



# JOSANA

rail to trail feasibility study

Public Meeting #1  
October 3, 2014

# 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

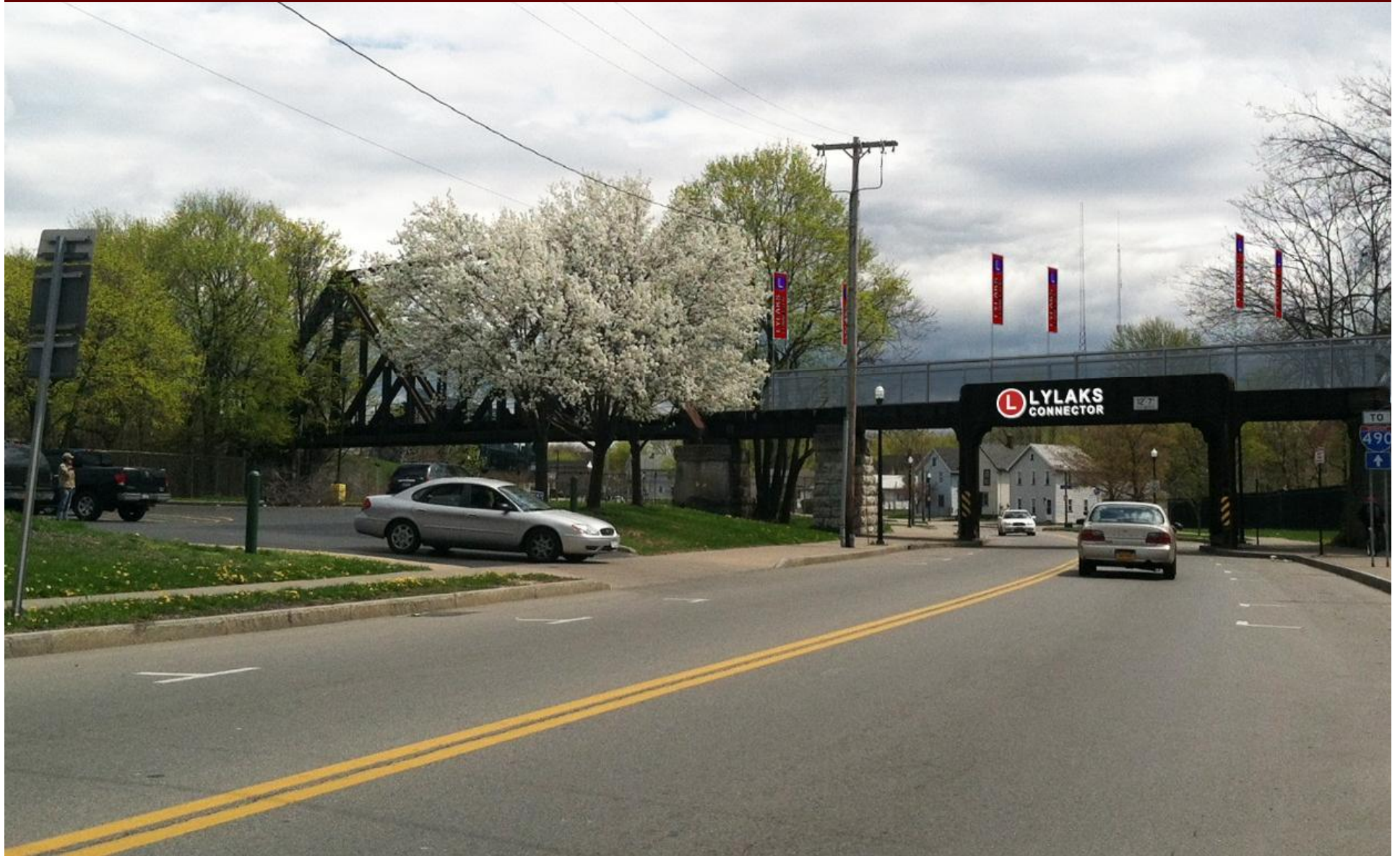


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# JOSANA Neighborhood Plan



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 above Orchard Street near the Lyell/Lasalle site



