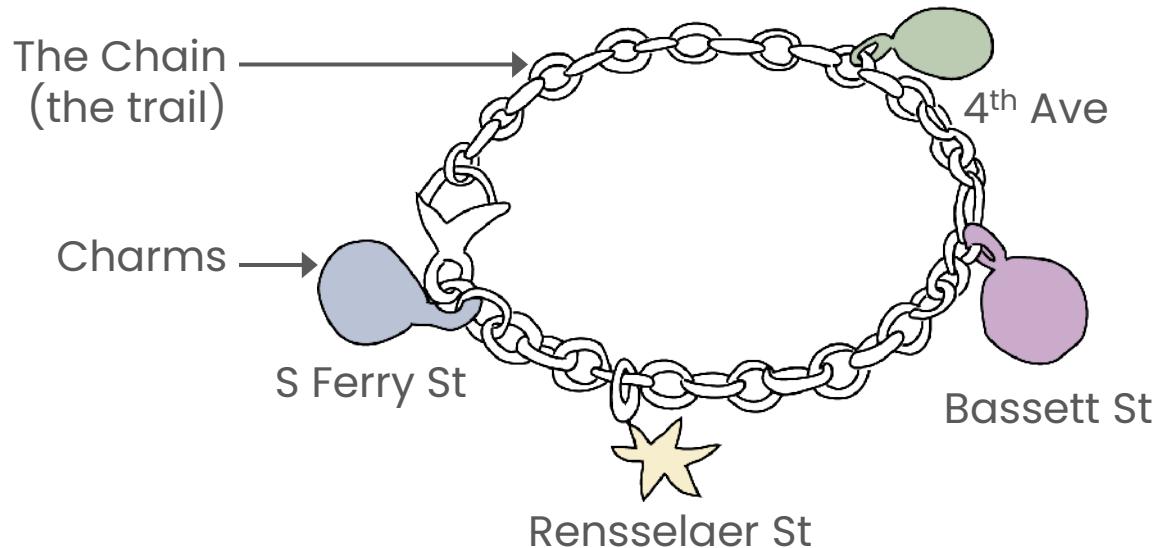
Safe and Connected

The space should be easy and safe to get to.

Green

Use landscape to bring color and softness, stormwater management and air quality.

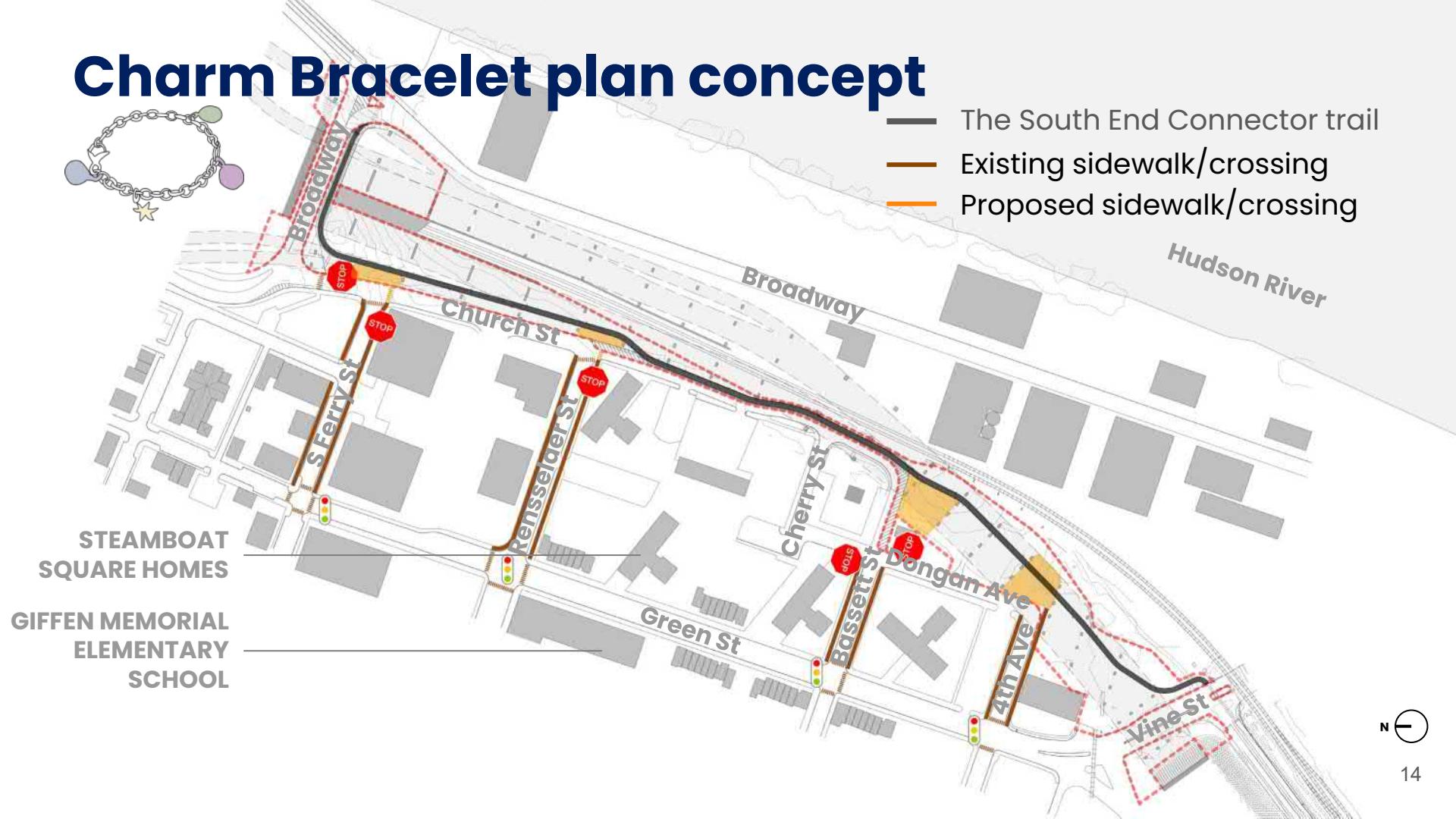
Charm Bracelet Analogy



Charm Bracelet plan concept



- The South End Connector trail
- Existing sidewalk/crossing
- Proposed sidewalk/crossing



