

South End Connector Activate This Space



WELCOME to the 3rd Public Meeting!

6:20 pm Zoom overview

6:30 pm Meeting starts & welcome

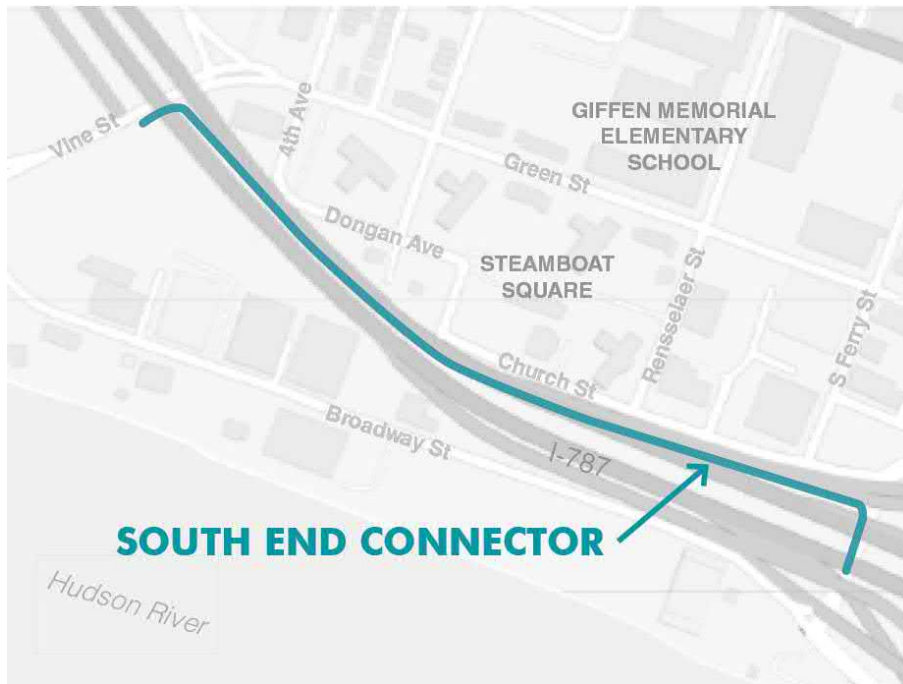
6:35 pm Design presentation

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



Public Meeting 3
June 15, 2021

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)

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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Fall 2020 -
Summer 2021



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Development**
Winter 2020 –
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Late Summer
2021



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Fall 2021 (TBD)