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

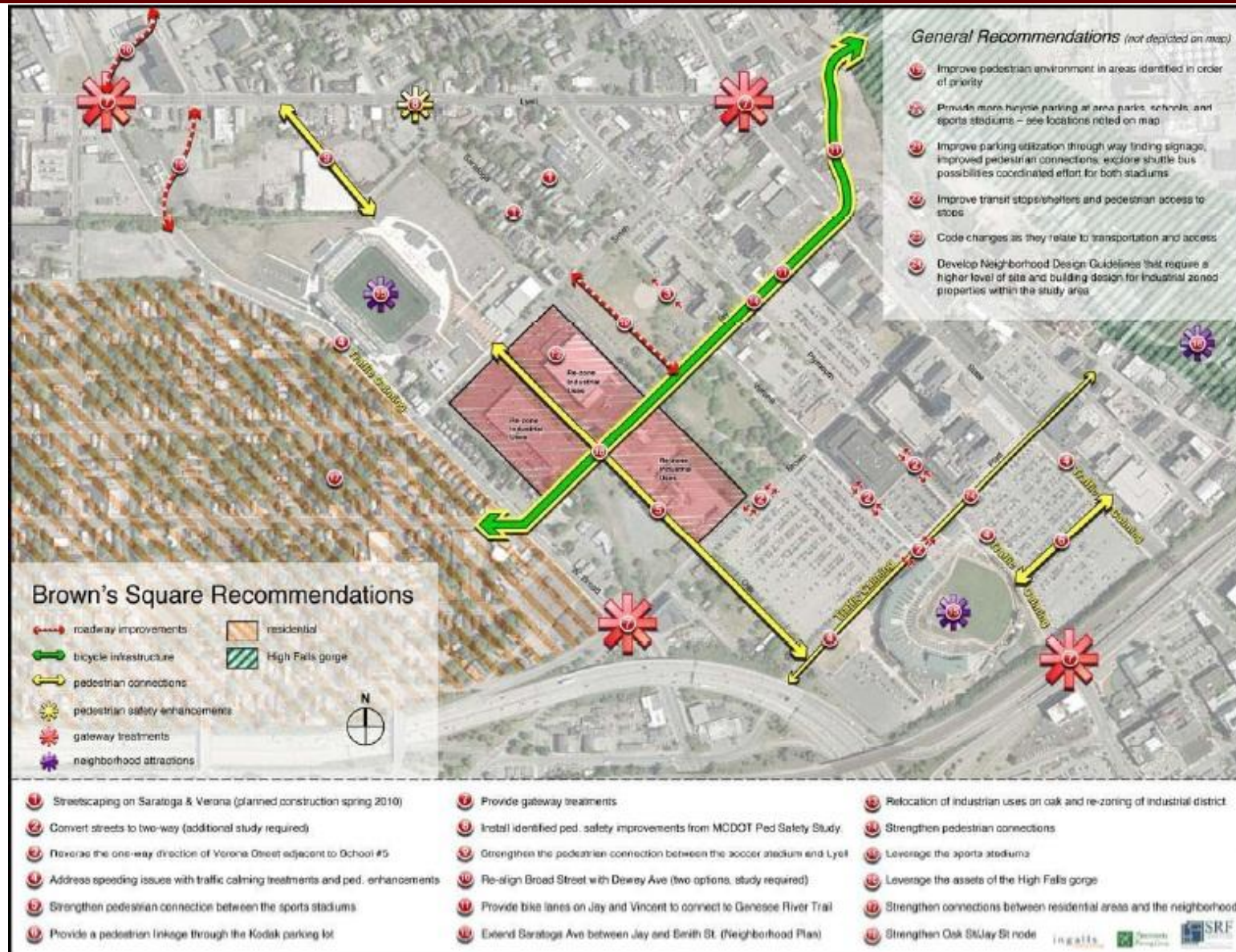
existing conditions

## 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