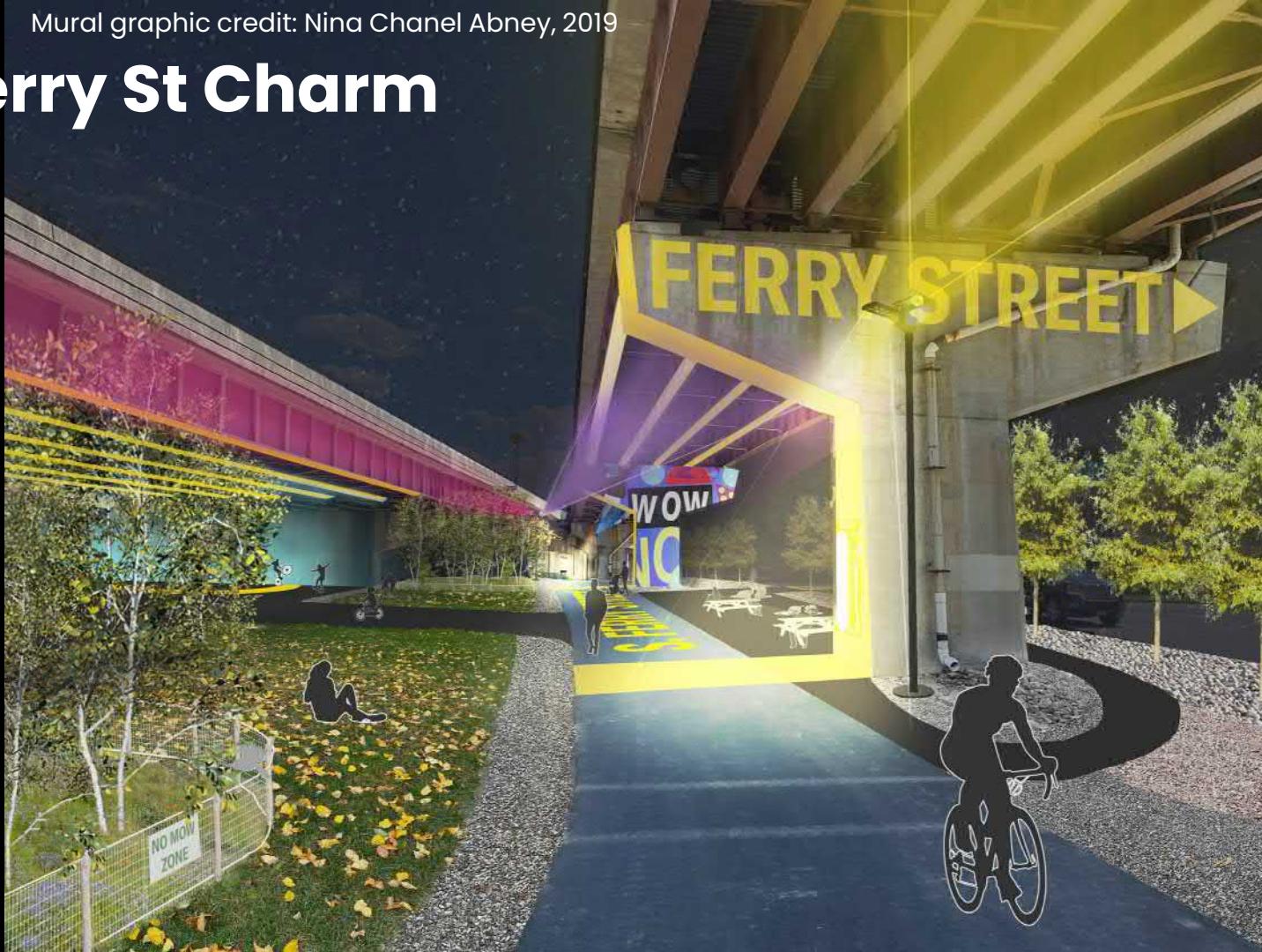
S Ferry St Charm – existing



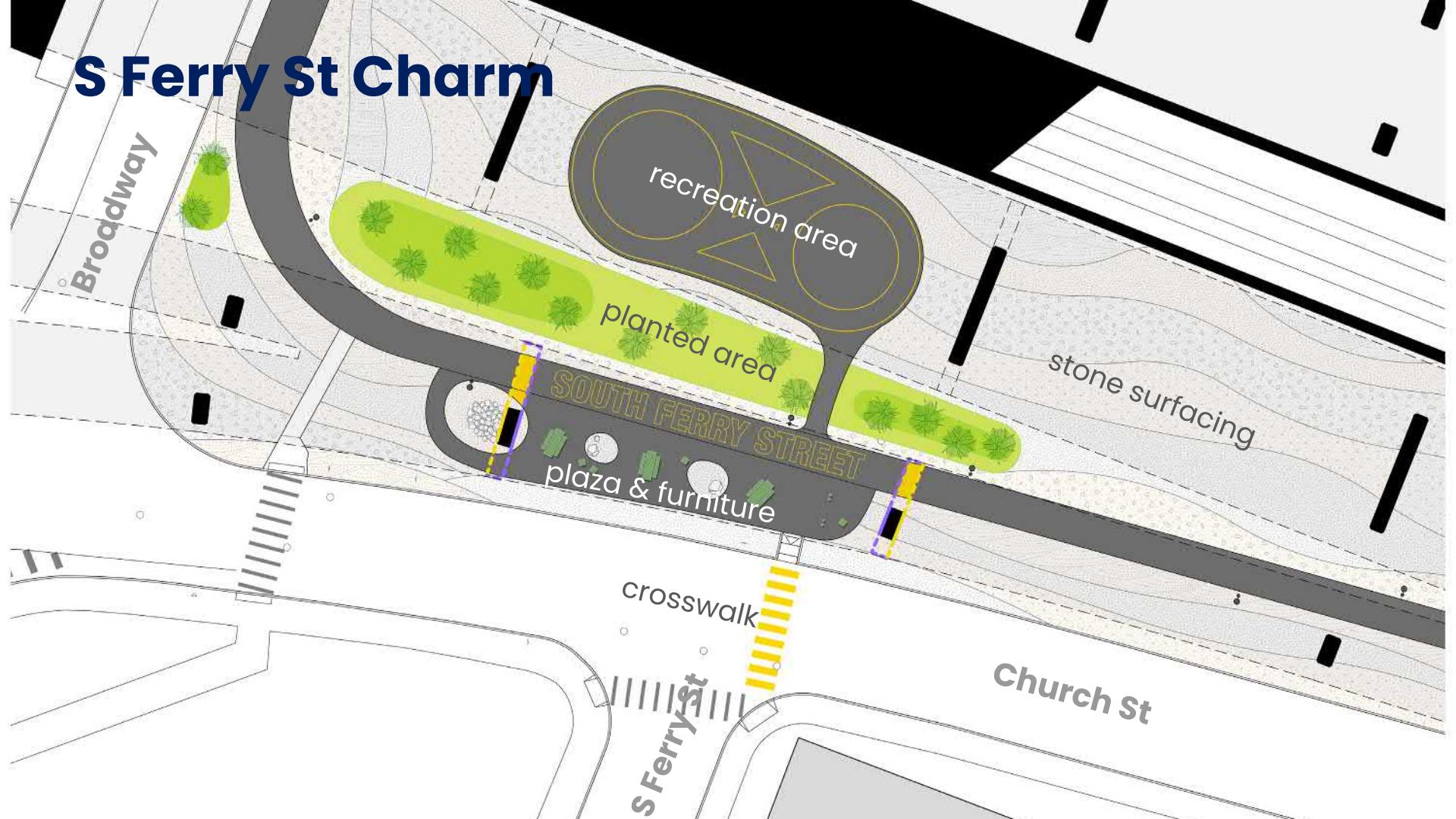
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