

# ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL

MEETING #4

SEPT 08





# AGENDA

**CDOT Project Update**

**Community Meeting #3 Recap**

**Public Art**

**The Englewood Trail Corridor**

**The Three Nodes: Ashland, Racine, and Halsted Priorities**

**and Constraints Activity**



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# LAND AND ANCESTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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# CDOT PROJECT UPDATE

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# CDOT ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

## SPRING

Start DPD Framework  
Plan

## SUMMER

Start CDOT Phase I:  
Preliminary Engineering  
and Environmental Study

## FALL

Start CDOT Phase 2:  
Detailed Design and  
Engineering

## SPRING

Construction starts.  
**RAISE** funding must  
be under contract by  
September.

*Continued public engagement throughout the process...*

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026



# FUNDING

The total project cost is currently estimated at \$71.2M for basic trail improvements including trail, access points, structure rehab, lighting.

It does not include additional enhancements to the land adjacent to the trail that is being developed through the framework plan.

Thus far, \$20M in the federal RAISE grant has been secured and \$6M in Chicago Works GO Bond.





# COMMUNITY MEETING #3

## RECAP

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# COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING WITH CHICAGO TREND

TREND PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW IN THE CHICAGO AND BALTIMORE MARKETS AS WELL AS THE BASIC FRAMEWORK OF FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO ESTABLISHING A ROBUST CIV MODEL.

THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSION PRIORITIZED ASHLAND AND RACINE AS TWO LOCATIONS FOR TREND TO FURTHER EXPLORE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO INCLUDE A CIV MODEL.



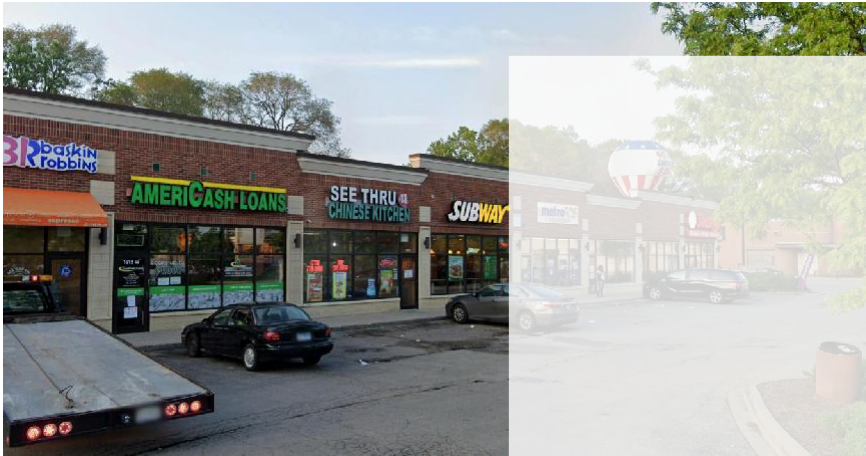


# ASHLAND

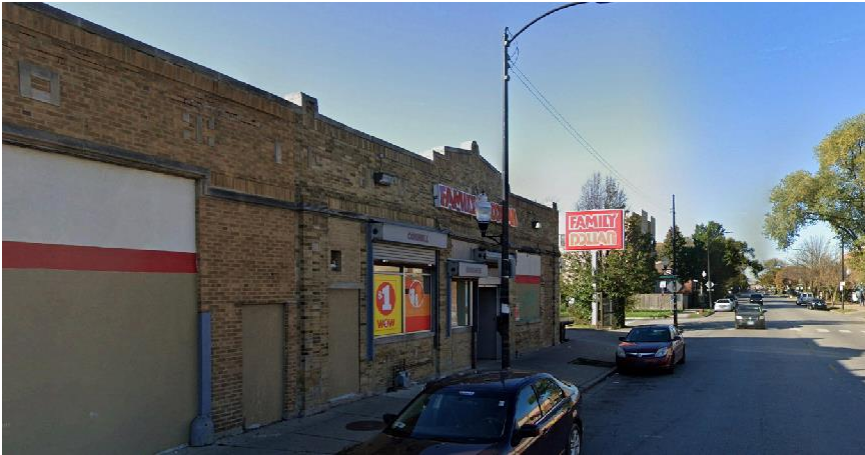
Average Daily Traffic Count: 22,300



Former CVS Pharmacy



Shopping Center



Former Family Dollar



Divvy Station



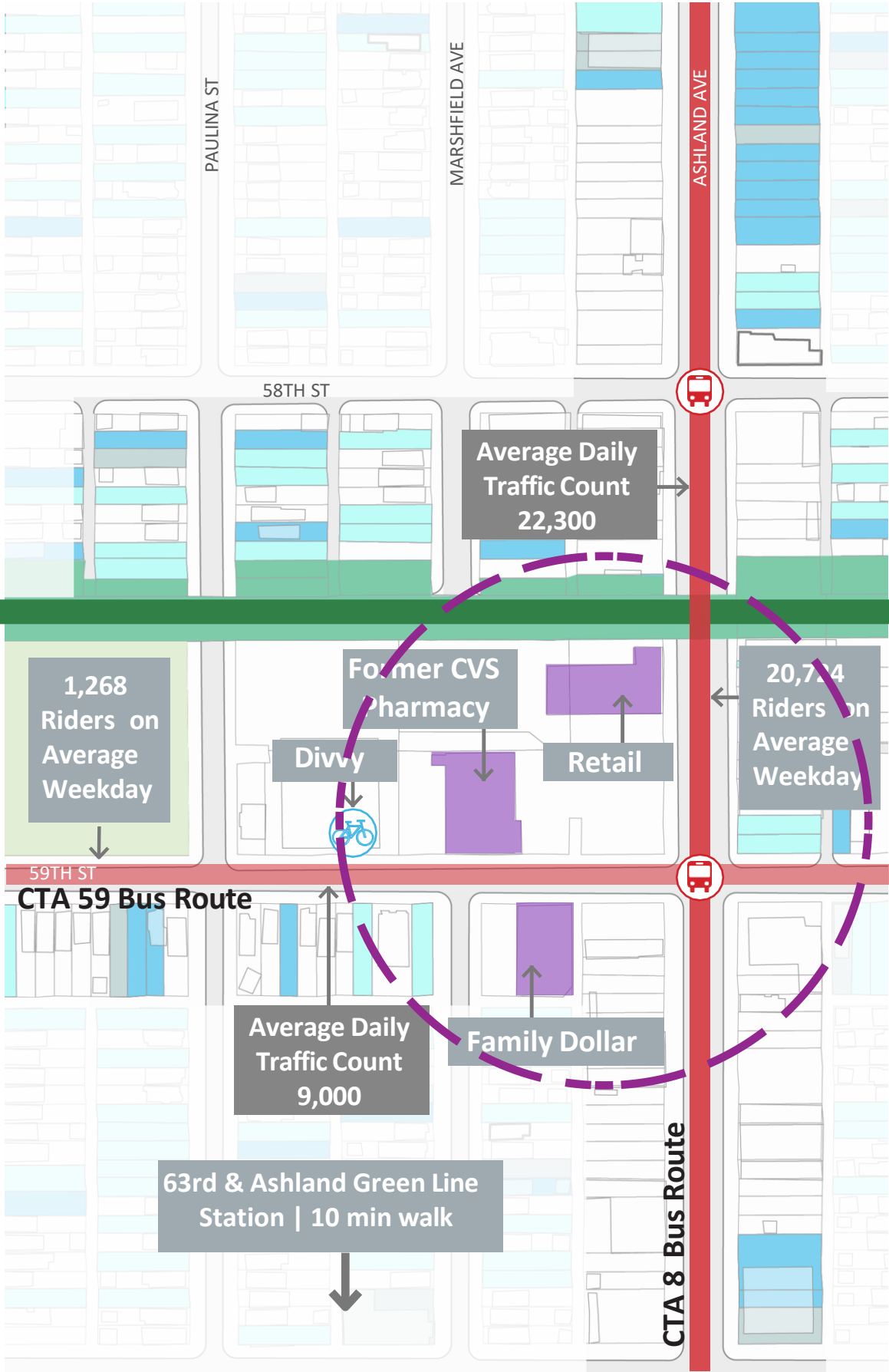
63rd & Ashland CTA Train Station



59th & Ashland CTA Bus Stop

- OPPORTUNITY AREA
- ELEVATED TRAIL TRAIL
- RIGHT OF WAY
- CITY OWNED LAND
- COOK COUNTY LAND BANK
- OTHER PUBLIC VACANT LAND

