



JOSANA

rail to trail feasibility study

Public Meeting #1
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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview
 - Project Purpose & Work to be Completed
- Understanding the proposed “Rail to Trail” corridor
 - Related Planning Studies
 - Neighborhood Context
- Discussion & Break-Out Groups
- Next Steps
- OPTIONAL: Walk the Trail





project overview



Project Objectives

1. Explore trail alternatives
2. Identify preferred conceptual trail layout
3. Consider neighborhood connections
4. Identify special opportunities
5. Develop planning level cost estimates and phasing plan



Phase 1: Inventory and Analysis

- Data Collection
- Base Mapping
- Inventory and Analysis
 - ✓ Neighborhood Characteristics
 - ✓ Circulation
 - ✓ Environmental
 - ✓ Utilities
 - ✓ Ownership
- Design Standards
- PAC Meeting
- Public Meeting #1



Phase 2: Alternative Development

- Alternative Trail Routes
 - ✓ Connections/Destinations
 - ✓ Trail surface/features
 - ✓ Trailheads
 - ✓ Interpretation
 - ✓ Viewsheds
 - ✓ Natural features
 - ✓ Opportunities and challenges
 - ✓ Cost estimates
- PAC Meeting #2 and #3
- Public Meeting #2

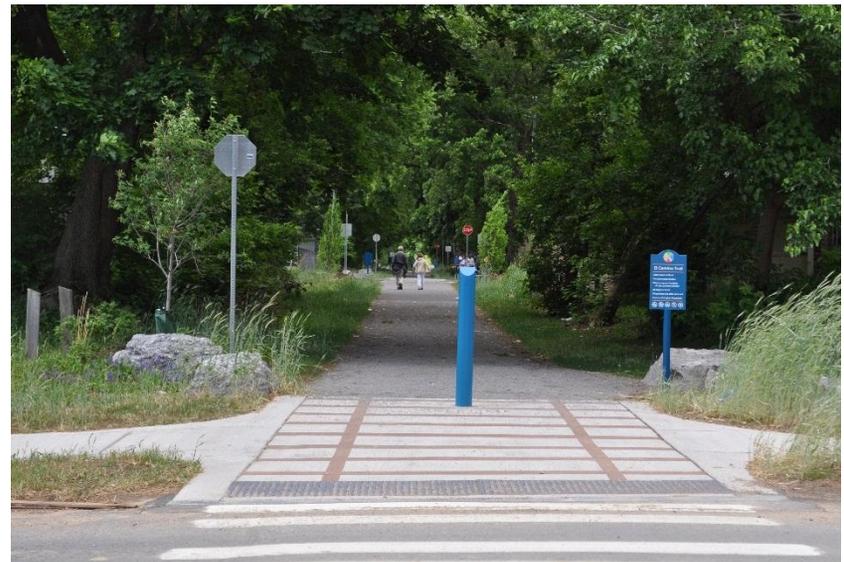


Phase 3: Final Preliminary Design/Report

- Final Trail Alignment
- Environmental Assessment
- PAC Meeting #4
- Final Report
- Executive Summary
- PAC Meeting #5



El Camino Trail





related planning studies



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JOSANA Neighborhood Plan



Unused CSX elevated rail line above Orchard Street near the Spens-Leticia site

The defunct CSX rail line that traverses the neighborhood, running east to west just north of the Stadium also presents a potential opportunity for unique recreational space in JOSANA. With the recent opening and massive success of the elevated park along New York City's High Line and the larger trend nationally of converting former rail lines into trails, preliminary discussions have commenced in Rochester about ways to transform former rail corridors into paths that connect some of the City's most significant natural resources – the Genesee River and Lake Ontario. While the rail line through JOSANA lacks connectivity with existing trails and other rail lines and is therefore not a top priority for such a costly endeavor, the open space potential of the now unused infrastructure should nevertheless be considered.



