

LONG ISLAND CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Informational Session

April 7, 2025
6 PM



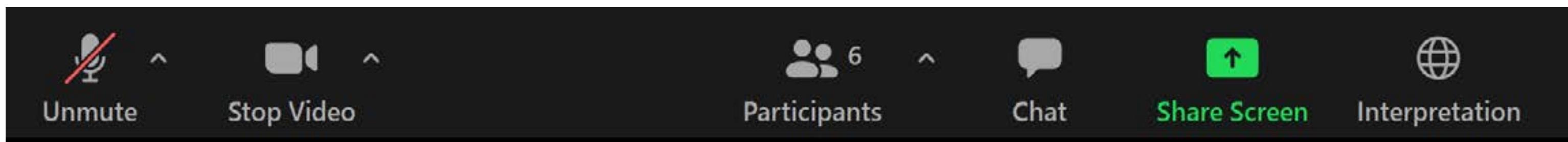
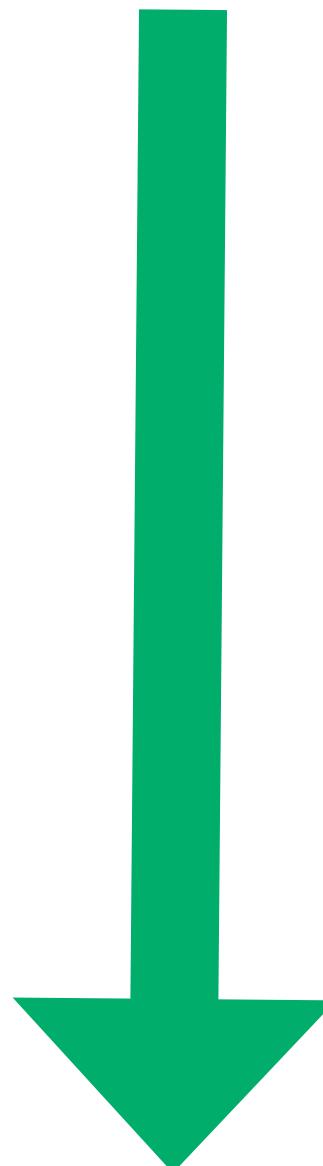
INTERPRETATION IS AVAILABLE

Select the globe icon at the bottom of your screen for translation services.

Seleccione el ícono con el globo terráqueo en la parte inferior de su pantalla para servicios de traducción.

选择屏幕底部的地球图标获取翻译服务。

選擇屏幕底部的地球圖標獲取翻譯服務。



LONG ISLAND CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Informational Session

April 7, 2025
6 PM



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**.

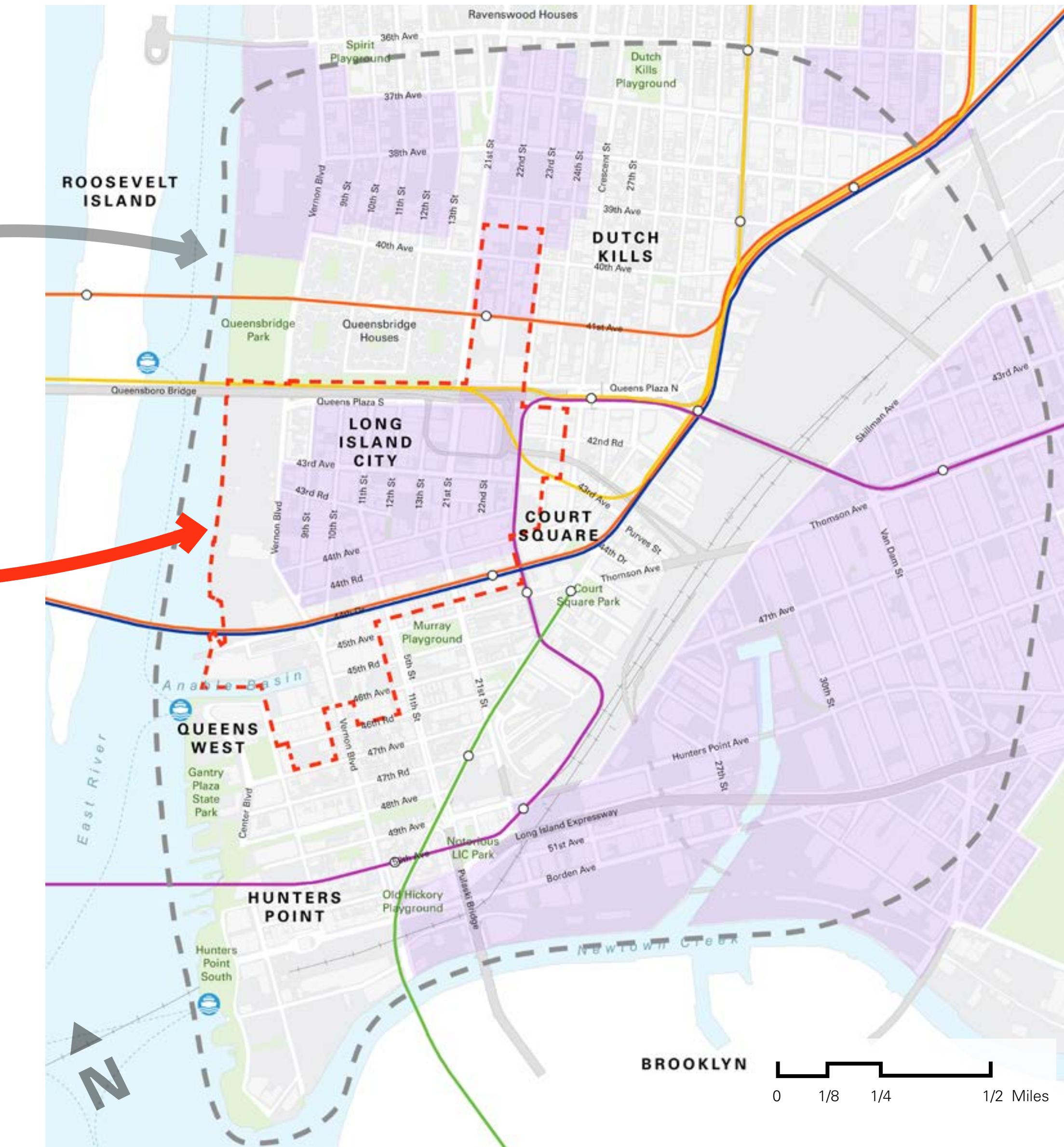
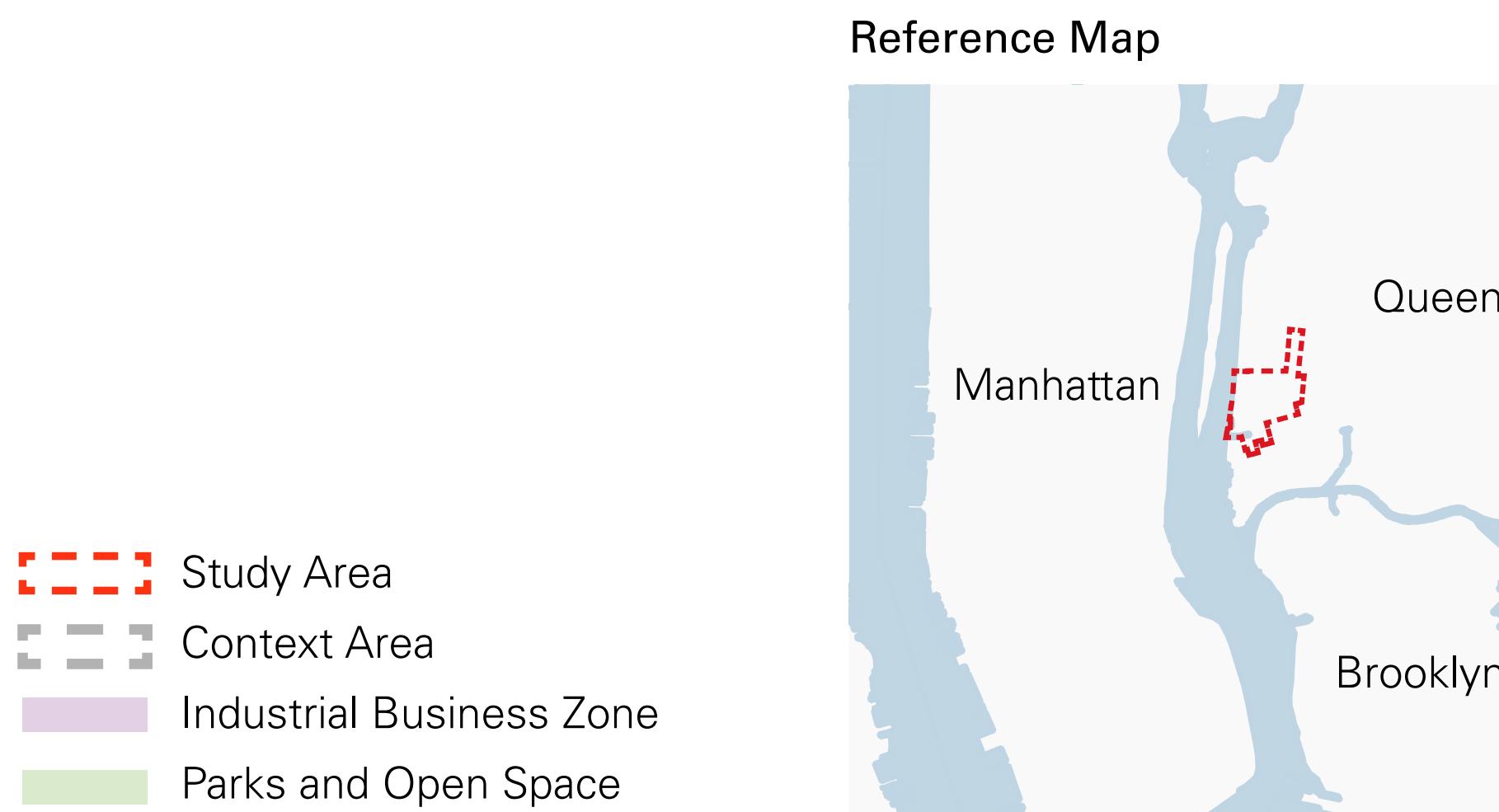
STUDY AREA

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

- 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

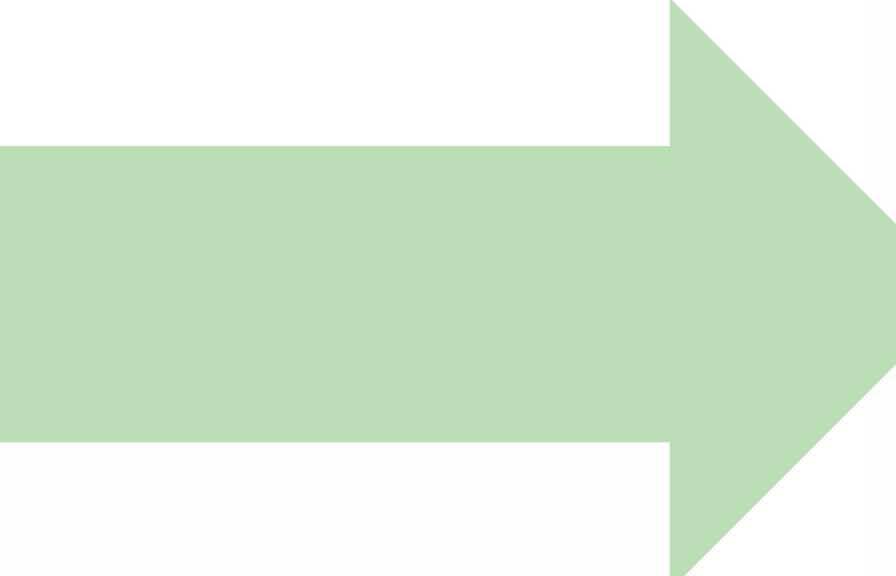
PLANNING PROCESS



Kick-Off
October 2023



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



Shared Goals
Spring 2024



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)