- PRIVATELY OWNED VACANT LAND
- PRIVATE ABANDONED BUILDINGS
- FOCUS BUILDINGS





# RACINE

Average Daily Traffic Count: 7,450



Moran Park



A | City Owned Land



Former Bontemps School



Bontemps Open Space



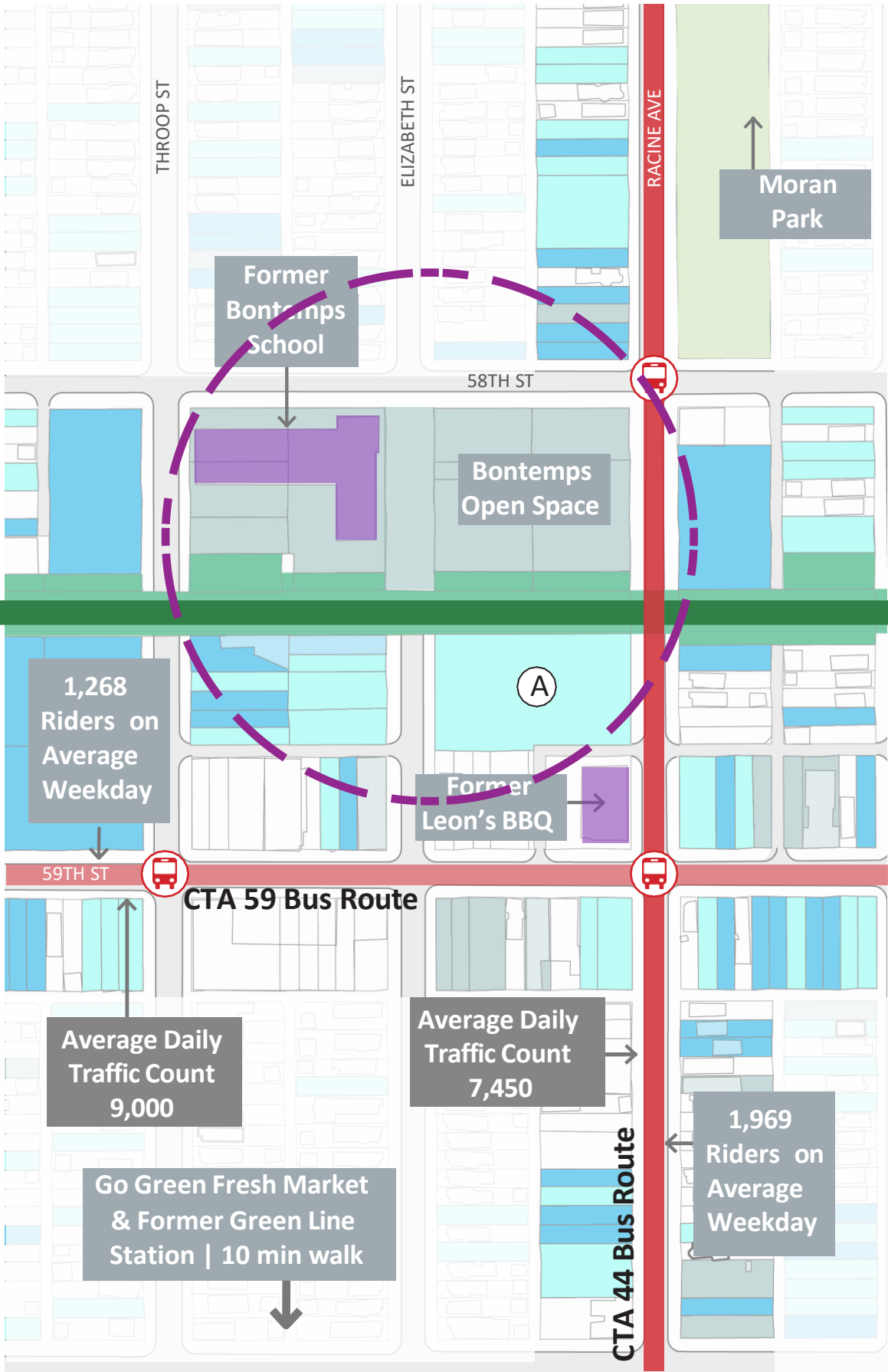
Go Green Community Fresh Market



Former Leon's BBQ

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# PARTY

PUBLIC ART REIMAGINING TOUR with YOU!

## WHAT IS THIS?

Summer-long sessions to see what permanent public art YOU want in your neighborhood!

3 phases. 3 Chi-town artist leads. Multiple pop-ups.

STARTING HERE IN 2022: ENGLEWOOD, AUSTIN, BRONZEVILLE, AUBURN-GRESHAM





# WHAT WE'VE HEARD WHAT WOULD YOU ADD...?

## WHAT ELSE COULD GUIDE FUTURE PUBLIC ART IN ENGLEWOOD?

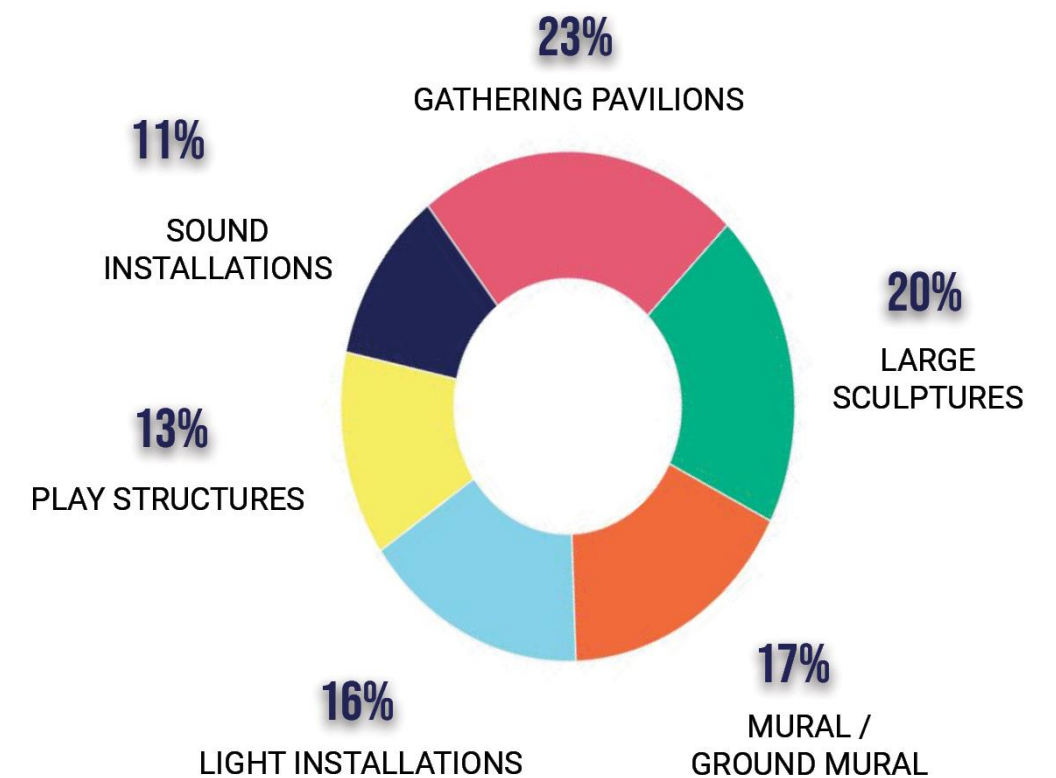
### I WANT PUBLIC ART TO BE ABOUT...

- People who live in the neighborhood
- Gathering spaces for youth and community
- Health and wellness
- History of Englewood and Ogden Park
- Passion, love, family, legacy, empowerment
- Nature, art, play
- People, food, agriculture
- Fashion in the middle of the street

### I WANT PUBLIC ART TO...

- Build of momentum at Go Green in Racine
- Activate with interactive art for youth near schools
- Create gathering spaces to highlight artists
- Beautify areas with existing businesses
- Heal our community
- Support art incubation and makers lab
- Reflect unity, respect and love

### PREFERRED FEATURES ABOUT NEW PUBLIC ART





What should be honored in Englewood?



For more information... [ISWPUBLICART.ORG](http://ISWPUBLICART.ORG)

What would you like public art to **do** for Englewood?  
And **where**?

name

e-mail / telephone



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4-¼-in x 5-½-in



# THE ENGLEWOOD TRAIL CORRIDOR

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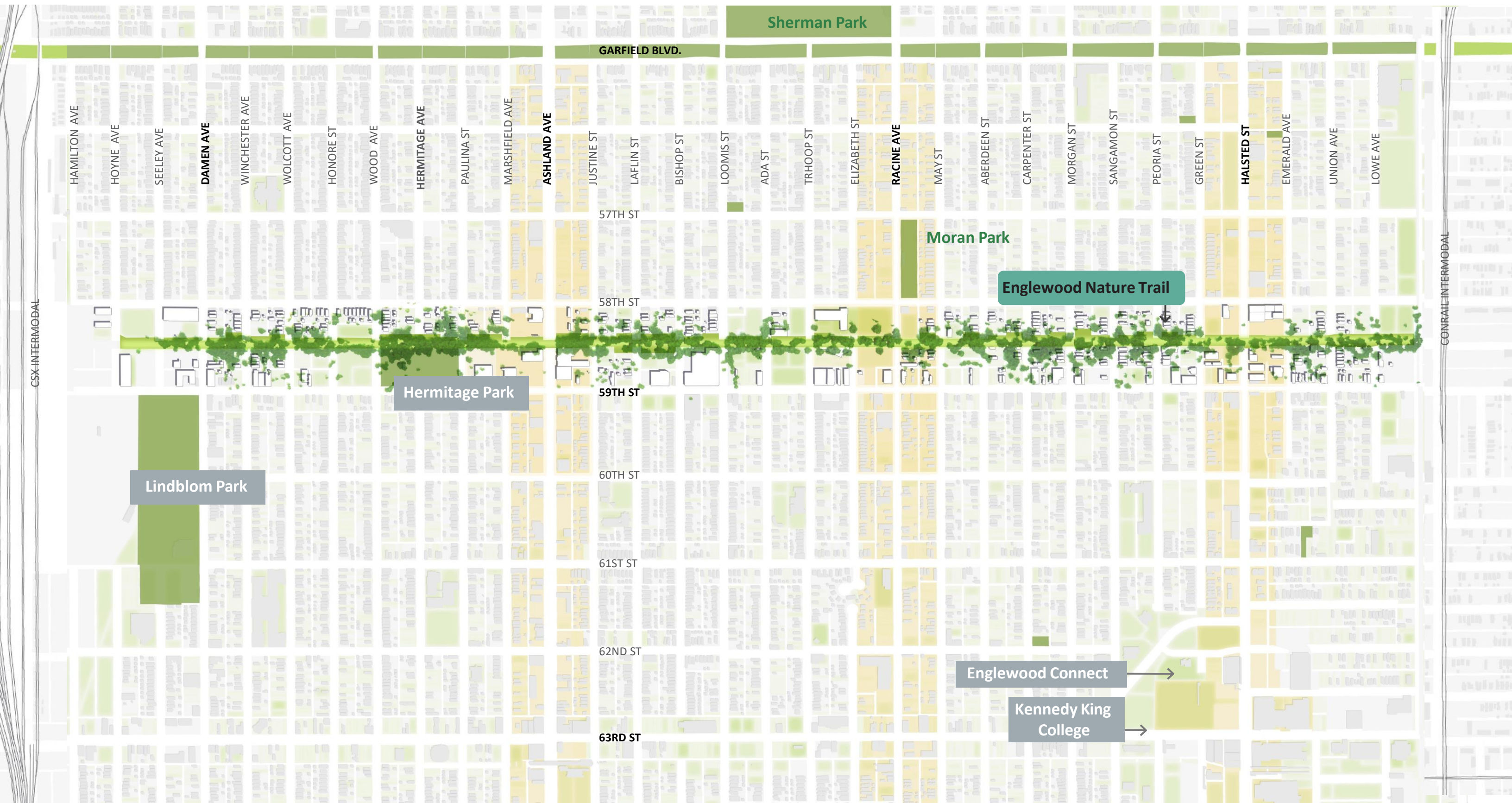


WHERE WOULD  
YOU START?