Unused CSX elevated rail line heading west toward Broad Street and beyond

existing conditions

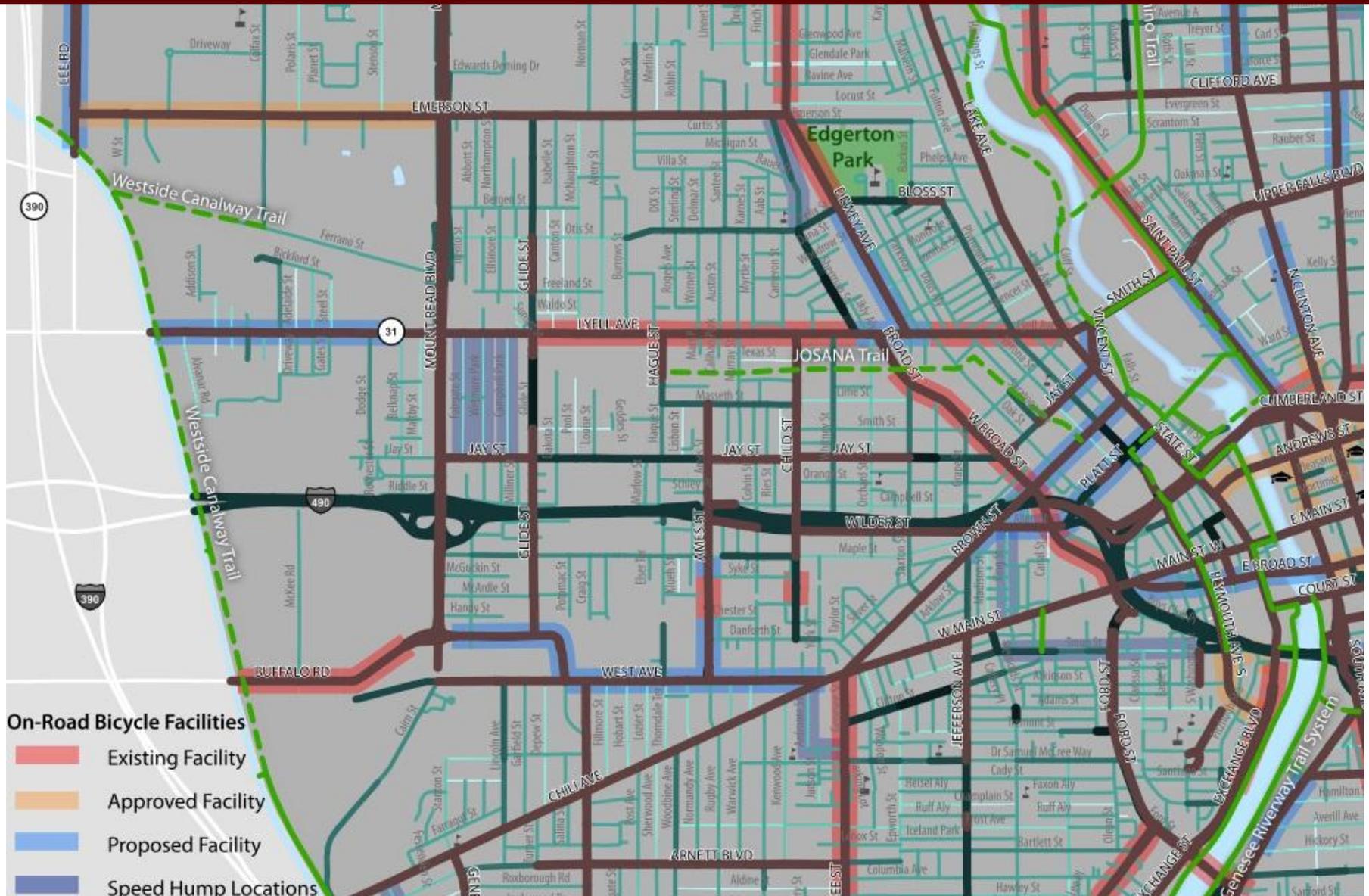
OPEN SPACE & GREENING INITIATIVES

- Existing Park/Open Space
- Priority Project Green Sites
- Secondary Project Green Sites
- Dog Park
- Gateway Greening
- Exercise Station Park
- Rails To Trails