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The Project Area



SOUTH END CONNECTOR

Hudson River

Broadway

S Ferry St

Church St

Broadway

Rensselaer St

**STEAMBOAT
SQUARE
HOMES**

Cherry St

Dongan Ave

Bassett St

Green St

4th Ave

**GIFFEN MEMORIAL
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

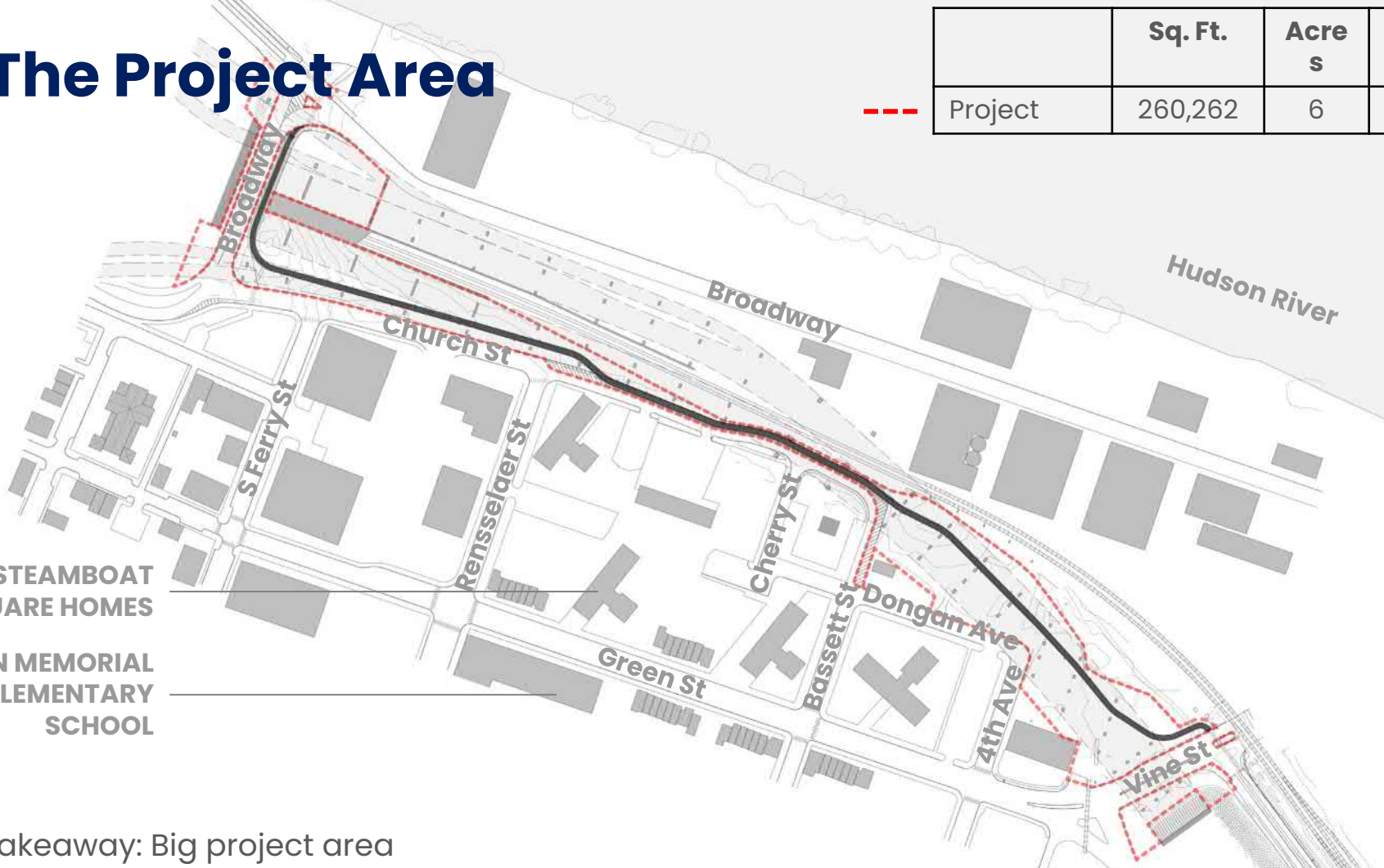
Pearl St

Vine/Church St

I-787

The Project Area

	Sq. Ft.	Acres	%
Project	260,262	6	100



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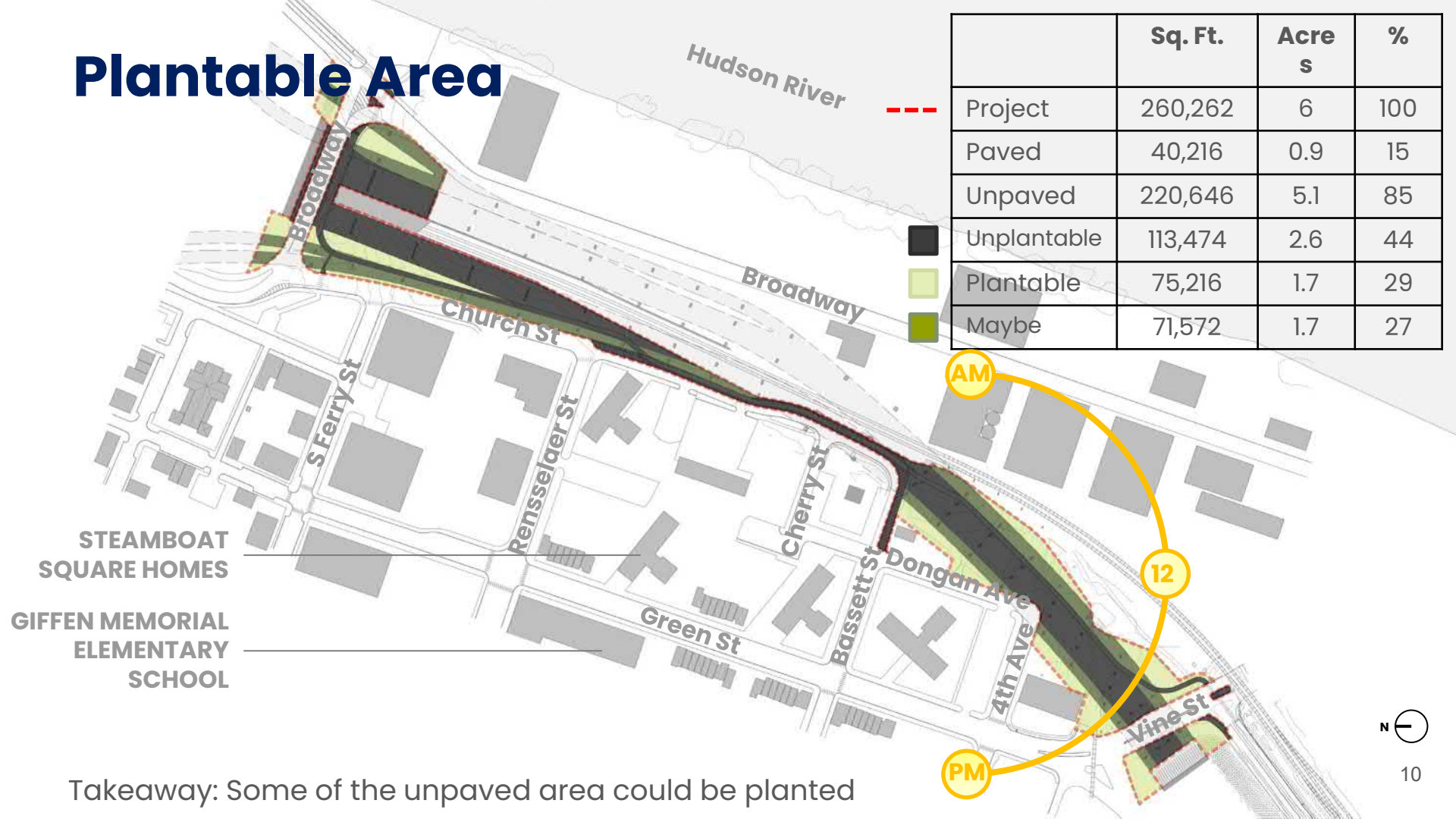
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Takeaway: Big project area



Plantable Area

	Sq. Ft.	Acres	%
Project	260,262	6	100
Paved	40,216	0.9	15
Unpaved	220,646	5.1	85
Unplantable	113,474	2.6	44
Plantable	75,216	1.7	29
Maybe	71,572	1.7	27



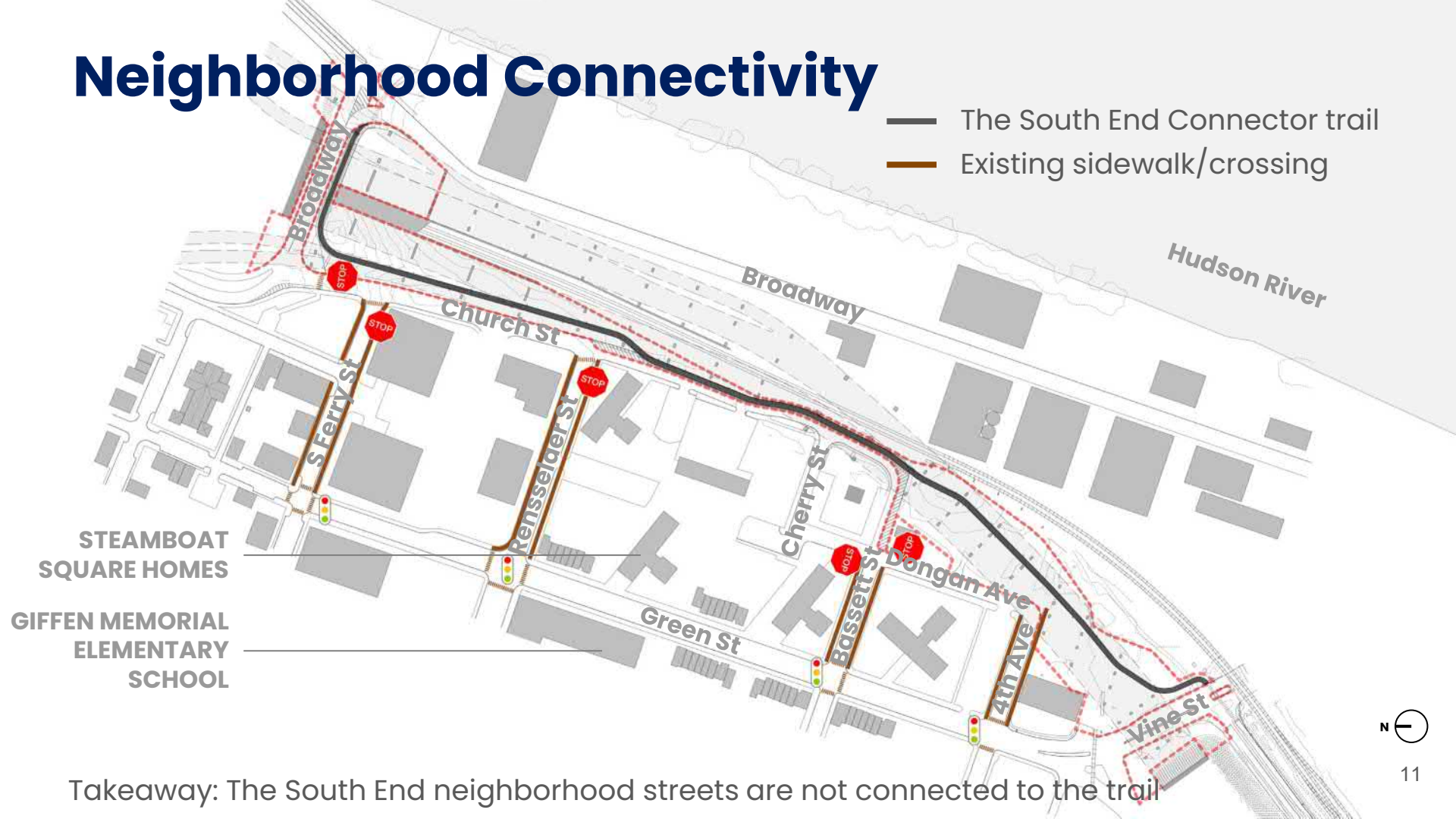
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Takeaway: Some of the unpaved area could be planted