# EXISTING CONDITIONS





# ACCESS AND ENTRY POINTS

## PREVIOUS STUDIES





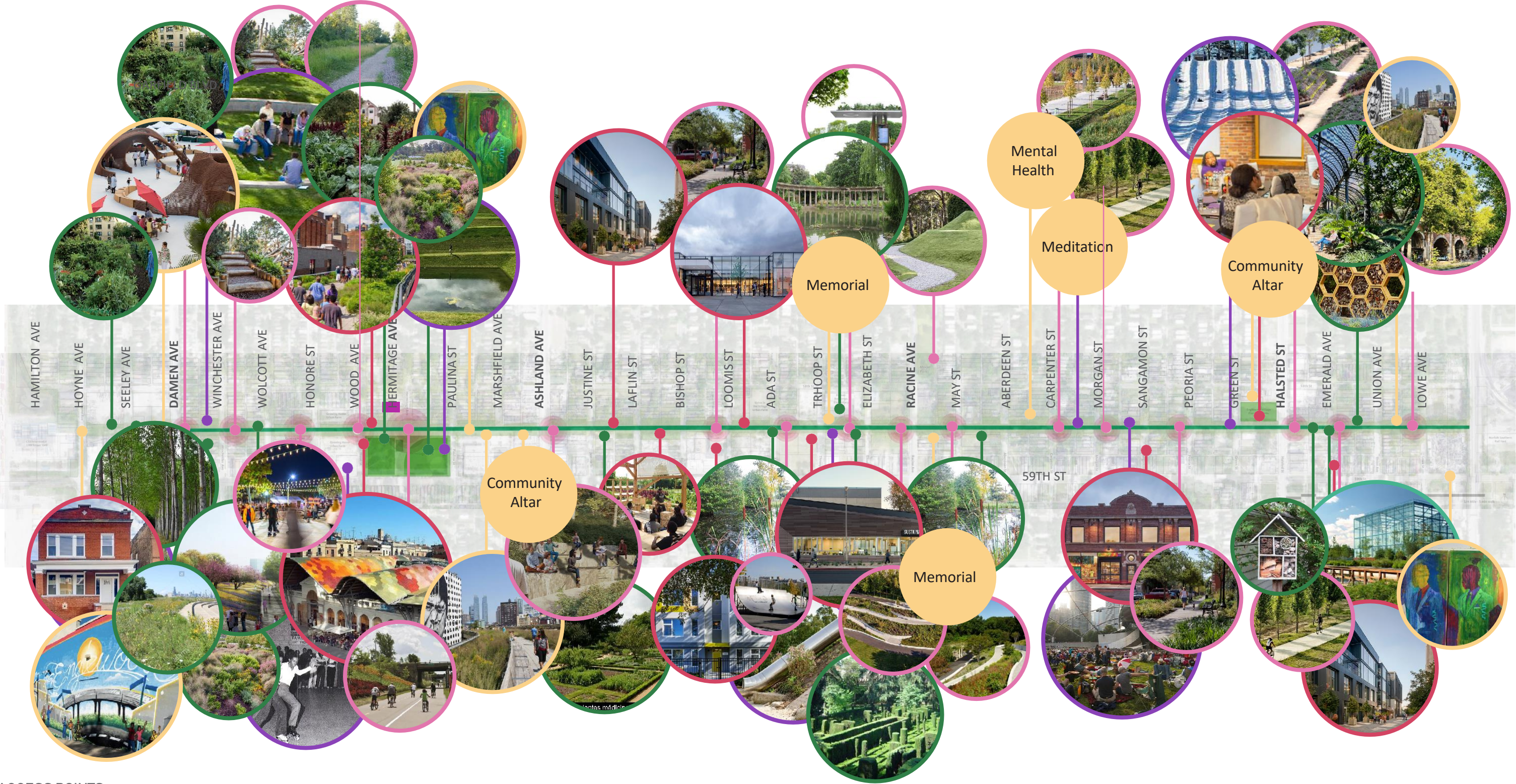
EXISTING CONDITIONS

# FIVE MAJOR NODES





# HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?

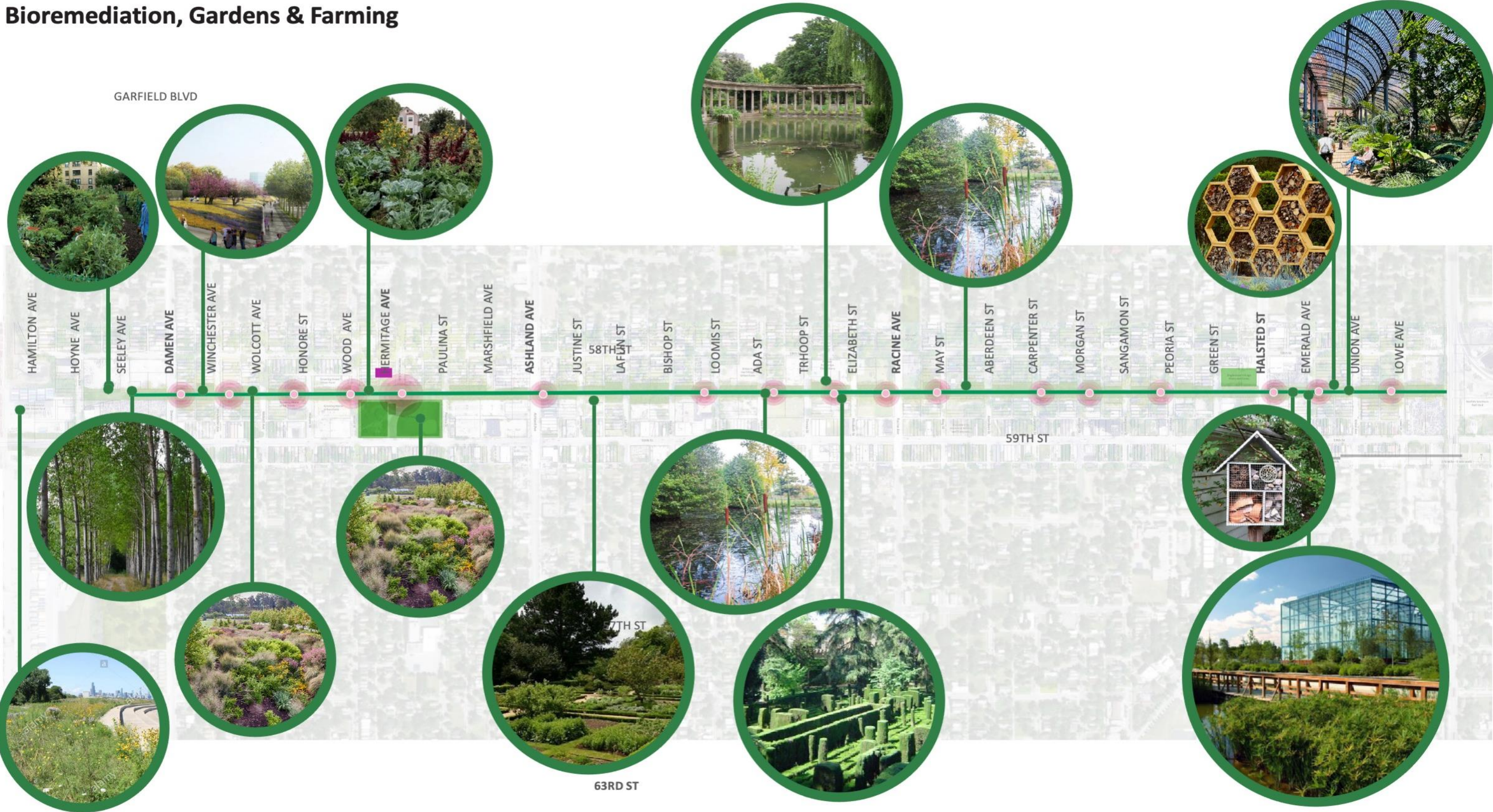


- ACCESS POINTS
- GATHERING & SOCIALIZING
- BIOREMEDIATION, GARDENS & FARMING
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVATION
- PUBLIC ART & MEMORIALS



# HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?

## Bioremediation, Gardens & Farming







## AgriCulture

*“Sub-Saharan Africa is notable for the unusual path it took into the agrarian era, much of it affected by the fact that it is the homeland of humanity itself.” – By David Baker, Adapted By Newsela*

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/big-history-project/agriculture-civilization/first-cities-appear/a/the-origin-of-agriculture-in-africa>

<https://www.enlargeyourparis.fr/artdevivre/un-week-end-100-jardins-a-versailles>



## We Don't Farm Because It's Trendy: For Black Folks, Growing Food Has Long Been a Form of Resistance

ASHLEY GRIPPER JUNE 11, 2020



Growers tend crops on a farm in North Philadelphia.

ENGLEWOOD, CHATHAM, AUBURN GRESHAM

## Black-Woman-Led Sistas In The Village Farm Bringing Fresh Food To Chicago's South Side

Co-founders Mecca Bey and Nyabweza "Bweza" Itaagi began planting their Englewood farm in May. The duo hope to provide a place for peace and healthy food options in the community.



Atavia Reed 8:25 AM CDT on Jun 29, 2022



Credit: Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago

Mecca Bey and Bweza Itaagi pose for a photo at Sistas in the Village's urban farm, 5800 S. Ada St., in Englewood on June 17, 2022.