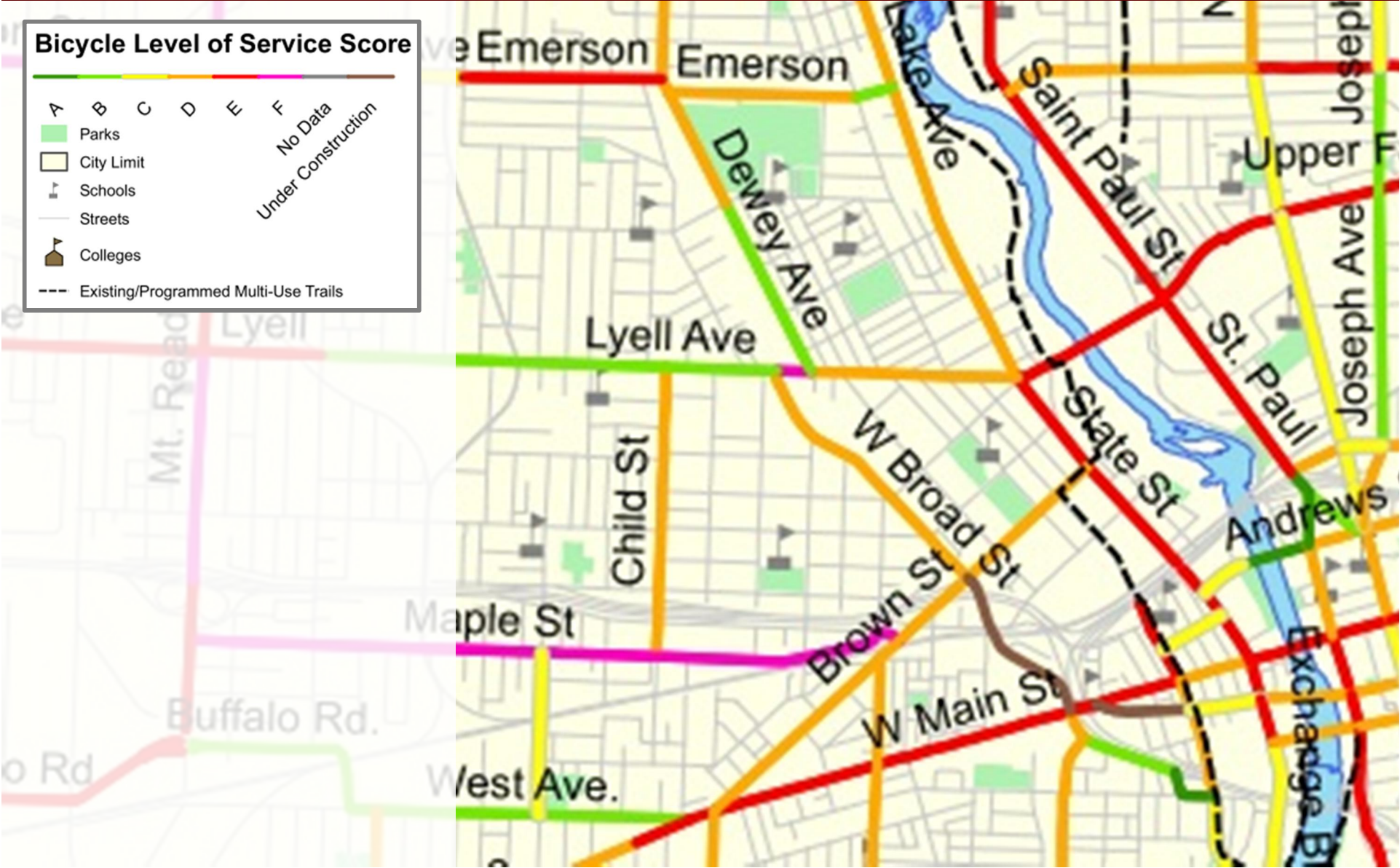


# Brown's Square CAP Study



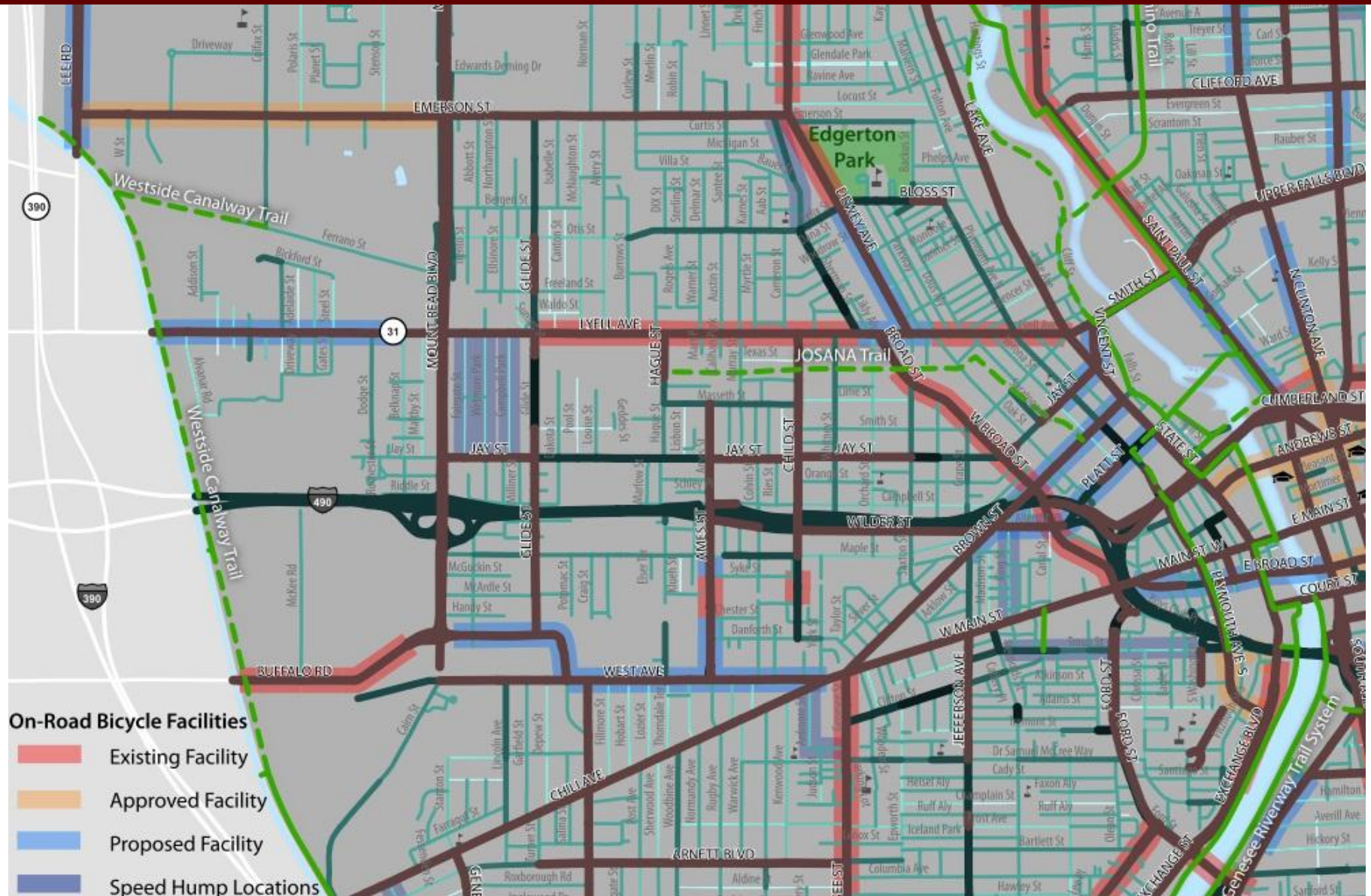