Neighborhood Connectivity



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

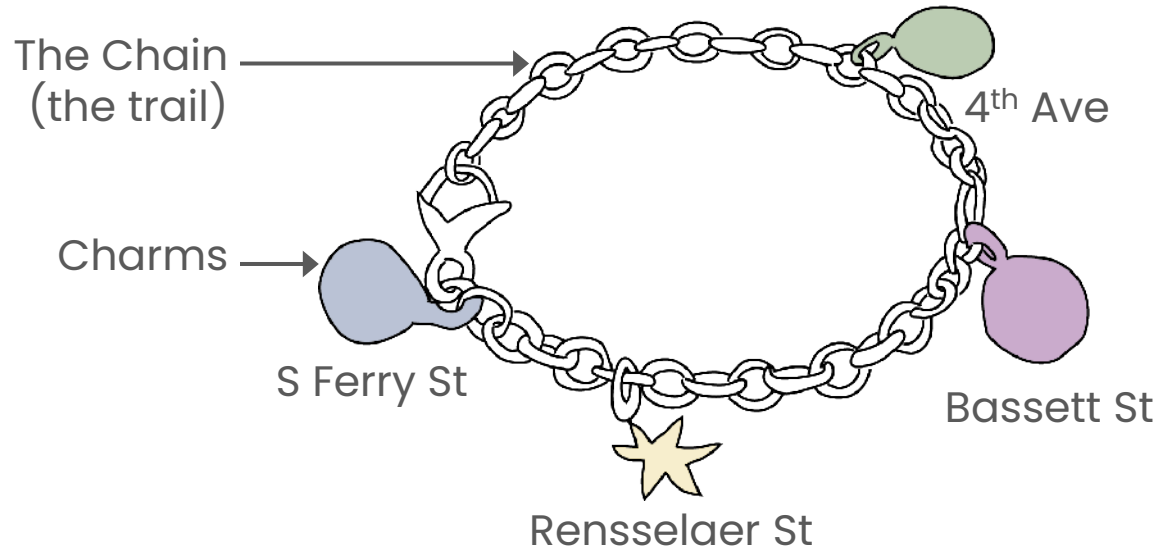
The space should be easy and safe to get to.

Green

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

Based on what we heard from Public Meeting #1, September 22, 2020

Charm Bracelet Analogy



Charm Bracelet plan concept



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

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Broadway
Church St
Hudson River