## Farming is a Political Act

*"We are in a moment where Black and Brown people are ready to reclaim our right to belong to the Earth and ready to reclaim our place and agency in the food system." – Leah Penniman*

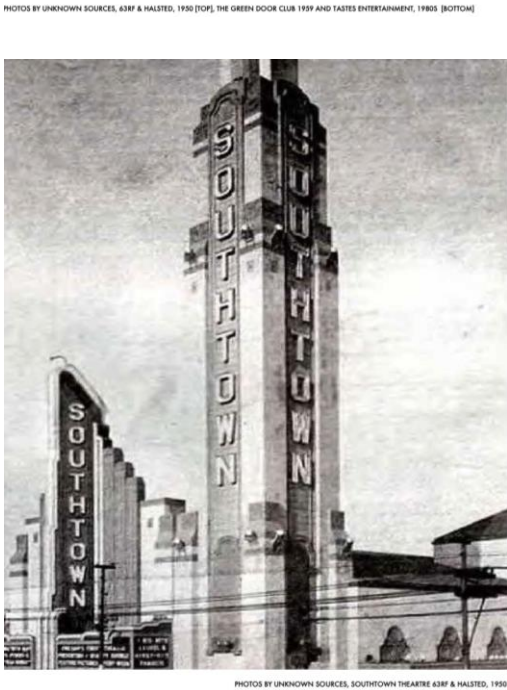
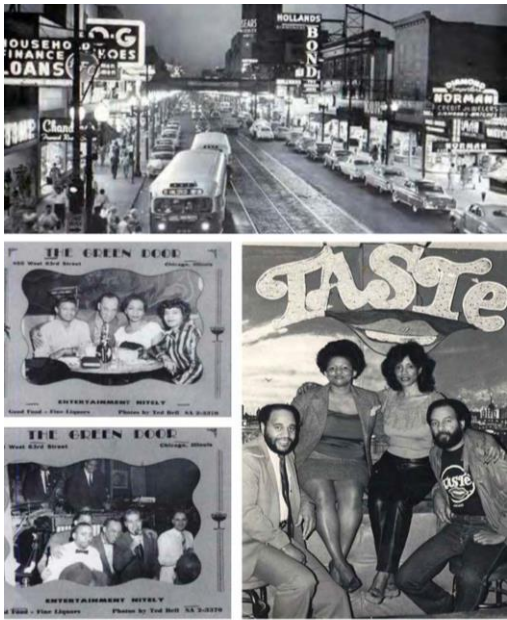
Sod House of a sharecropper, (19184.129.b, Althia Hart Collection, OHS).



# Growing Back

## How we grew

SANDBORN MAPS 1926  
Diamantina Sanchez





# Growing Back

## Where we grow

Rock . Concrete . Wood . Water. Polluted soil . Imported Soil . Existing Soil



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lithophyte#/media/File:RajaAmpatNep13.jpg>  
<https://liftrightconcrete.com/how-plants-cause-concrete-sidewalk-cracking%E2%80%8B/>  
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<https://news.wttw.com/2022/04/01/englewood-nature-trail-among-green-infrastructure-projects-chicago-has-slated-funding>



# Growing Back

## How we grow

On the tree . Wall . Slopes . Steps . Ground . Over water . Under the water . Under the ground . Inside



<https://www.thrillist.com/travel/chicago/apple-picking-near-chicago>  
<https://lesjardinsdici.com/2018/01/31/the-regeneration-of-the-potager-du-roi/>  
<https://jardinsalangaaise.wordpress.com/2013/11/18/le-potager-du-roi-versailles/>  
<https://www.escapadaturat.cat/blog/caldes-de-montbui-un-pueblo-de-temperatura/>  
<https://www.britannica.com/plant/water-lily>  
<https://thesurvivaluniversity.com/survival-tips/wilderness-survival-tips/all-about-wild-plants/wild-plant-index/cattails/>  
<https://sokodirectory.com/2021/10/irish-potatoes-prices-continue-fluctuating-even-as-demand-steadily-picks/>  
<https://m.farms.com/growing-pumpkins.aspx>  
<https://foodtank.com/news/2013/10/growing-home-inc/>  
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# Growing Back

## What we do

Prepare . Plant . Care . Harvest . Share . Transform . Share . Recycle



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JePH5NUFsp8>  
<https://foodtank.com/news/2016/01/planting-the-seed-cultivating-the-next-generation-of-farmers/>  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farmer>  
<https://farmshare.theecologycenter.org/products/harvest-box>  
<https://www.fao.org/3/cb4474en/online/cb4474en.html>  
<https://thisismold.com/process/materials/transforming-food-waste-into-textiles-with-agraloop>  
<https://www.4tify.co/blog/from-fruit-to-fabrics-part-2>



# PRIORITY NODES

HERMITAGE PARK

BONTEMPS

HALSTED





# 63<sup>rd</sup> STREET CORRIDOR

Over **\$70M** in City-supported Investment

ENGLEWOOD CONNECT - \$15M

THRIVE ENGLEWOOD - \$29M

E.G WOODE, PHASE II - \$5.6M

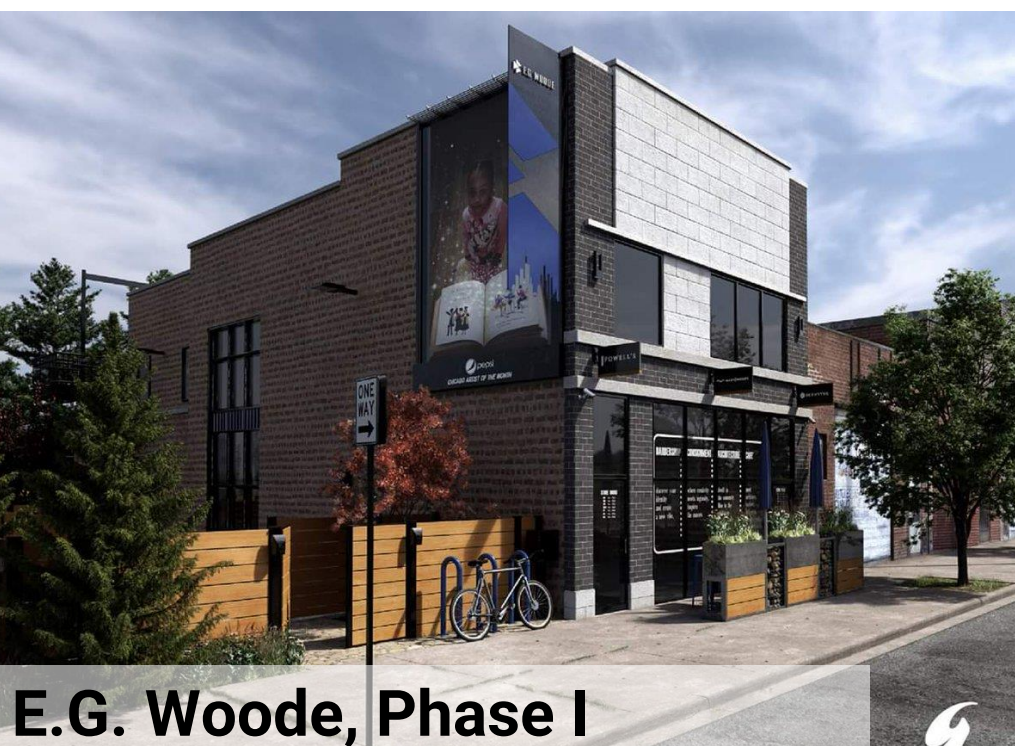
E.G WOODE, PHASE I - \$1M

THE REGENERATOR - \$20M

GO GREEN FRESH MARKET- \$5M  
POP! – \$500K



Englewood Connect





# THE HERMITAGE PARK NODE

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# HERMITAGE AND ASHLAND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Growing Home Farm