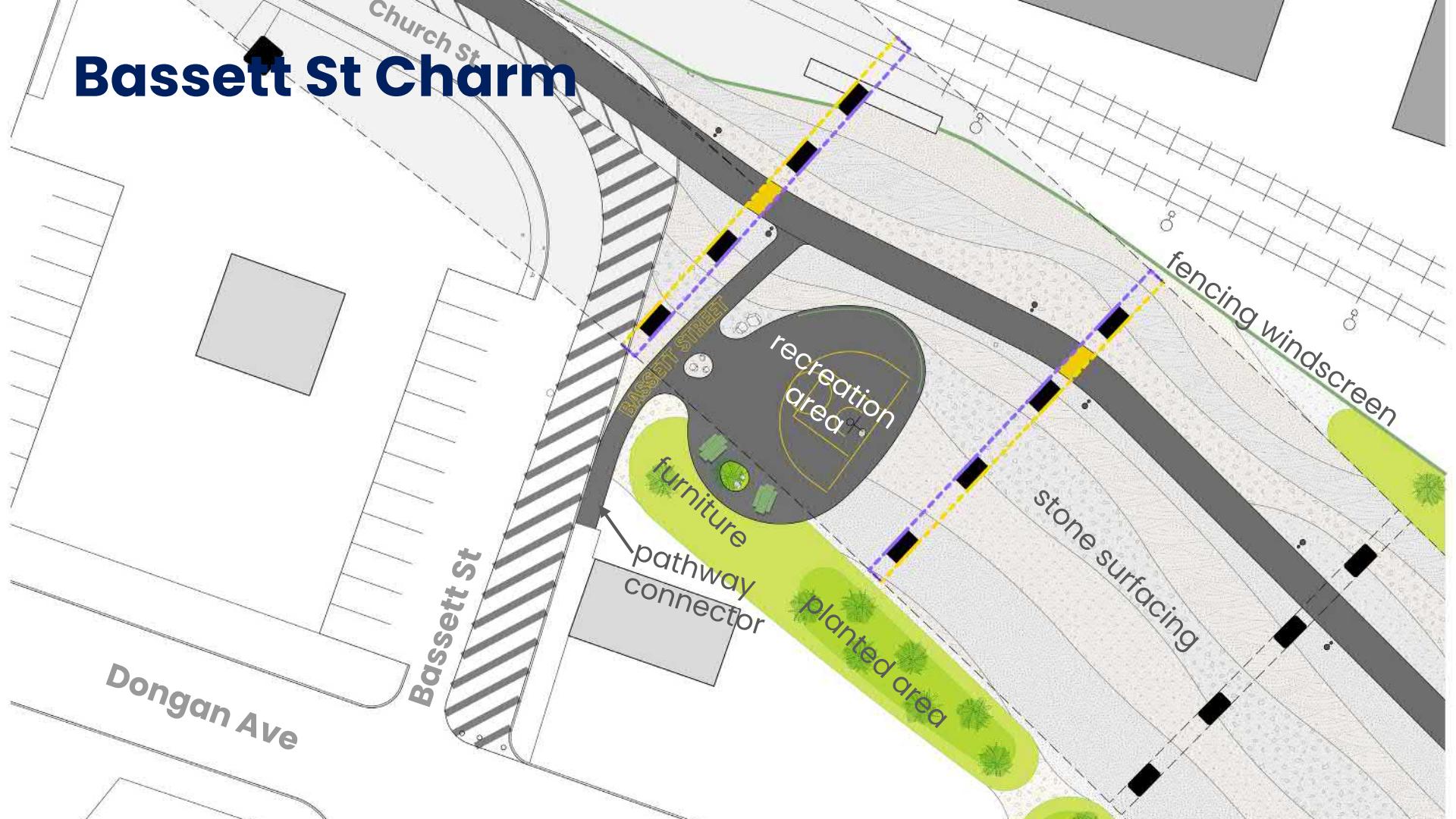
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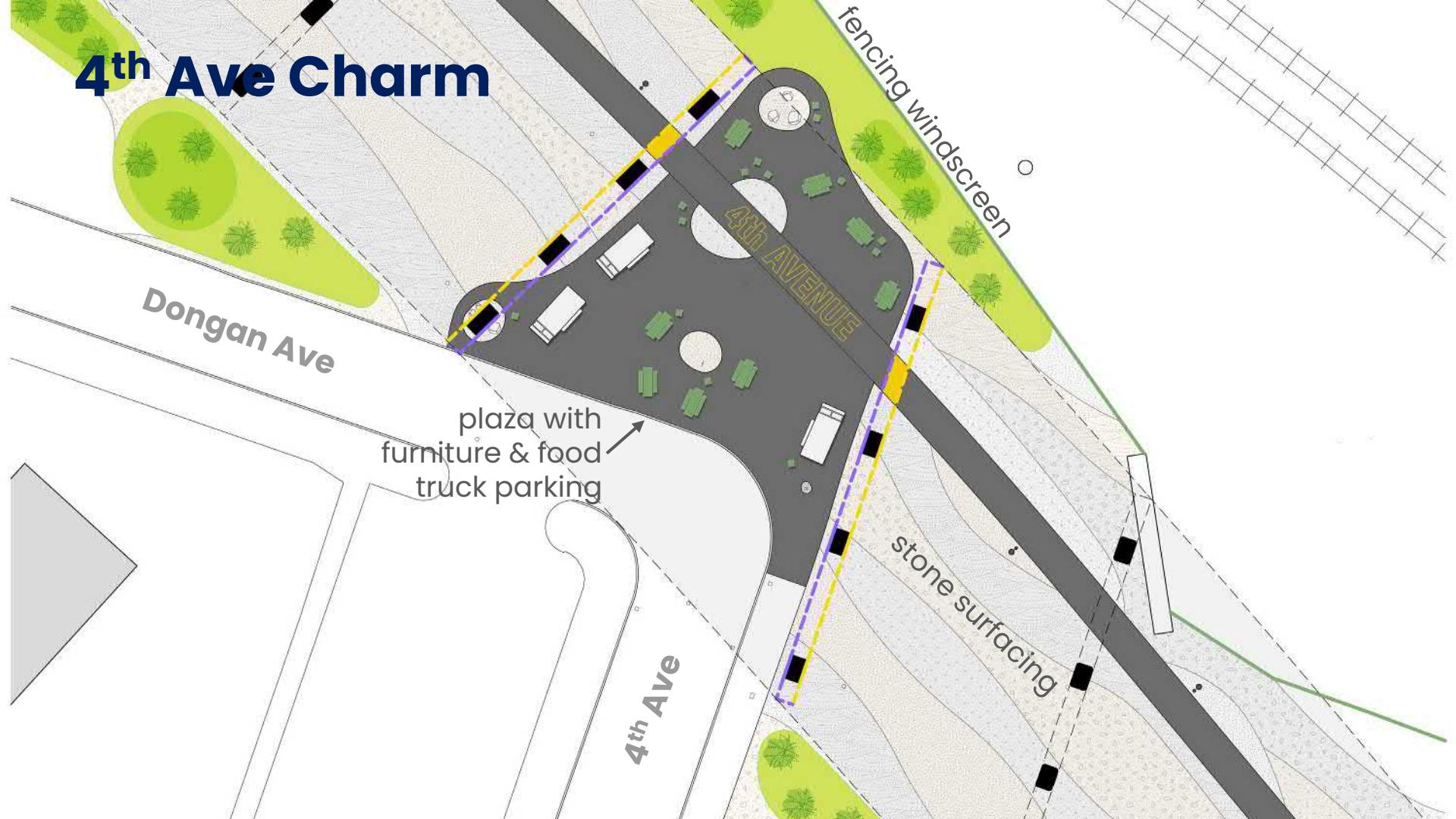
Rensselaer St Charm