S Ferry St
Rensselaer St

Green St

Cherry St
Bassett St

Bongan Ave
4th Ave

Vine St



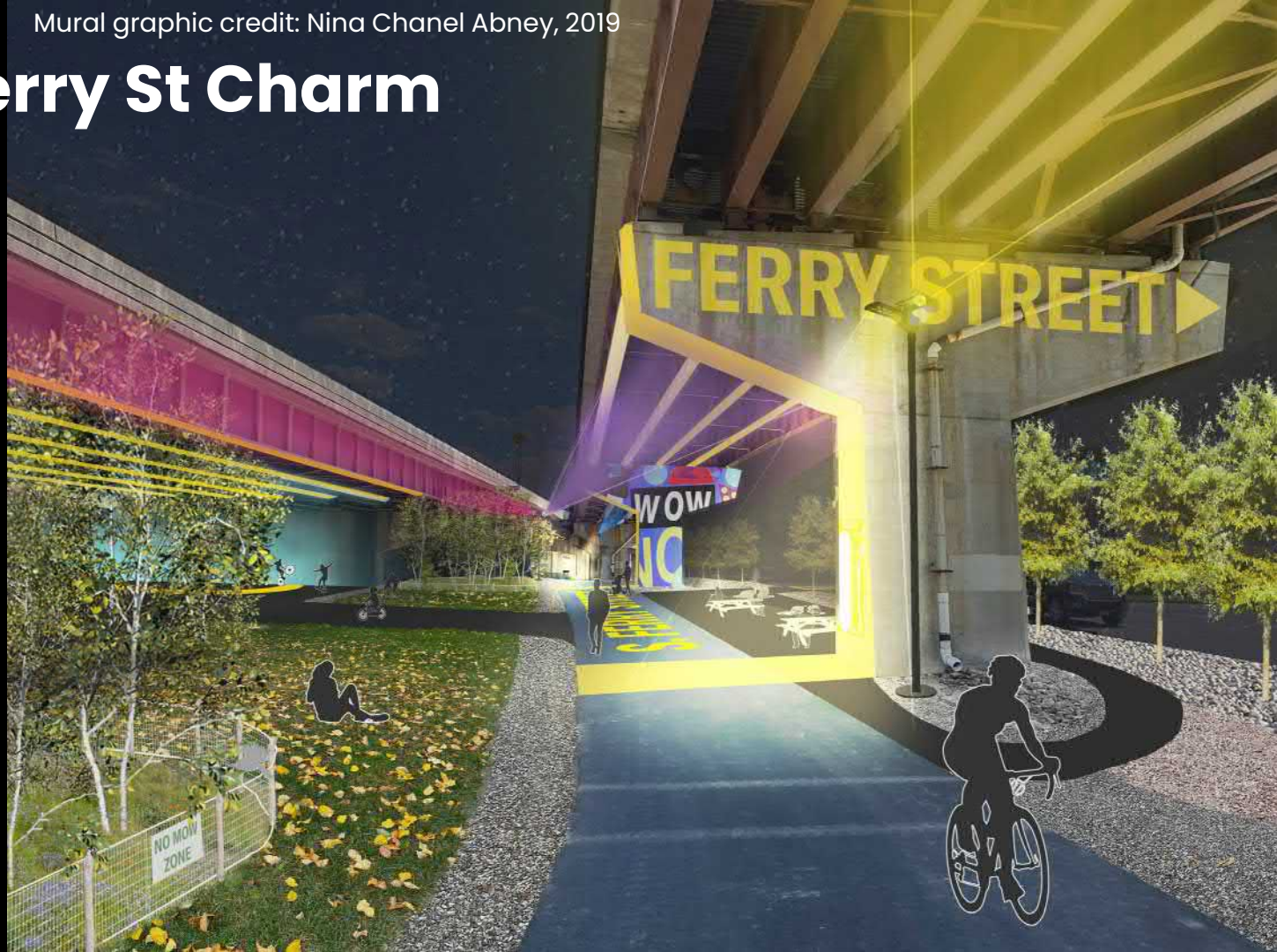
S Ferry St Charm – existing



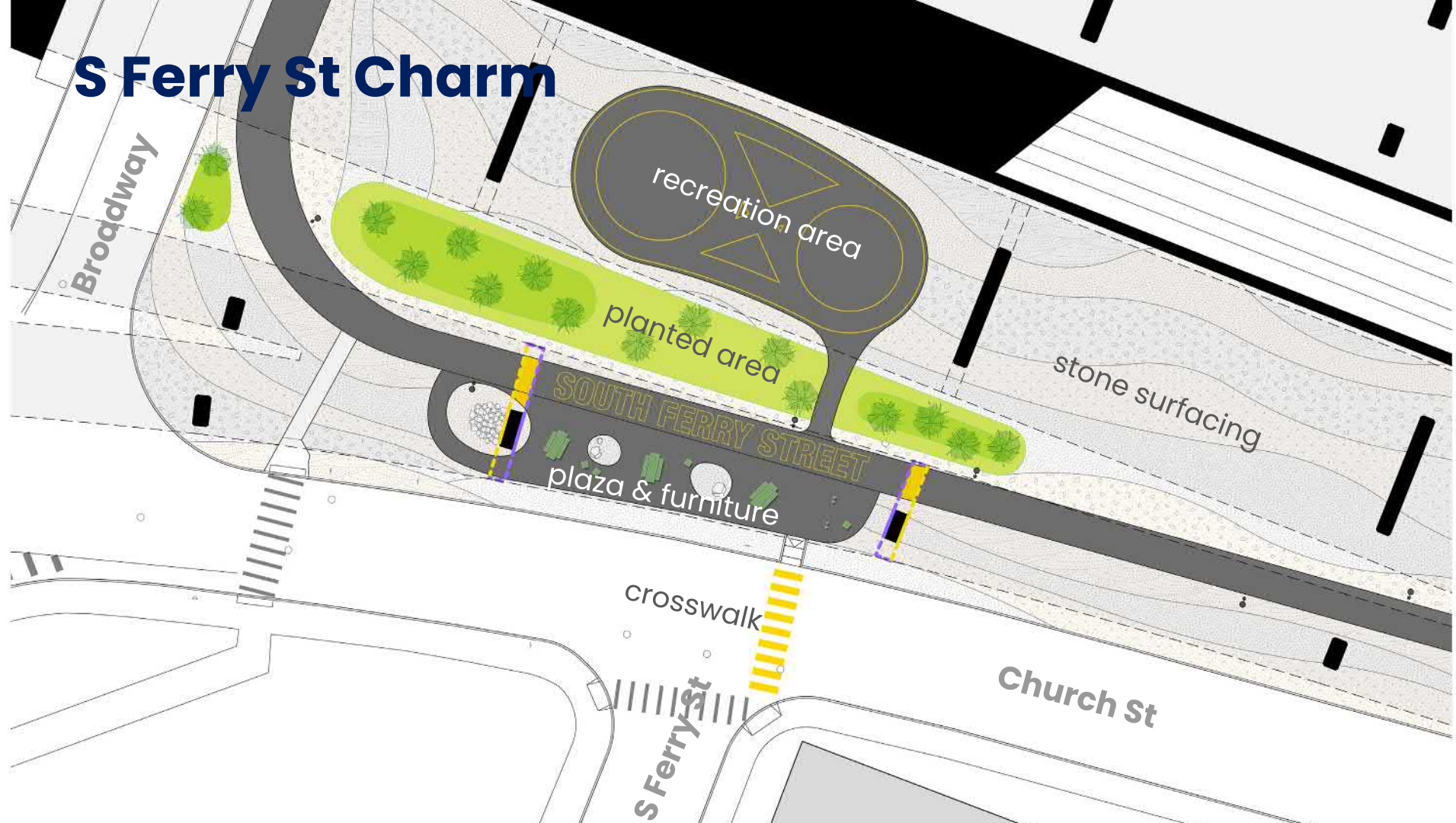
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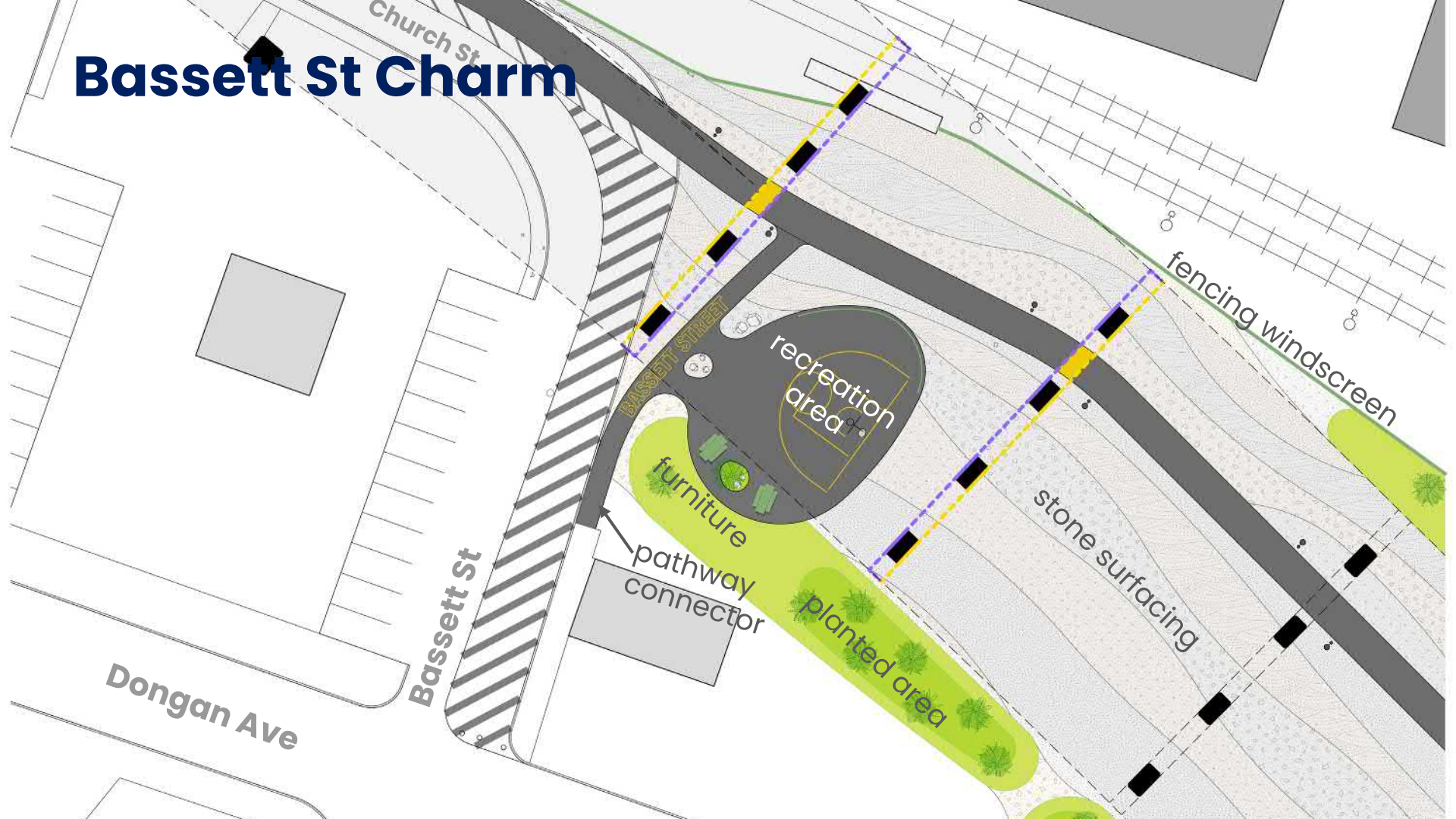
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Rensselaer St Charm



Bassett St Charm



4th Ave Charm

Dongan Ave

4th AVENUE

4th Ave

fencing windscreen

stone surfacing

plaza with furniture & food truck parking

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?