City Owned



Playground



Existing Farm: Growing Home

Hermitage Park

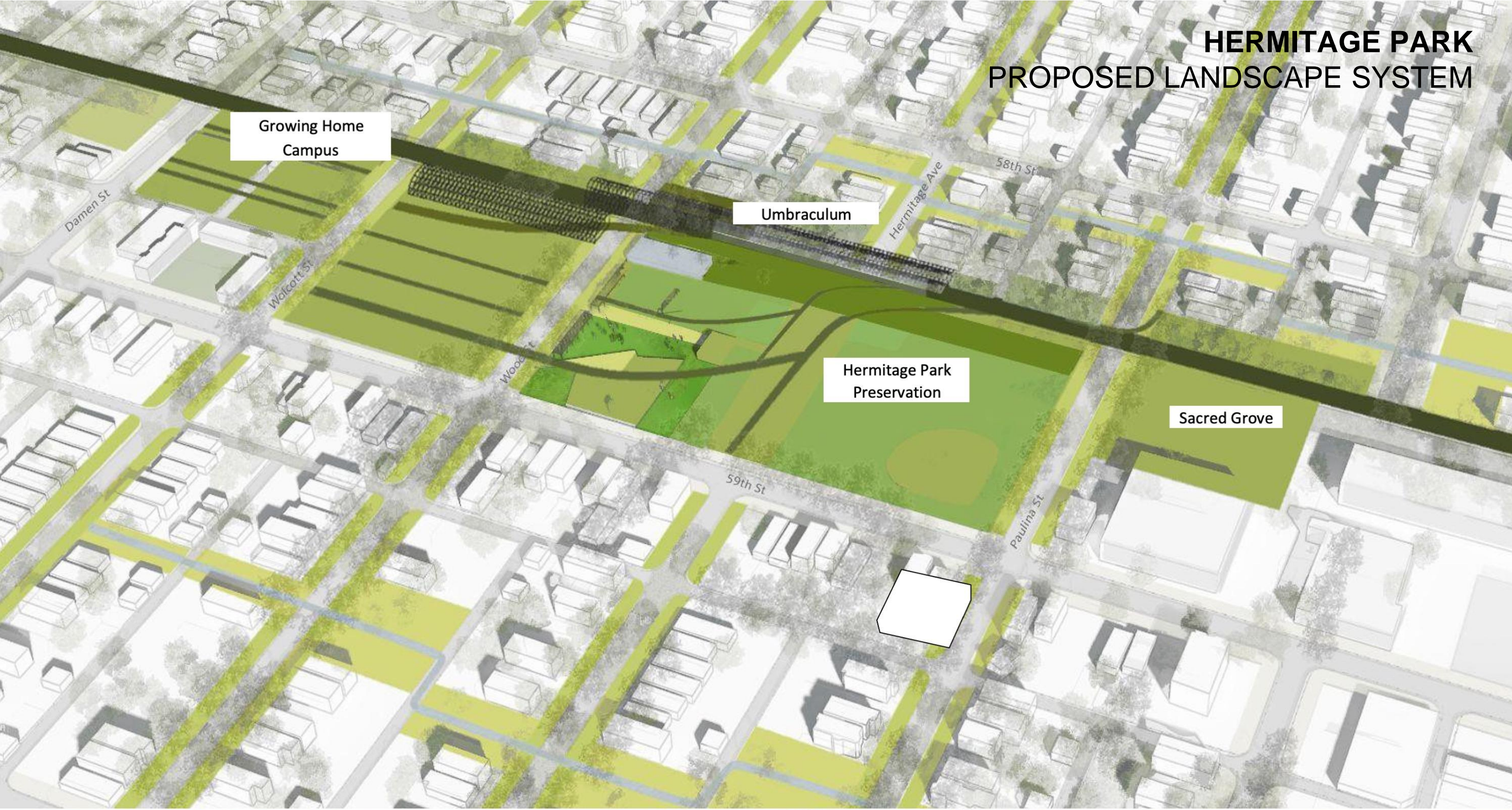


Vacant Building

- ENGLEWOOD TRAIL
- CURRENT FARM
- CITY OWNED LAND
- OTHER VACANT PARCELS

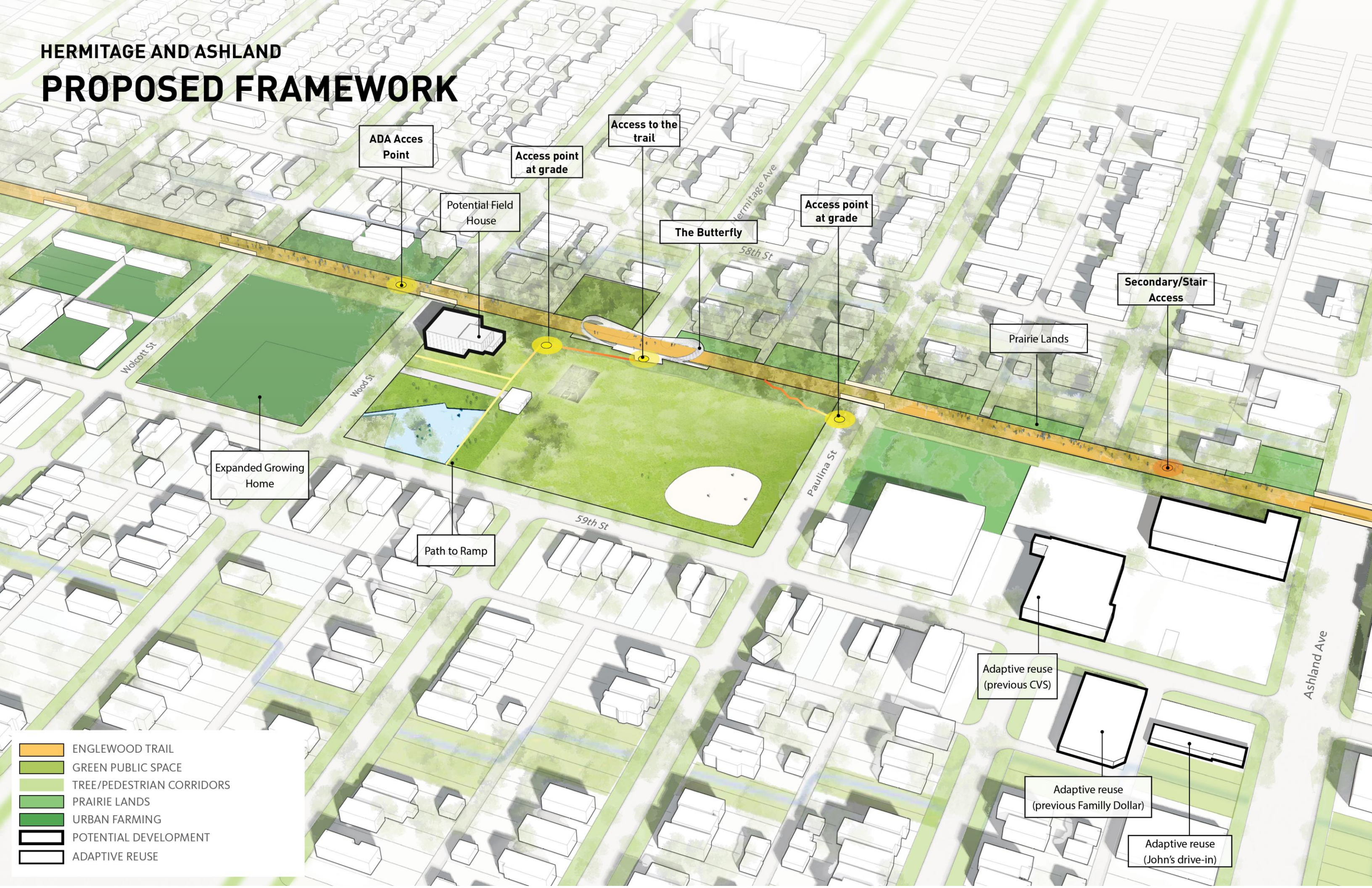


**HERMITAGE PARK  
PROPOSED LANDSCAPE SYSTEM**





# HERMITAGE AND ASHLAND PROPOSED FRAMEWORK





HERMITAGE AND ASHLAND

EXISTING VIEW FROM HERMITAGE PARK





HERMITAGE AND ASHLAND  
VIEW FROM HERMITAGE PARK





HERMITAGE AND ASHLAND  
ON THE TRAIL AT HERMITAGE PARK





**HERMITAGE PARK NODE**  
**EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TRIAL LOOKING WEST**





# HERMITAGE PARK NODE

## PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TRIAL LOOKING WEST



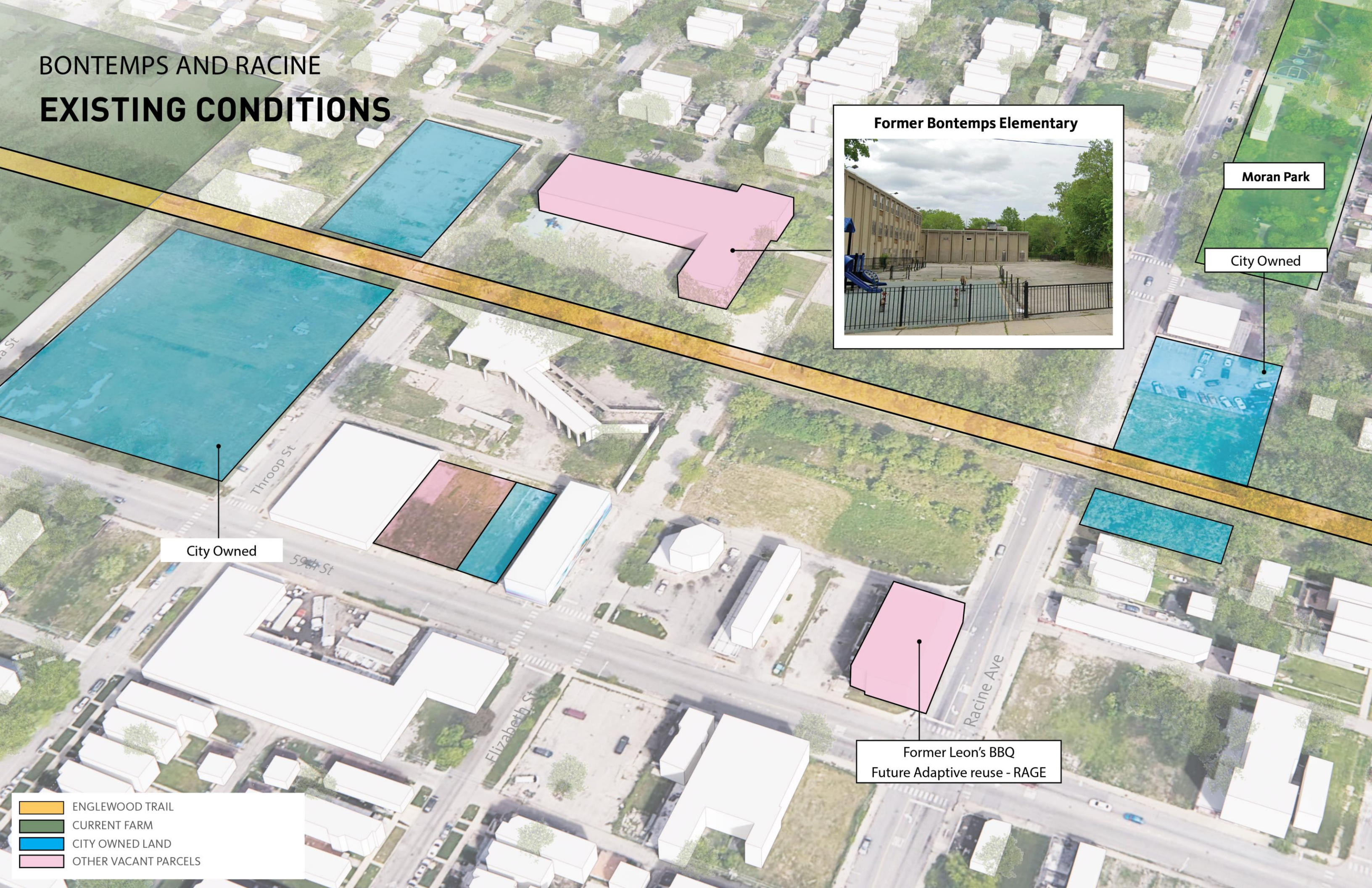


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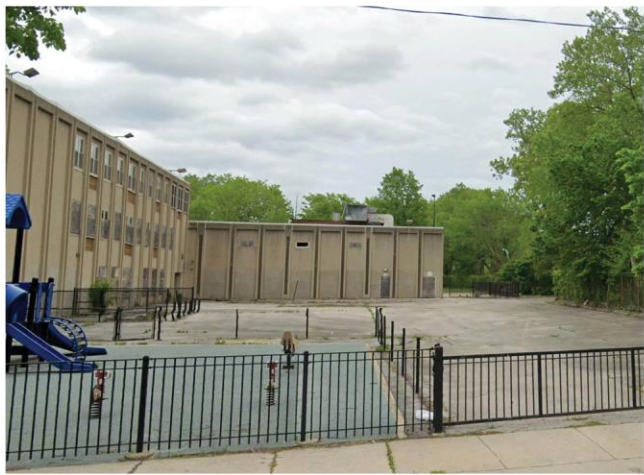
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# BONTEMPS AND RACINE EXISTING CONDITIONS