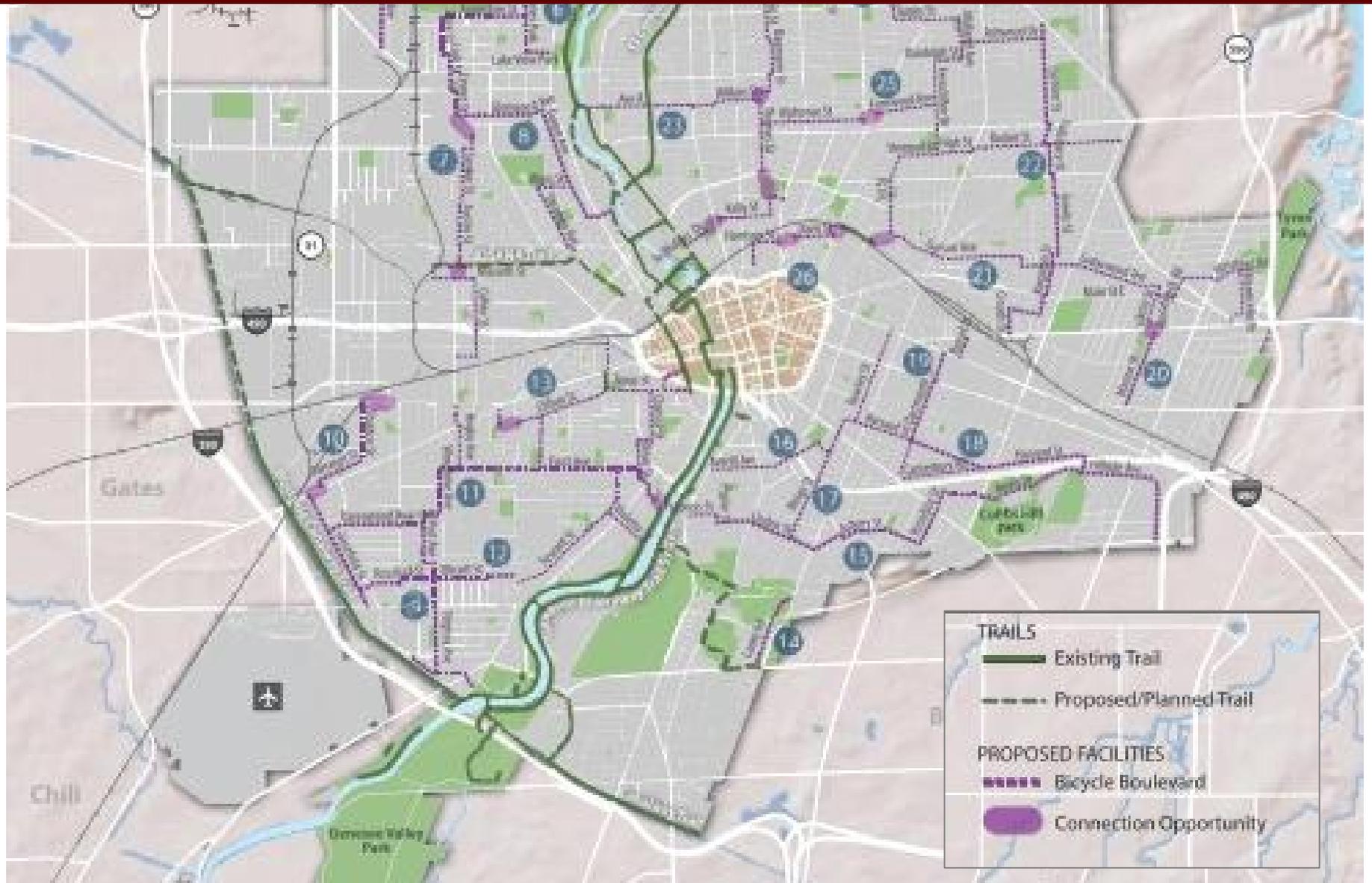
Brown's Square CAP Study



Bike Boulevard Master Plan



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High Falls Pedestrian Access Study