# Rochester Bicycle Master Plan

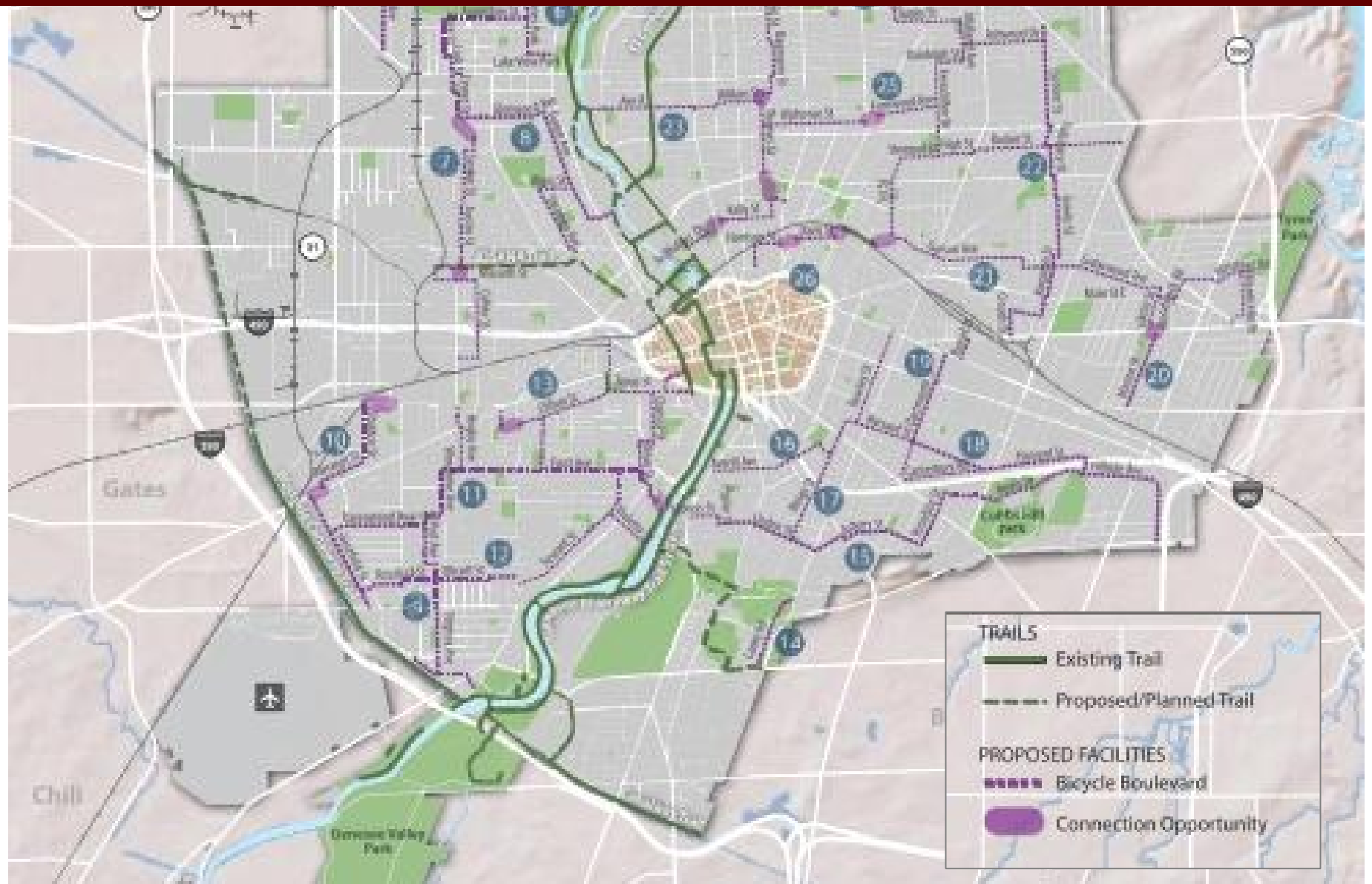




# Bike Boulevard Master Plan



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# High