

# LONG ISLAND CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

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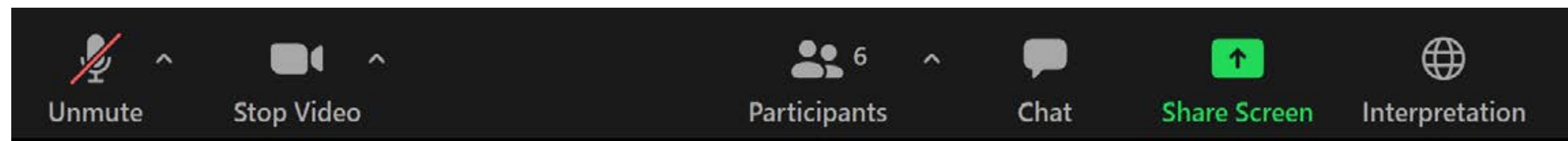
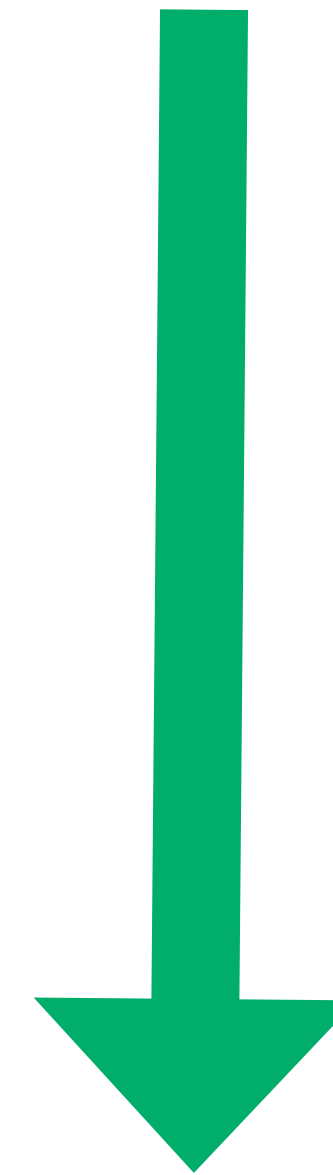
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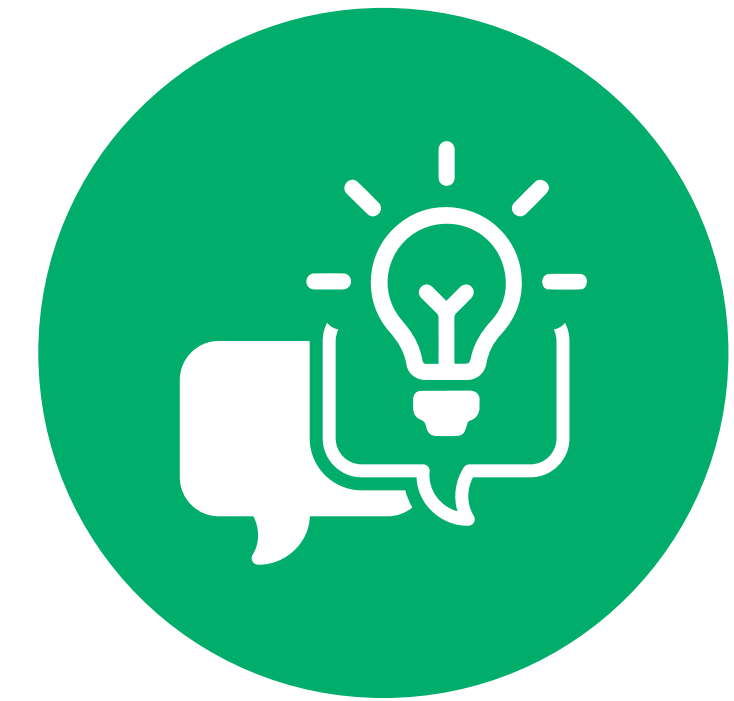
# TODAY'S OBJECTIVES



Share a **recap** of the **process** and **what we've heard** to date



Share an overview of **what's included** in the **OneLIC Neighborhood Plan**



Share information about **when and how to engage** throughout the **ULURP process**

# AGENDA

- 01**    **OneLIC Planning Process Summary**
- 02**    **Planning Framework Overview**
- 03**    **What is the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP)?**
- 04**    **How can you participate in ULURP and Environmental Review?**

# WHAT IS ONELIC?





**OneLIC is a holistic community planning process to gain input and build consensus on key neighborhood challenges and opportunities towards the development of an LIC neighborhood plan.**



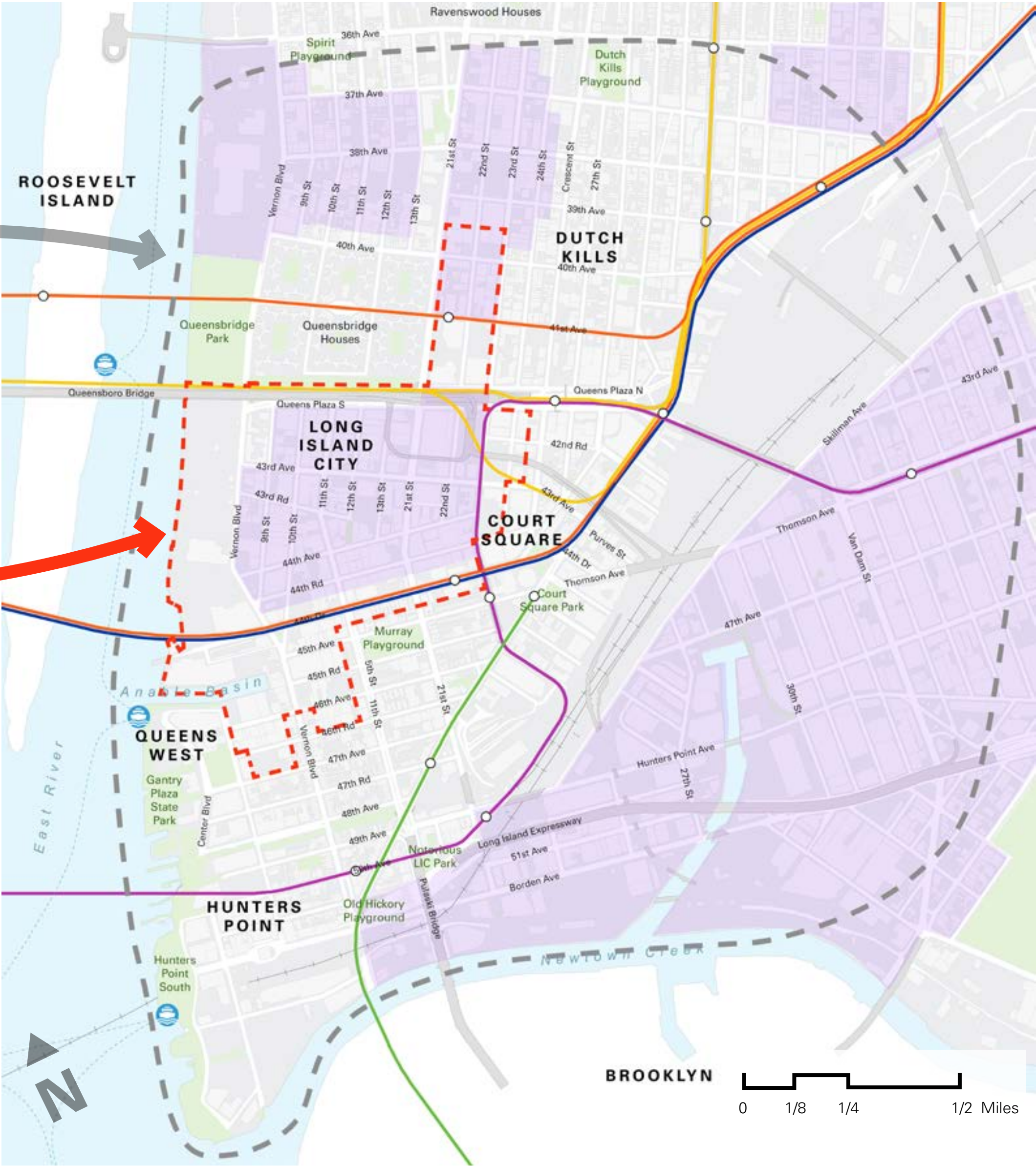
# STUDY AREA

**Context Area:**  
The larger surrounding area for analysis and for City investments and programs

**Study Area:**  
The area being considered for land use changes

-  Study Area
-  Context Area
-  Industrial Business Zone
-  Parks and Open Space

Reference Map





# STUDY AREA

- Long Island City features some of the highest levels of transit accessibility in Queens
- It is one of the most rapidly developing neighborhoods in NYC and in Queens
- The neighborhood's legacy as a manufacturing hub has shifted to a mixed-use neighborhood
- Many companies have decided to locate in the neighborhood, attracting a diverse workforce





# THE ONELIC PLAN WILL:

- Create permanently affordable, income-restricted housing for the first time in LIC
- Update the Waterfront Access Plan to produce more resilient and better-designed public spaces
- Direct significant investments on infrastructure, community resources and public space
- Activate City-owned sites