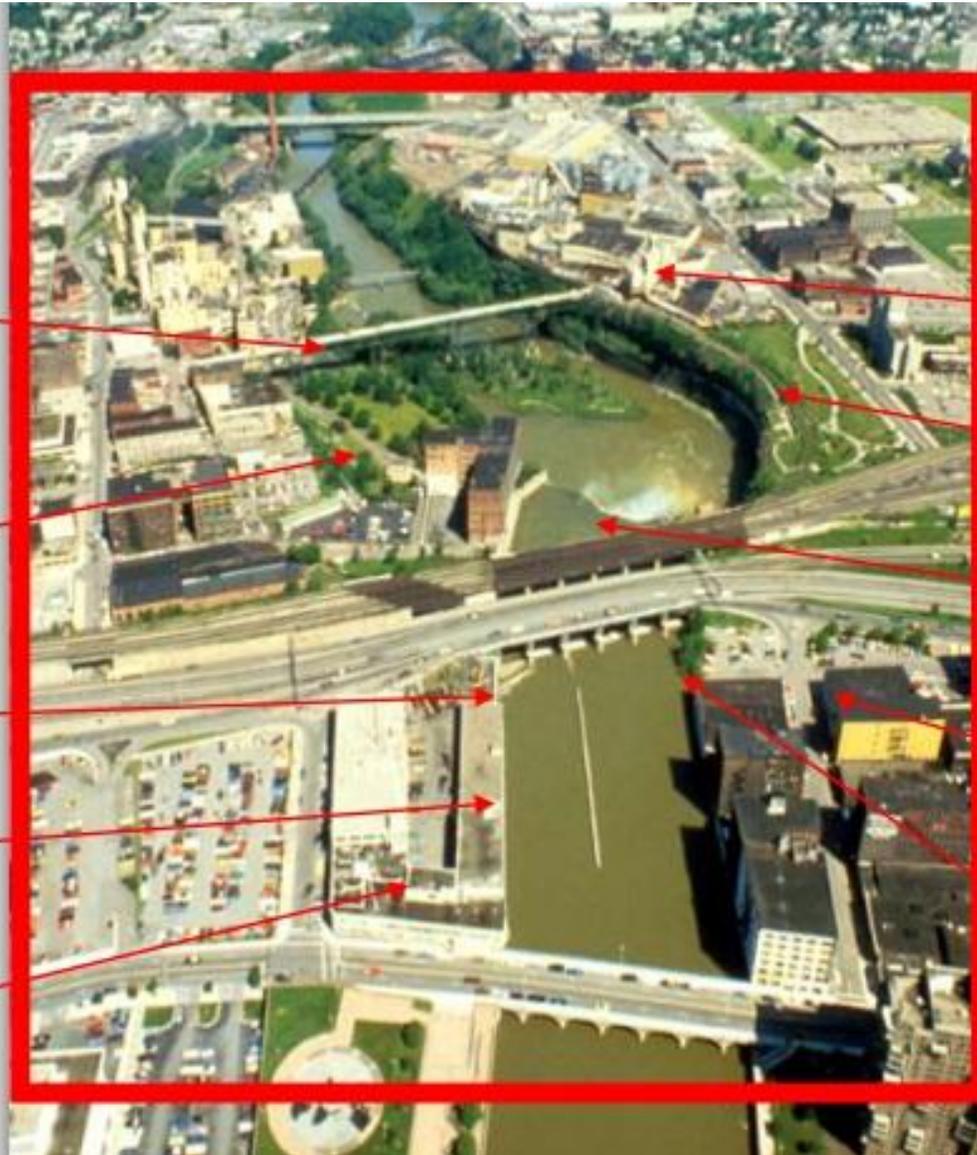
“GardenAerial” Trail Hub and potential new bridge improvements

Improved access from west side neighborhoods into High Falls and into river gorge