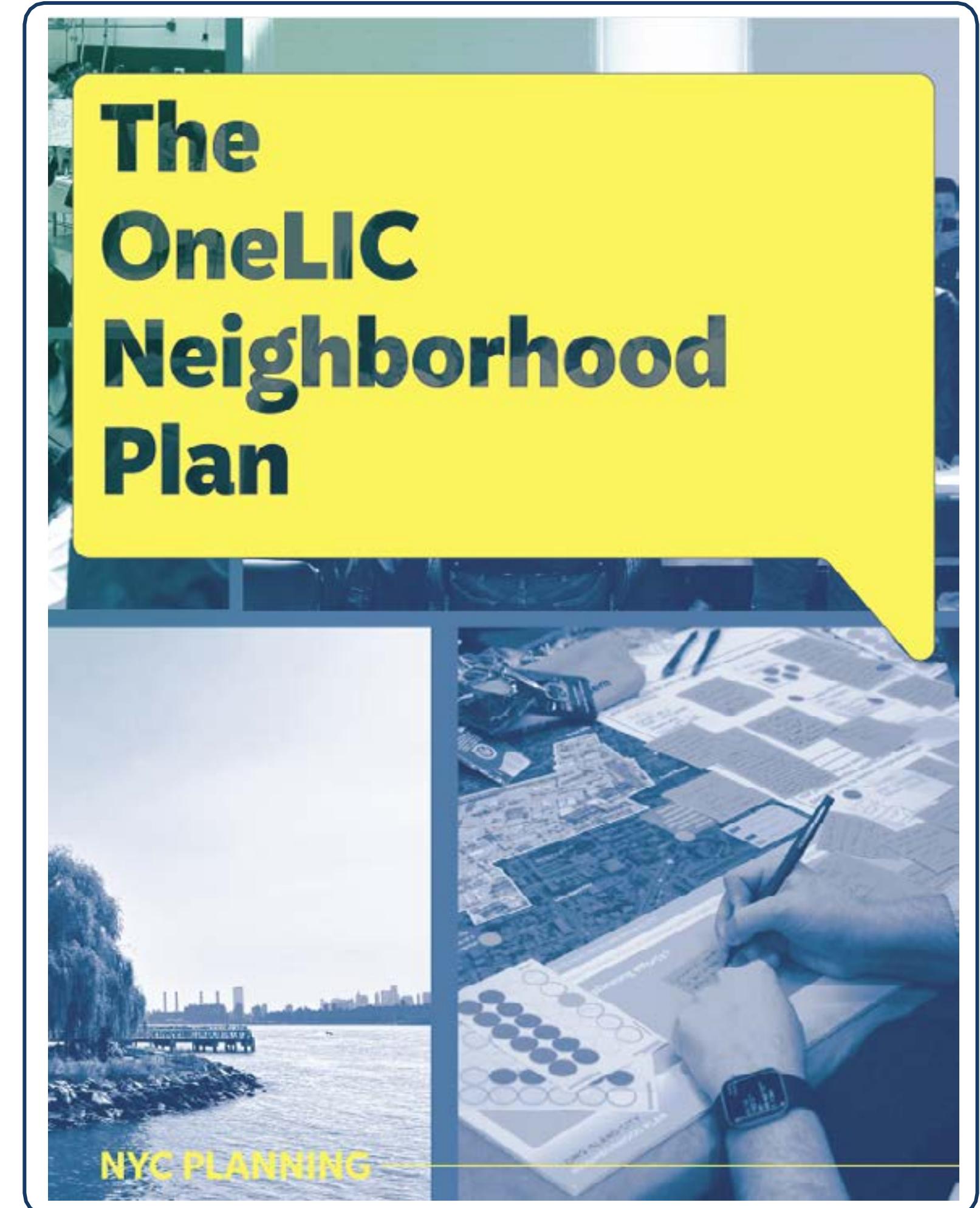


City Council
(50 Days)

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



Kickoff Meeting
November 2023
220+ Participants

Focus Area Meeting 1:
Housing
December 2023
130+ Participants

Focus Area Meeting 1:
Economic
December 2023
80+ Participants

Focus Area Meeting 1:
Climate
December 2023
100+ Participants

Focus Area Meeting 2:
Climate
January 2024
90 Participants

Focus Area Meeting 2:
Housing
January 2024
110+ Participants

Focus Area Meeting 2:
Economic
February 2024
80+ Participants

Town Hall 2
April 2024
130+ Participants

Focus Area Meeting 3:
Land-Use
May 2024
80 Participants

Waterfront Workshop
October 2024
100+ Participants

Public Sites Workshop
January 2025
150 Participants

Public Sites Community Survey
Jan-Mar 2025
850 Responses

Pre-ULURP Meeting
Where we are

791
Comments on
Housing

Most important topics:
Deeply and/or permanently
affordable housing, and
diverse housing options.

895
Comments on
Community
Resources

Most important topics:
New schools and the
expansion of public
library services.

771
Comments on
Open Space

Most important topics:
Equitable access to open
space and community /
recreation spaces.

1,278
Comments on
Waterfront

Most important topics:
Expanded community
facilities and continuous
waterfront open space.



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

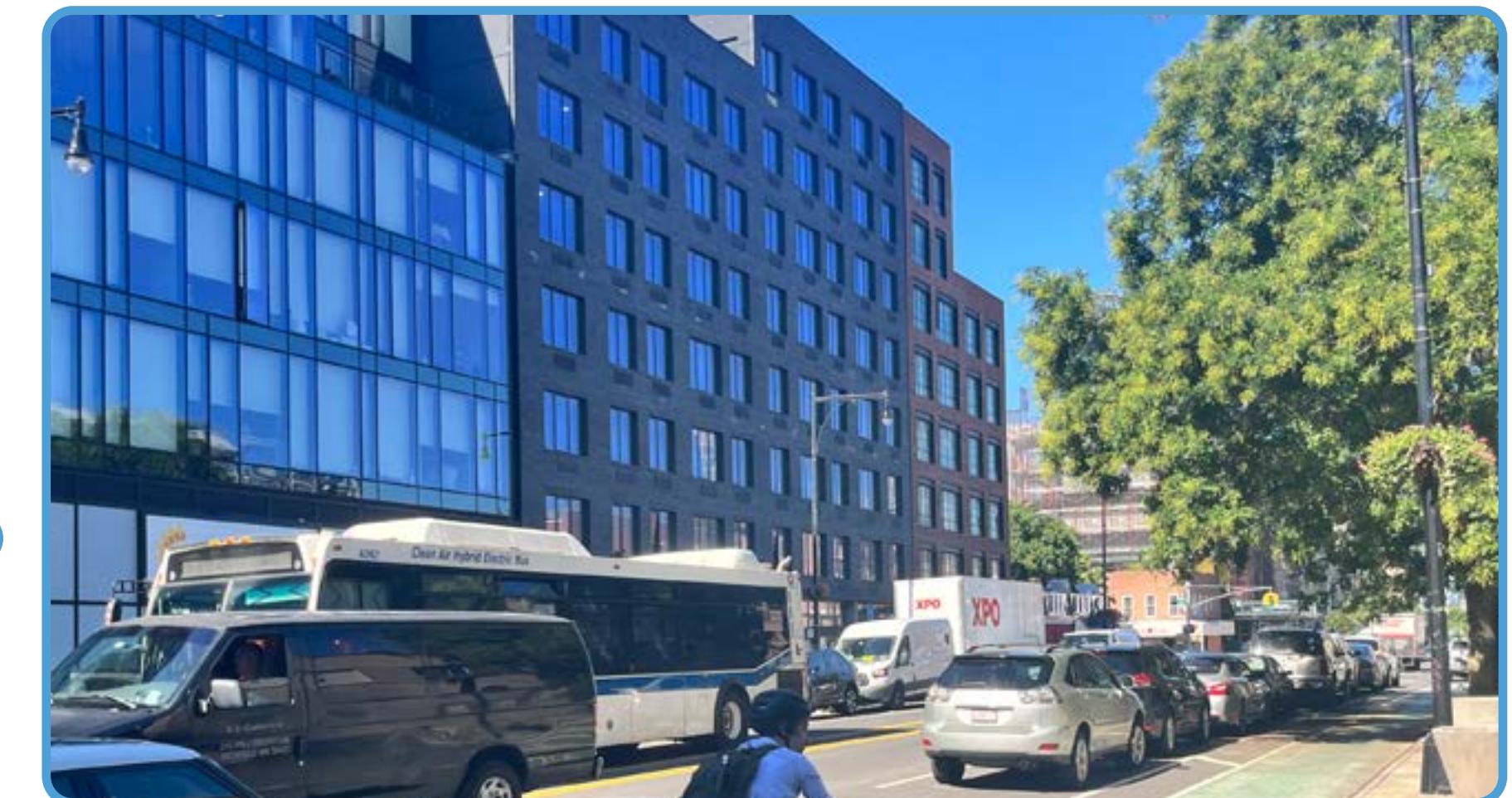
WE HEARD CALLS FOR

Creating more permanently affordable housing

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

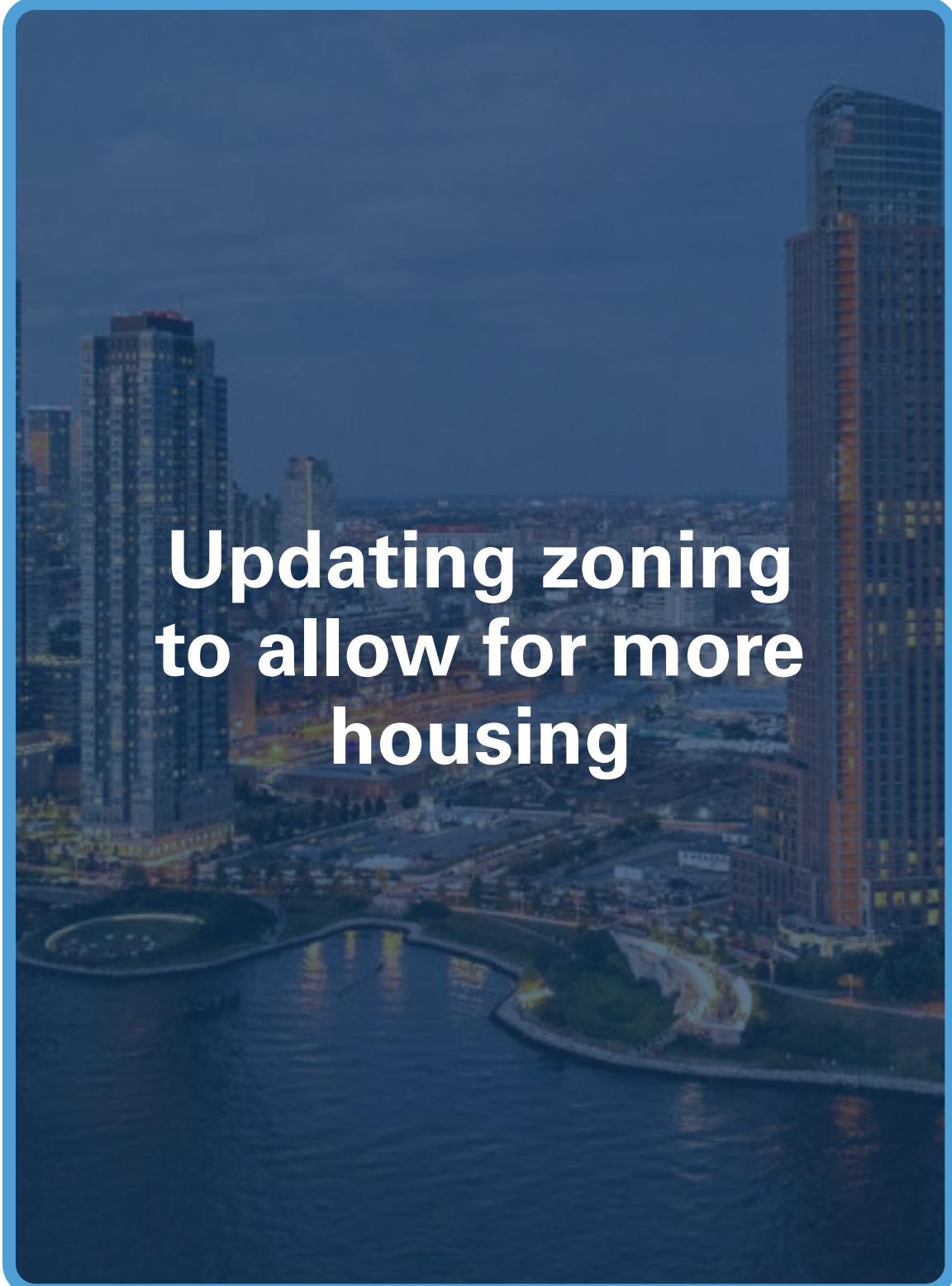
Preventing displacement of existing tenants and homeowners