Bassett St Charm



4th Ave Charm



Design updates since the last meeting

2 Main Considerations:

- What we heard from Public Meeting 2 (Nov. 10, 2020)
- Project budget

What we heard – likes

What do you like about what you see?

- Public art (most common response)
- Recreation areas (2nd)
- Youth & family focus (3rd)

What we heard – what's missing

What is missing?

- Water fountains (most common response)
- Bathrooms (most common response)
- Chess boards (2nd)

What we heard – highest priorities

What are your highest priorities for the space?

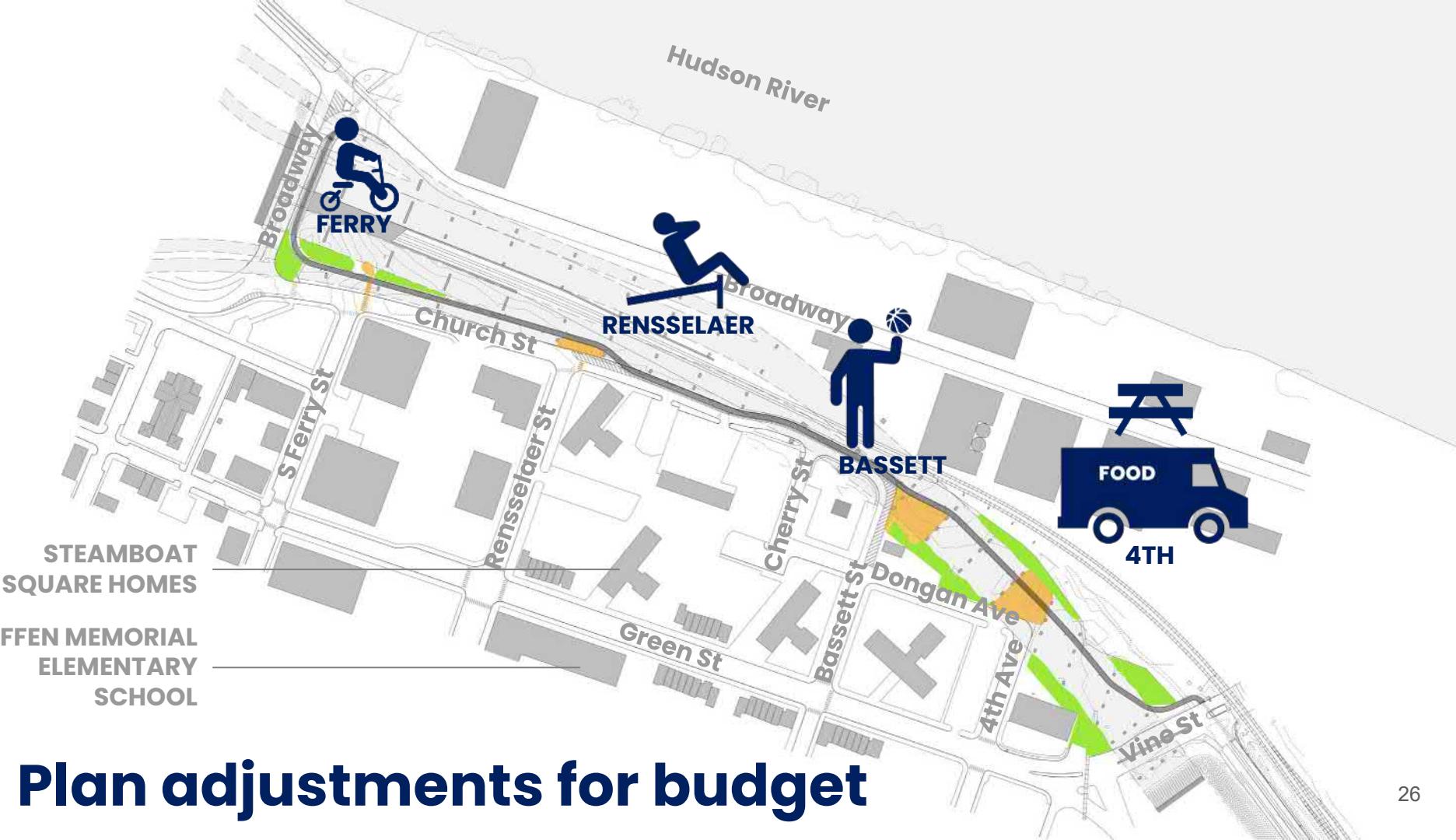
- Gathering space (most common response)
- Lighting (2nd)
- Security/safety (2nd)
- Accessibility (3rd)
- Wayfinding (3rd)