West side access from downtown into High Falls

Genesee River Trail connections

Redevelopment of Andrews Street Site with river access



Pont de Rennes east side terminus redevelopment

Improved east side park access

“Garden Aerial” Trail Hub and potential new bridge over river

Improved access from east side neighborhoods into High Falls

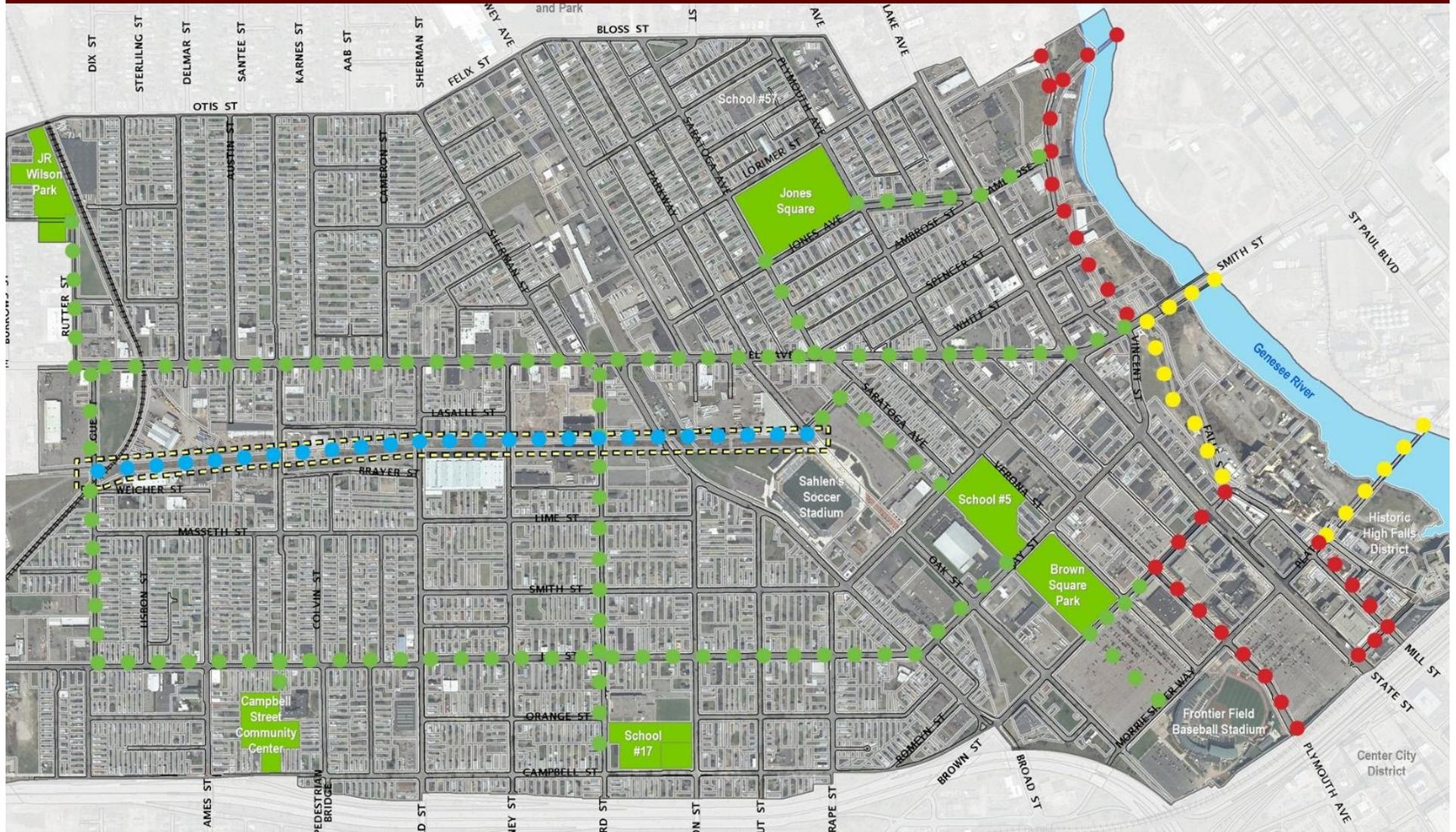
East side access from downtown into High Falls