Falls Pedestrian Access Study

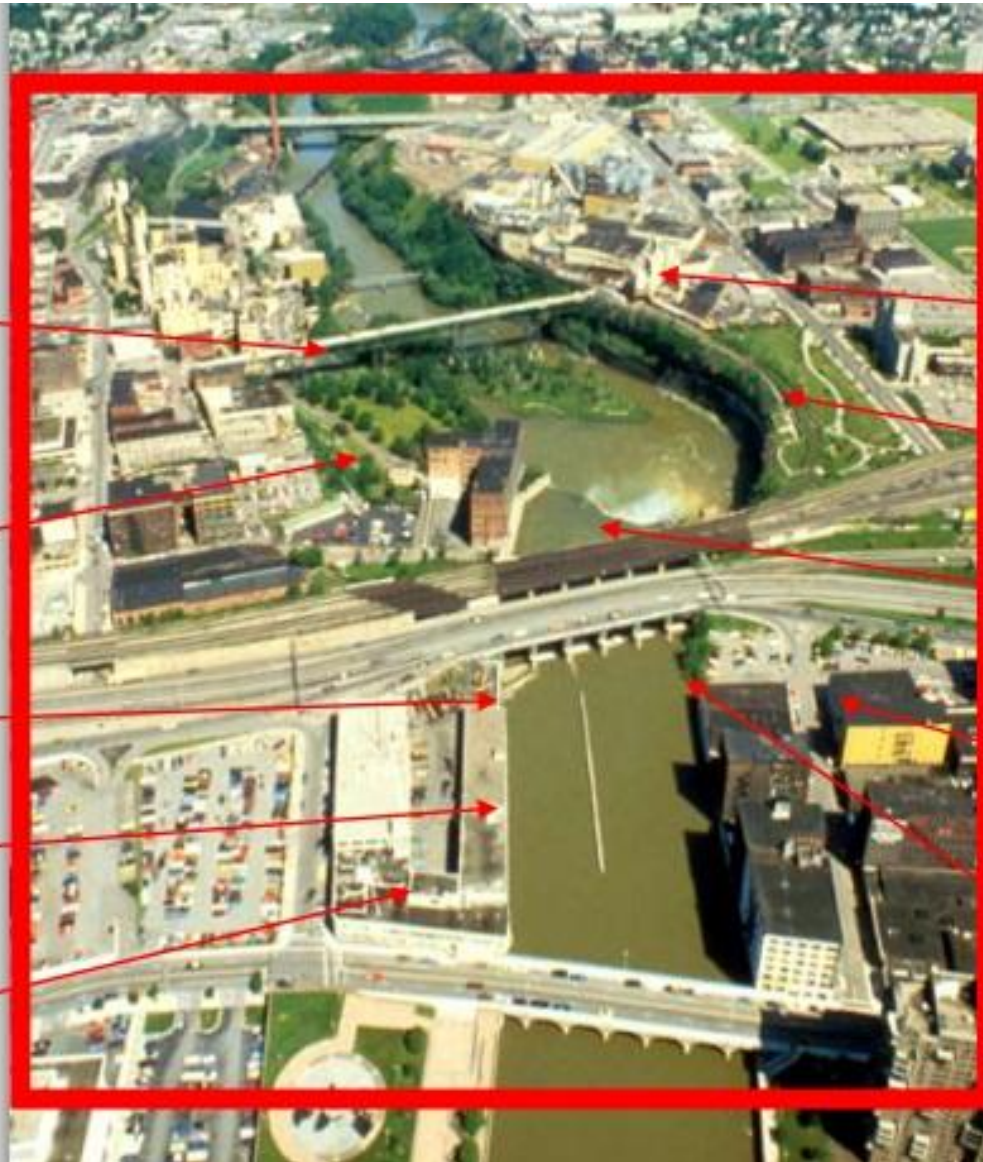
**“GardenAerial” Trail  
Hub and potential  
new bridge  
improvements**