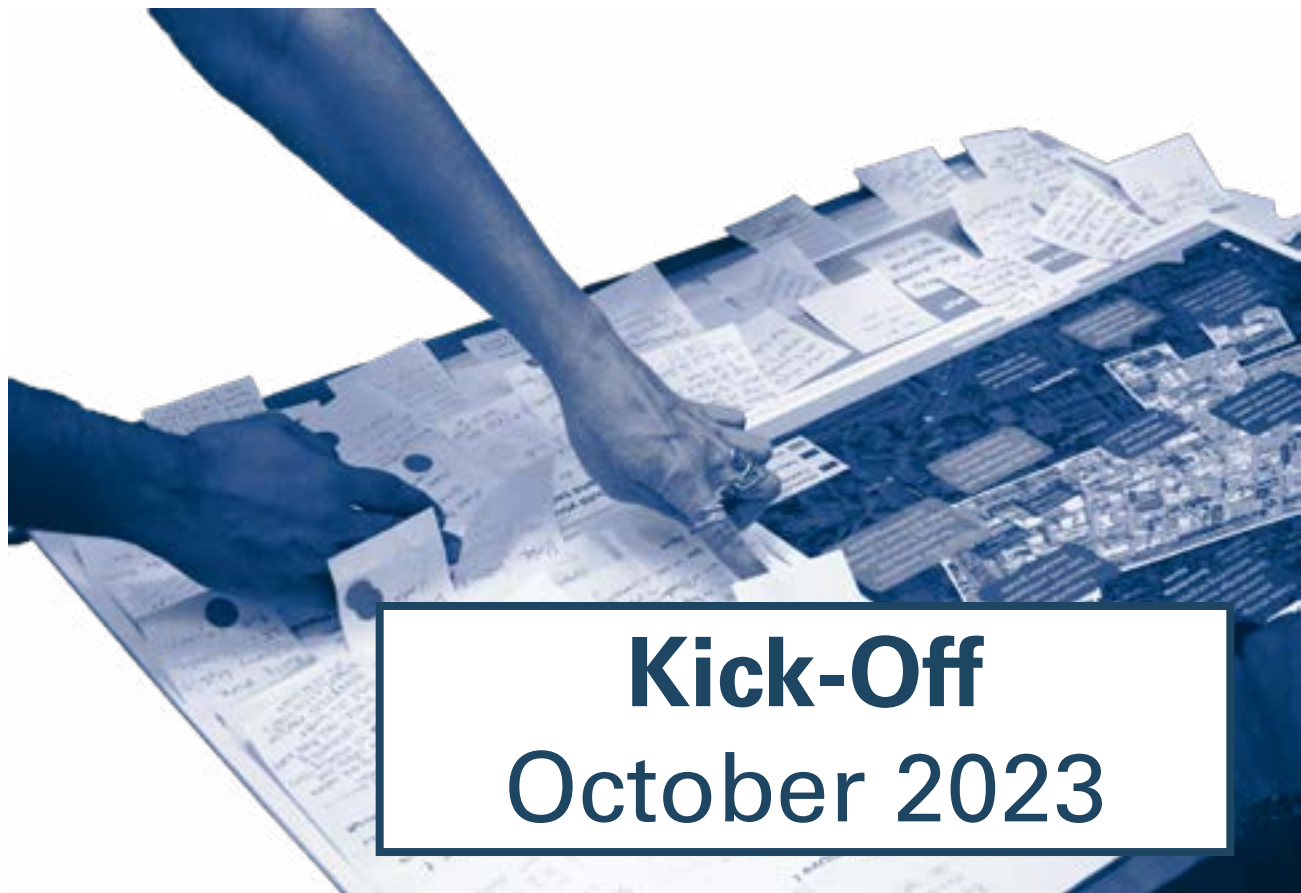




# PLANNING PROCESS OVERVIEW



# PLANNING PROCESS



**Kick-Off**  
October 2023



**Shared Goals**  
Spring 2024



**Environmental Review +  
Strategy Development**  
Fall 2024 to Spring 2025



**Neighborhood Planning Framework**  
Summer 2024



# WHAT'S NEXT?

... as the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan enters public review, we are releasing the Draft Neighborhood Plan which you will get to review and share your comments throughout the public review process.



Our planning process continues in the City's required public review process known as the **Uniform Land Use Review Procedure or ULURP**.



**Community Board**  
(60 Days)



**Borough President**  
(30 Days)



**City Planning Commission**  
(60 Days)



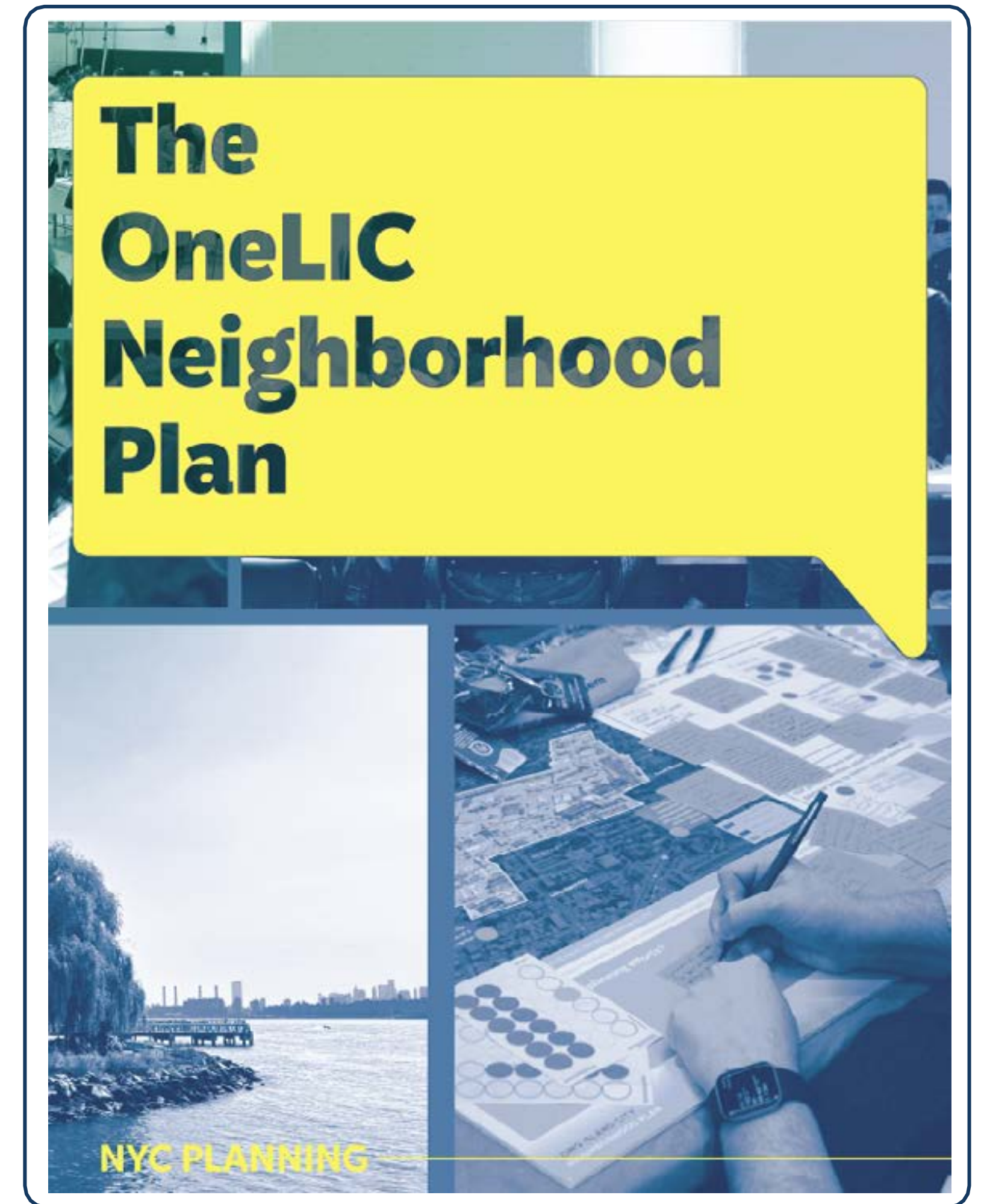
**City Council**  
(50 Days)



# DRAFT NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN CONTENTS

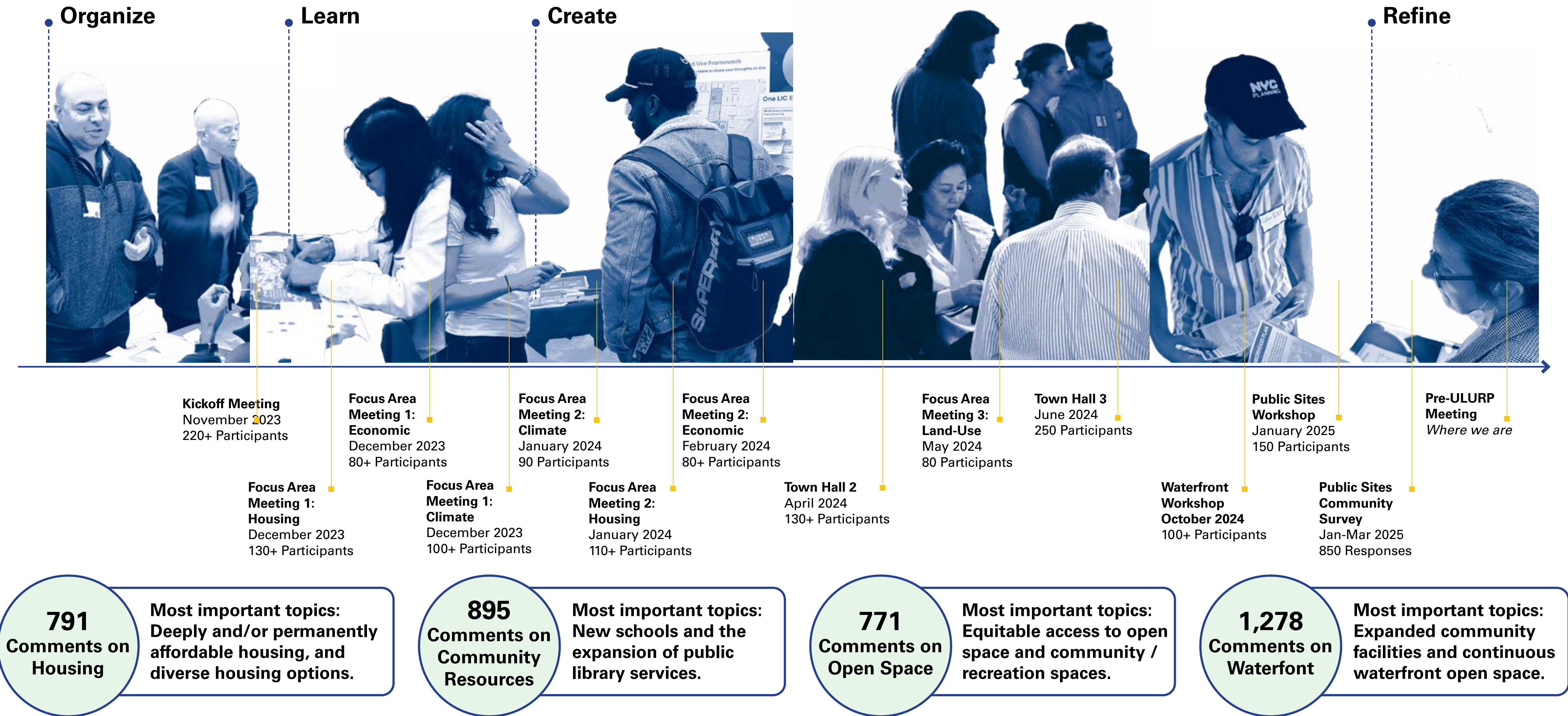
The OneLIC Draft Neighborhood Plan includes:

- Shared Goals
- Draft Strategies
- Draft Zoning
- Other Land Use Actions (Waterfront Access Framework, Public Sites Information)
- How to Participate in ULURP





# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY





# PLANNING FRAMEWORK



# PLANNING FRAMEWORK

## Draft Zoning Framework

This initial framework for how and where the neighborhood should grow new housing, public space, schools, businesses, and community centers.