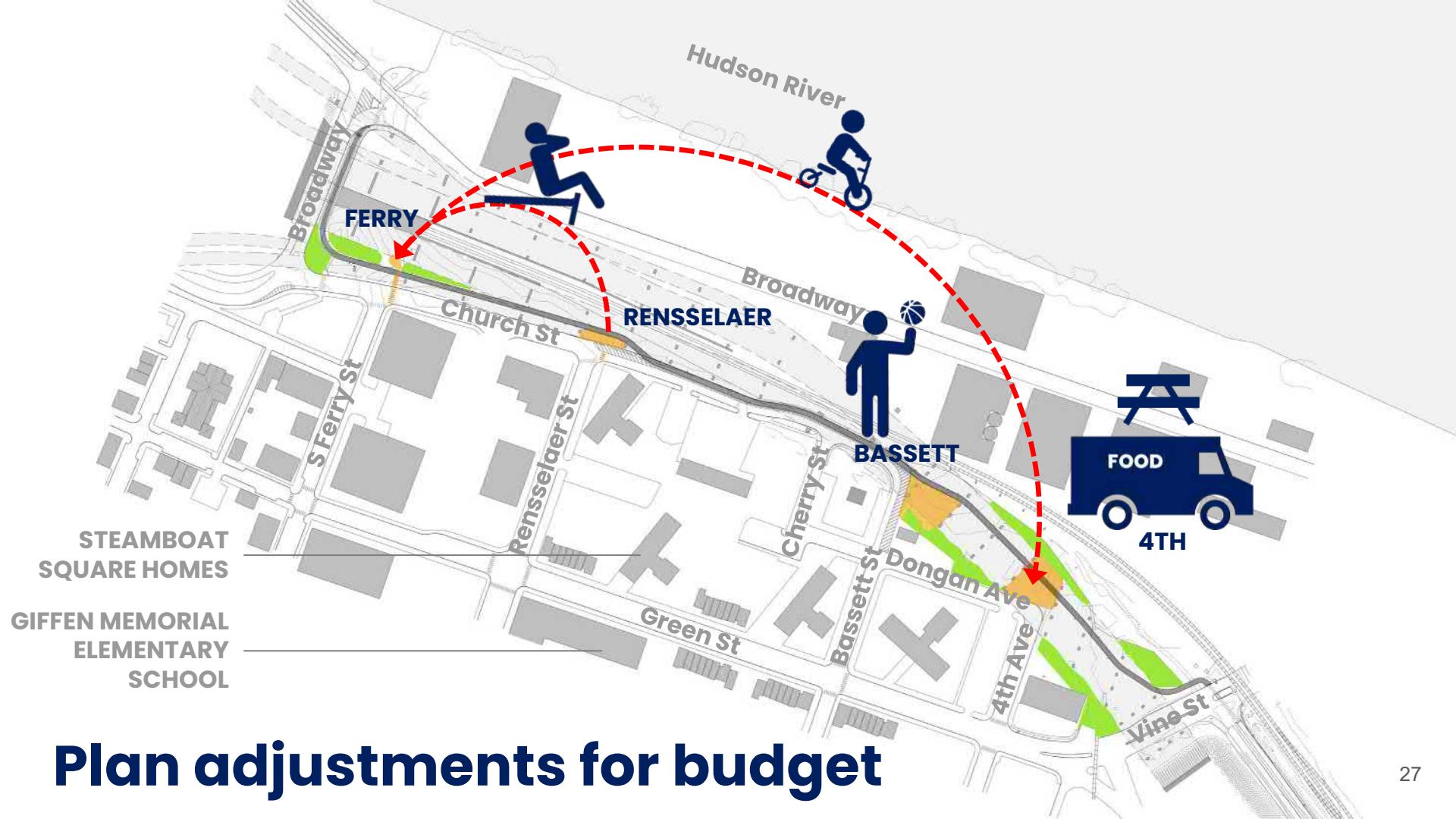
“Lighting is really important!”