**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**

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neighborhood context



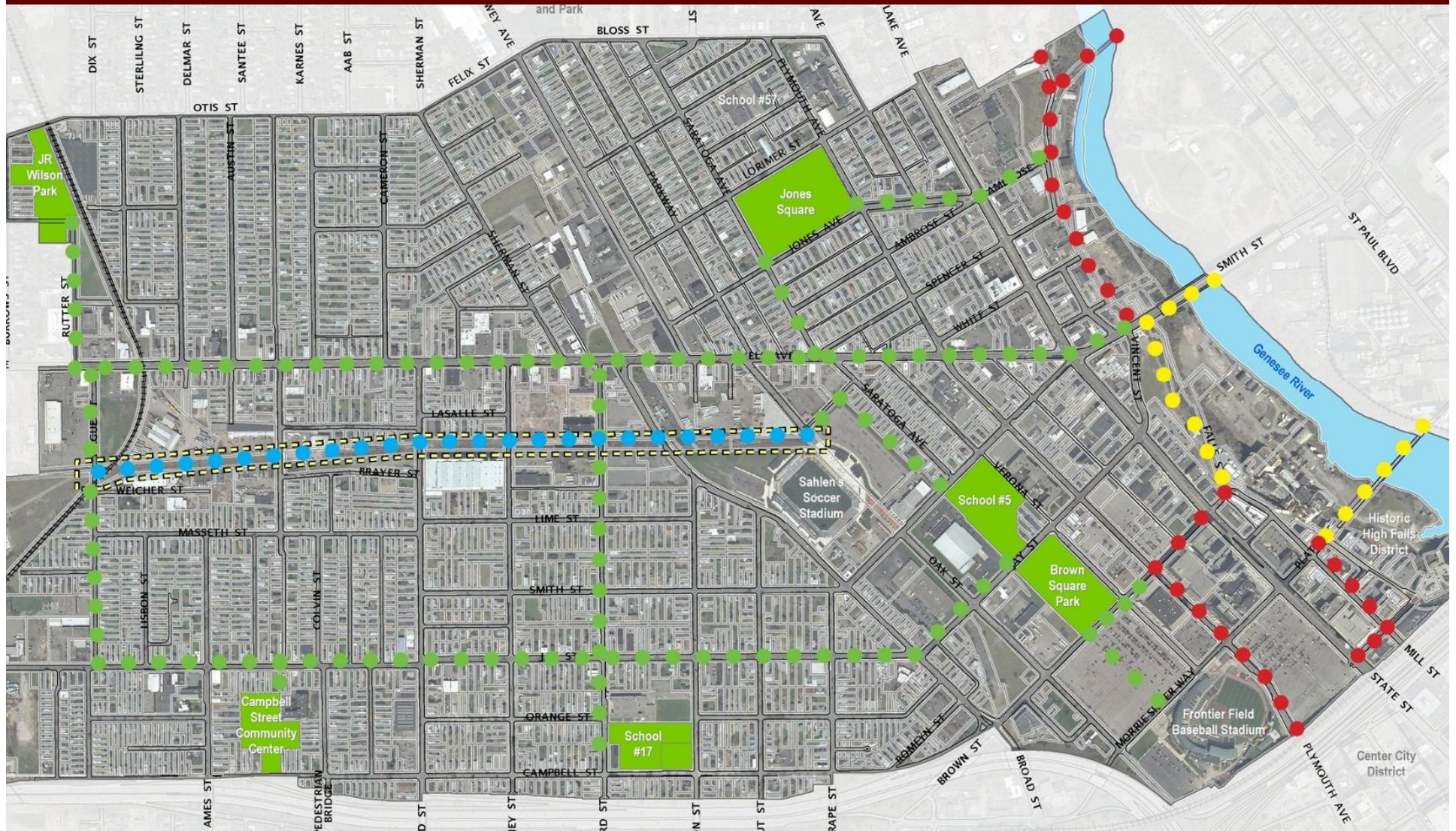


# Where is the study area?





# 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