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

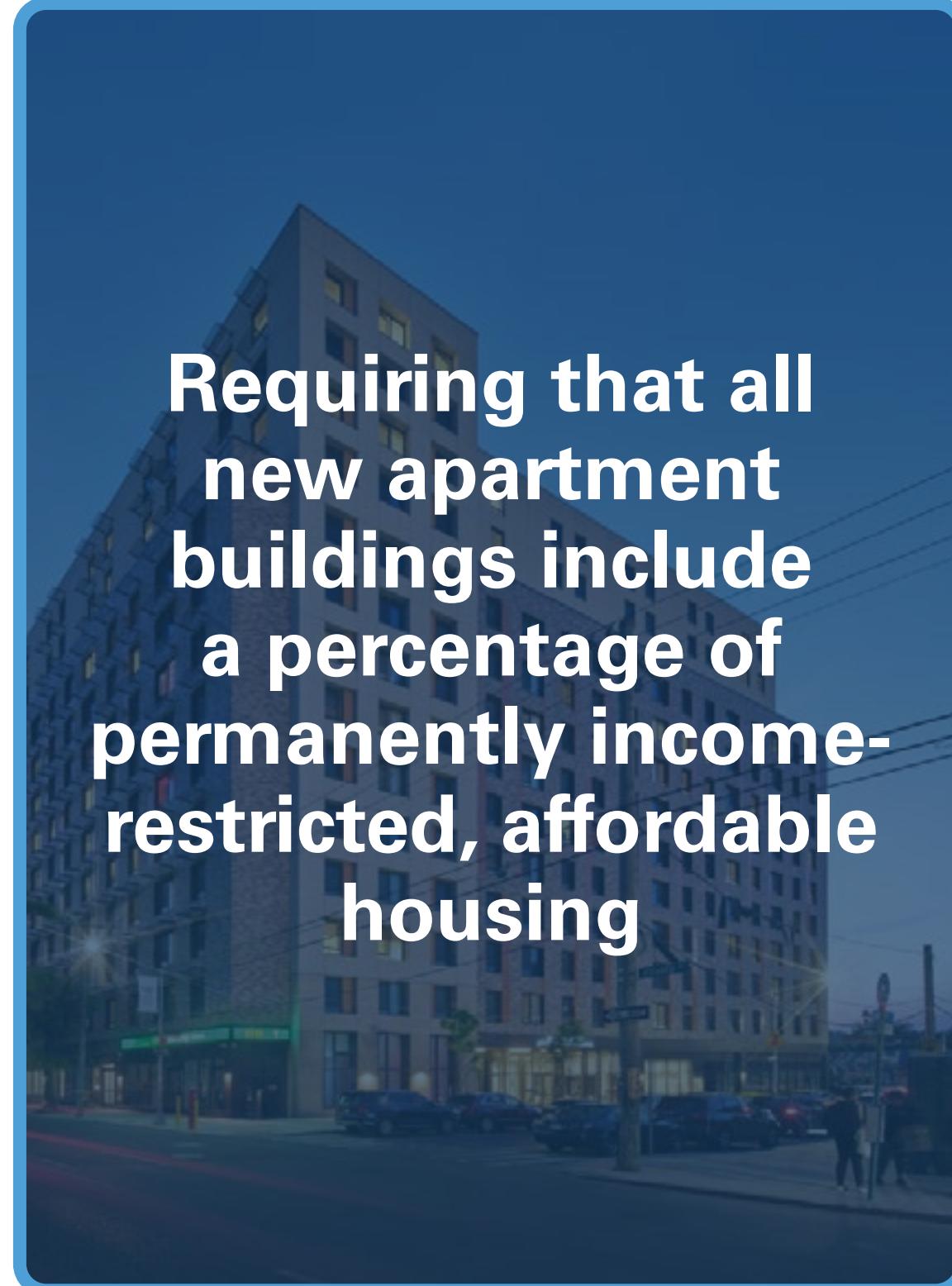


WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

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

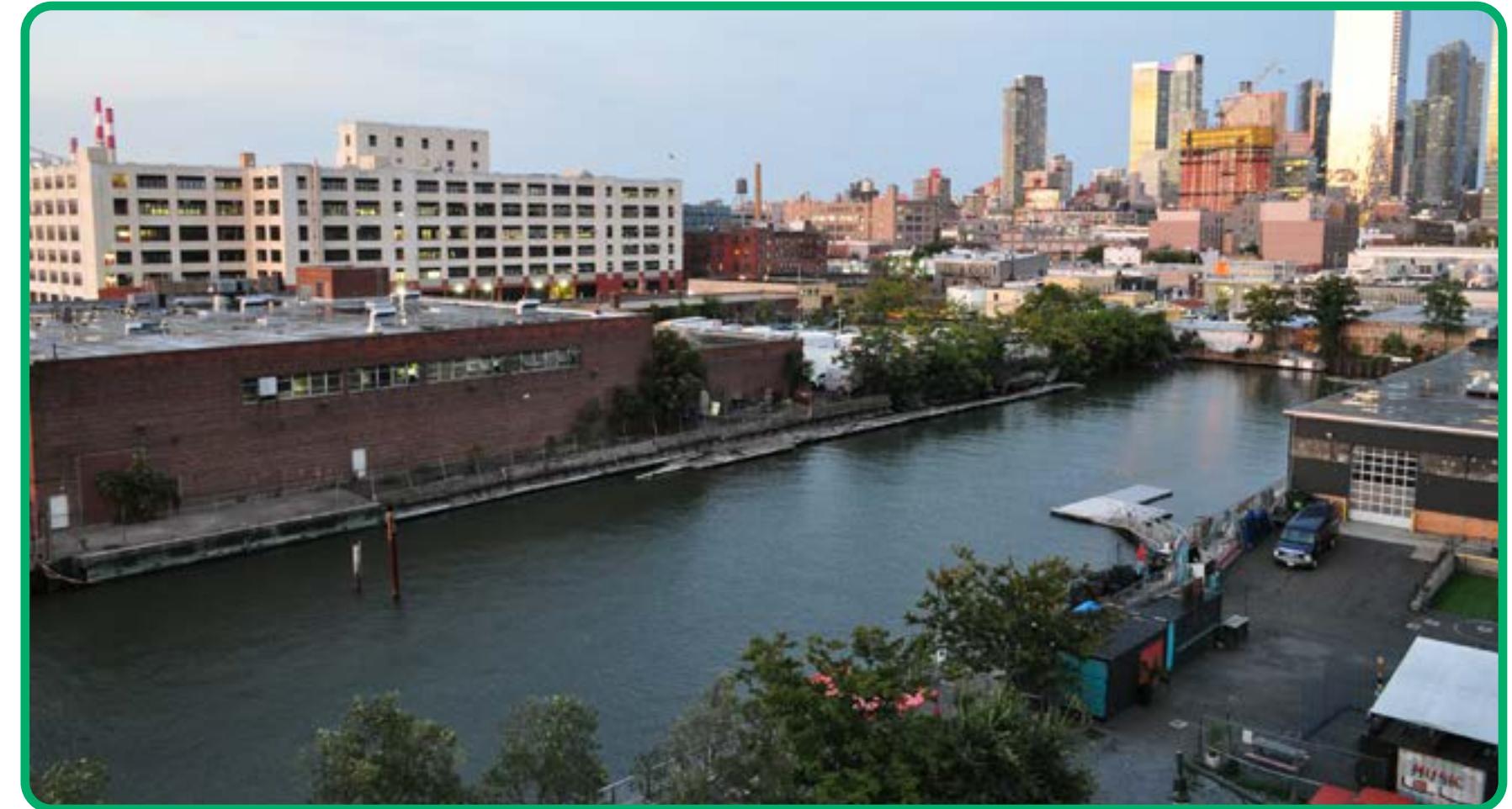


Updated Goal #2

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

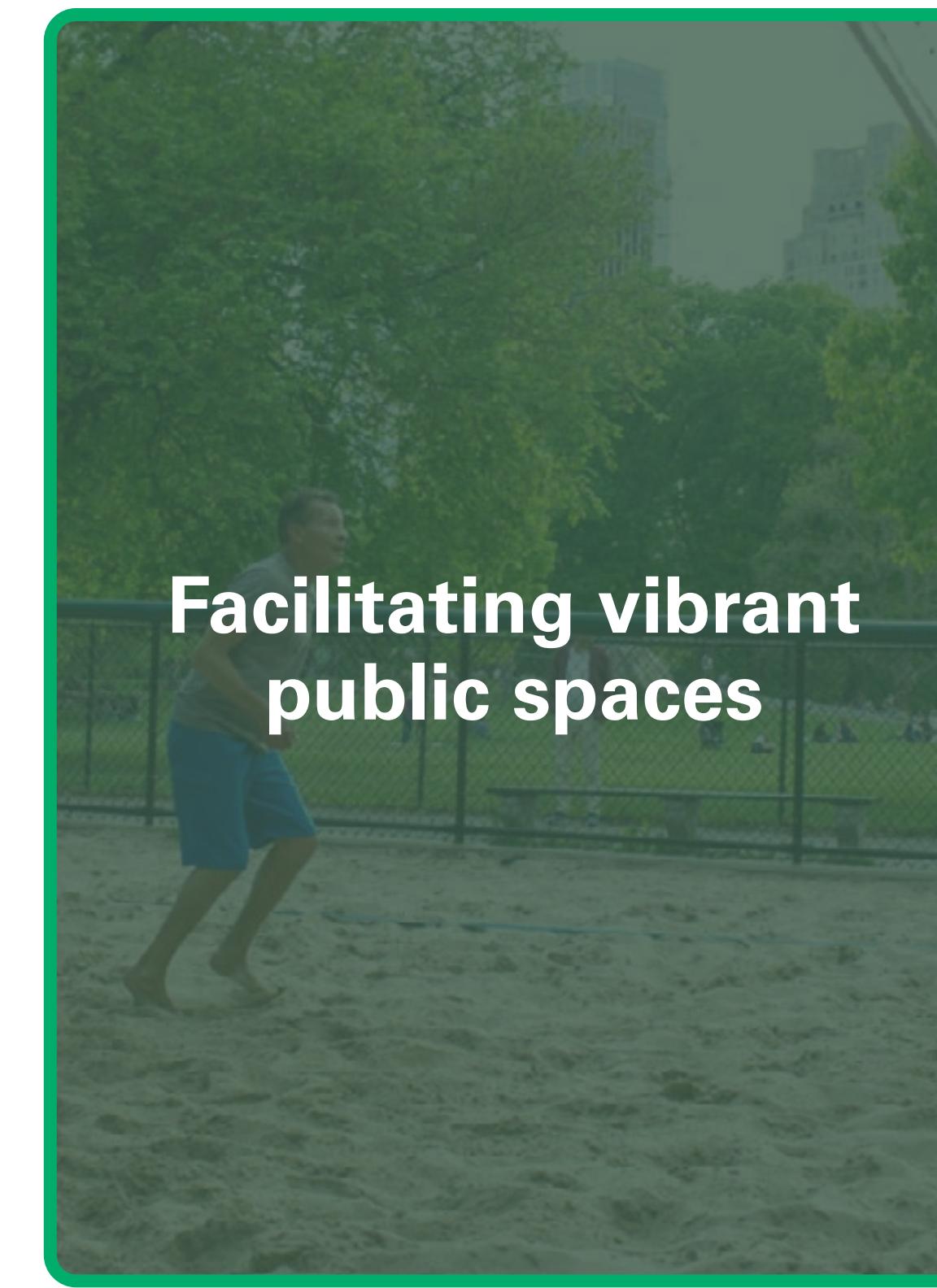
OneLIC would create a connected, resilient, and accessible waterfront from Gantry State Park to Queensbridge Park by....