Former Bontemps Elementary



Moran Park

City Owned

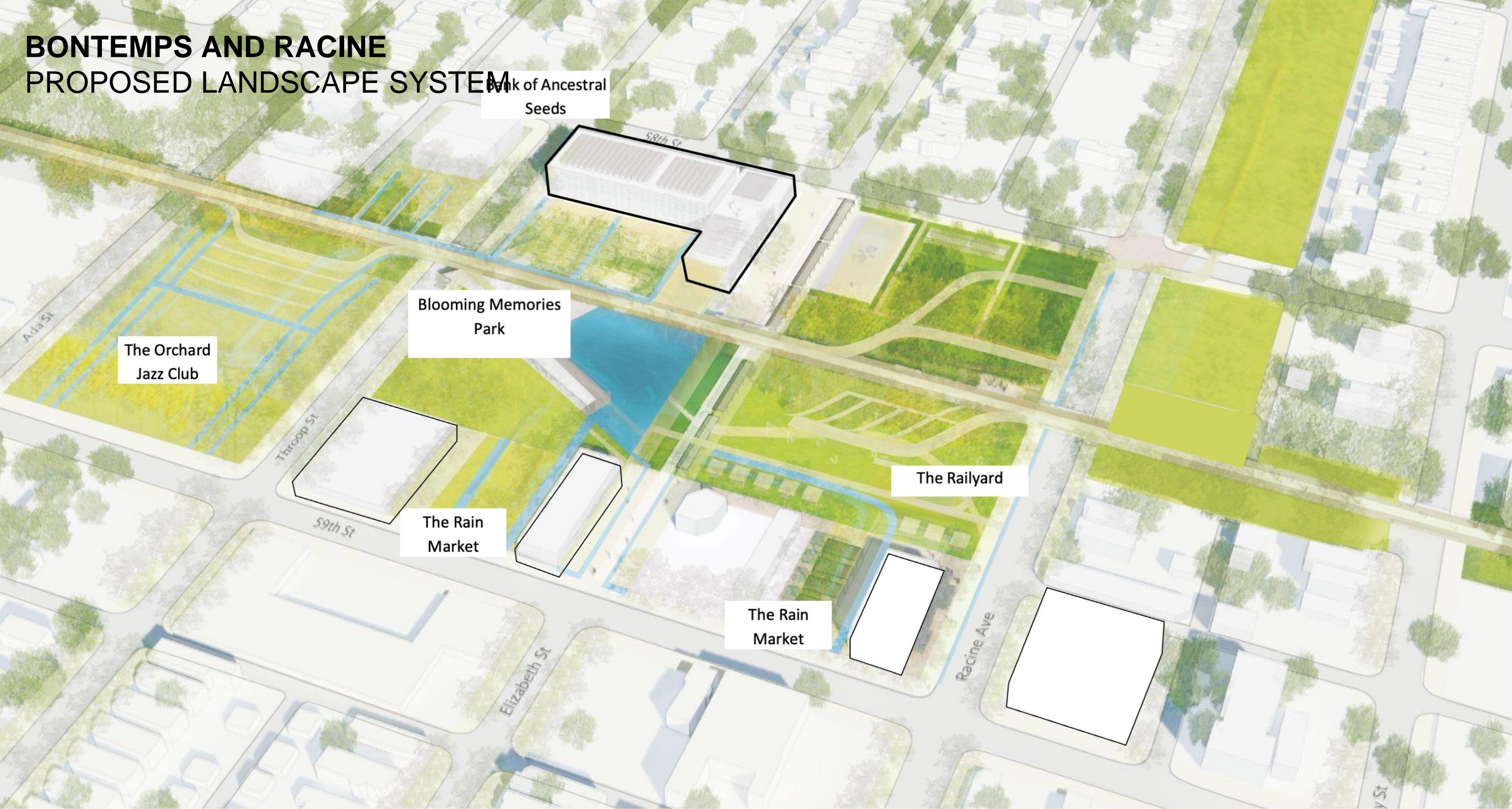
City Owned

Former Leon's BBQ  
Future Adaptive reuse - RAGE

- ENGLEWOOD TRAIL
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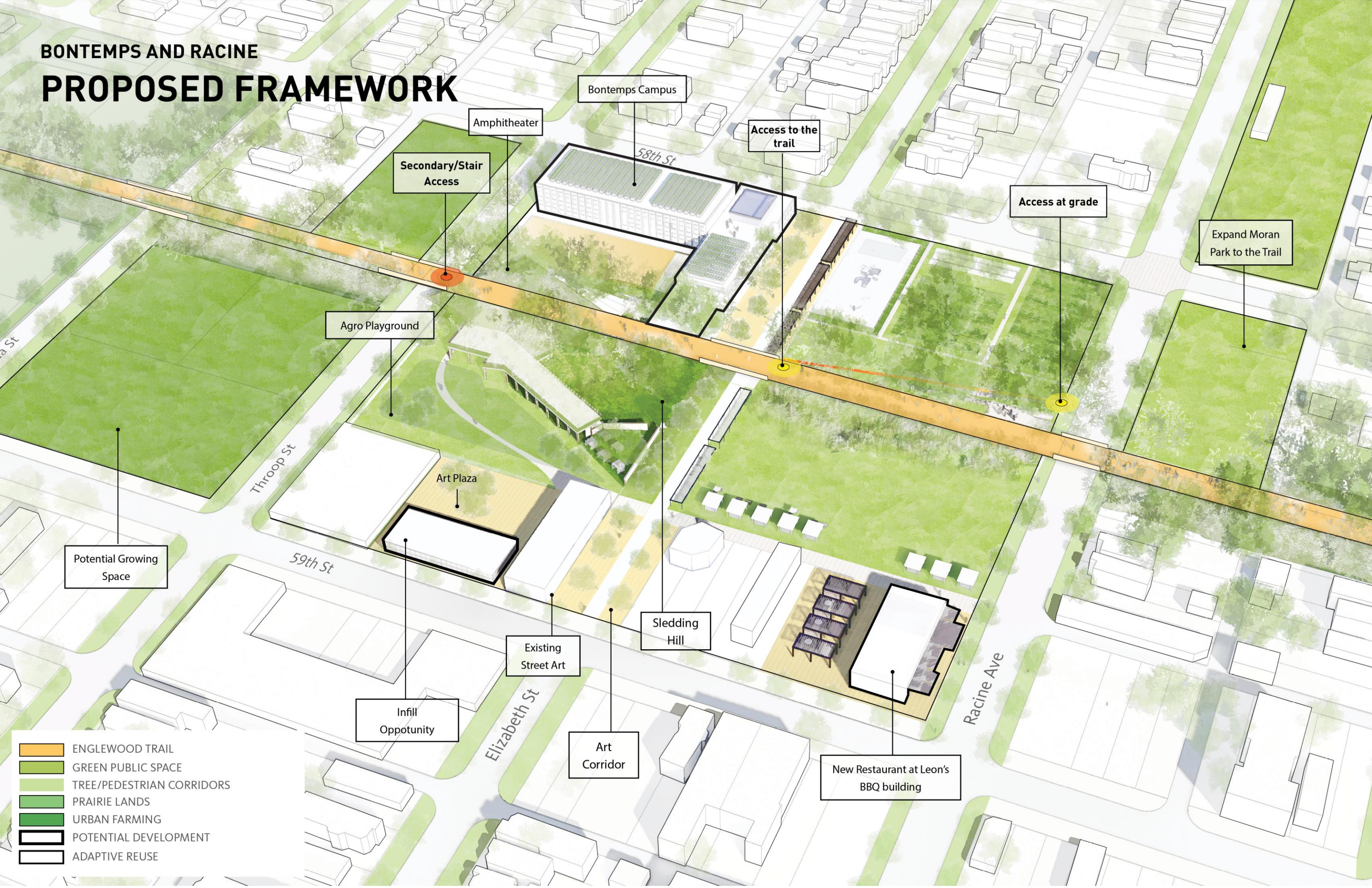


# BONTEMPS AND RACINE PROPOSED LANDSCAPE SYSTEM





BONTEMPS AND RACINE  
PROPOSED FRAMEWORK



- ENGLEWOOD TRAIL
- GREEN PUBLIC SPACE
- TREE/PEDESTRIAN CORRIDORS
- PRAIRIE LANDS
- URBAN FARMING
- POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
- ADAPTIVE REUSE



BONTEMPS AND RACINE

EXISTING VIEW OF BONTEMPS FROM THROOP ST.





BONTEMPS AND RACINE  
ADAPTIVE REUSE OF BONTEMPS SCHOOL FROM THROOP ST.