neighborhood context

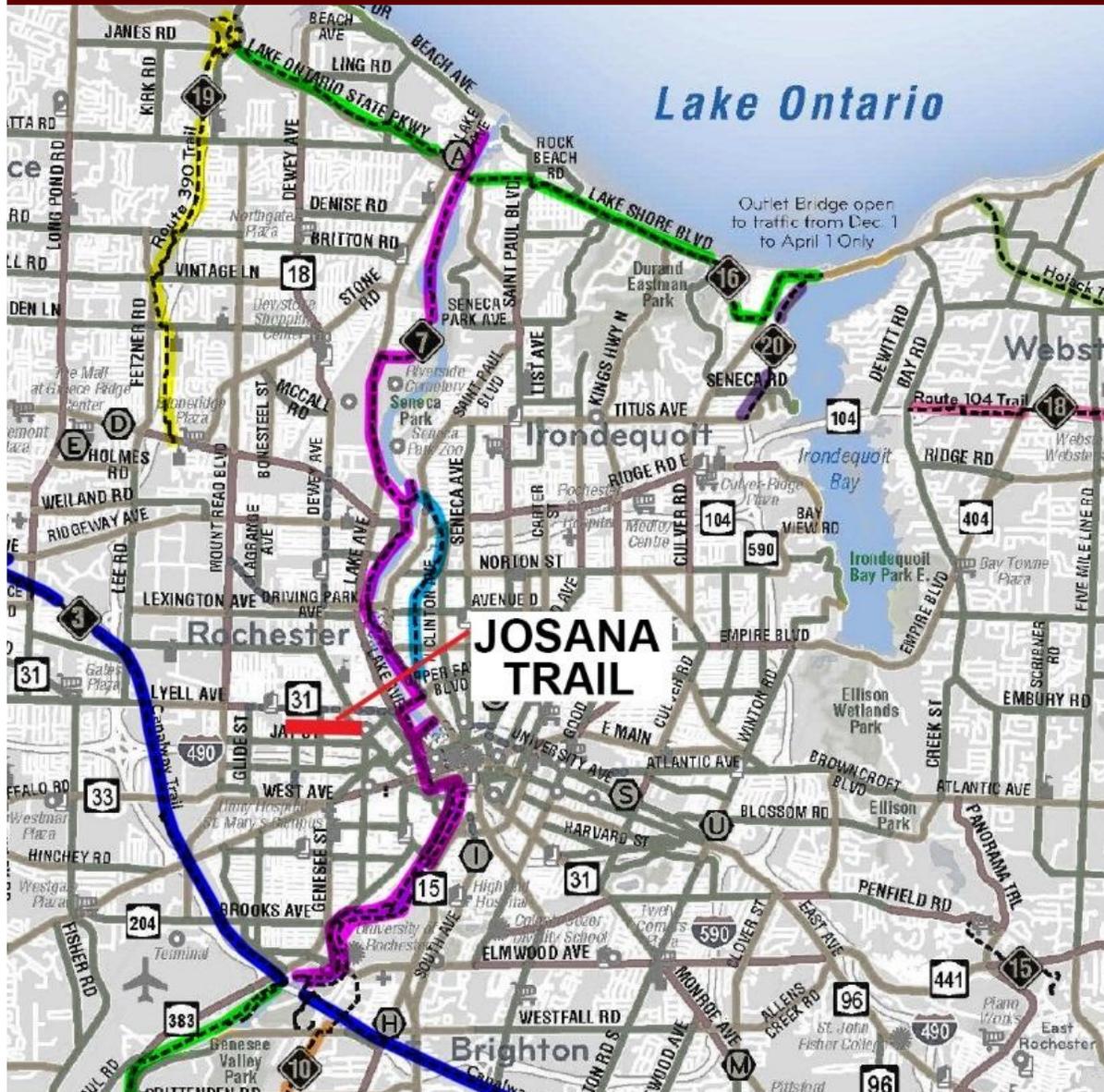


Linkages and Connectivity



- ● ● Proposed JOSANA Trail
- ● ● Existing Trails
- ● ● Proposed Trail Connections
- ● ● Proposed Trail Connections Recommended in the LYLAKS BOA Master Plan

Regional Context



-  JOSANA Rail to Trail
-  Canalway Trail
-  Route 390 Trail
-  Genesee Riverway Trail
-  El Camino Trail
-  Greenway Trail