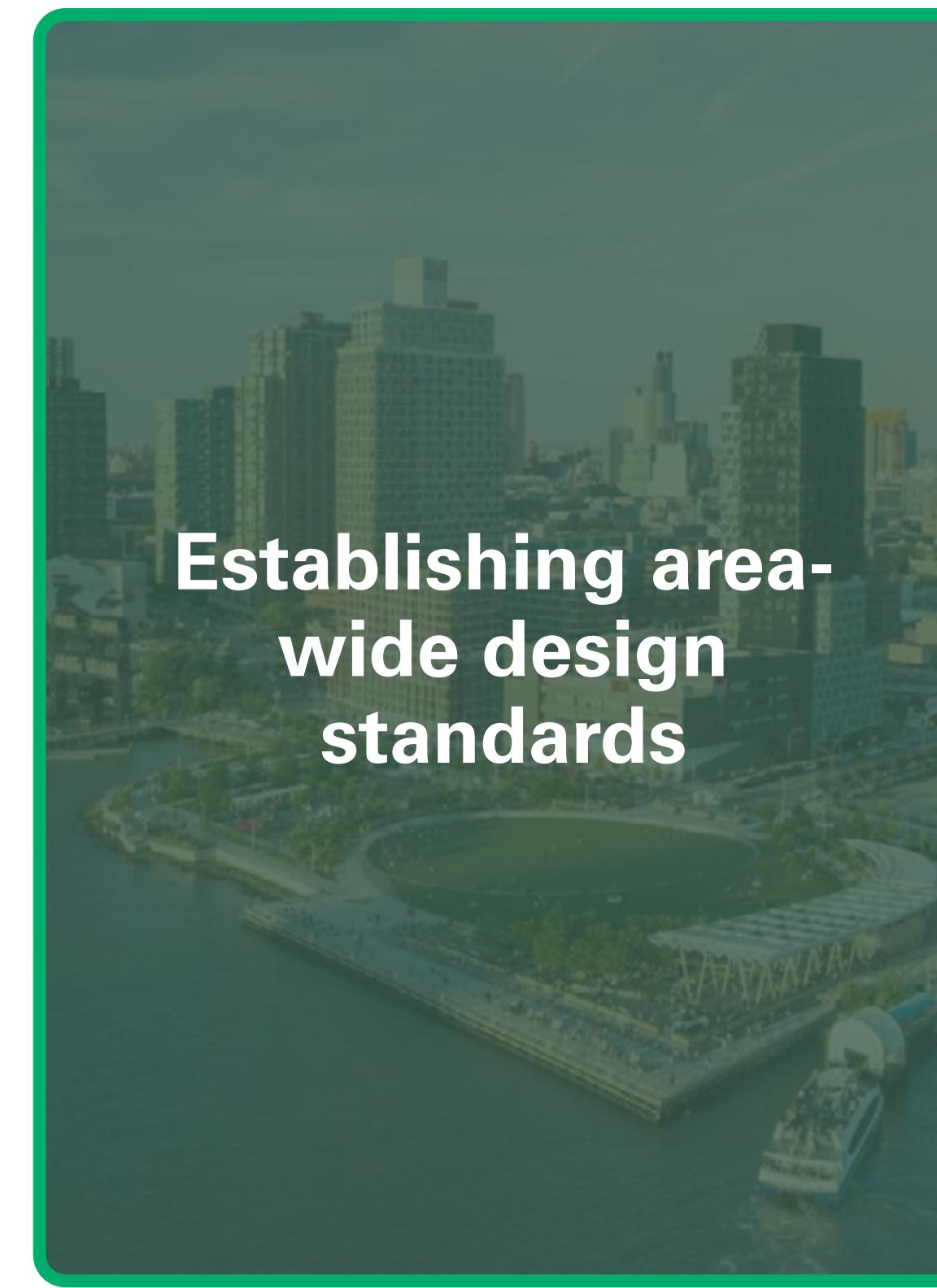
Increasing the amount of open space along Long Island City's waterfront



Creating a resilient waterfront community with multiple lines of defense

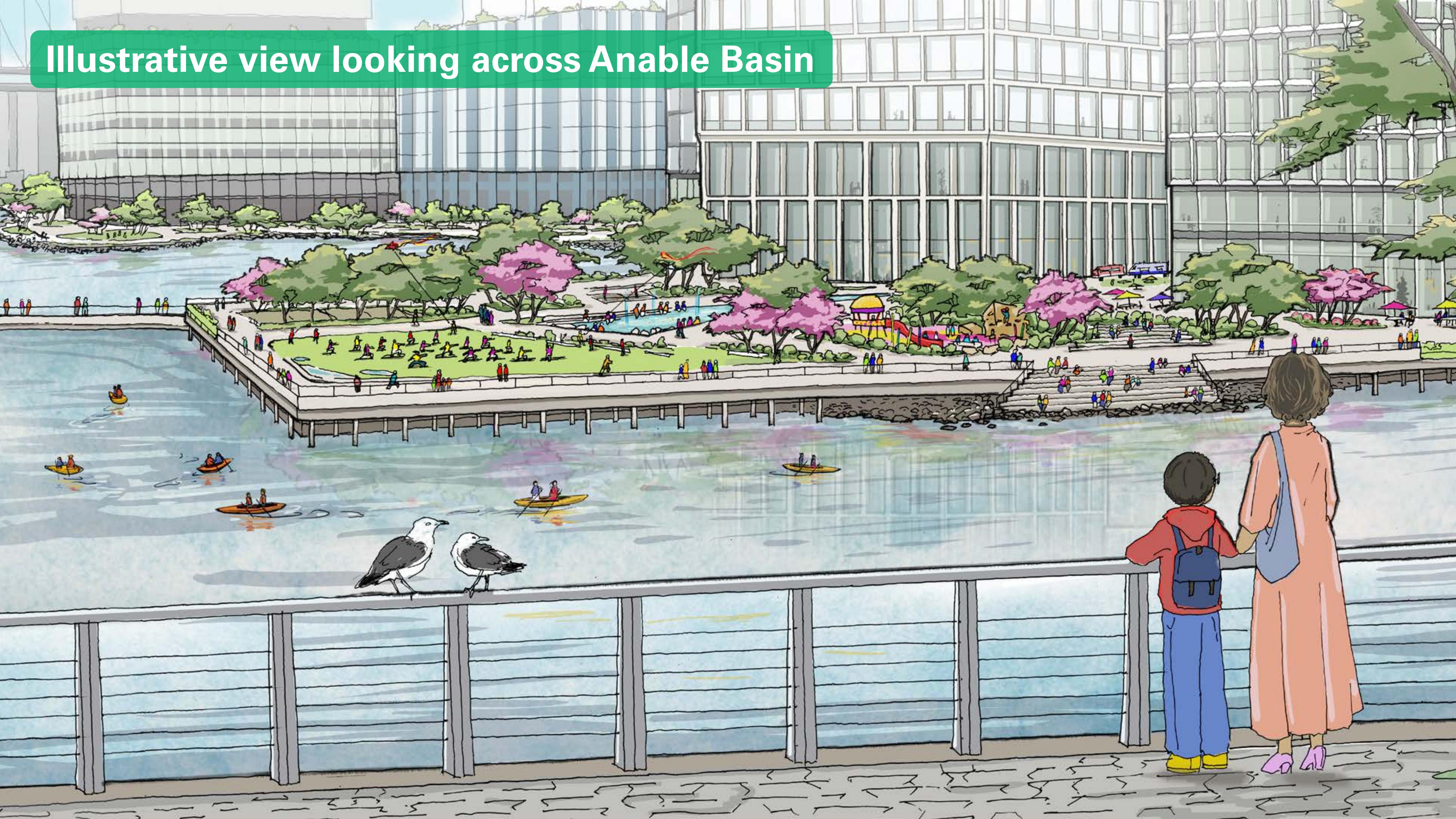


Facilitating vibrant public spaces



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

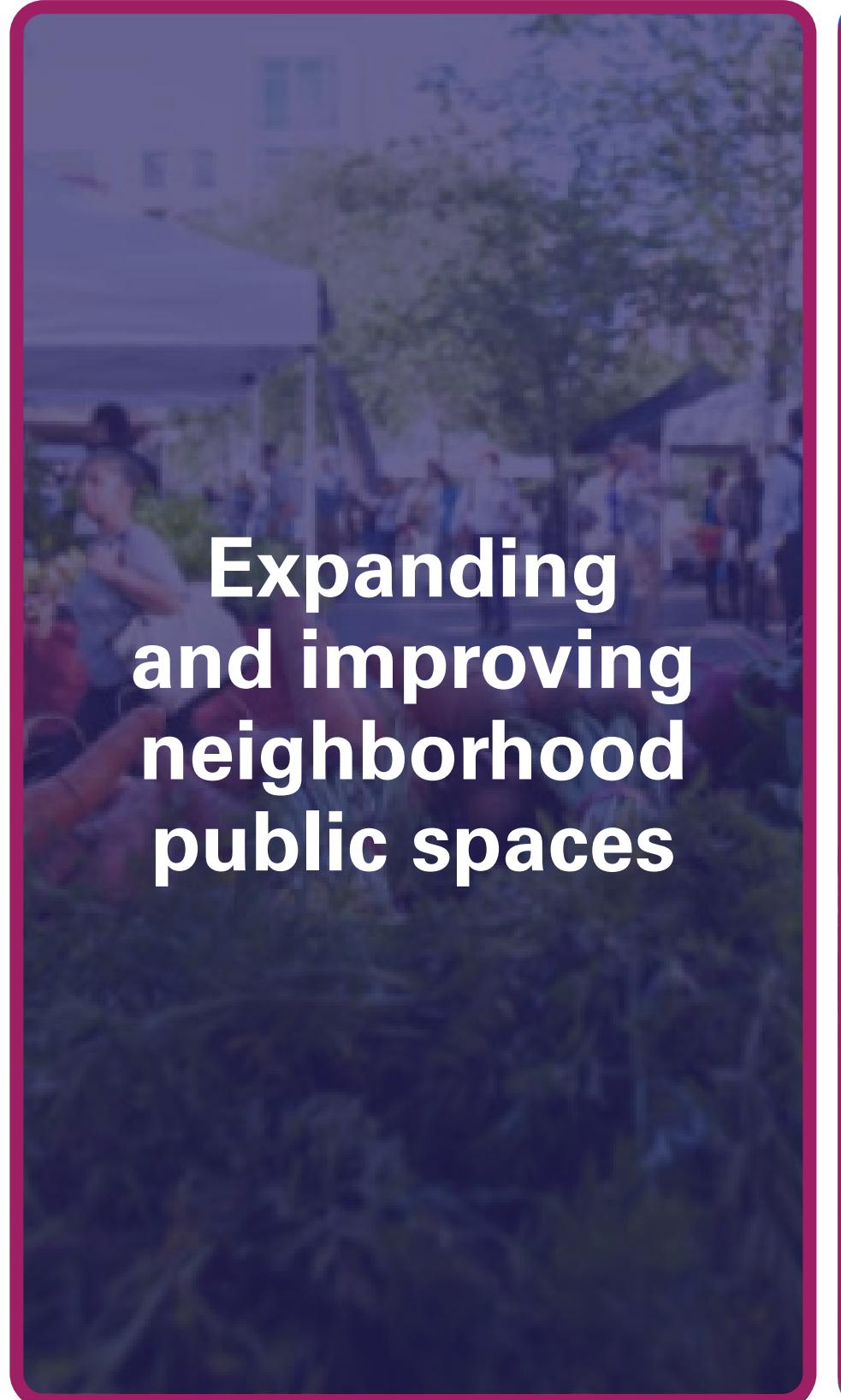
OneLIC would meet the needs of a growing neighborhood while mitigating future and current climate impacts by....