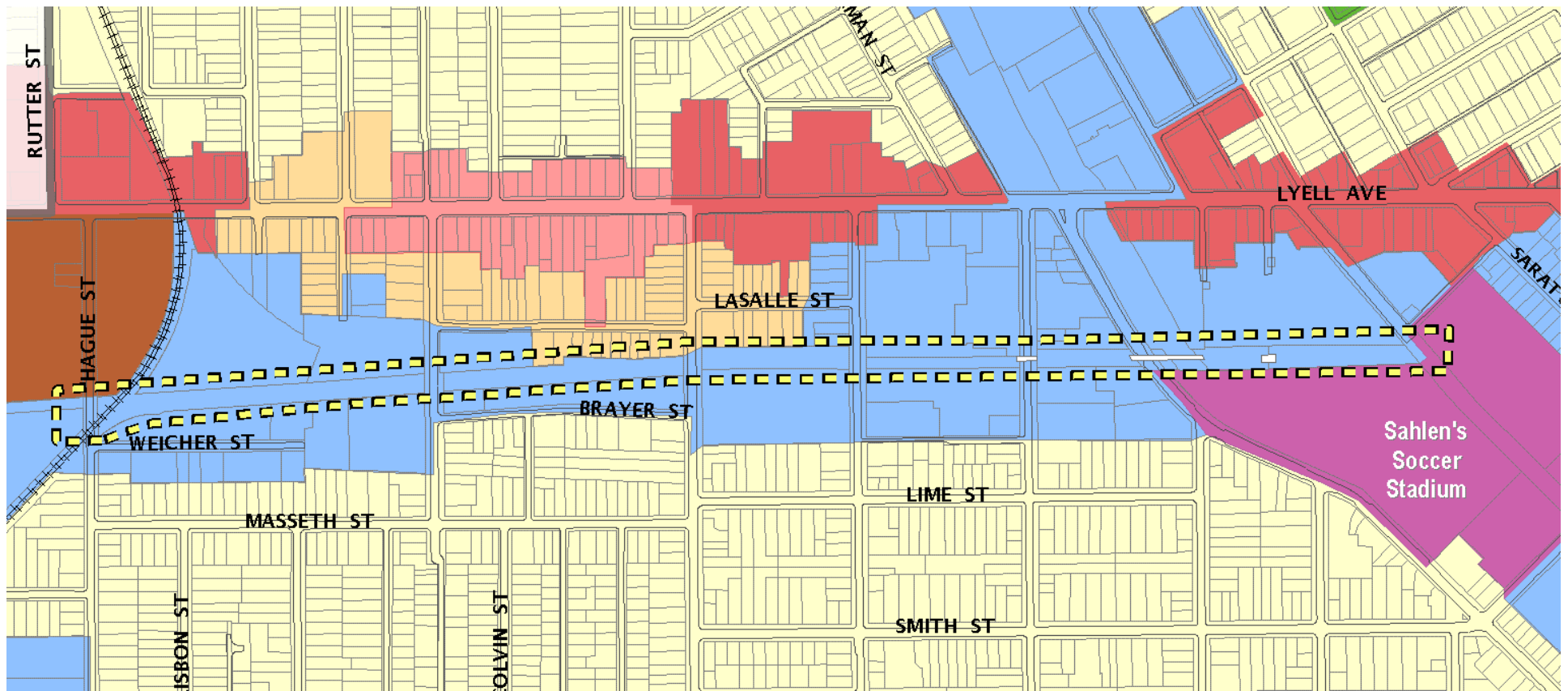
 Industrial


 Public Services


 Conservation & Parks





# Surrounding Zoning Districts



 Proposed Trail Corridor

 Low Density Residential


 Medium Density Residential


 High Density Residential