## Draft Strategies

The initial set of ideas for how city agencies will work together to support the neighborhood as it grows.



# UPDATED GOALS

The plan can help achieve these goals through zoning updates, neighborhood investments and policy changes.

Protect existing affordable housing and create more housing opportunities for a range of income levels

Create a connected, resilient, and accessible waterfront from Gantry to Queensbridge Park

Meet infrastructure needs, mitigate future and current climate impacts

Support LIC's unique and thriving economy

Improve access to neighborhood resources and amenities



# Illustrative view birdseye view of the LIC waterfront





## Updated Goal #1

Protect existing affordable housing  
and create more housing opportunities  
for a range of income levels



# WE HEARD CALLS FOR

Creating more permanently affordable housing

Wider range of units to accommodate families with children and older adults

Preventing displacement of existing tenants and homeowners

Affordable housing that serves very low-income households, seniors, unhoused families, and individuals with disabilities






# WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

OneLIC would protect existing affordable housing and create more housing opportunities for a range of income levels by....



Updating zoning  
to allow for more  
housing



Requiring that all  
new apartment  
buildings include  
a percentage of  
permanently income-  
restricted, affordable  
housing



Identifying additional  
opportunities for  
affordable housing



Strengthening  
support for existing  
tenants and  
homeowners to  
increase housing  
stability and prevent  
displacement



# Illustrative view of Long Island City





## **Updated Goal #2**

# **Create a connected, resilient, and accessible waterfront from Gantry State Park to Queensbridge Park**



# WE HEARD CALLS FOR

Continuous waterfront park space connecting Gantry Plaza State Park to Queensbridge Park

More open space, parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities, and public restroom access in and around the waterfront

Enhanced lighting, wayfinding, and publicly accessible gathering spaces in waterfront open spaces


Resilient building designs and raised shorelines to address coastal flooding






# WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

OneLIC would create a connected, resilient, and accessible waterfront from Gantry State Park to Queensbridge Park by....



Increasing the  
amount of open  
space along Long  
Island City's  
waterfront



Creating a resilient  
waterfront  
community with  
multiple lines of  
defense



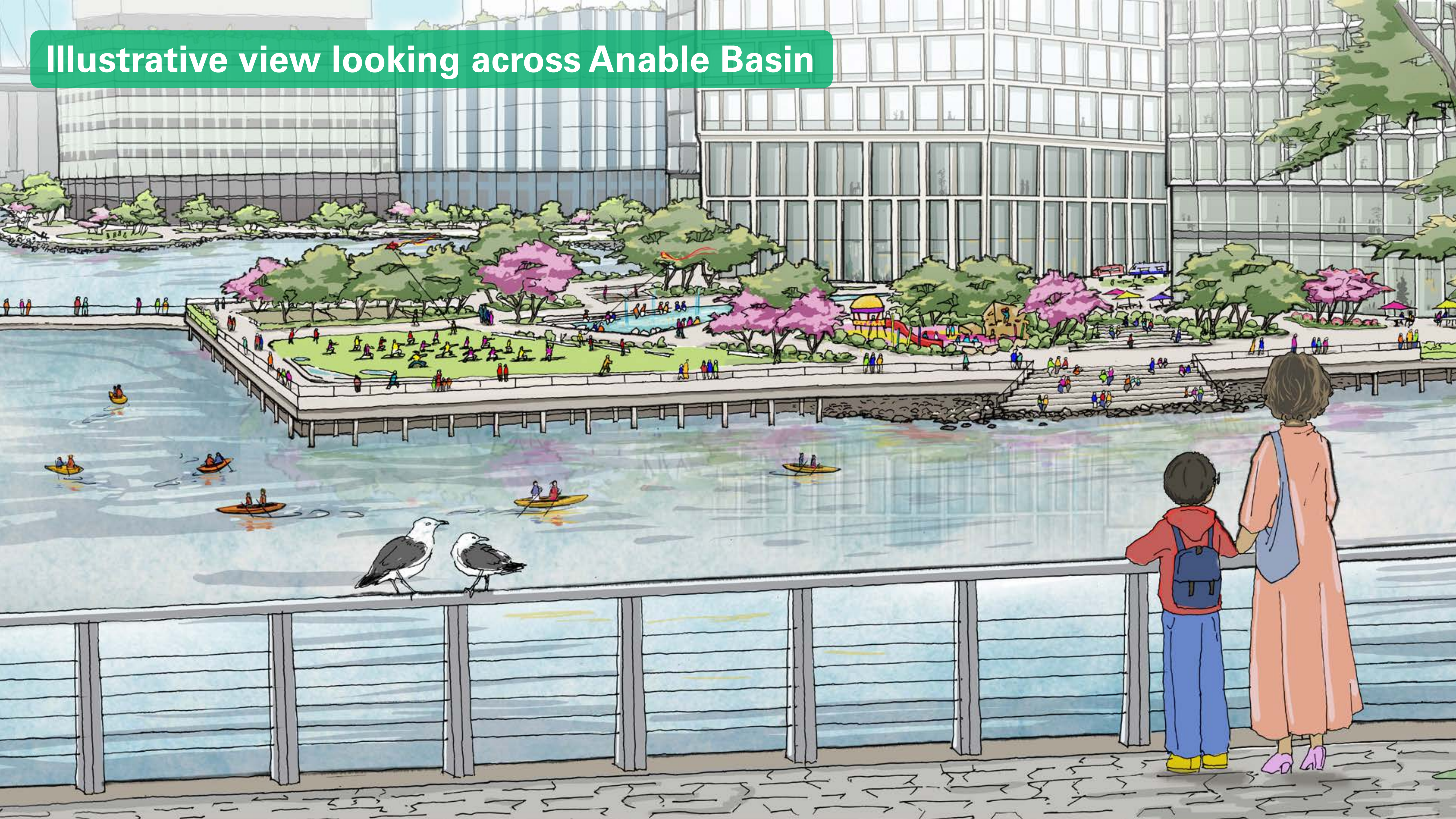
Facilitating vibrant  
public spaces



Establishing area-  
wide design  
standards



# Illustrative view looking across Anable Basin





# Updated Goal #3

## Meet infrastructure needs, mitigate future and current climate impacts





# WE HEARD CALLS FOR

More schools seats, particularly middle school seats even though middle schools are not over capacity

Continued investment in existing community facilities and the development of new facilities

Resources and support for the residents of Queensbridge Houses

New and better-maintained open spaces, especially within the inland area

Shared recreation spaces and schools partnerships, including support for Open Streets

Infrastructure to reduce flooding and sewer backups during rain events, and mitigate heat

Sustainable, resilient development





# WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

OneLIC would meet the needs of a growing neighborhood while mitigating future and current climate impacts by....

A photograph of two young children sitting at a table, focused on drawing. One child is using a red marker to write on a piece of paper. The background is slightly blurred, showing a classroom or community center setting.

**Encouraging the creation of new public schools**

A photograph of three young children sitting at a long table in a library. They are all looking down at books or papers on the table, appearing to be reading or working on a project. Bookshelves are visible in the background.

**Expanding library resources**

A photograph of an outdoor community event. In the foreground, there are green plants. In the background, a group of people is gathered under a white tent, engaged in various activities. The scene is bright and sunny.

**Expanding and improving neighborhood public spaces**

A photograph of a city skyline at night, viewed across a body of water. The lights of the buildings are reflected on the water's surface. The sky is dark, and the overall atmosphere is serene.