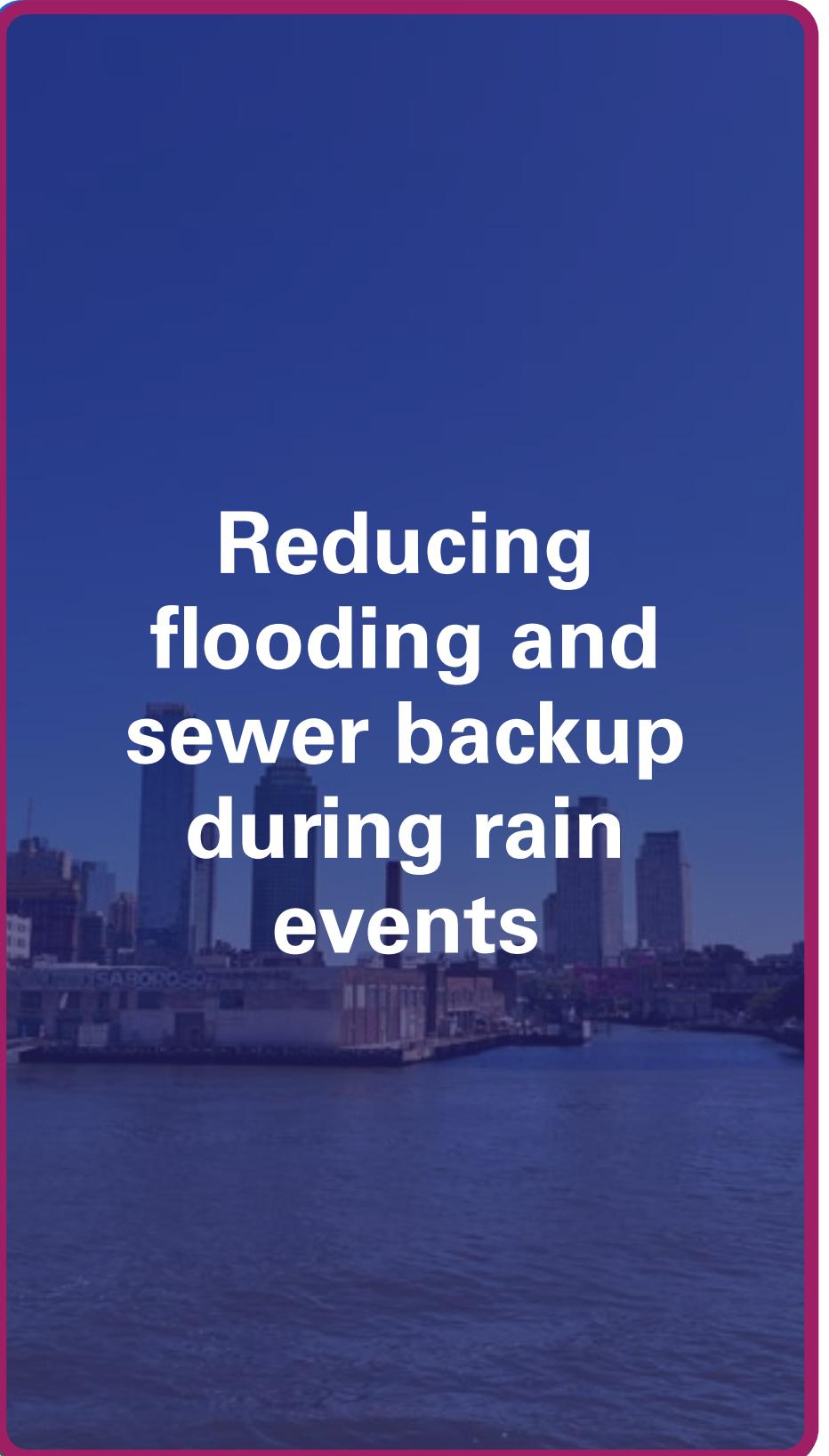
Encouraging the creation of new public schools



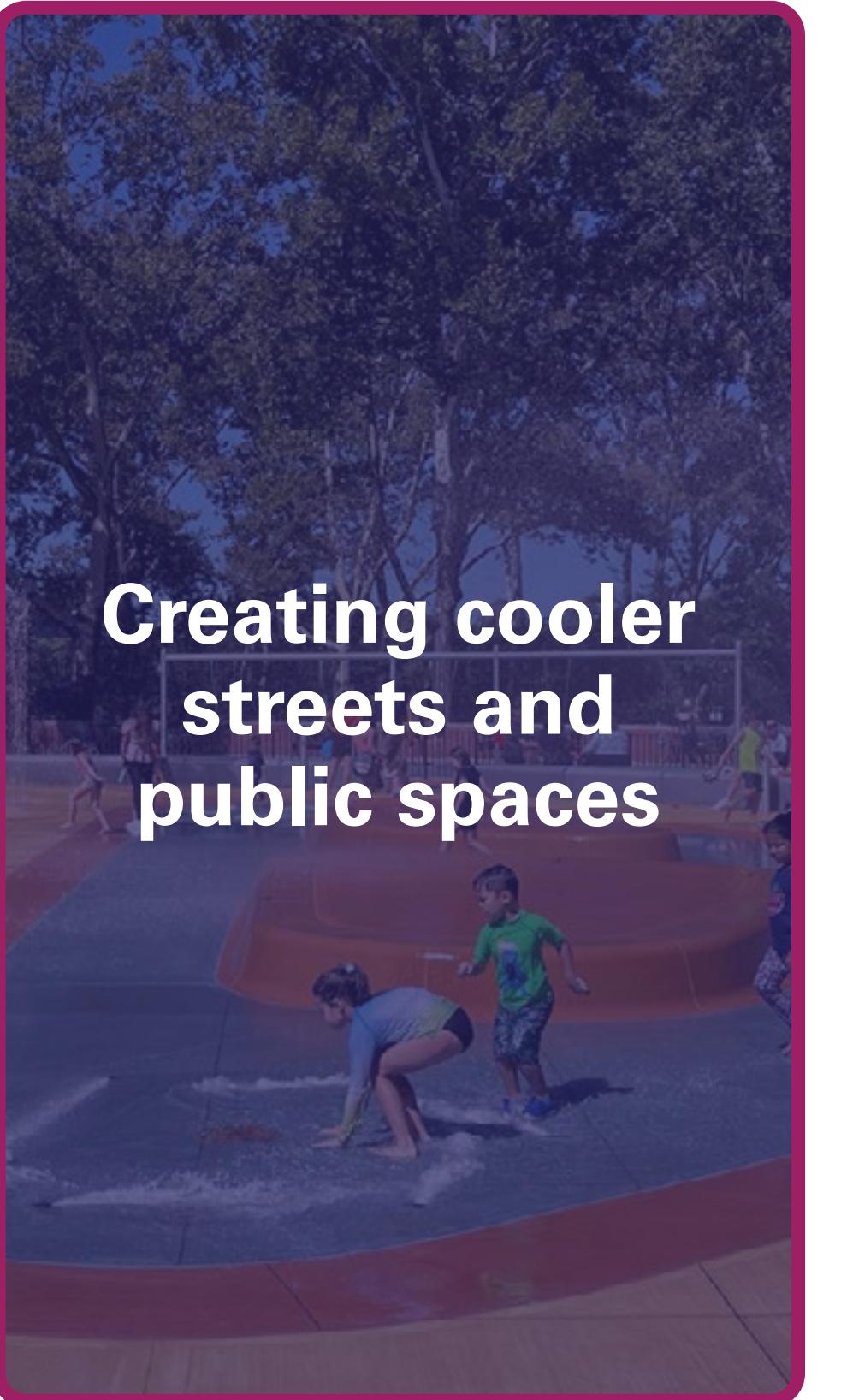
Expanding library resources



Expanding and improving neighborhood public spaces



Reducing flooding and sewer backup during rain events



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

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

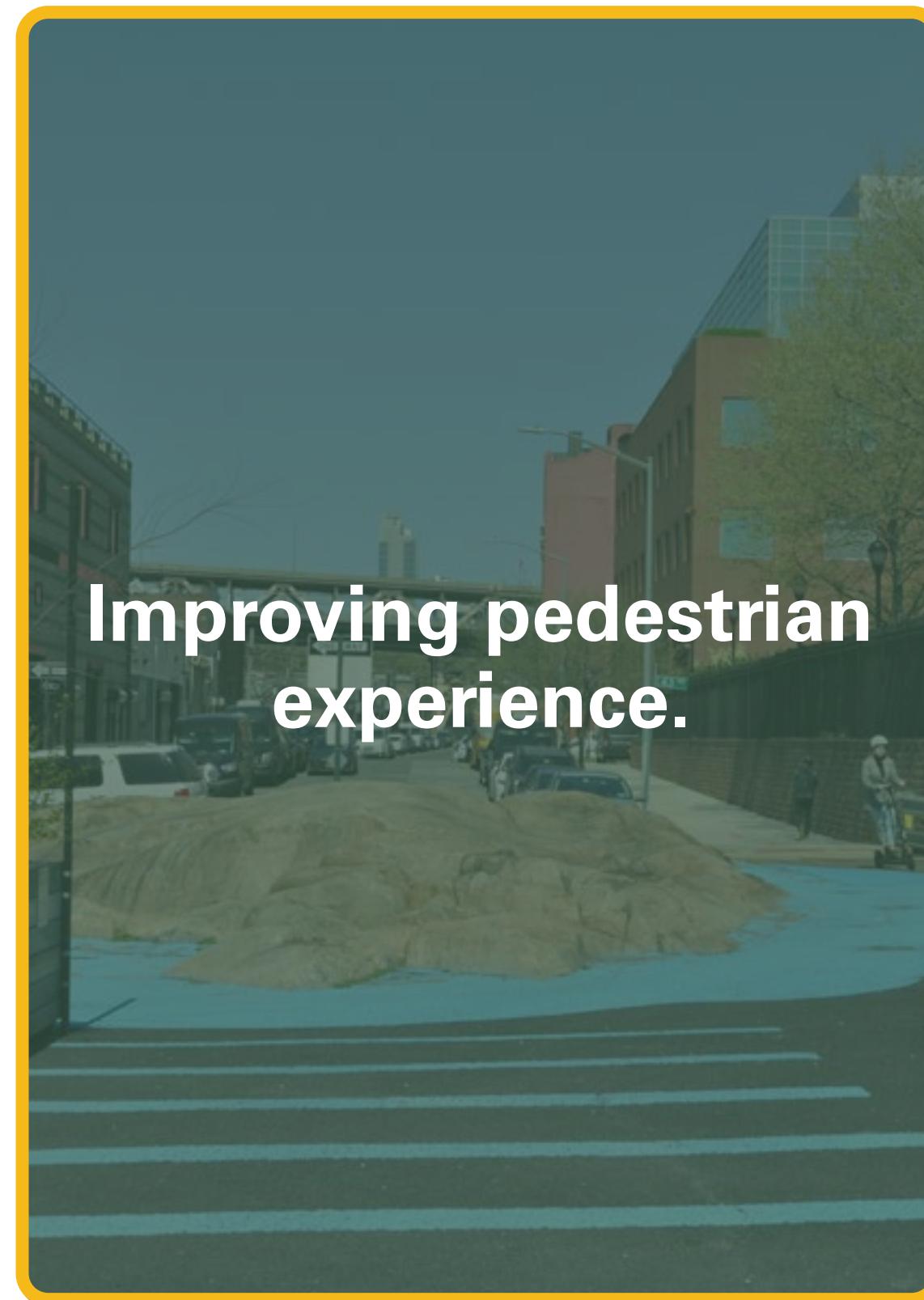
OneLIC would support the diversity and vitality of Long Island City's unique and thriving economy by...



Supporting growth of manufacturing and light-industrial businesses.



Supporting small businesses and the local creative community.



Improving pedestrian experience.



Mapping new higher density mixed use districts

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.