BONTEMPS AND RACINE

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# BONTEMPS AND RACINE

## EXISTING VIEW FROM 59<sup>TH</sup> AND ELIZABETH STREET LOOKING WEST



ELIZABETH  
BEFORE



# BONTEMPS AND RACINE PROPOSED VIEW FROM 59<sup>TH</sup> STREET LOOKING WEST



ELIZABETH  
AFTER



# BONTEMPS AND RACINE

## EXISTING VIEW FROM 59<sup>TH</sup> AND THROOP STREET LOOKING WEST



THROOP  
BEFORE



# BONTEMPS AND RACINE PROPOSED VIEW FROM 59<sup>TH</sup> AND THROOP STREET LOOKING WEST



**THROOP  
AFTER**

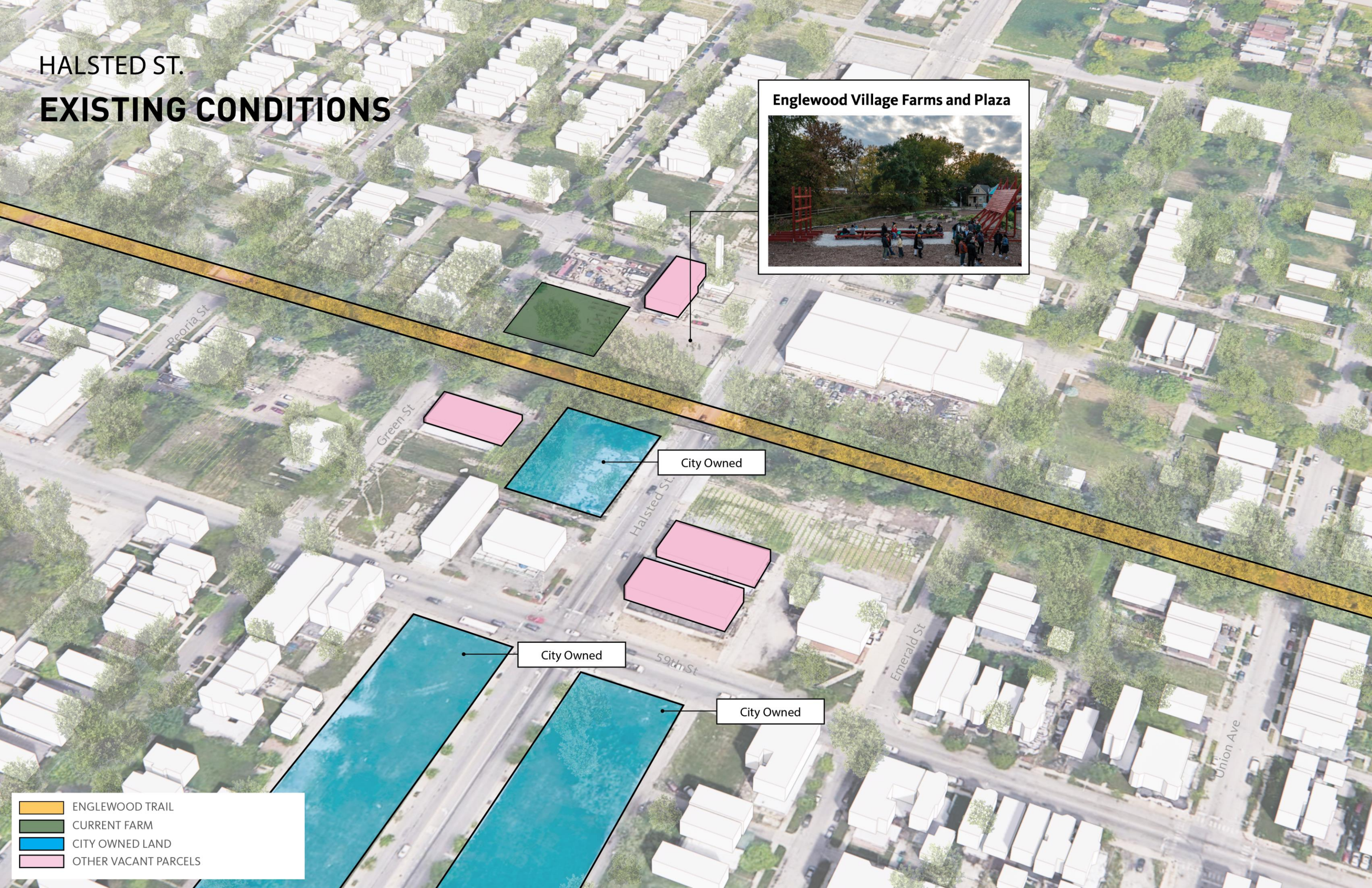


# THE HALSTED NODE

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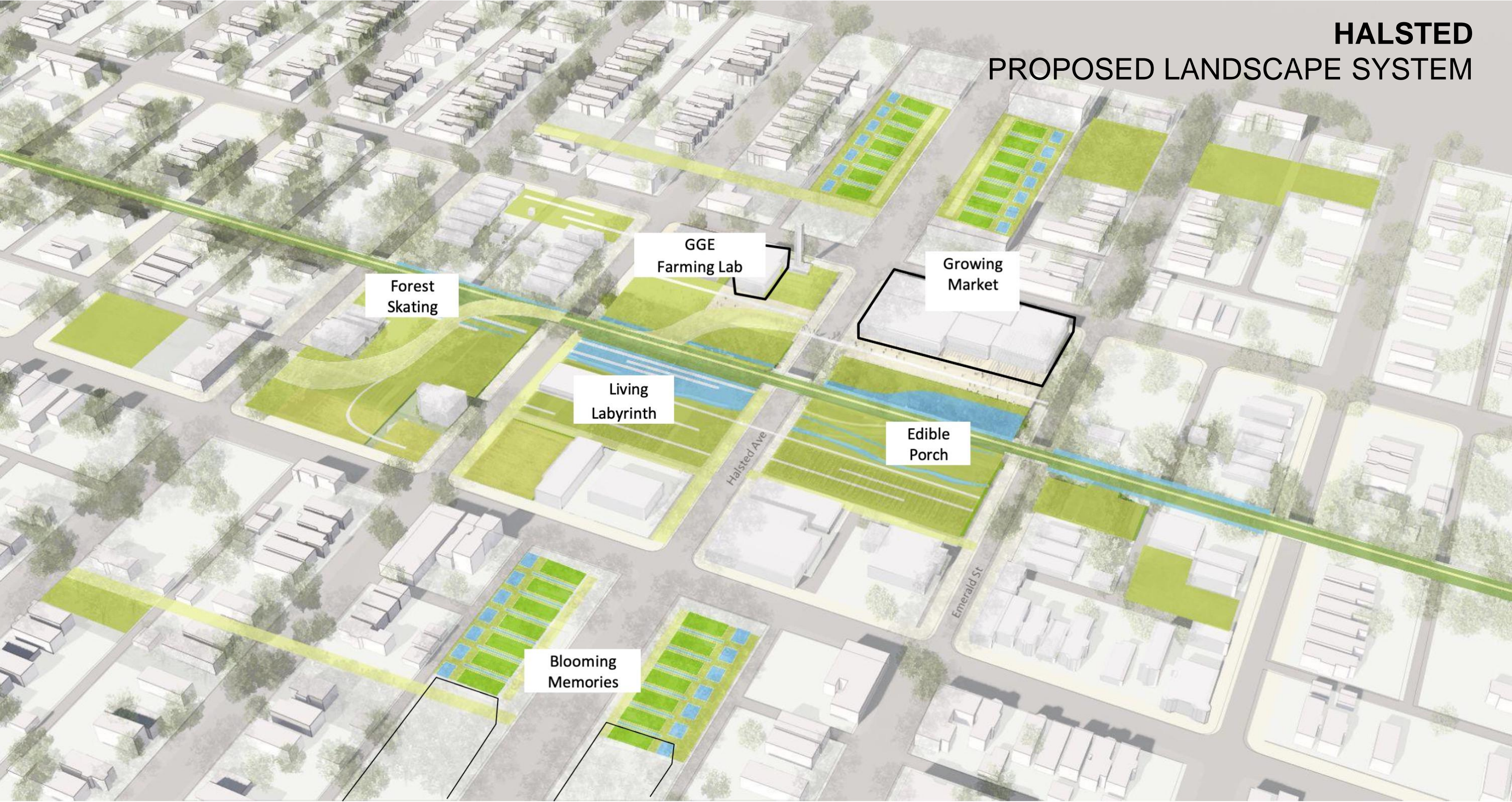
HALSTED ST.  
EXISTING CONDITIONS