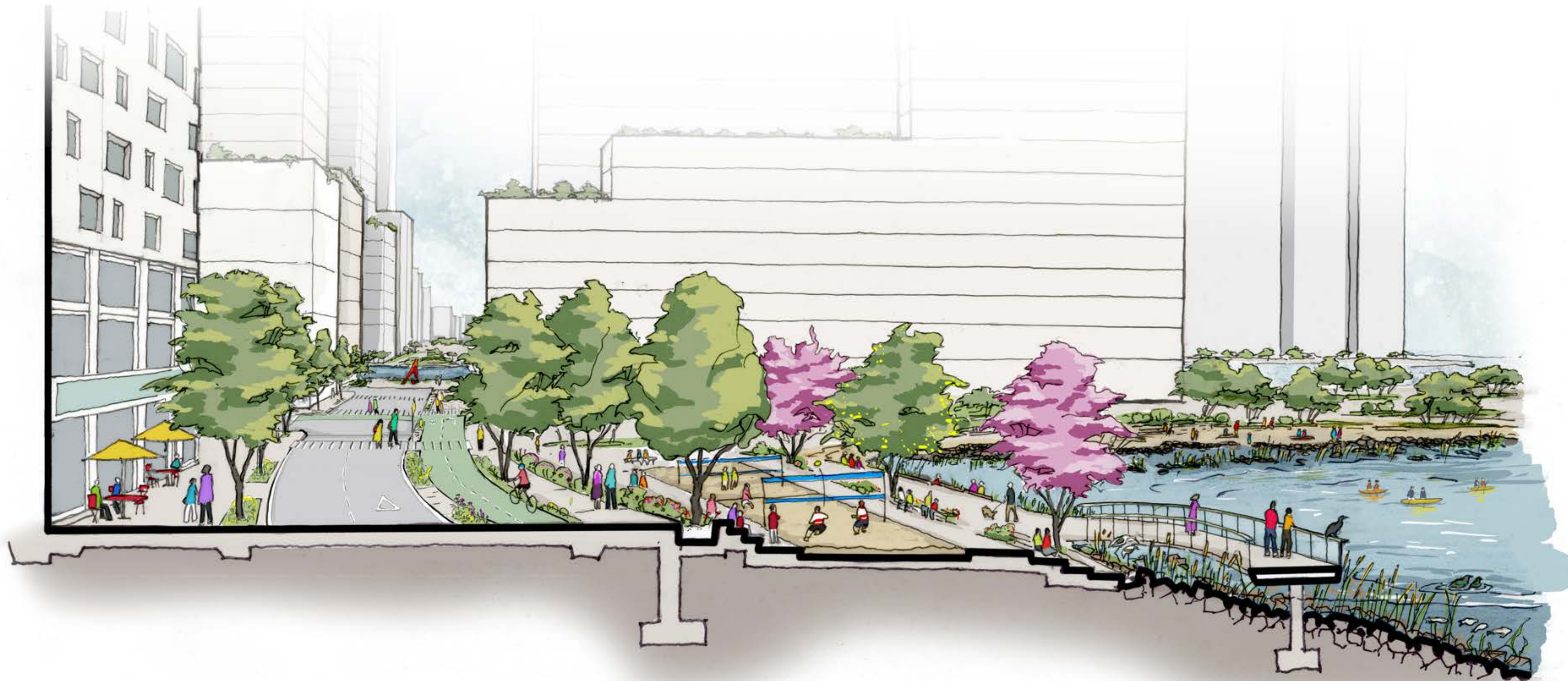
**Reducing flooding and sewer backup during rain events**

A photograph of children playing in a park. In the foreground, a child is crouching on a paved area, possibly a playground. Other children are visible in the background, playing on a structure. The area is surrounded by trees and greenery.

**Creating cooler streets and public spaces**



# Illustrative section of new city street and waterfront access areas





# Updated Goal #4

## Support LIC's unique and thriving economy



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# WE HEARD CALLS FOR

Expanded access to local jobs for area residents

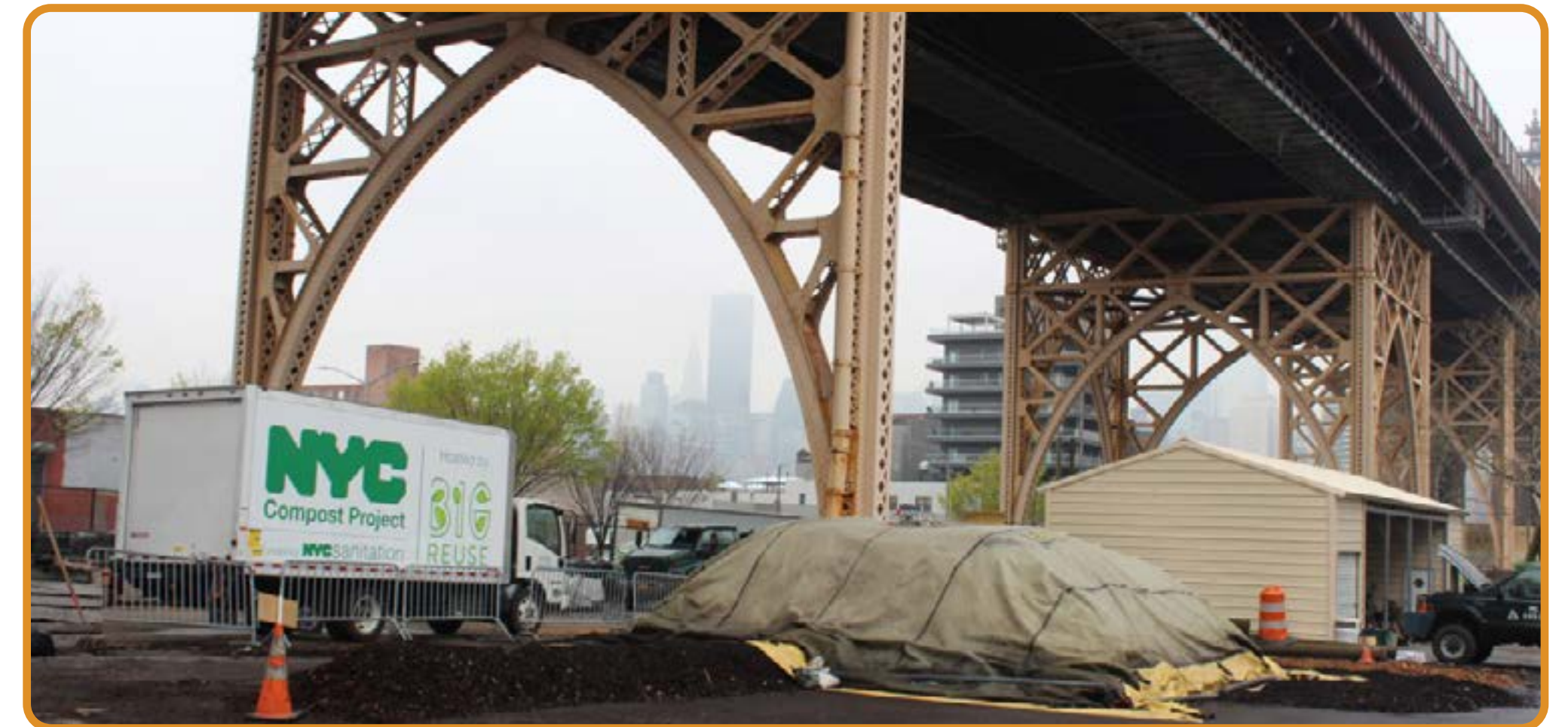
More support for small businesses wishing to start or grow in LIC

More partnerships with organized labor and more focus on green jobs and green infrastructure for historically disinvested communities

Promoting LIC as a destination for arts and culture

Expanding access to affordable studio space

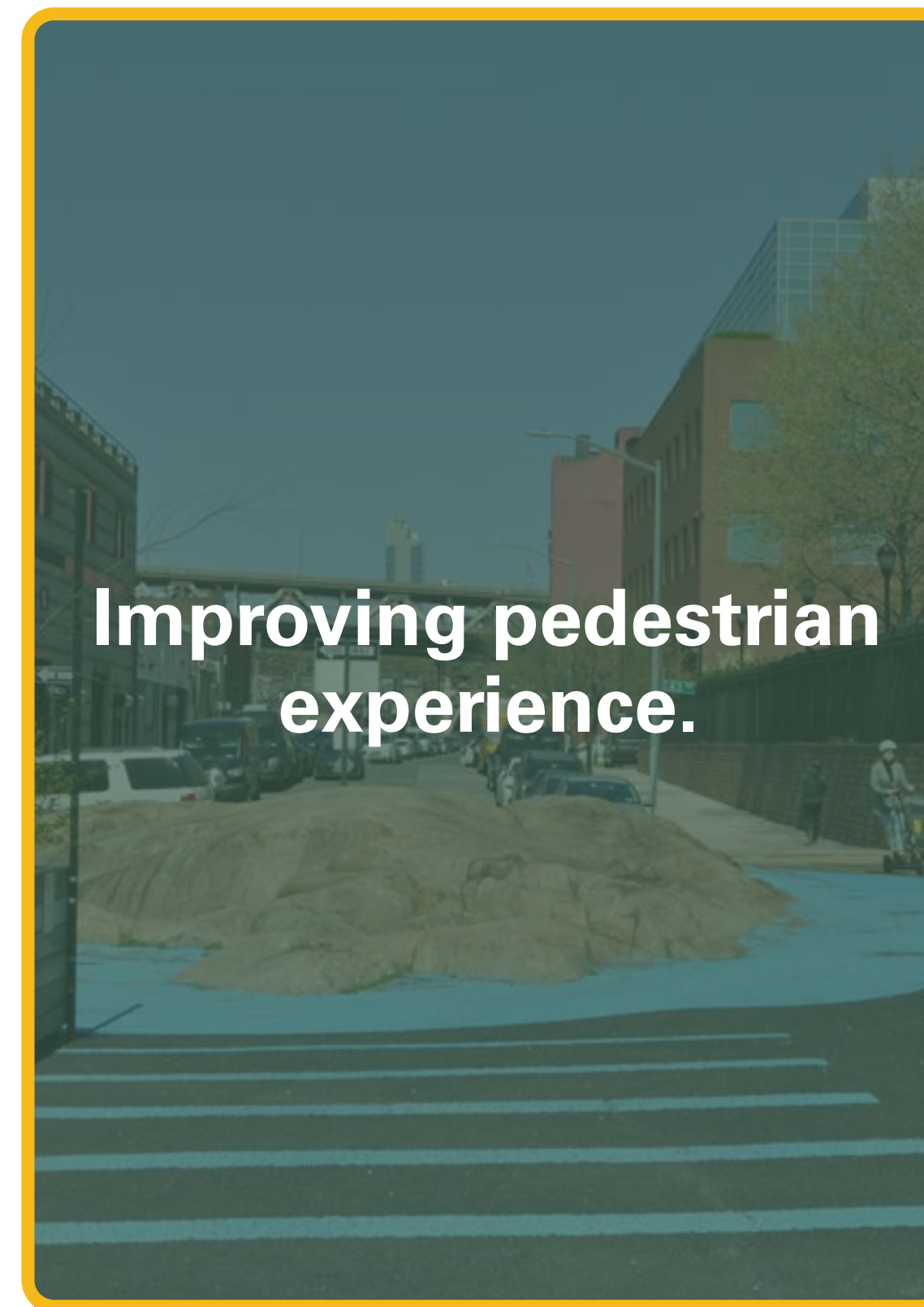
Supporting the community to self-organize and collaborate





# WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

OneLIC would support the diversity and vitality of Long Island City's unique and thriving economy by...