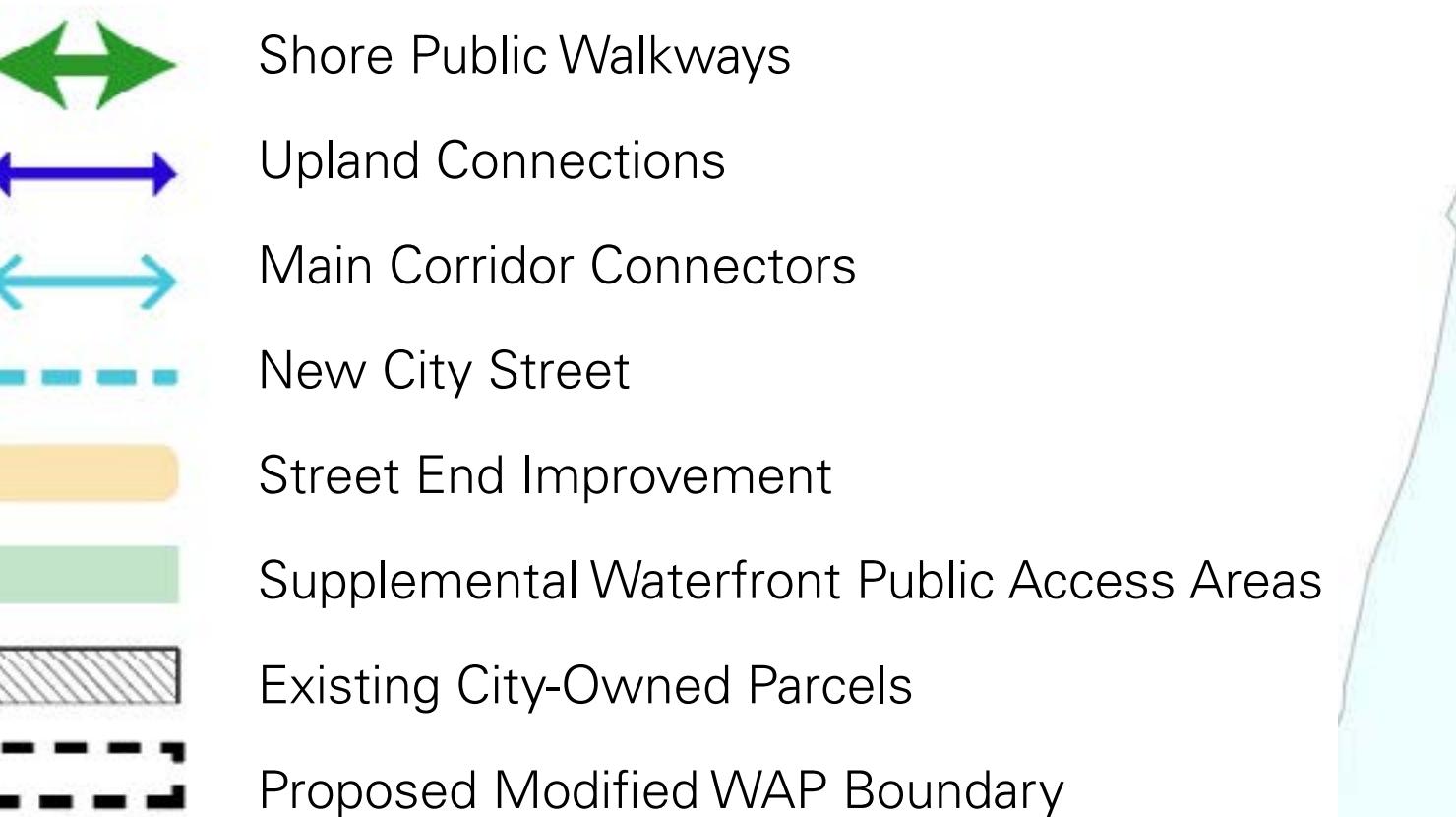


Hunters Point South waterfront park

WATERFRONT ACCESS PLAN

Updating the Northern Hunters Point WAP would:

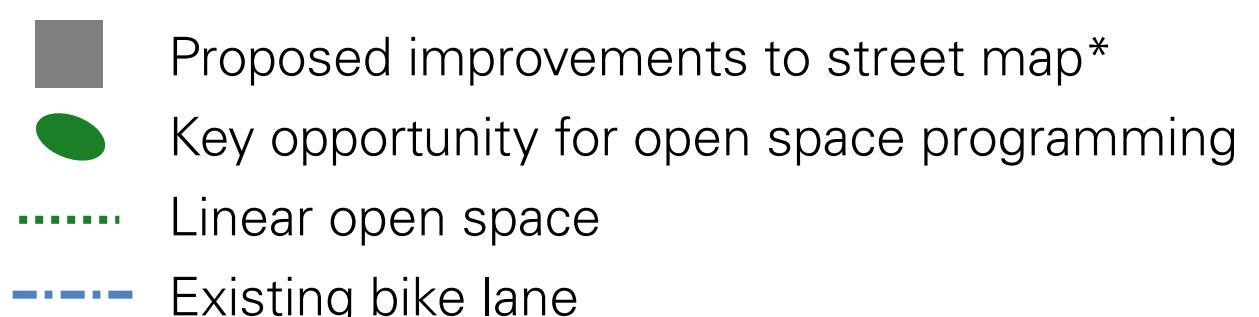
- Better reflect LIC's unique waterfront conditions and community needs
- Increase access points to the East River and Anable Basin
- Encourage a wider range of public amenities
- Allow for more climate-resilient waterfront spaces



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



* 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.

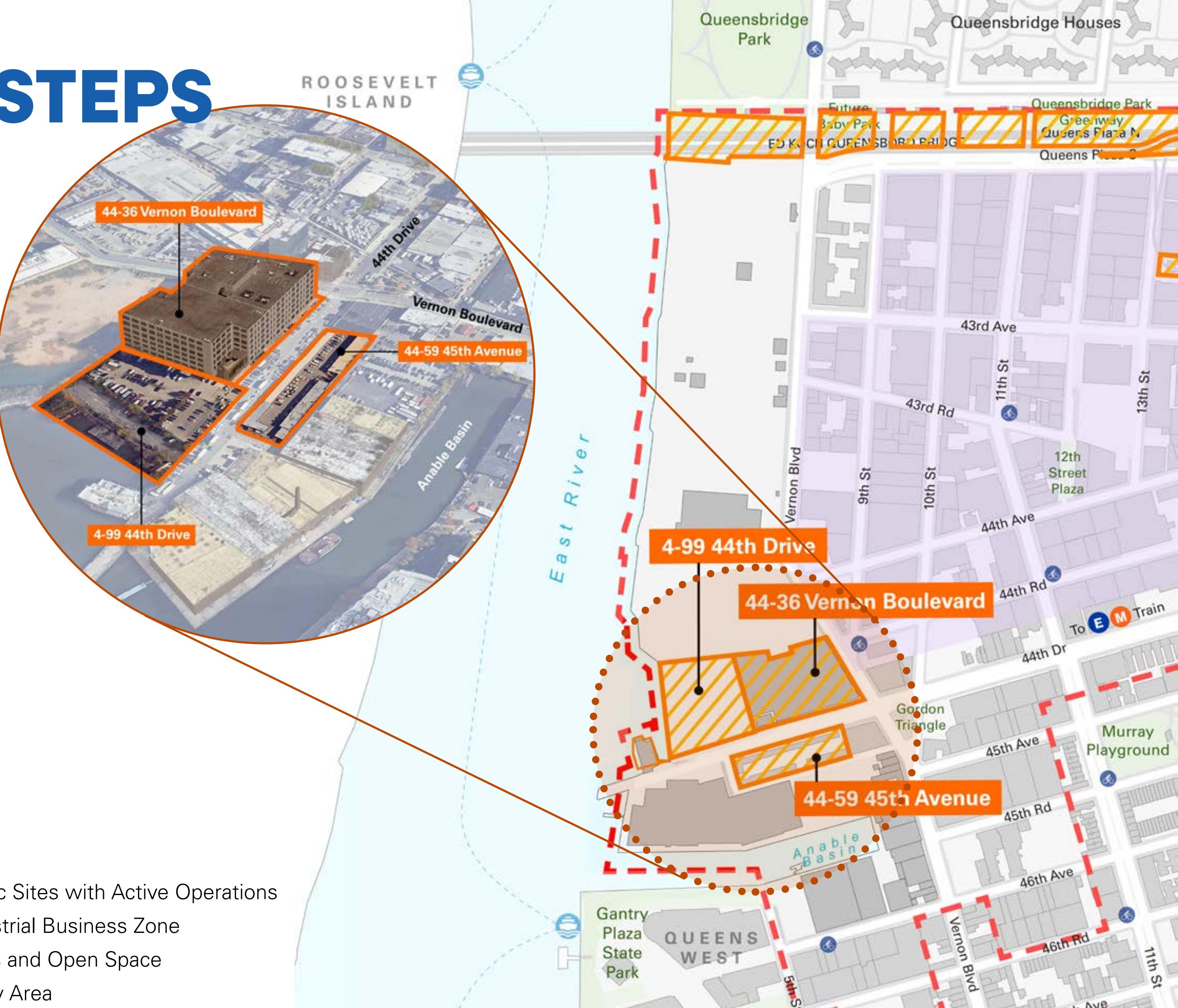


PUBLIC SITES – NEXT STEPS

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

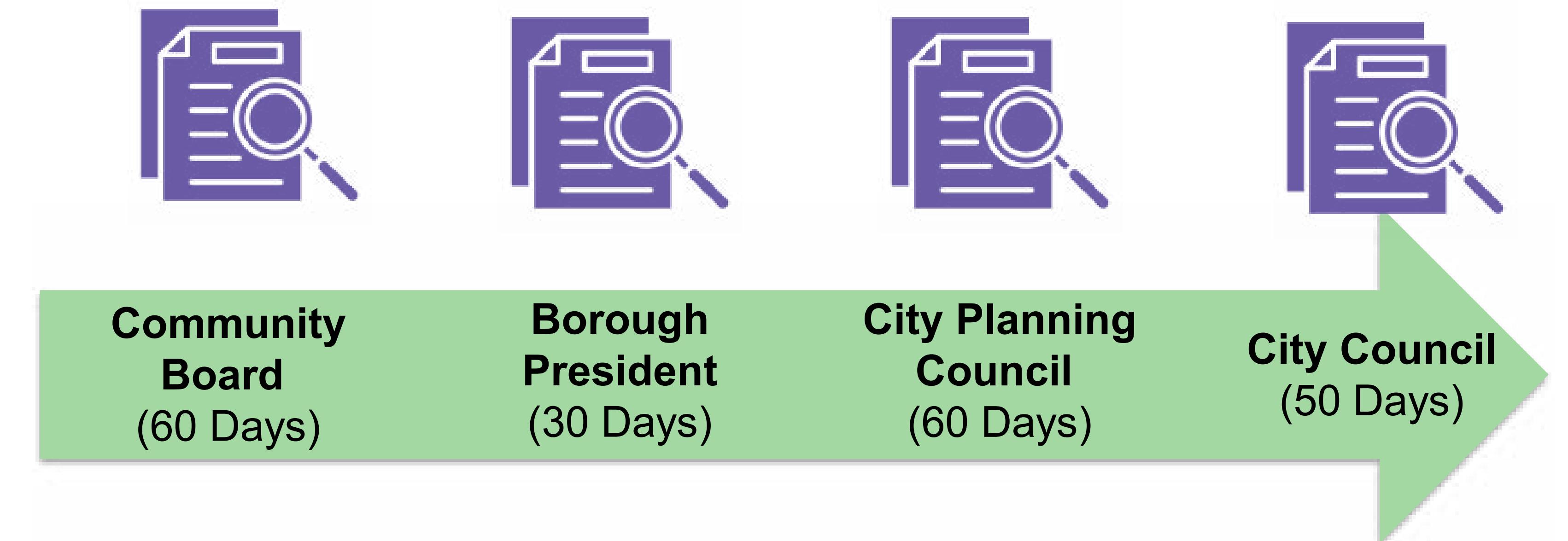




PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

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?