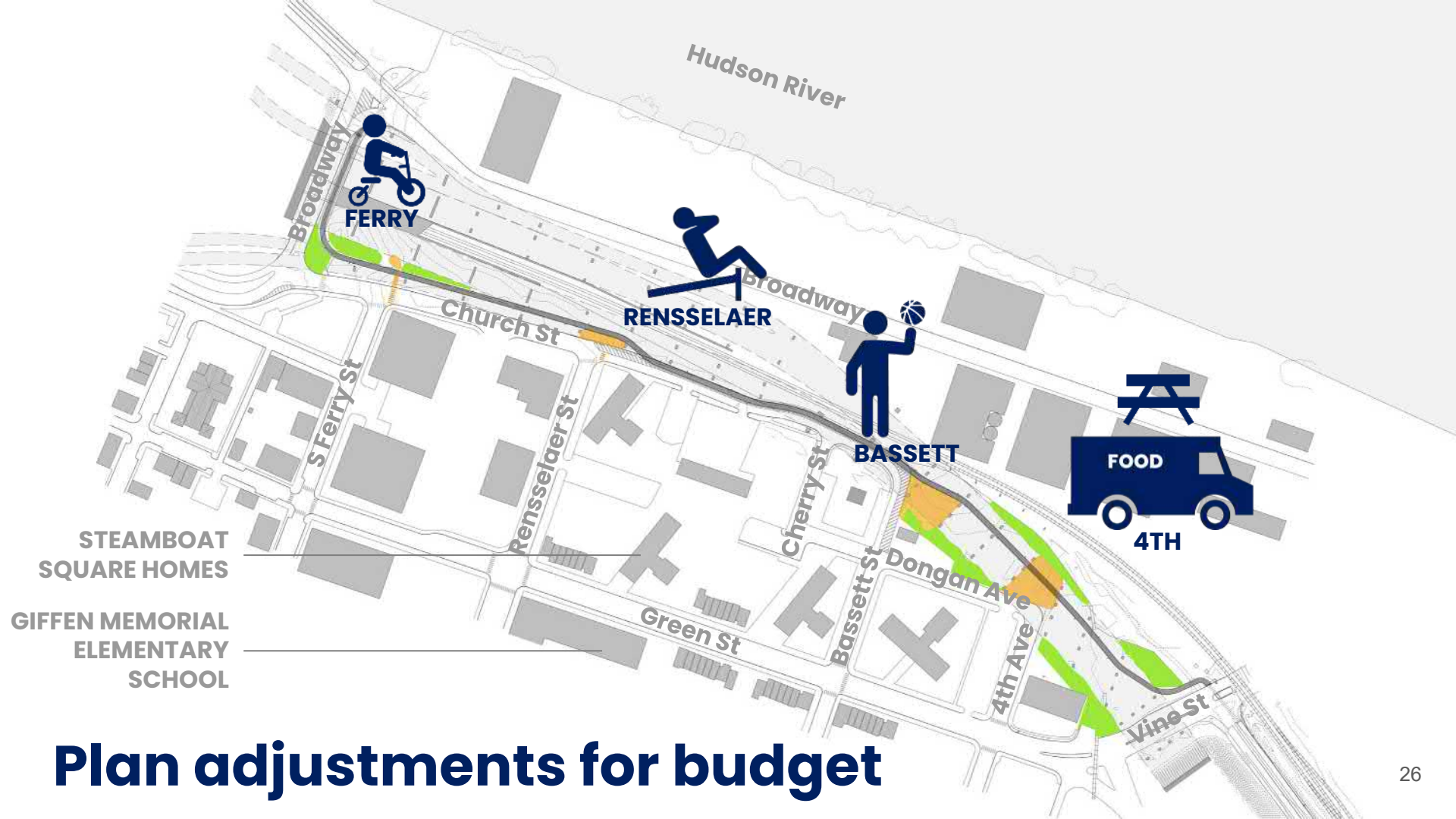
- Gathering space (most common response)
- Lighting (2nd)
- Security/safety (2nd)
- Accessibility (3rd)
- Wayfinding (3rd)

“Lighting is really important!”

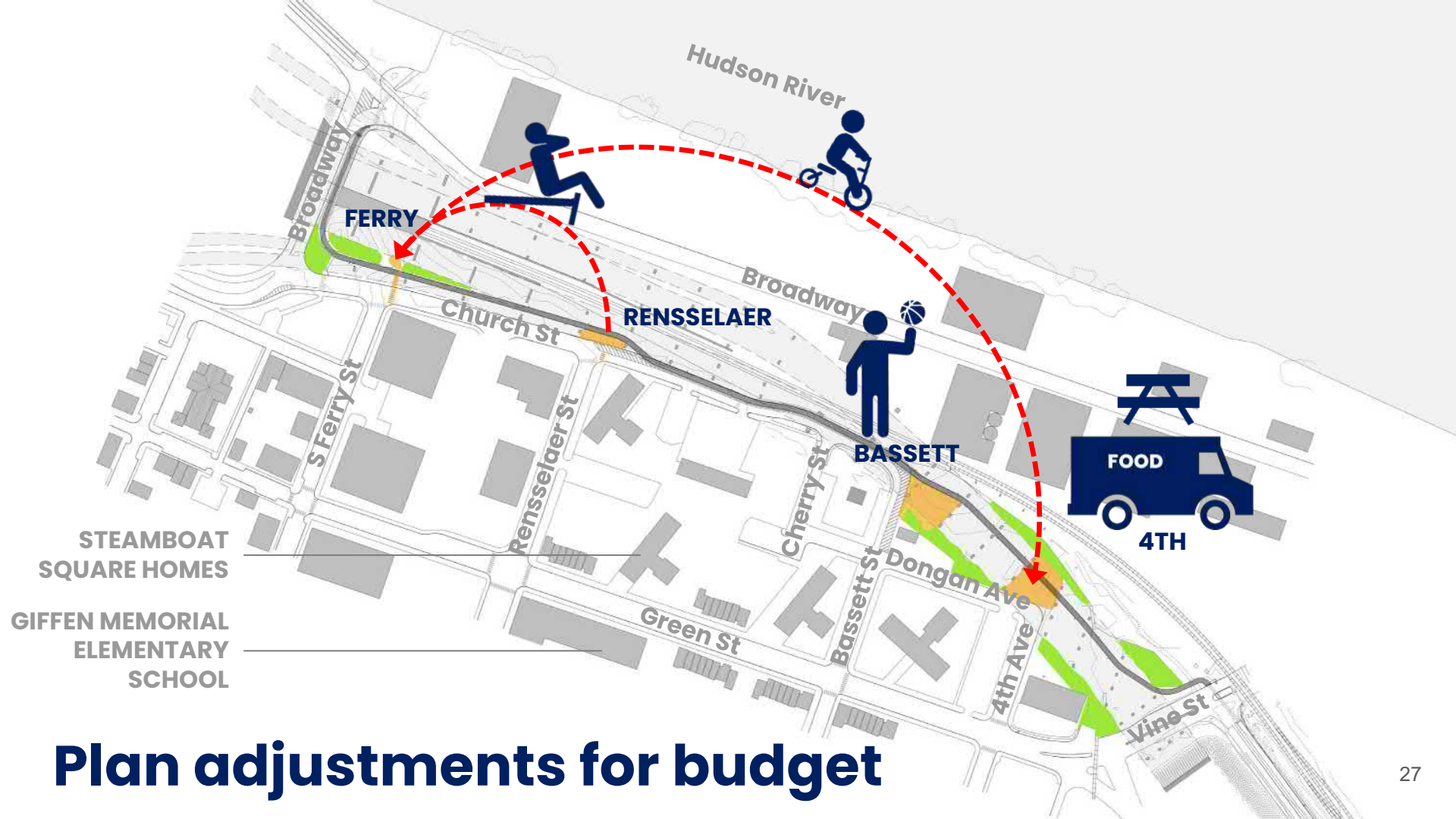
“Plenty of area for local gathering and relaxation, before and after events like runs”