# Illustrative view of 44th Ave and 12th St





# **Updated Goal #5**

## **Improve access to neighborhood resources and amenities**



# WE HEARD CALLS FOR

Improving reliability, frequency, and accessibility of subways, regional rail, and buses

Improving food access and public safety in LIC

Completing the Western Queens Waterfront Greenway, a continuous protected multimodal path along the waterfront, and improve pedestrian safety and accessibility





# WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

OneLIC would make it easier for Long Island City residents to access neighborhood resources and amenities by...





# Illustrative view of 44th Dr and 21st St





# Additional Components of the Draft Neighborhood Plan



# WATERFRONT ACCESS PLAN

New York City's **waterfront zoning regulations** require new, privately-owned developments to include public waterfront spaces that complement the City's network of public parks.

**A Waterfront Access Plan (WAP)** adapts standard waterfront zoning regulations for specific site conditions.

The OneLIC waterfront falls within the **Northern Hunters Point WAP**, which was established in 1997 and is now outdated.



Hunters Point South waterfront park



# WATERFRONT ACCESS PLAN

## Updating the Northern Hunters Point WAP would:

- Better reflect LIC's unique waterfront conditions and community needs
- Increase access points to the East River and Anable Basin
- Encourage a wider range of public amenities
- Allow for more climate-resilient waterfront spaces





# ENHANCEMENT OF CITY STREETS

A Street Mapping Action would create new public streets to:

- 1 Create legible and connected public access along the waterfront
- 2 Account for a variety of potential site planning outcomes that would strengthen connectivity to the waterfront
- 3 Bring all mapped streets up to basic dimensional standards

- Proposed improvements to street map\*
- Key opportunity for open space programming
- Linear open space
- Existing bike lane

\* Street improvements are only made after a map is filed. Some street segments could be withheld if deemed unnecessary (i.e. 44th Road extension).

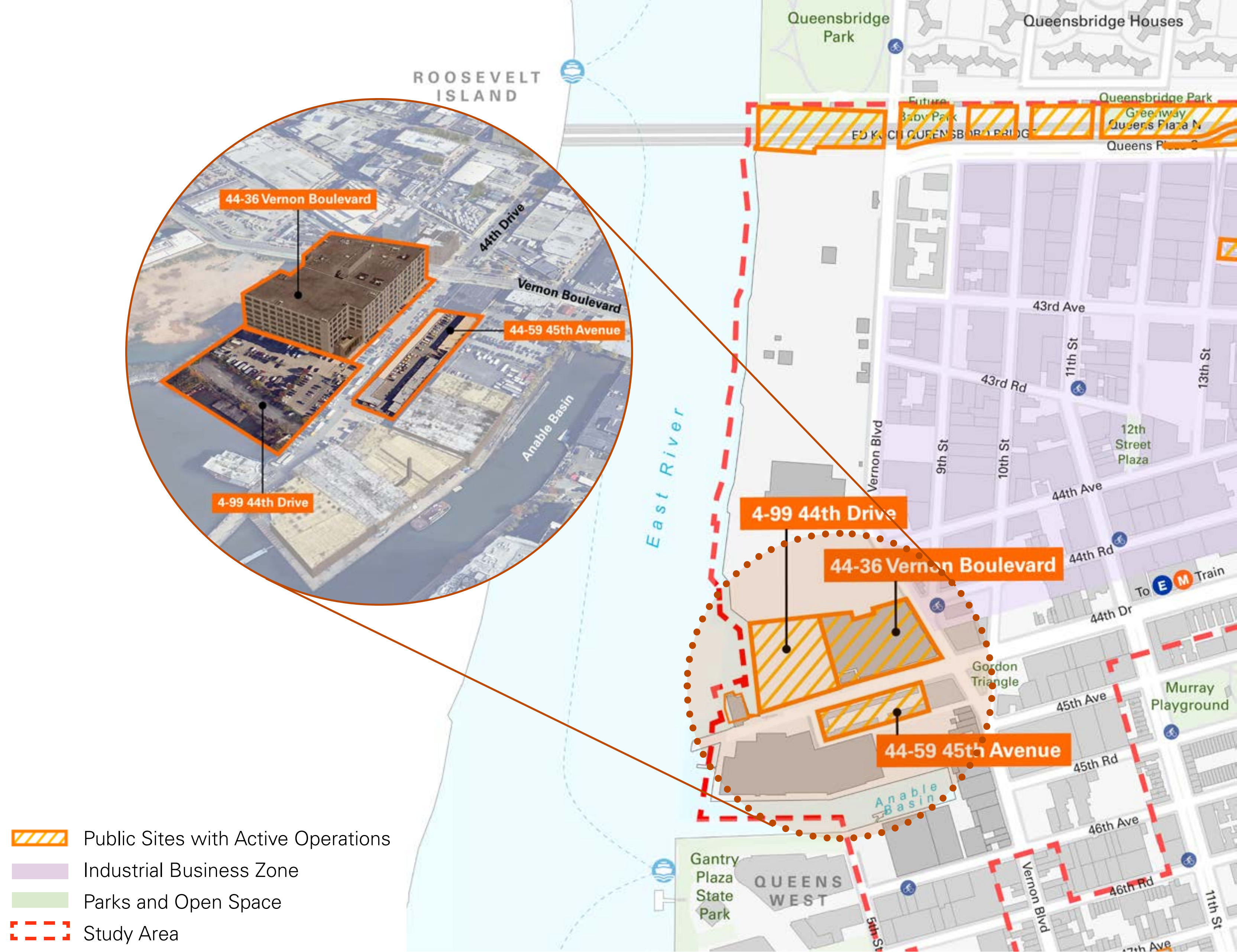


Map for illustrative purposes only



# PUBLIC SITES

The City hopes to utilize large publicly owned sites located on the East River waterfront to generate **affordable housing, open space, retail and commercial space, and/or community facilities** that would serve the needs of future and existing LIC residents.







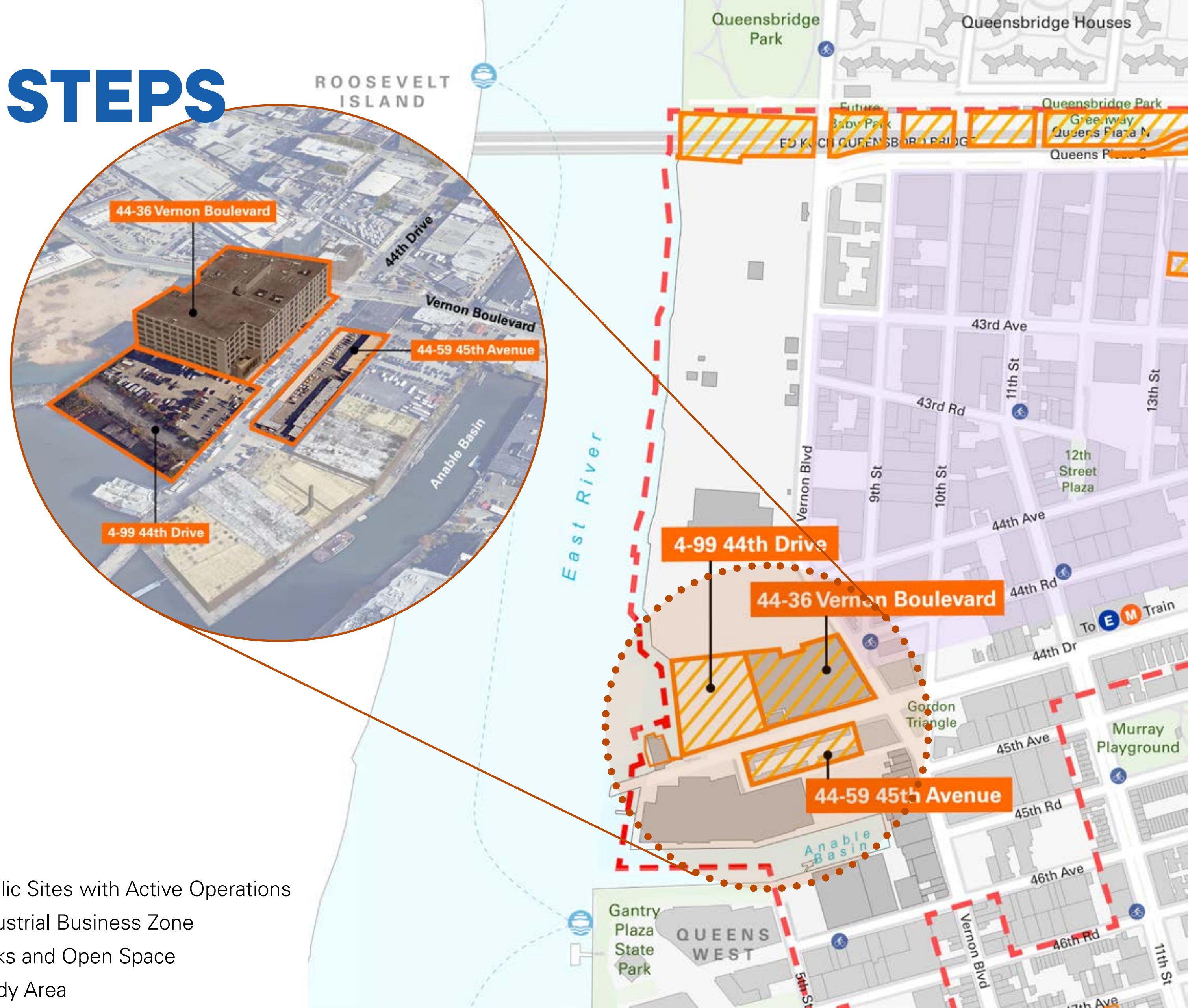


# PUBLIC SITES – NEXT STEPS

44-59 45th Ave is proposed to be developed into an Income restricted affordable building with **approximately 320 homes and a large community facility.**

**44-36 Vernon Boulevard** will be the subject of a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) to solicit ideas for the future of the building that are informed by the community feedback heard through the public engagement process.