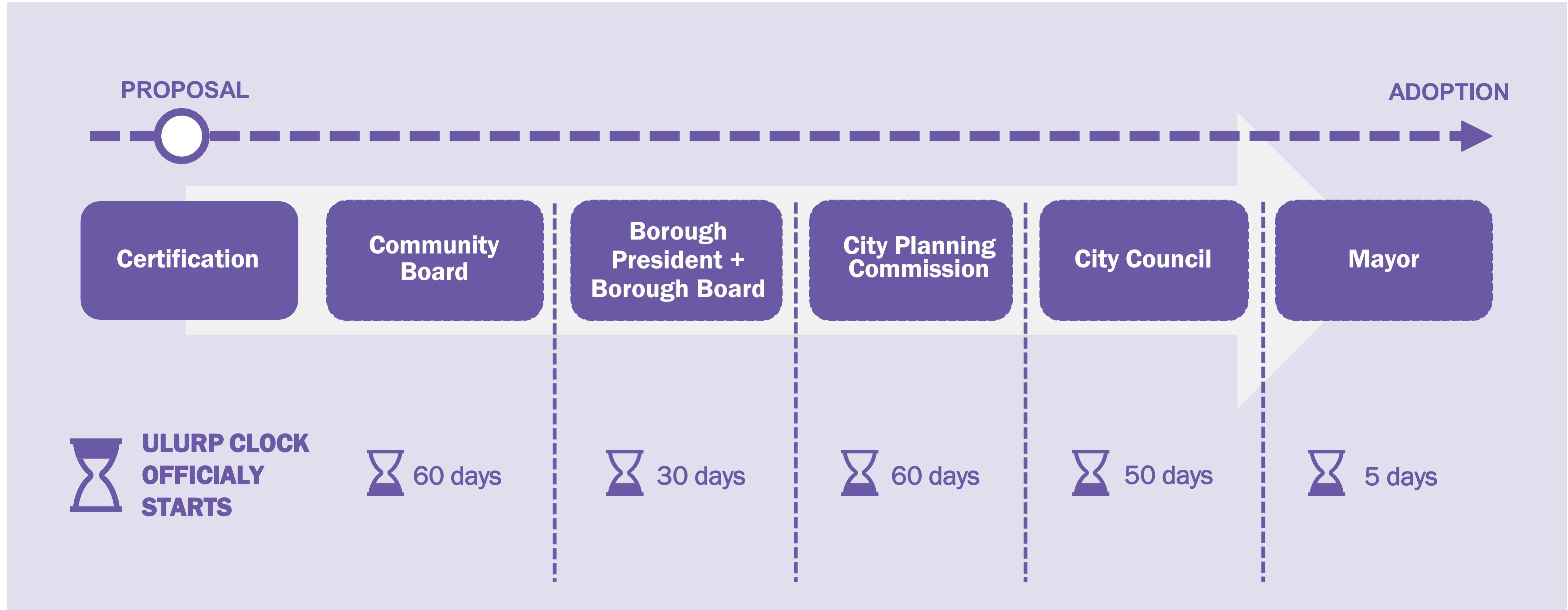
Why are the actions requested?

What is the existing conditions and neighborhood context?

Who is proposing the actions?

What are the requested actions?

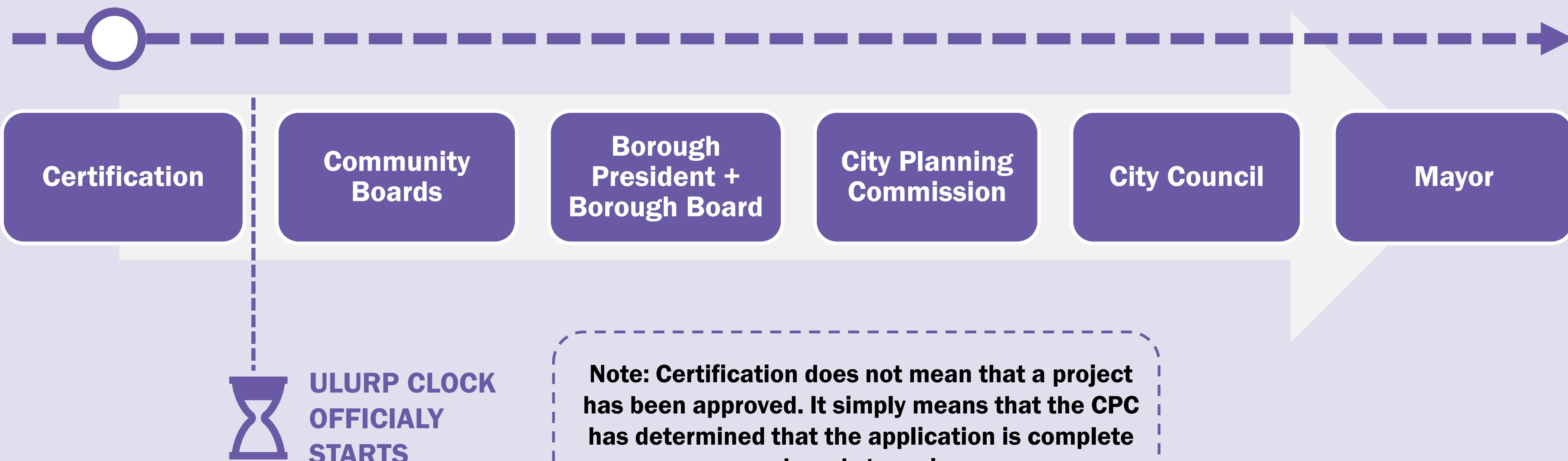
UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)



UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

STEP 1:

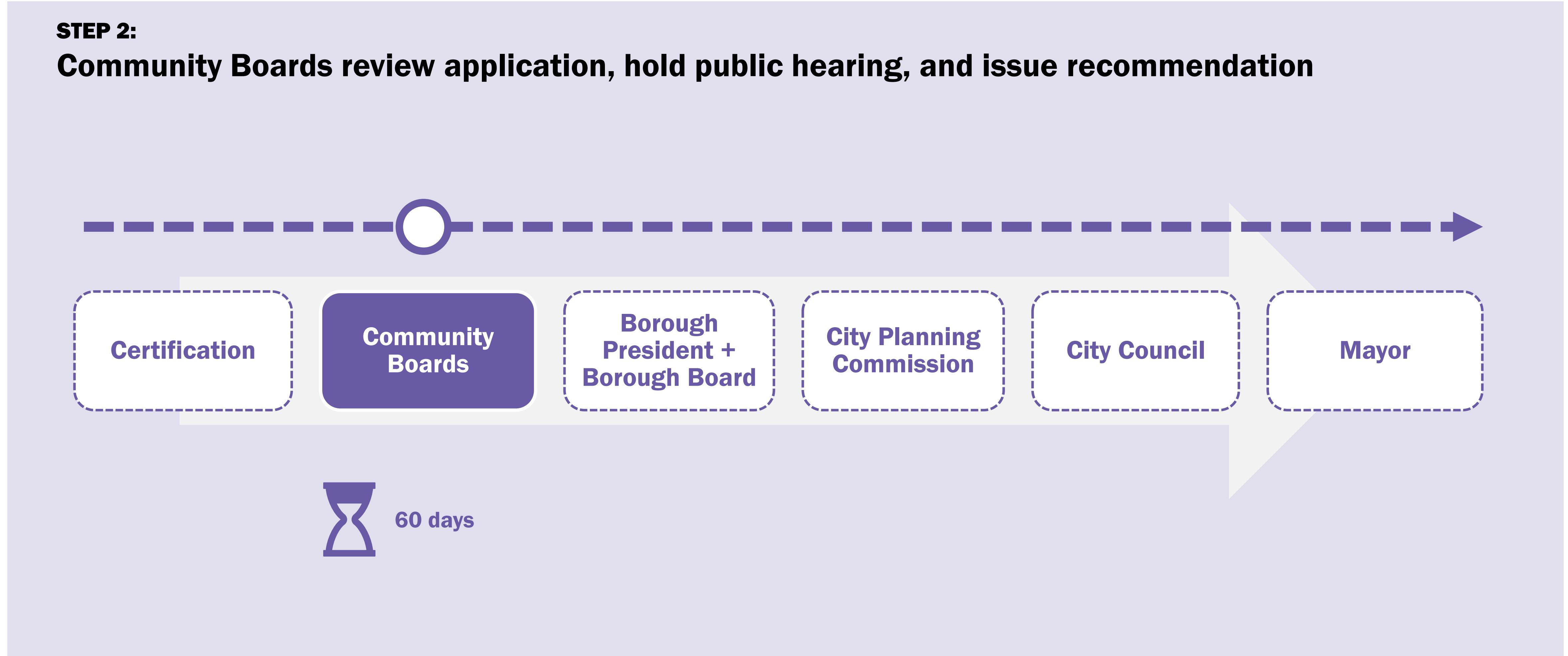
DCP reviews application and certifies that is ready for public review



UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

STEP 2:

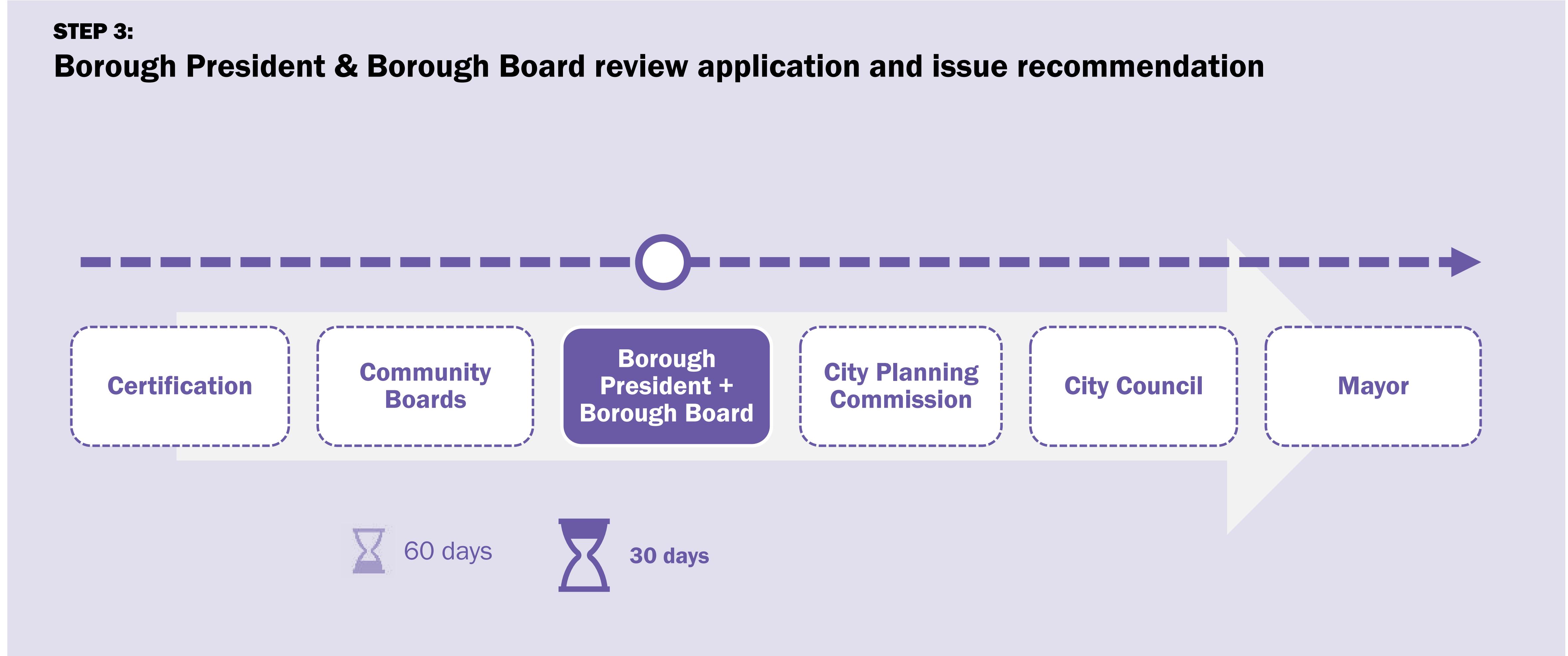
Community Boards review application, hold public hearing, and issue recommendation



UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

STEP 3:

Borough President & Borough Board review application and issue recommendation

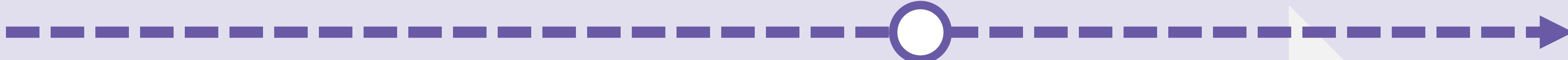


UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

STEP 4:

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

PROPOSAL



60 days



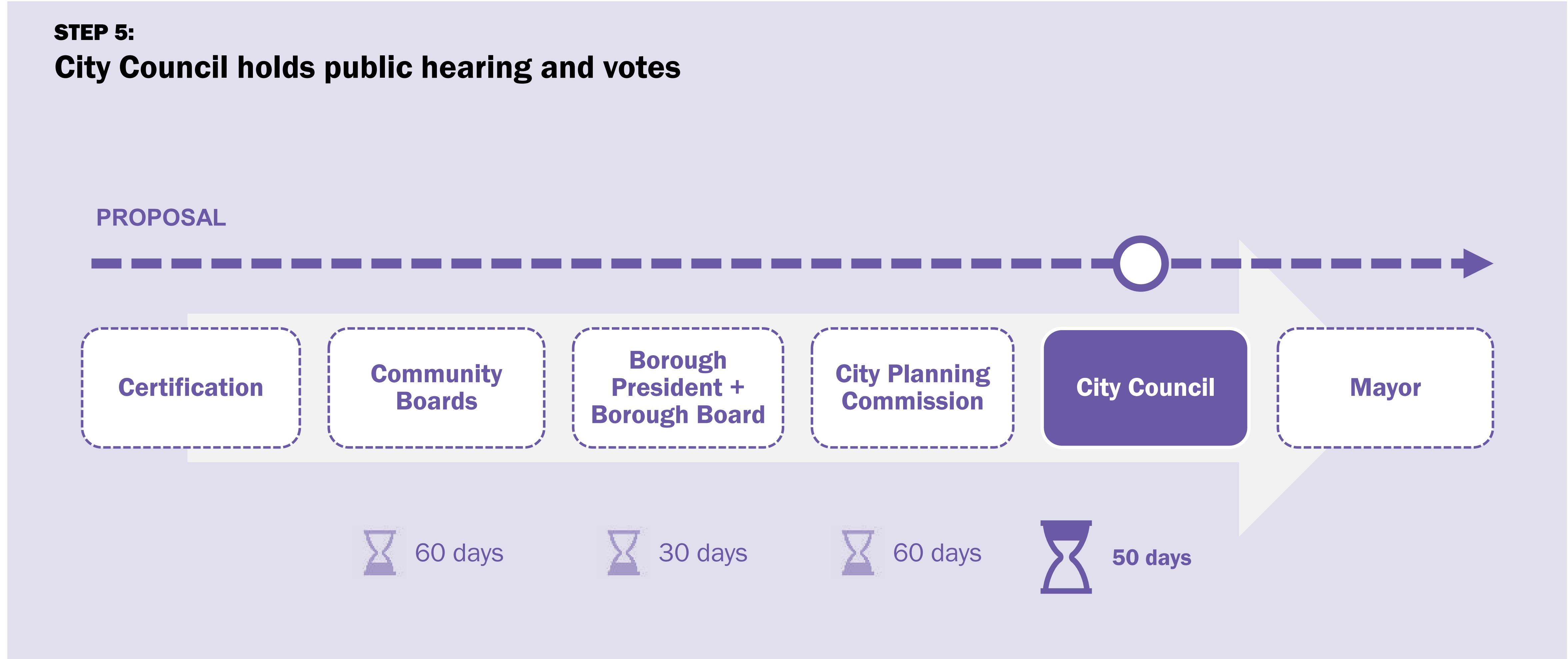
30 days



60 days

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

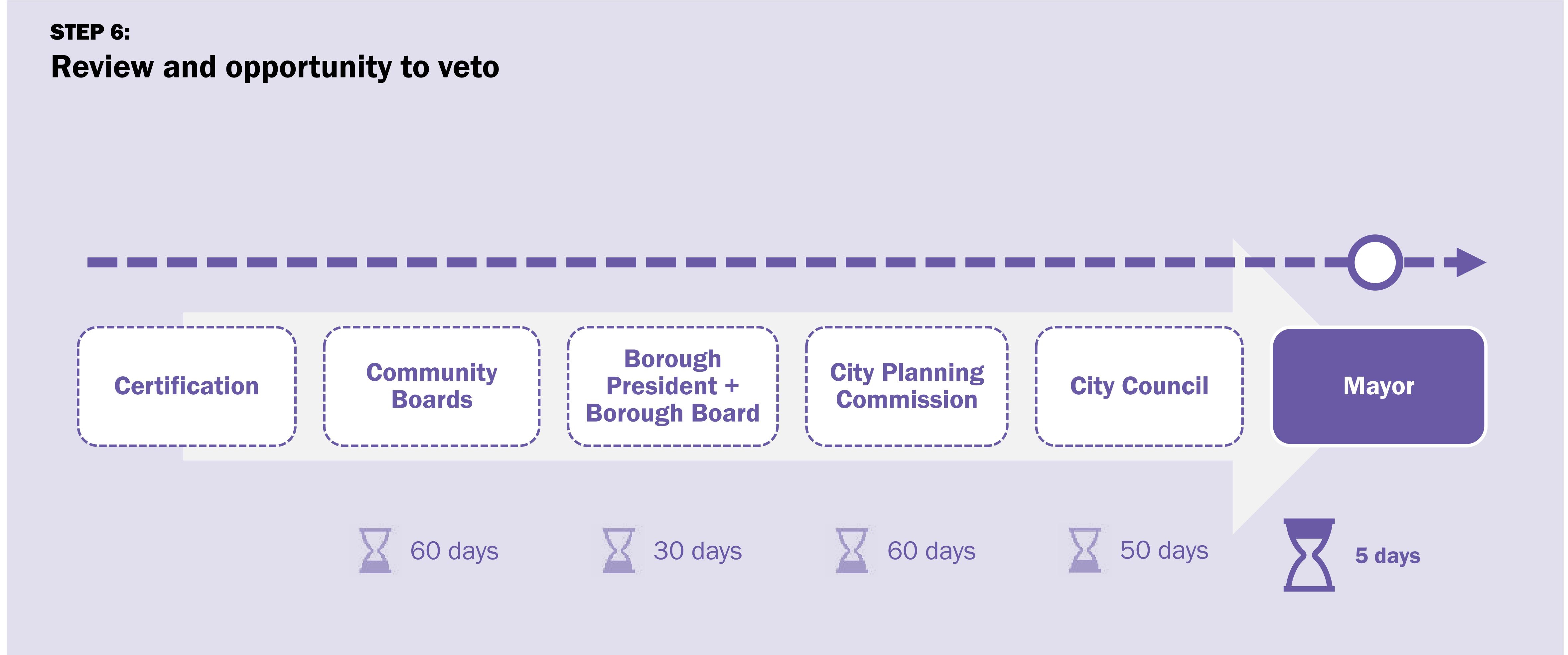
STEP 5: City Council holds public hearing and votes



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		Infrastructure
	Socioeconomic conditions		Waterfront Revitalization Program
	Community facilities and services		Solid waste and sanitation
	Open space		Energy
	Shadows		Traffic and parking
	Historic resources		Transit and pedestrians
	Urban design / visual resources		Air quality
	Neighborhood character		Noise
	Natural resources		Construction impacts
	Hazardous materials		Public health

WHAT DOES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STUDY?

Impacts

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

The increment gets studied

No Action

Predicted scenario if no rezoning happens



With Action

Predicted scenario with the rezoning

THE CEQR PROCESS

Draft Scope of Work

Released on July 8, 2024.
An outline of what is
being studied through
environmental review.

Scoping Meeting

Hosted on August 12, 2024.
Allowed the public to share
comments on the Draft
Scope of Work.

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

Gets published at the end
of the process. Includes any
updates and documents all
the comments received.

Public Hearing

As part of the public review
process, the City Planning
Commission will host a
public hearing on the DEIS.

What's coming next

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Will be released by
certification. It will share
details on the outcomes of
what was studied.

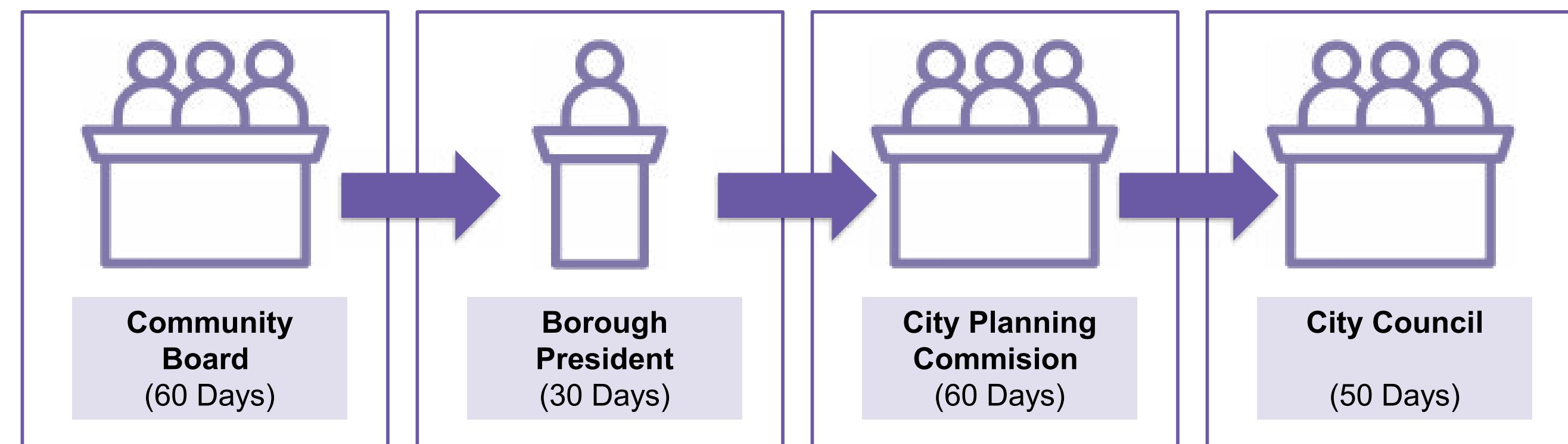
WHAT'S NEXT?

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

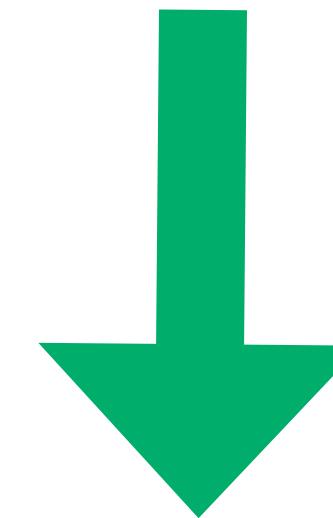
STAY ENGAGED

www.licplan.nyc

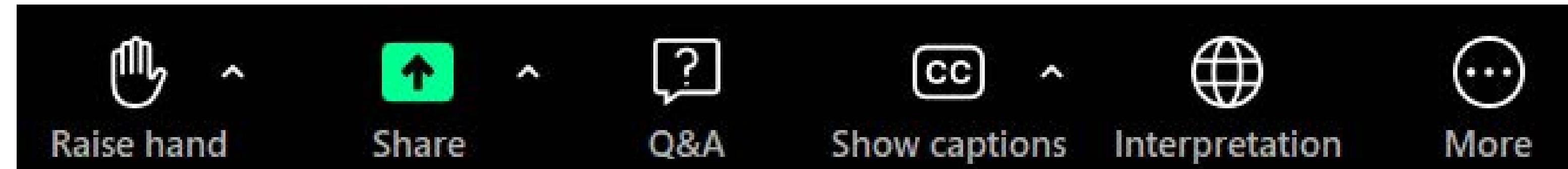
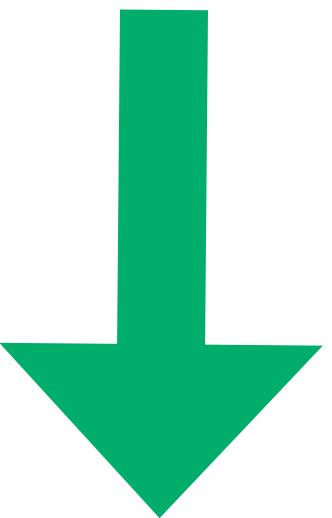


Q&A

To ask a question off mute, please raise your hand.



To ask a question via chat, please submit via the Q&A button.



THANK YOU!