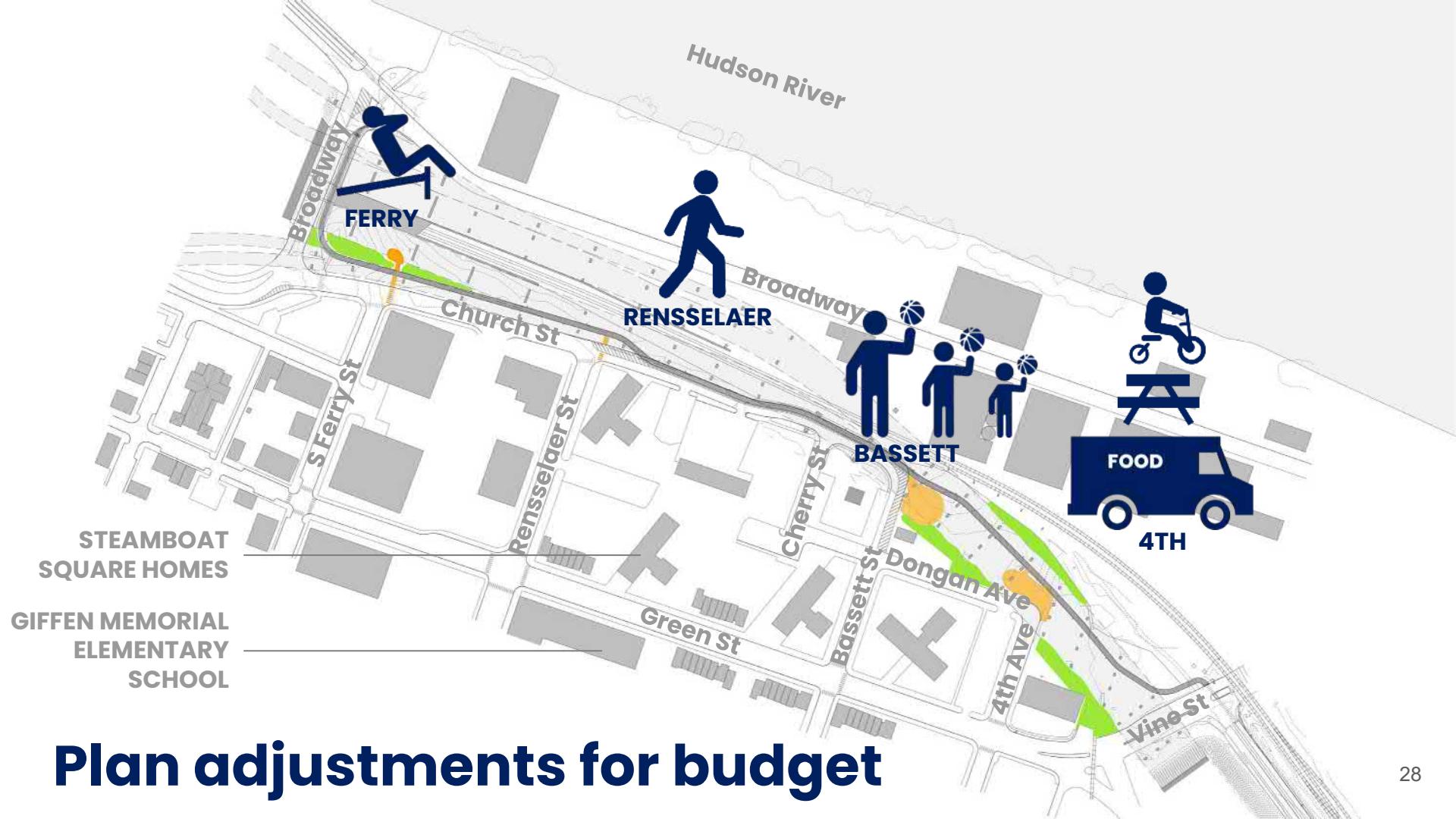
“Plenty of area for local gathering and relaxation, before and after events like runs”

“Opportunities for local businesses to use the space”

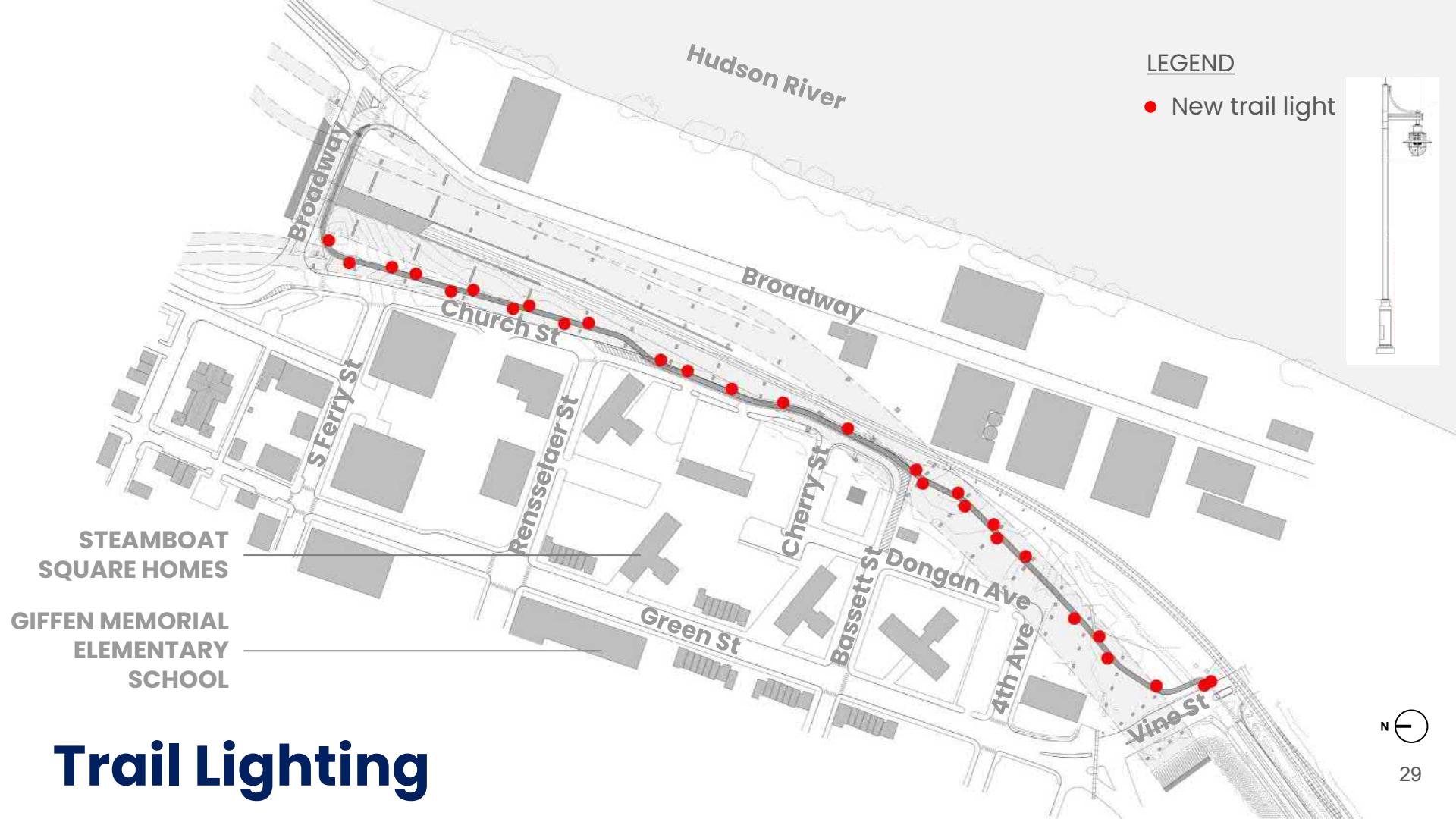
“It should be accessible for all”







Plan adjustments for budget





Betula populifolia
Grey Birch
Urban tolerant
Air quality mitigator
Particulate blocker
Max height 20-30'
Multi stem
Yellow fall foliage



Robinia pseudoacacia
Black Locust
Urban tolerant
Pollinator plant
Max height 40-60'
Single stem
Yellow fall foliage