Surrounding Land Use Patterns



 Proposed Trail Corridor

 Railroads

 Genesee River

 Residential

 Vacant

 Commercial

 Recreation & Entertainment

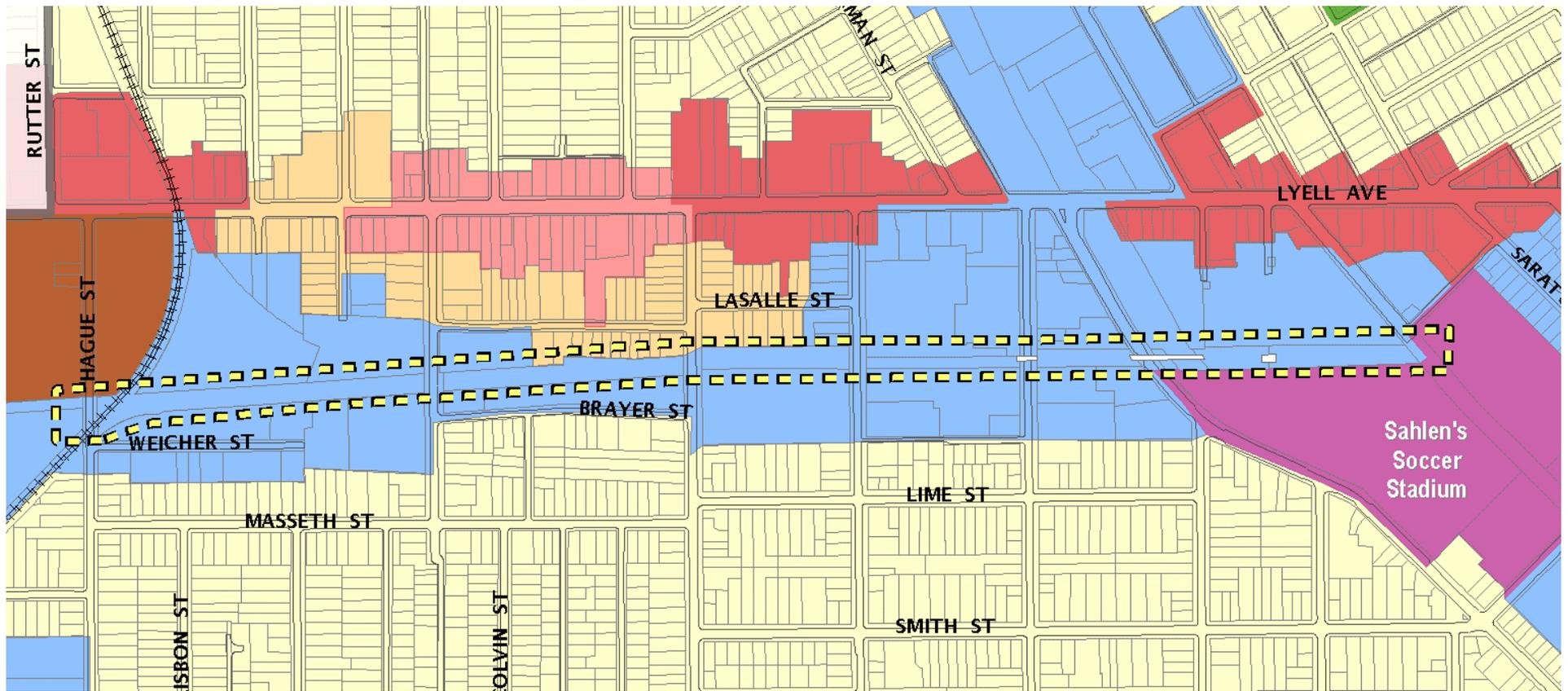
 Community Services

 Industrial

 Public Services

 Conservation & Parks

Surrounding Zoning Districts



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| Proposed Trail Corridor | Neighborhood Center | Erie Canal Urban Renewal District |
| Low Density Residential | Community Center | Planned Development District |
| Medium Density Residential | Regional Destination Center | Industrial District |
| High Density Residential | Center City District | Open Space |

Land Ownership





discussion & break-out groups



Discussion Topics

- What amenities would you like to see incorporated into the trail?
- What design features (signage, pocket parks, etc.) would make you more likely to use the trail?
- Do you have any concerns about the proposed trail alignment?
- Please share any other thoughts or ideas!



Next Steps

- Summary of Issues and Opportunities
- Inventory of Existing Conditions
 - Site assessment / field work
 - Rail bridge assessment
- Individual Stakeholder Meetings
- Trail Design Standards
- Inventory and Analysis Report