-  Public Sites with Active Operations
-  Industrial Business Zone
-  Parks and Open Space
-  Study Area



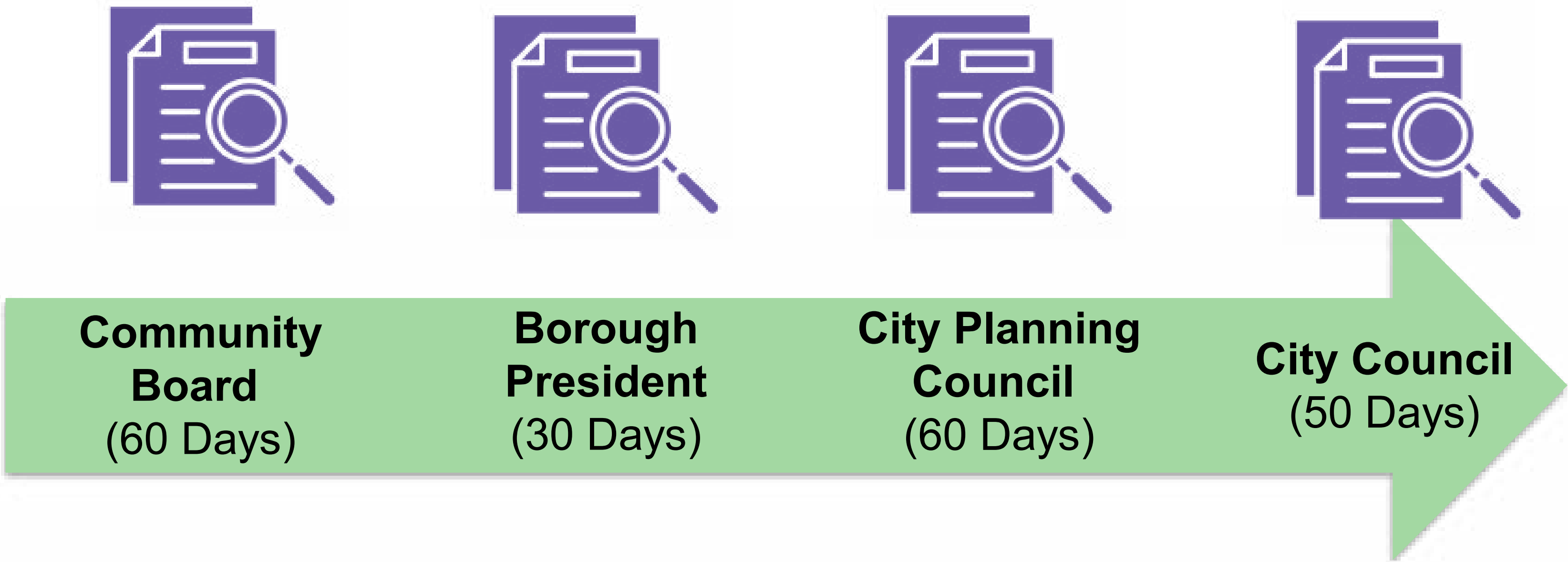


# PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS



# HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN ULURP

Our planning process continues in the City's required public review process known as the **Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, or ULURP.**





# WHAT IS THE UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)?

- The Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) is New York City's public process **required to implement land use and zoning changes** that could result in developments **of major projects and certain new buildings**.
- **Includes guidance from the community, local officials, and city agencies** before decisions are made.



# WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE LAND USE APPLICATION?

A land use application is a package of documents that completely and accurately describes a proposed project.

Contents address:

**What is the project?**

**Where is the project proposed?**

**Why are the actions requested?**

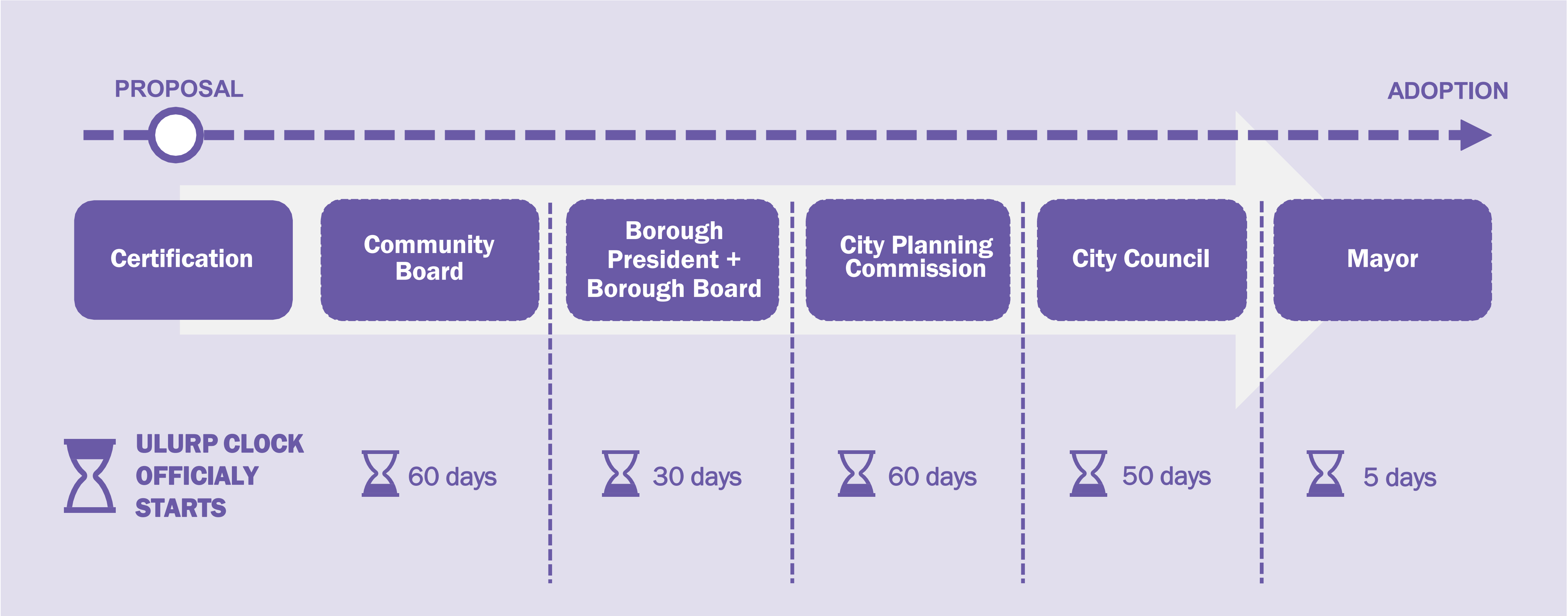
**What is the existing conditions and neighborhood context?**

**Who is proposing the actions?**

**What are the requested actions?**



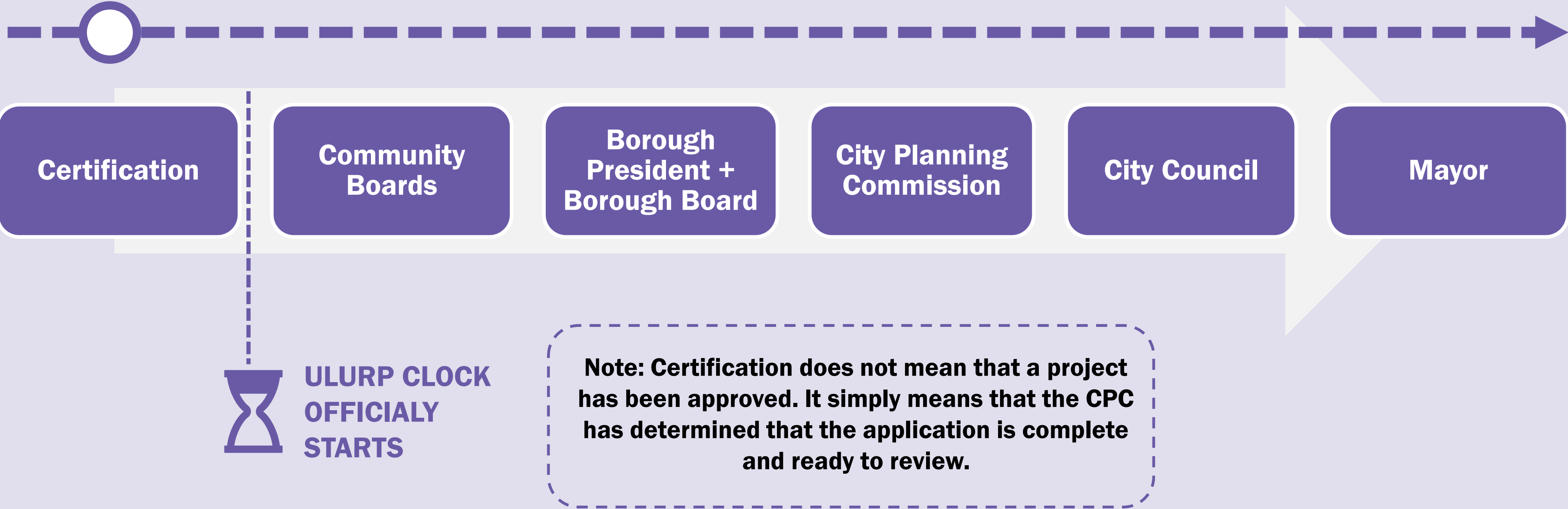
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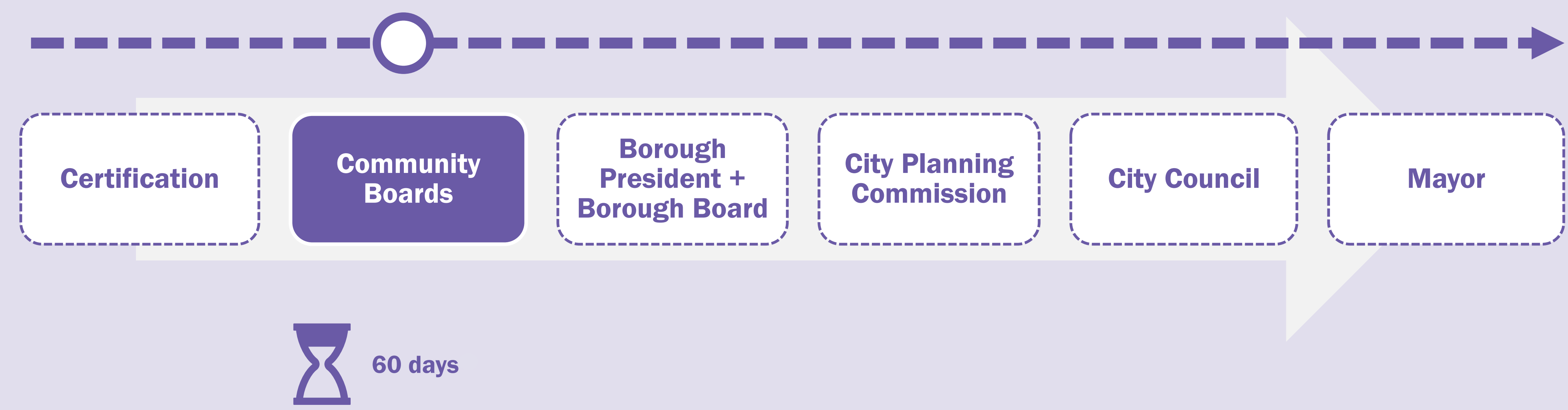
**STEP 1:**  
**DCP reviews application and certifies that is ready for public review**





# UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

**STEP 2:**  
**Community Boards review application, hold public hearing, and issue recommendation**





# UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

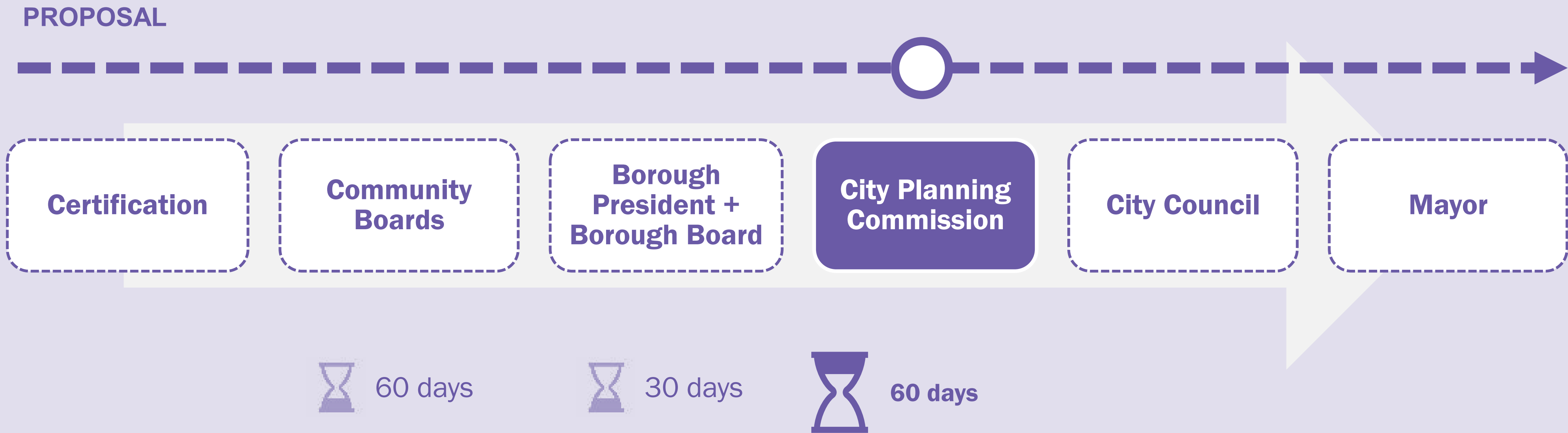
**STEP 3:**  
**Borough President & Borough Board review application and issue recommendation**





# UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

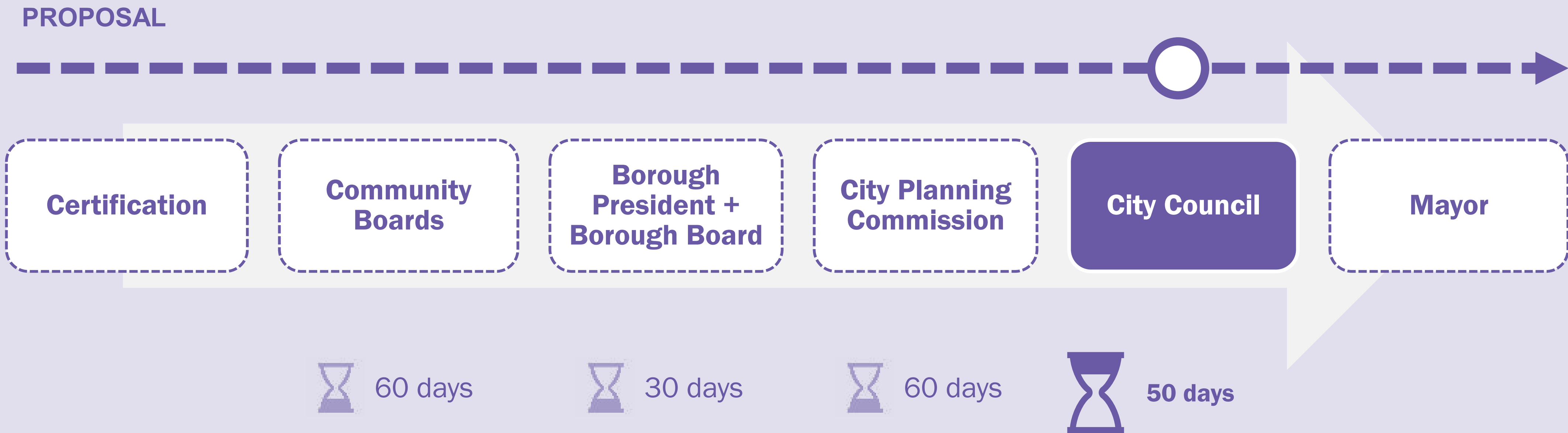
**STEP 4:**  
**City Planning Commission reviews application, holds public hearing, votes, and issues a report to the City Council**





# UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

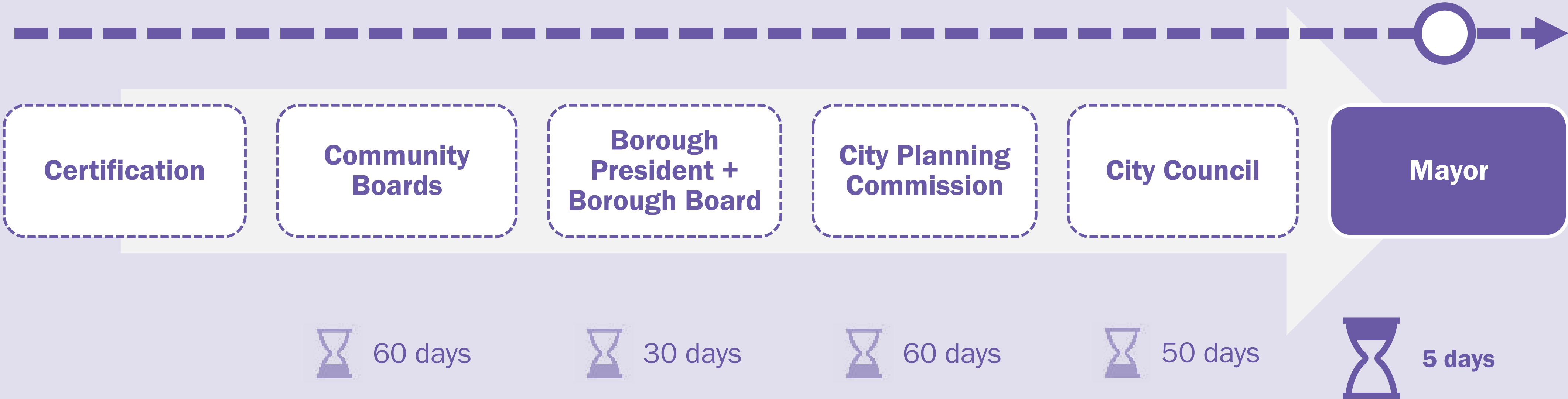
**STEP 5:**  
**City Council holds public hearing and votes**





# UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

**STEP 6:**  
**Review and opportunity to veto**





# MATERIALS FOR CERTIFICATION

Draft Neighborhood Plan Book	Summary of the Planning Process and a guide to the Plan's goals and draft strategies including zoning
Land Use Application	The official application describing the entire proposed zoning changes
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	The official document describing the outcome of the environmental study
Certification Presentation	A visual presentation that describes the details of what's being proposed in the land use application



# WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (CEQR)?

- The City Environmental Quality Review is a disclosure document that **analyzes impacts proposed projects have on the environment.**
- Those **findings are then shared publicly** allowing community members to review, ask questions, and **provide feedback before decisions are made.**



# WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (CEQR)?

## Study Topics

Helps evaluate effects on traffic, air quality, noise, public services, and other topics.

## Impacts

Ensures potential impacts are studied and disclosed even if actual development is smaller in the future.

## Mitigation

Proposes measures to eliminate or reduce the identified significant impacts.



# WHAT DOES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STUDY?

## Study Topics

Helps evaluate effects on traffic, air quality, noise, public services, and other topics.