“Opportunities for local businesses to use the space”

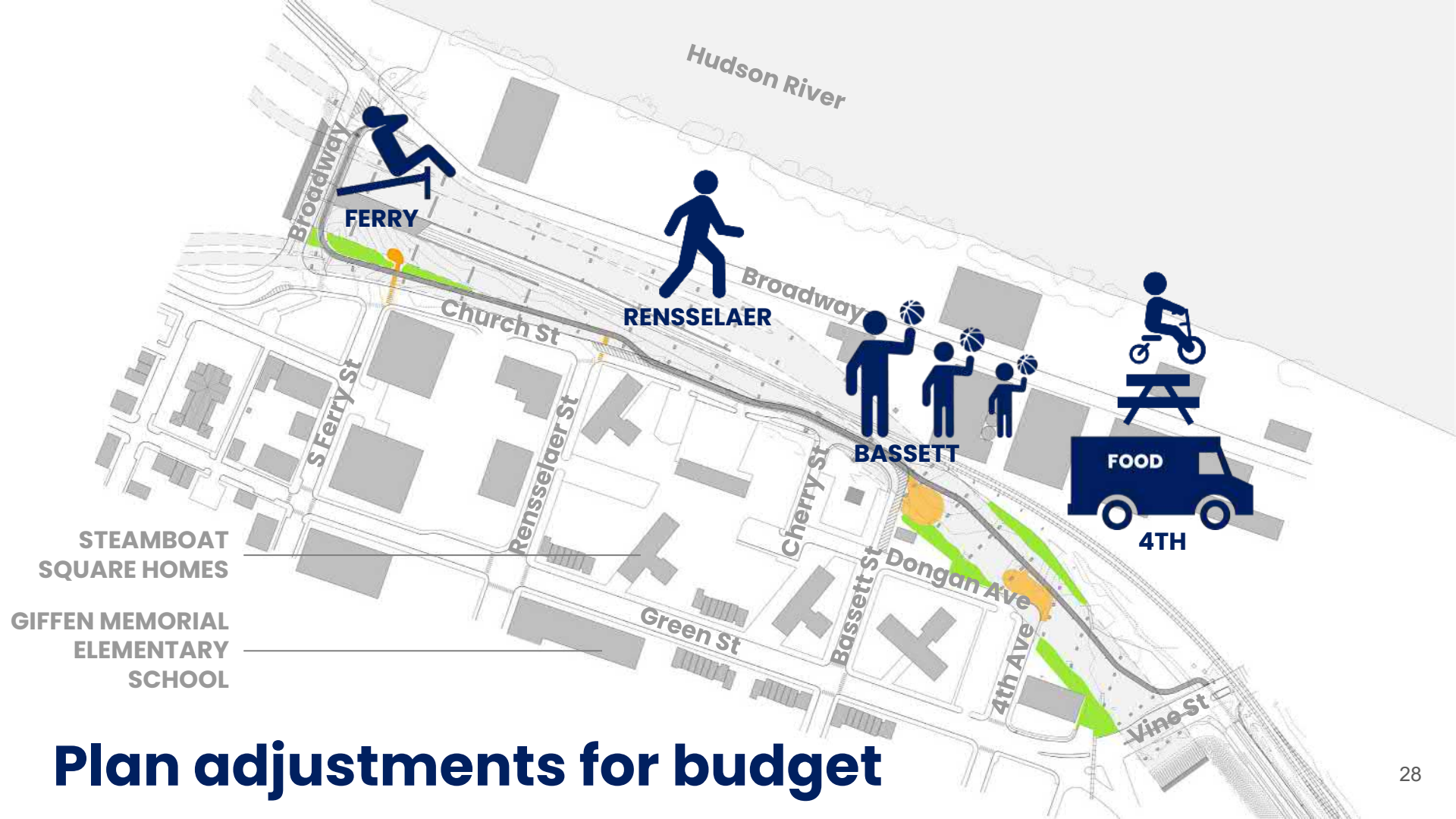
“It should be accessible for all”