Betula nigra
River Birch
Urban tolerant
Air purifier
Urban Shade
Max height 20-40'
Yellow fall foliage

Planting - trees

*All selected species to be approved by City

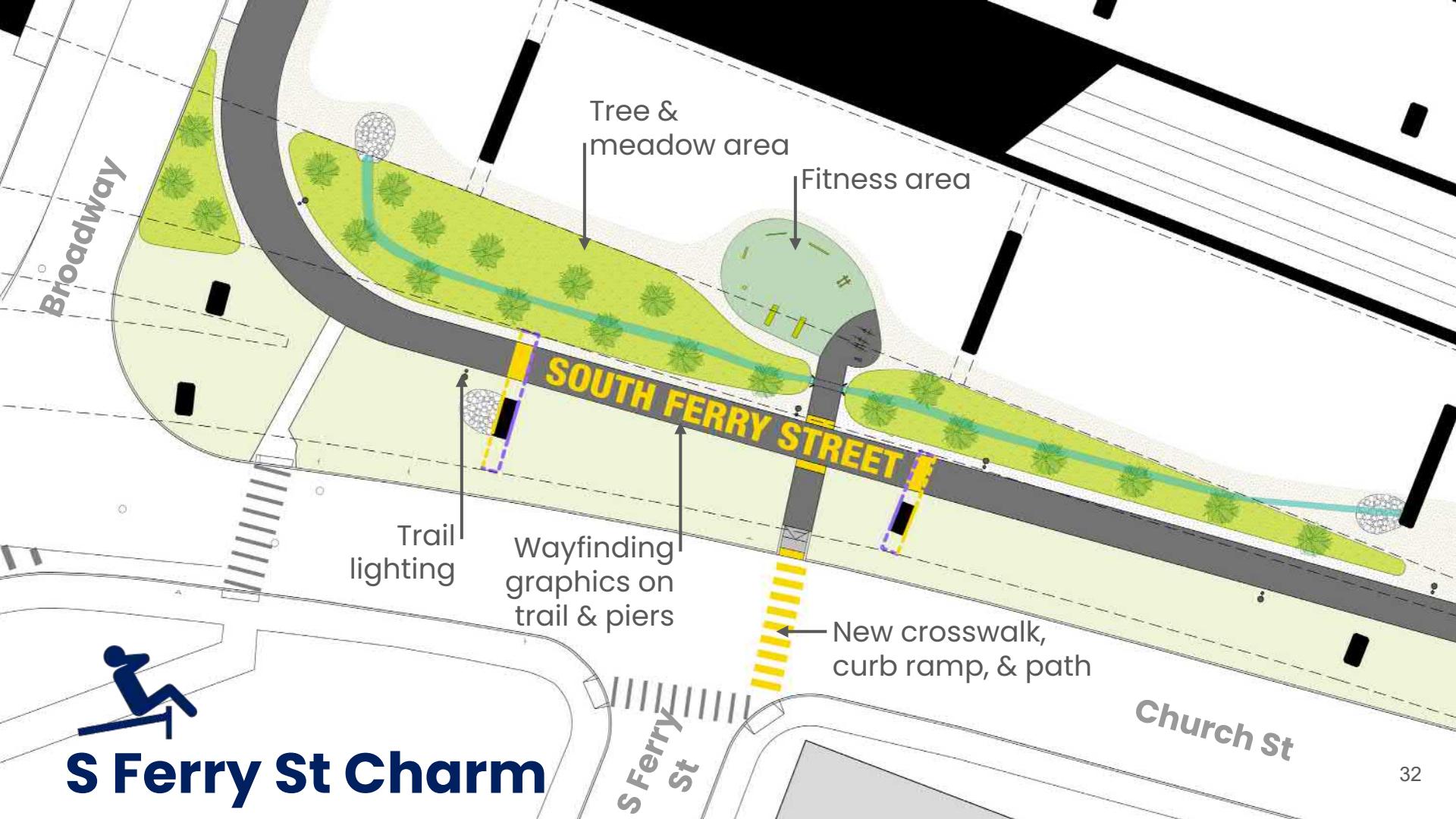
Wildflower meadow seed mix

Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Red Fescue (*Festuca rubra*), Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), Partridge Pea (*Chamaecrista fasciculata*), Canada Wild Rye (*Elymus canadensis*), Riverbank Wild Rye (*Elymus riparius*), Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Lance Leaved Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*), Ox Eye Sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*), Common Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*), Marsh Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*), Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*), New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*), Wild Blue False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*), HollowStem Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum/ Eutrochium fistulosum*), Early Goldenrod (*Solidago juncea*).