Land use, zoning and public policy



Socioeconomic conditions



Community facilities and services



Open space



Shadows



Historic resources



Urban design / visual resources



Neighborhood character



Natural resources



Hazardous materials



Infrastructure



Waterfront Revitalization Program



Solid waste and sanitation



Energy



Traffic and parking



Transit and pedestrians



Air quality



Noise



Construction impacts



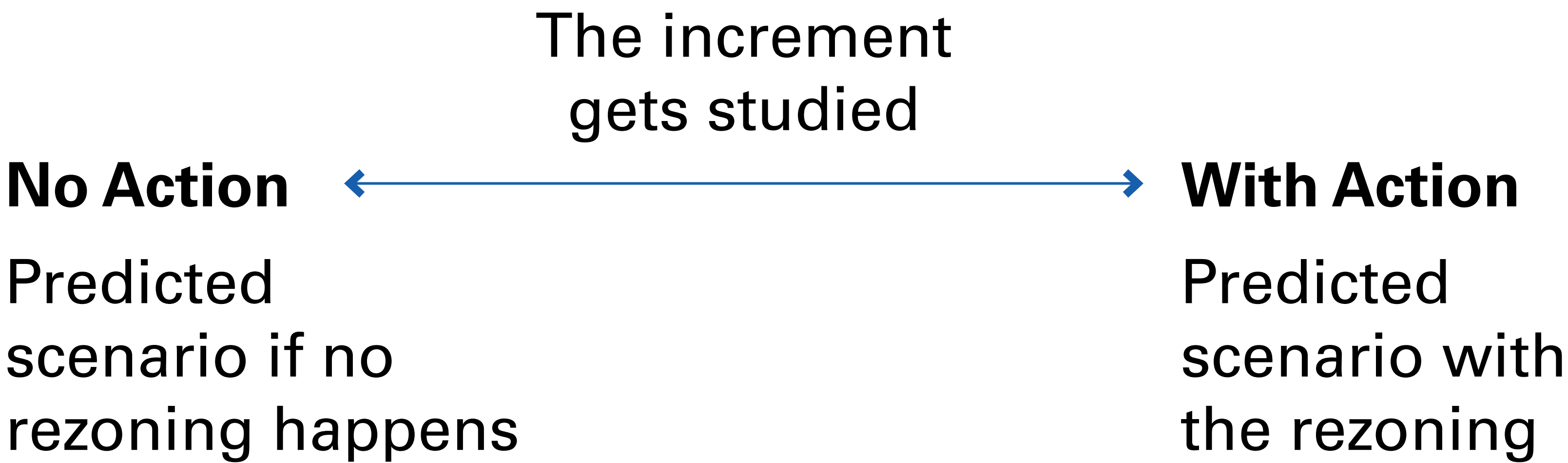
Public health



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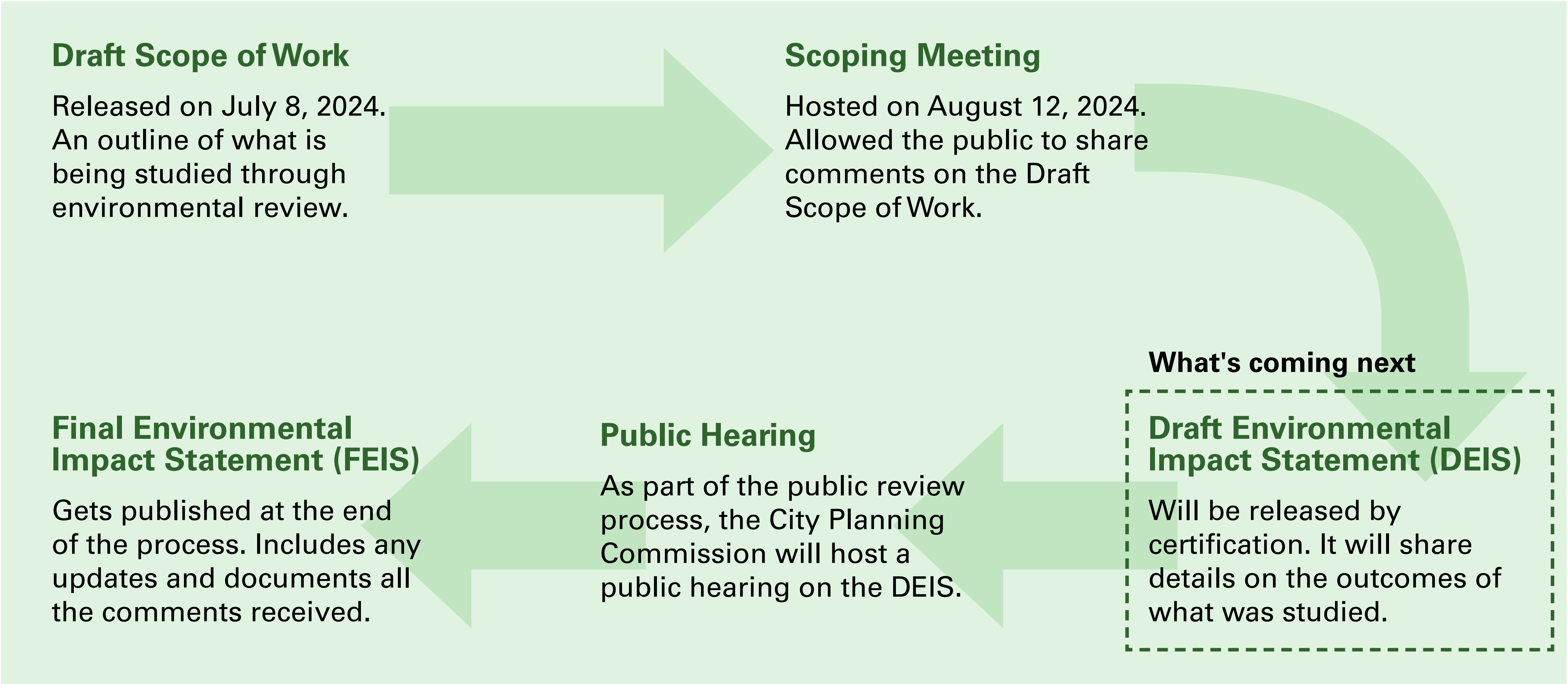
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# THE CEQR PROCESS





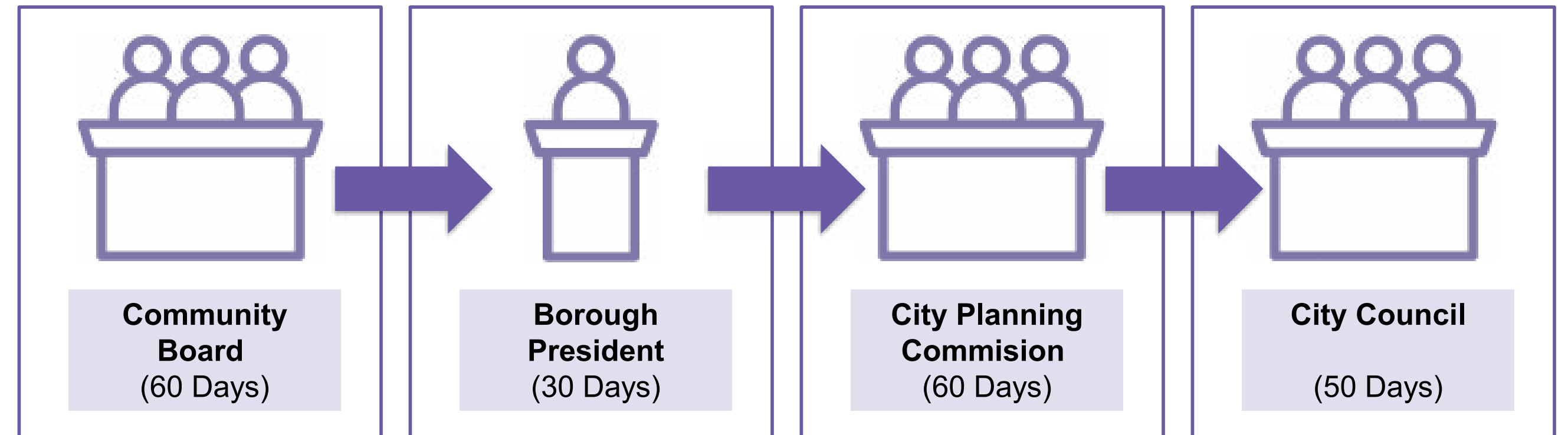
# WHAT'S NEXT?

## Release of OneLIC Draft Neighborhood Plan, which includes:

- Vision and Goals
- Draft Zoning
- Draft Strategies
- How to Participate in ULURP

## Public Review Process, which includes review of:

- Draft Neighborhood Plan
- Land Use Application
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Certification Presentation



## Tips:

- Make your comments specific, talk about issues and impacts not just if you like or dislike the proposal
- Suggest changes you'd like to see or share what's missing to what's being proposed
- Focus on Land Use when making comments to City Planning Commission
- Bring lots of people to the hearings and show that you are unified



# STAY ENGAGED

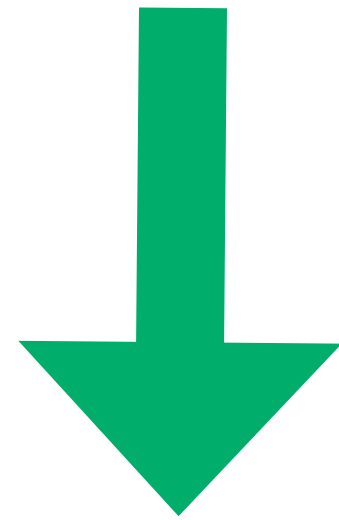
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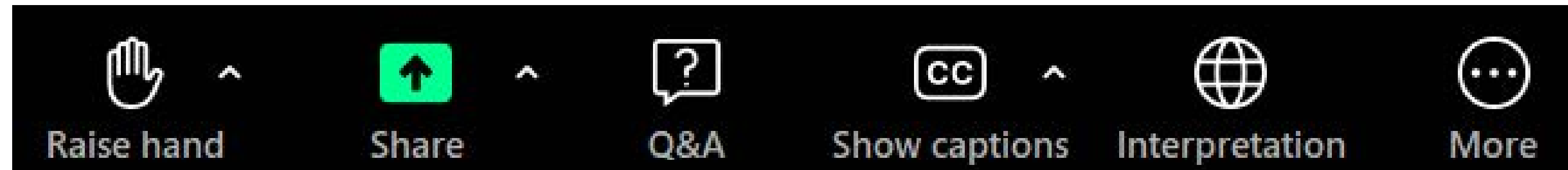
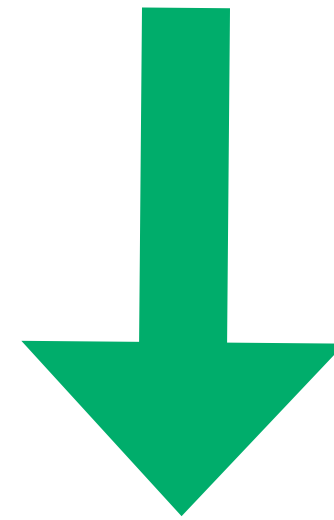


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