Plan adjustments for budget



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LEGEND

● New trail light



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Trail Lighting





Betula populifolia
Grey Birch

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



Robinia psuedoacacia
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

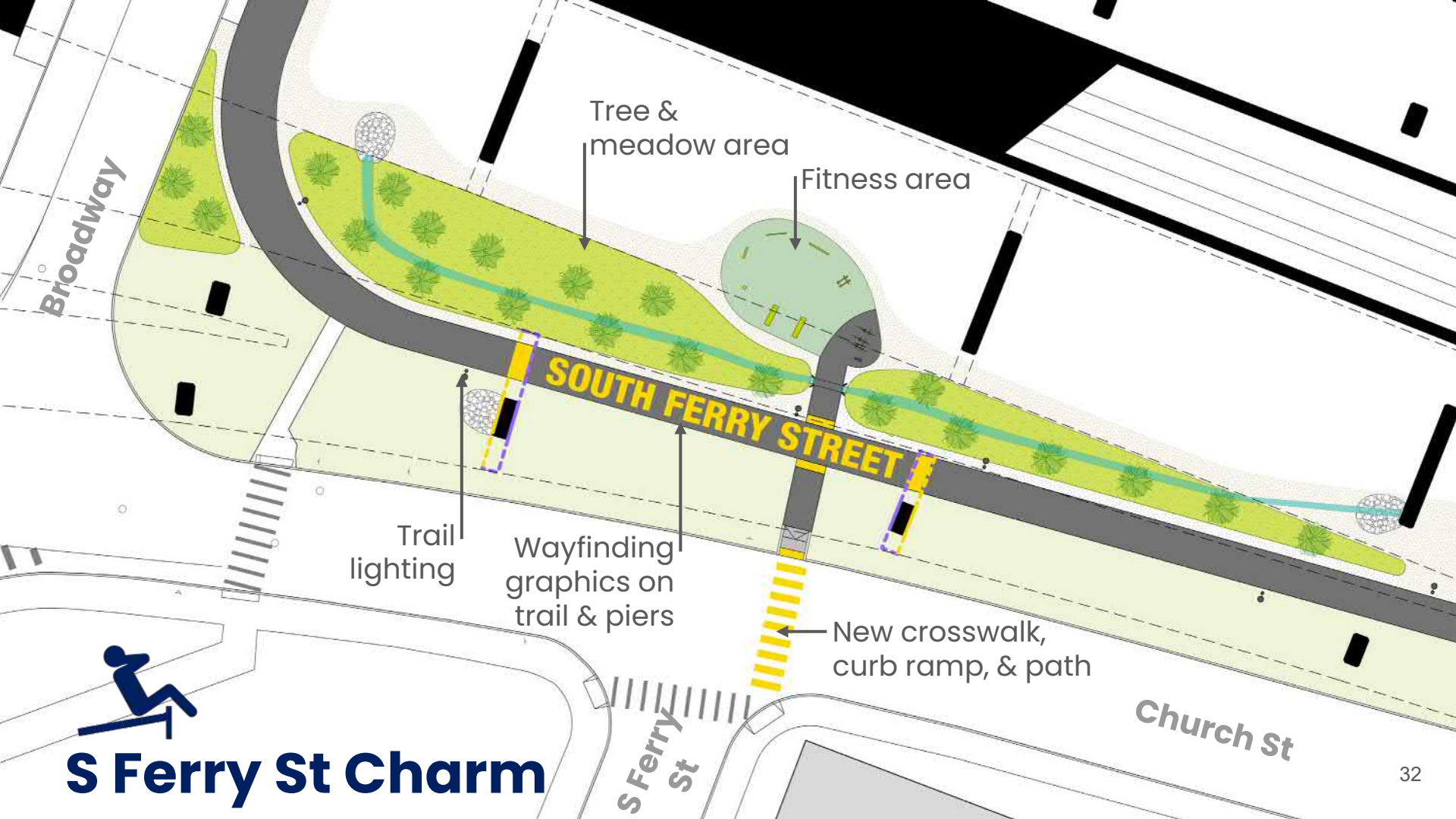
Wildflower meadow seed mix

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*), Hollow Stem Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*/ *Eutrochium fistulosum*), Early Goldenrod (*Solidago juncea*).