 Neighborhood Center


 Community Center


 Regional Destination Center

 Center City District

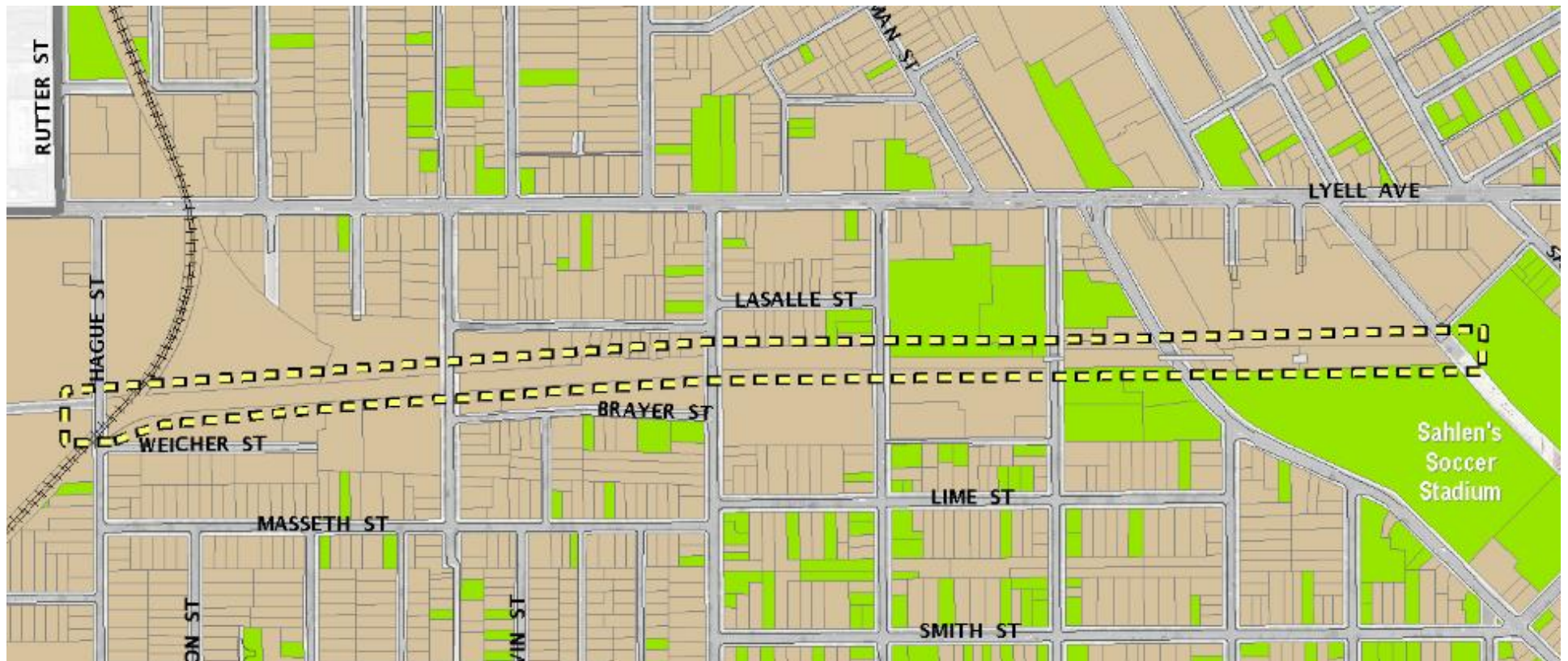
 Erie Canal Urban Renewal District

 Planned Development District

 Industrial 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