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Poured-in-place
rubber



S Ferry St Charm - materials





Chin-up



Rope climb

Hyperextension
bench



Leg lift



Situp bench



U- bike rack



Pushup



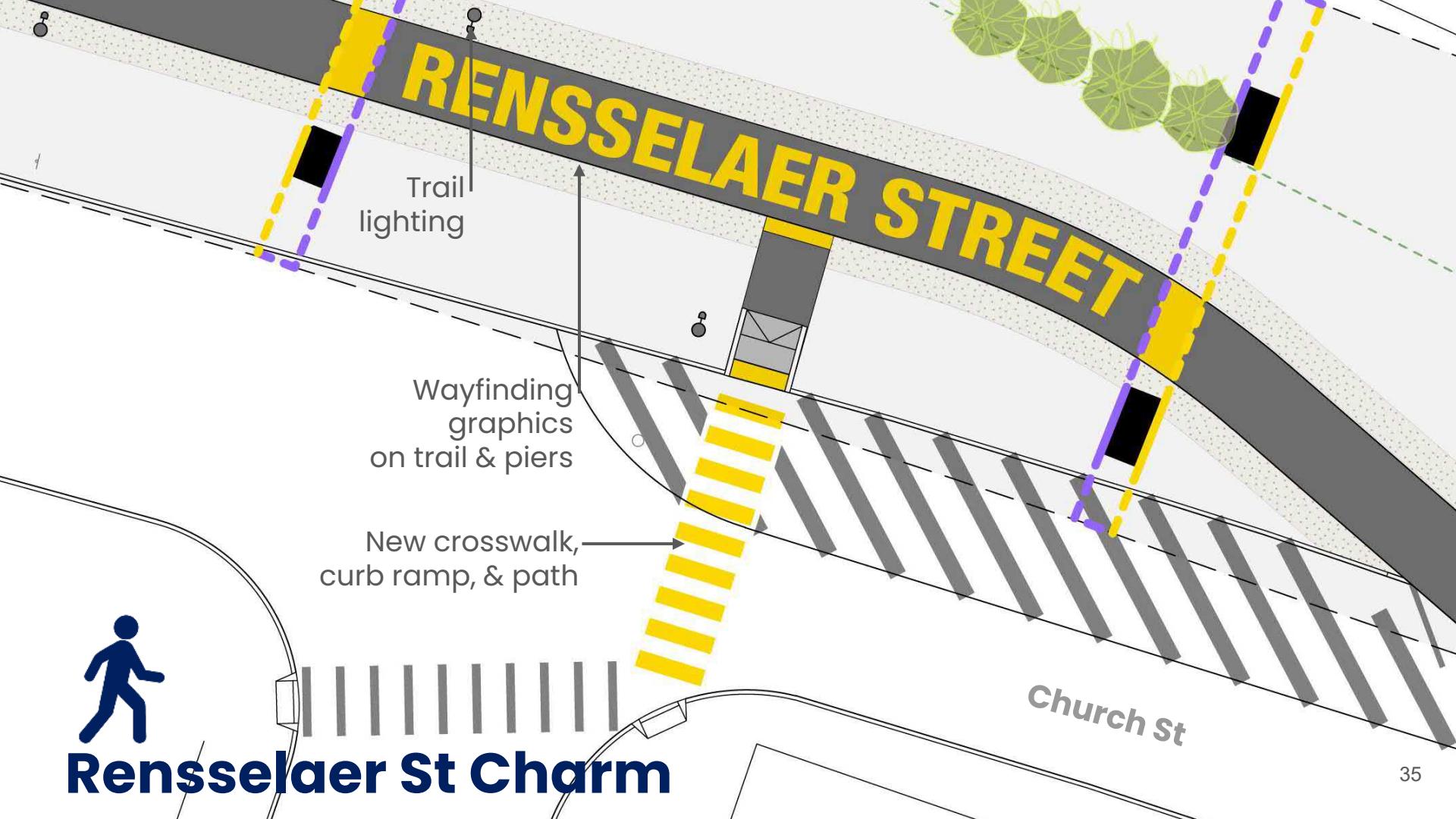
Curl bench



S Ferry St Charm - equipment



Rensselaer St Charm





Bassett St Charm

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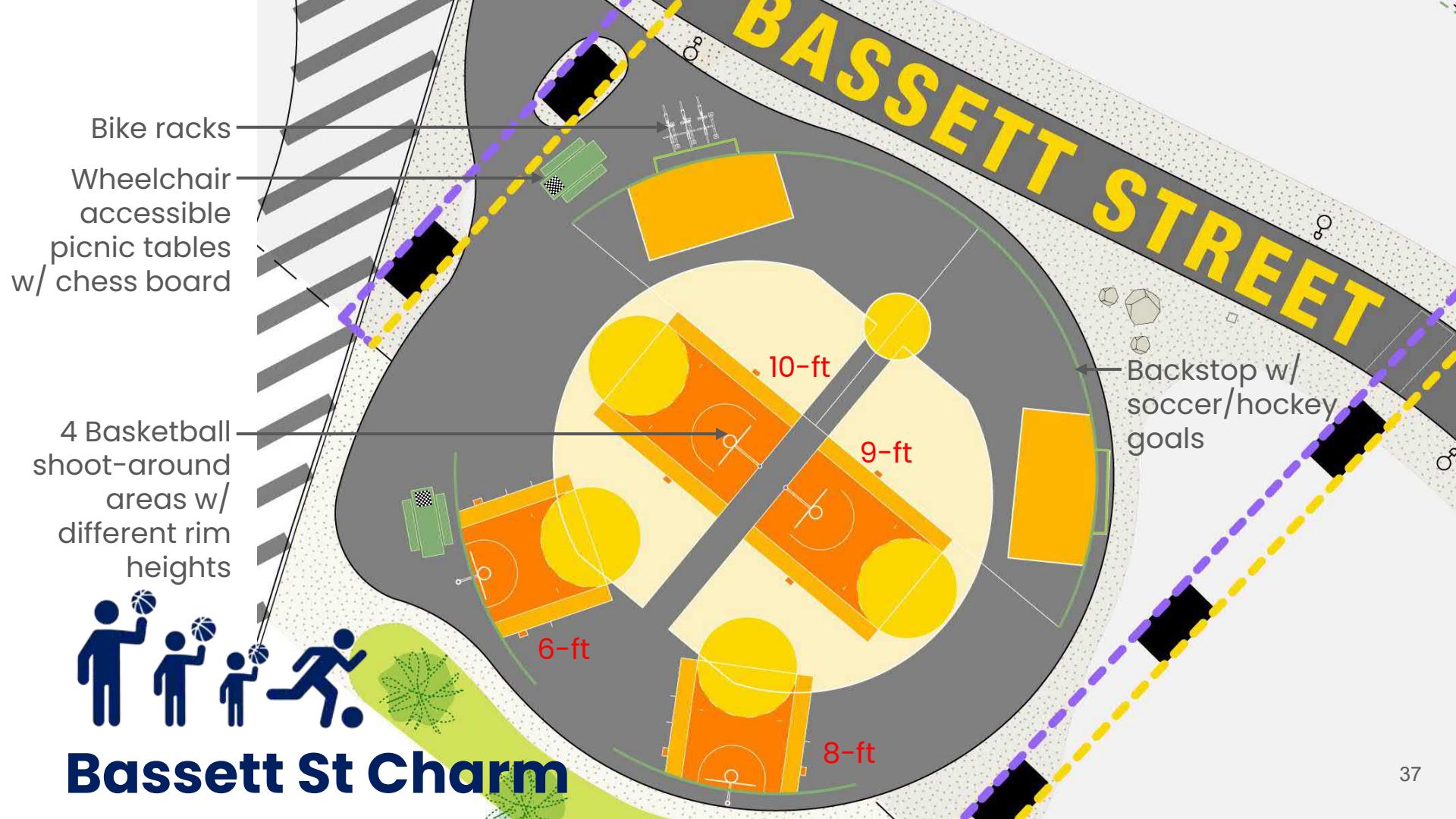
Church St

Wayfinding
graphics
on trail & piers

Trail lighting

Sports courts

Tree &
meadow area







Bike racks

Wheelchair
accessible
picnic tables
w/ chess board

Designated areas
for food trucks



4th Ave Charm

Play graphics
4-square,
hopscotch,
tic-tac-toe

Kid bike/
scooter track

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