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Tree &
meadow area

Fitness area

Broadway

SOUTH FERRY STREET

Trail
lighting

Wayfinding
graphics on
trail & piers

New crosswalk,
curb ramp, & path

Church St

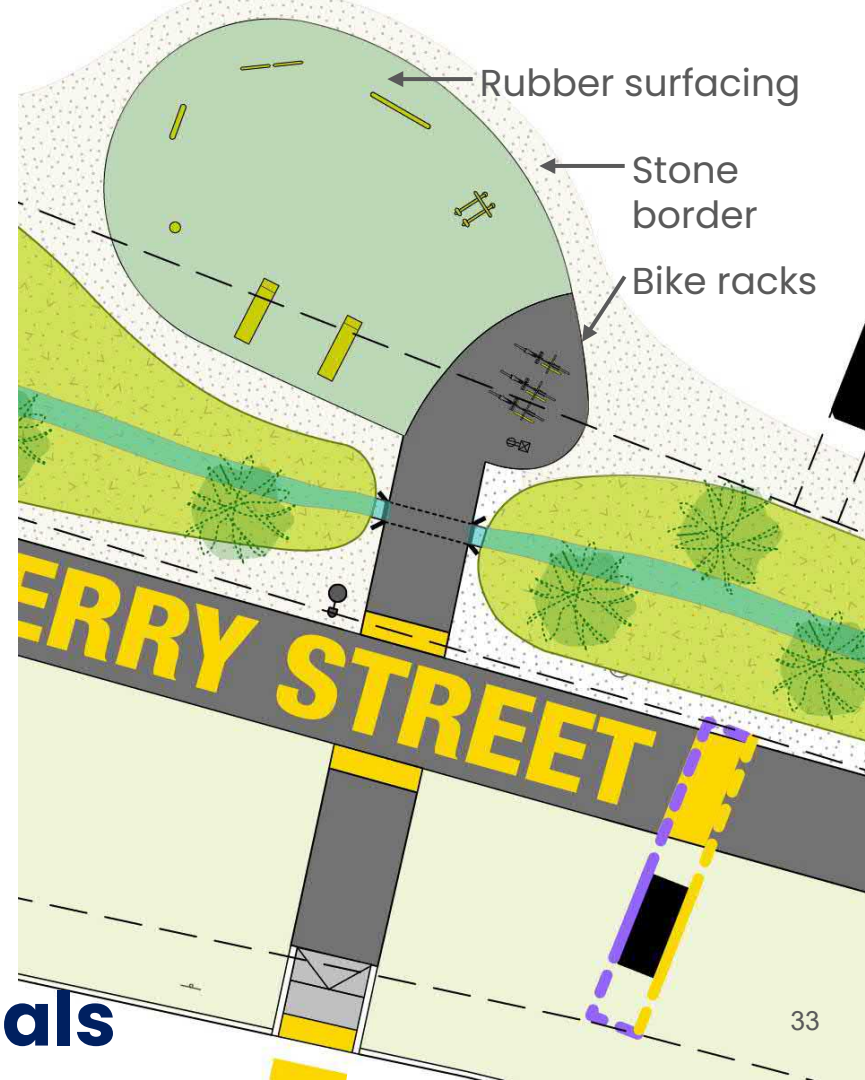
S Ferry
St



S Ferry St Charm



Poured-in-place
rubber



S Ferry St Charm - materials



Chin-up



Rope climb



Hyperextension bench



Leg lift



Situp bench



Pushup



Curl bench



U- bike rack



S Ferry St Charm - equipment

RENSSELAER STREET

Trail
lighting

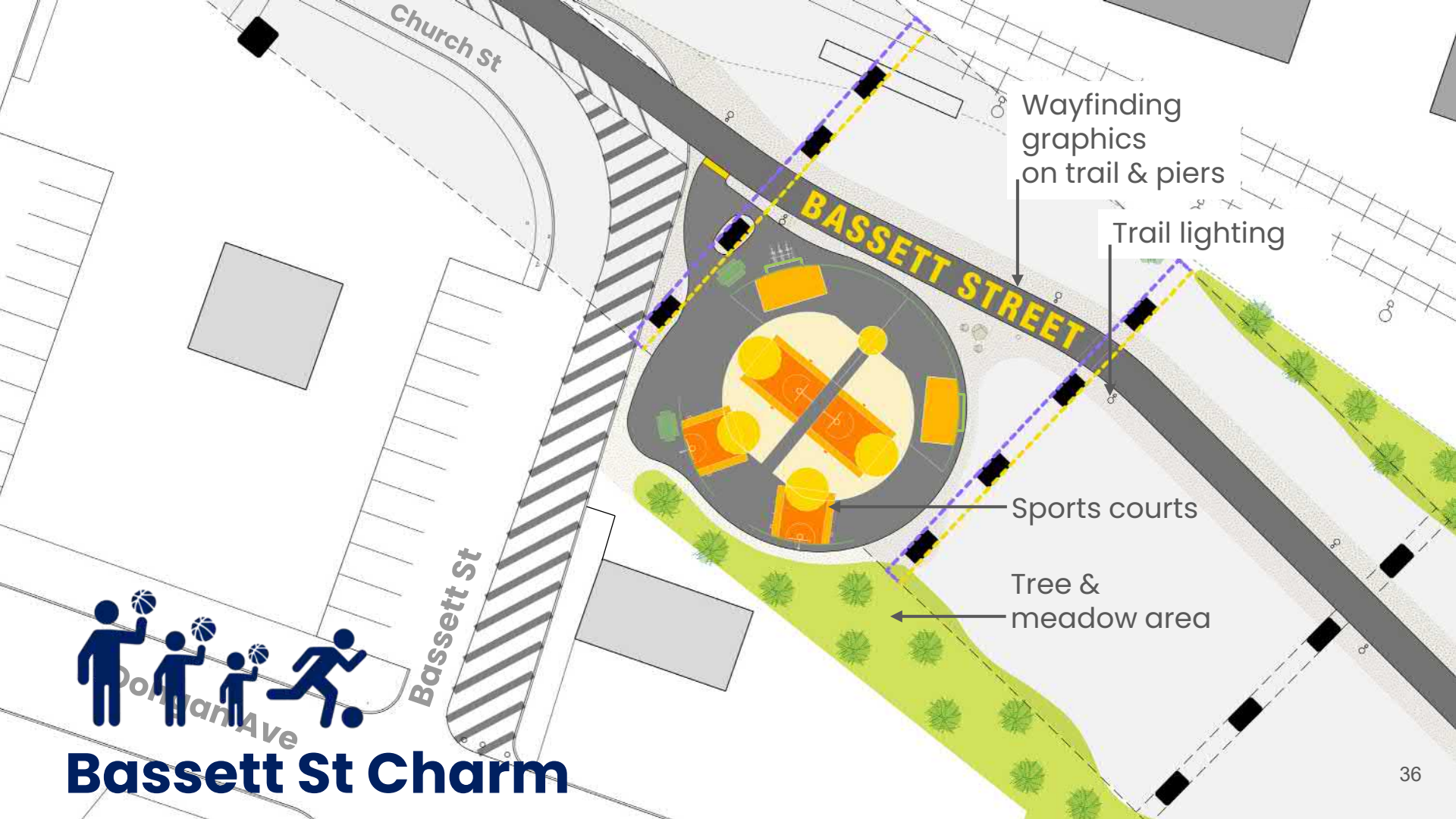
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on trail & piers

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Rensselaer St Charm



Church St

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Trail lighting

BASSETT STREET

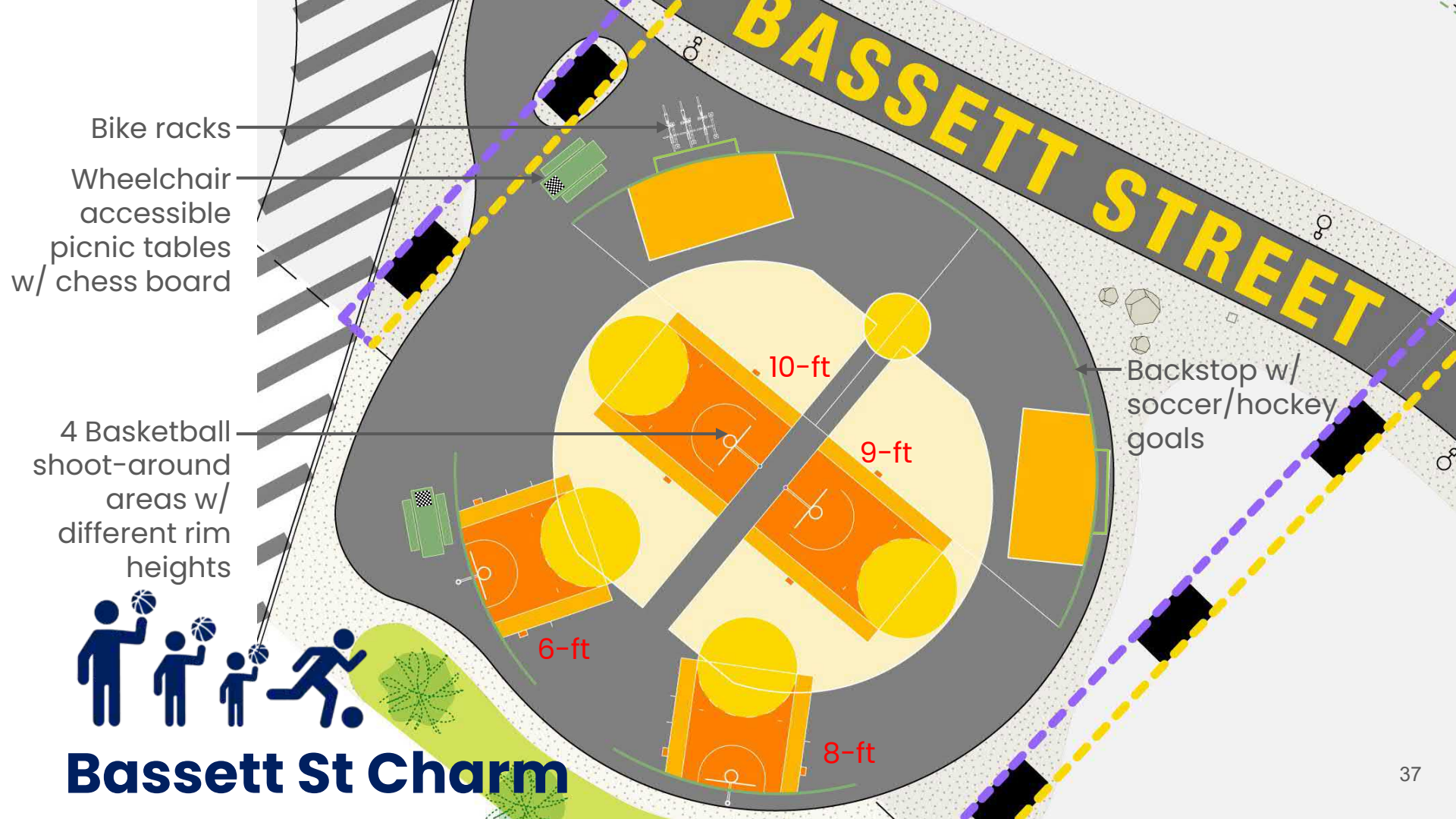
Sports courts

Tree &
meadow area

Bassett St

Dorset Ave


Bassett St Charm



Bassett St Charm



Trail lighting

Tree &
meadow area

Wayfinding
graphics
on trail & piers

Dongan Ave

Flexible
event space /
kids track

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4th Ave Charm



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