	ENGLEWOOD TRAIL
	CURRENT FARM
	CITY OWNED LAND
	OTHER VACANT PARCELS

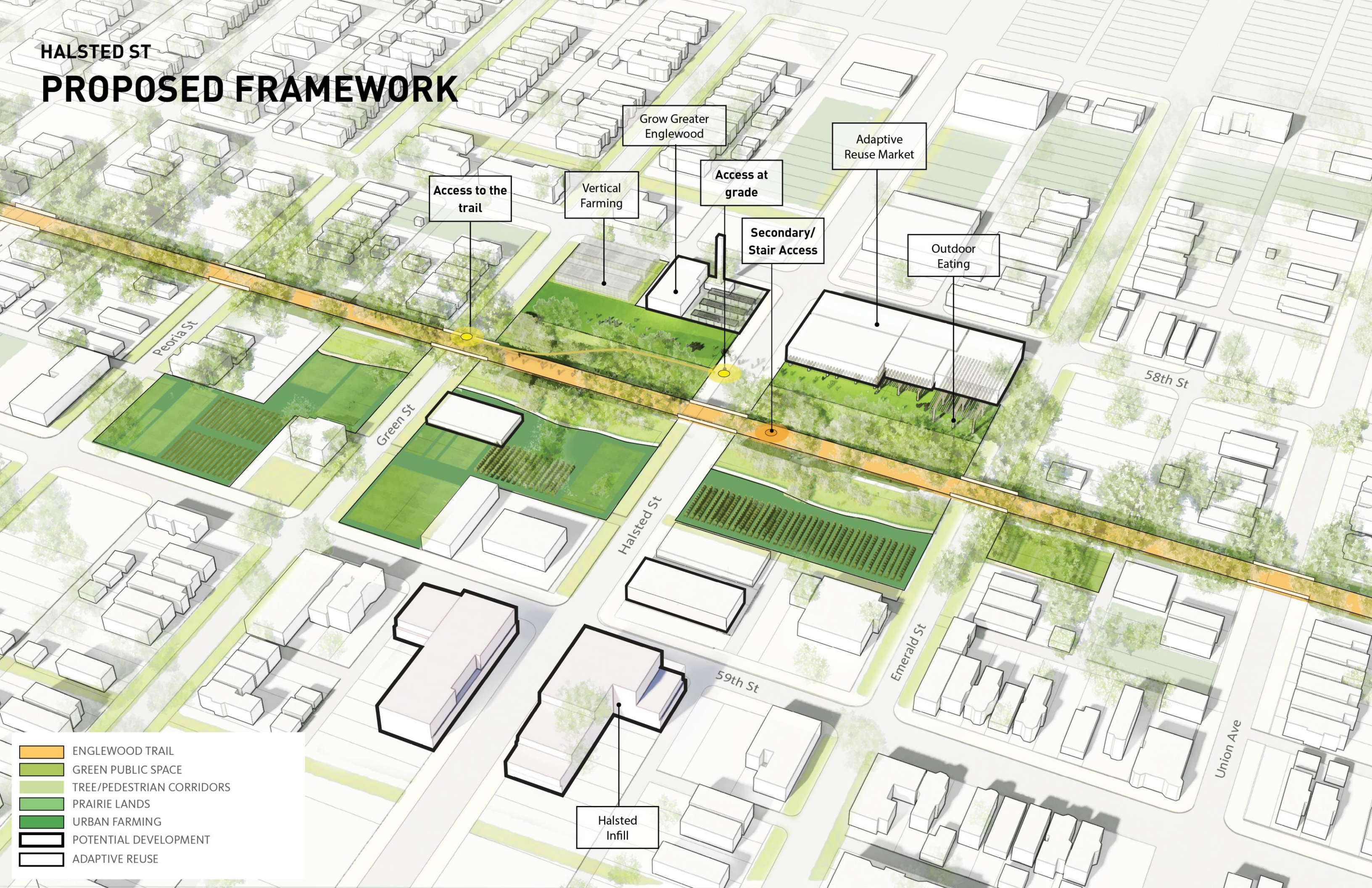


**HALSTED**  
**PROPOSED LANDSCAPE SYSTEM**





HALSTED ST  
**PROPOSED FRAMEWORK**



- Access to the trail
  - Vertical Farming
  - Grow Greater Englewood
  - Access at grade
  - Secondary/Stair Access
  - Adaptive Reuse Market
  - Outdoor Eating
  - Peoria St
  - Green St
  - Halsted St
  - 58th St
  - 59th St
  - Emerald St
  - Union Ave
  - Halsted Infill
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# HALSETED EXISTING VIEW FROM HASLTED STREET LOOKING WEST



HALSTED  
BEFORE



# HALSETED

## PROPOSED VIEW FROM HASLTED STREET LOOKING WEST



**HALSTED  
AFTER**



# THE ENGLEWOOD NATURE TRAIL



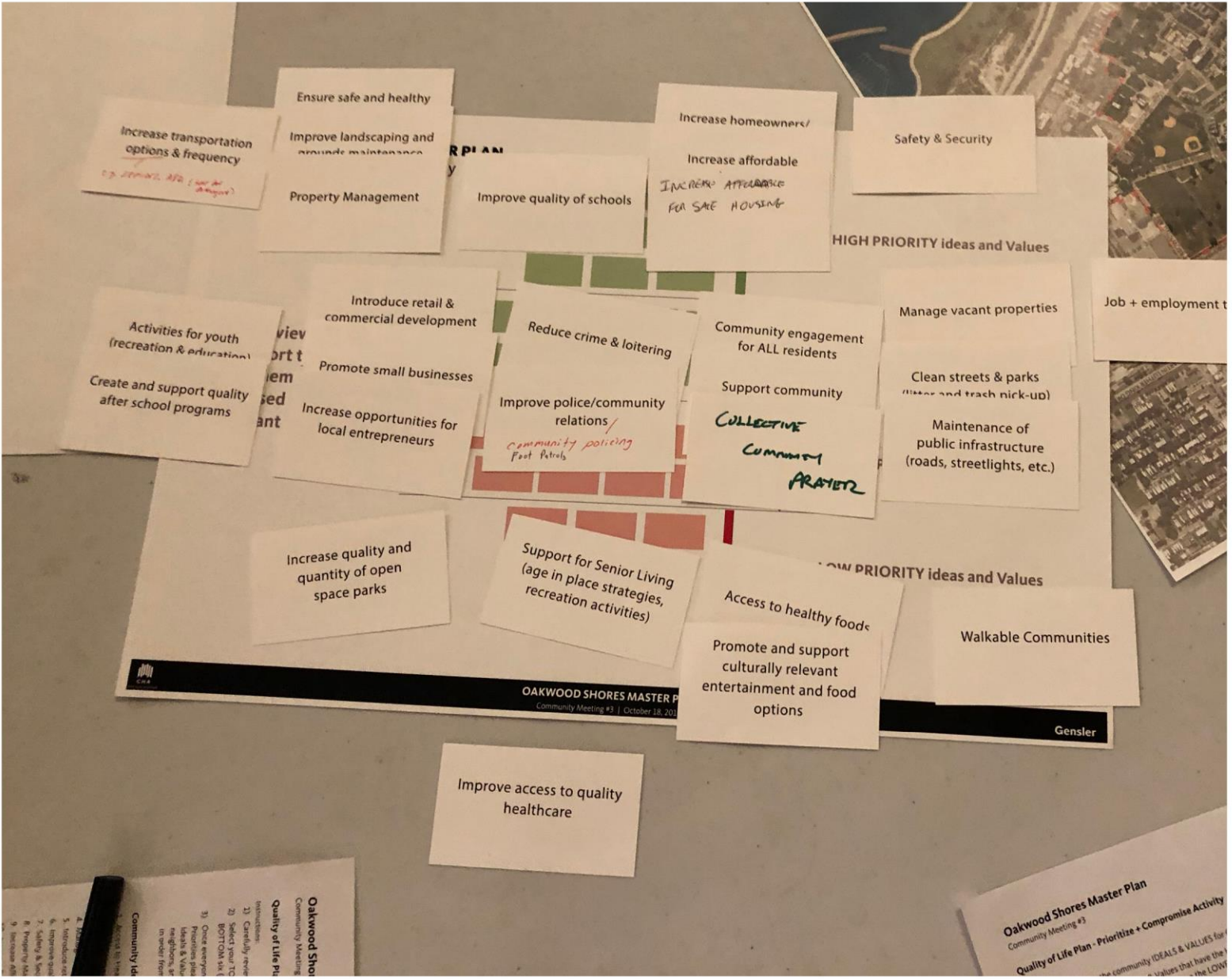


# PRIORITIZE AND COMPROMISE

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# PRIORITIZE + COMPROMISE





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2. Create landscapes for nature and people		
3. Create a strategy for reuse of existing buildings (e.g. Bontemps school)		
4. Create fruit and nut orchards that are accessible to the neighborhood		
5. Clean land with environmental contamination.		
6. Create spaces for play and recreation		
7. Envision land and buildings for 21st Century food manufacturing and distribution		
8. Encourage retail and commercial development		
9. Encourage Homeowner Rehab Development		
10. Affordable housing		
11. Encourage Legacy Ownership for Black residents		
12. Provide convenient access points for people of all ages and abilities		
13. Promote Englewood wealth-based initiatives for local ownership.		
14. Employment opportunities and long term economic security		

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18. Englewood as a center for Green Infrastructure		
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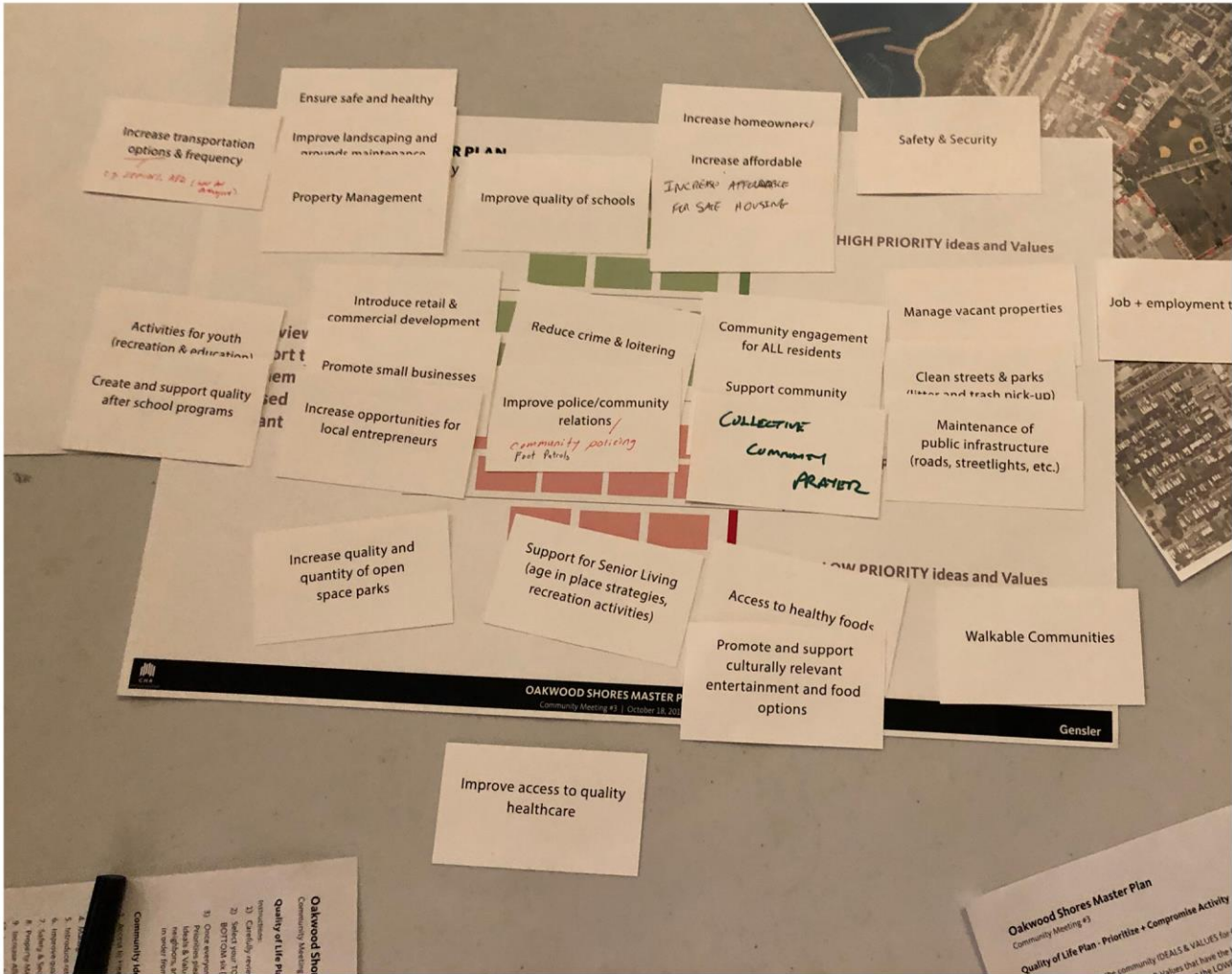


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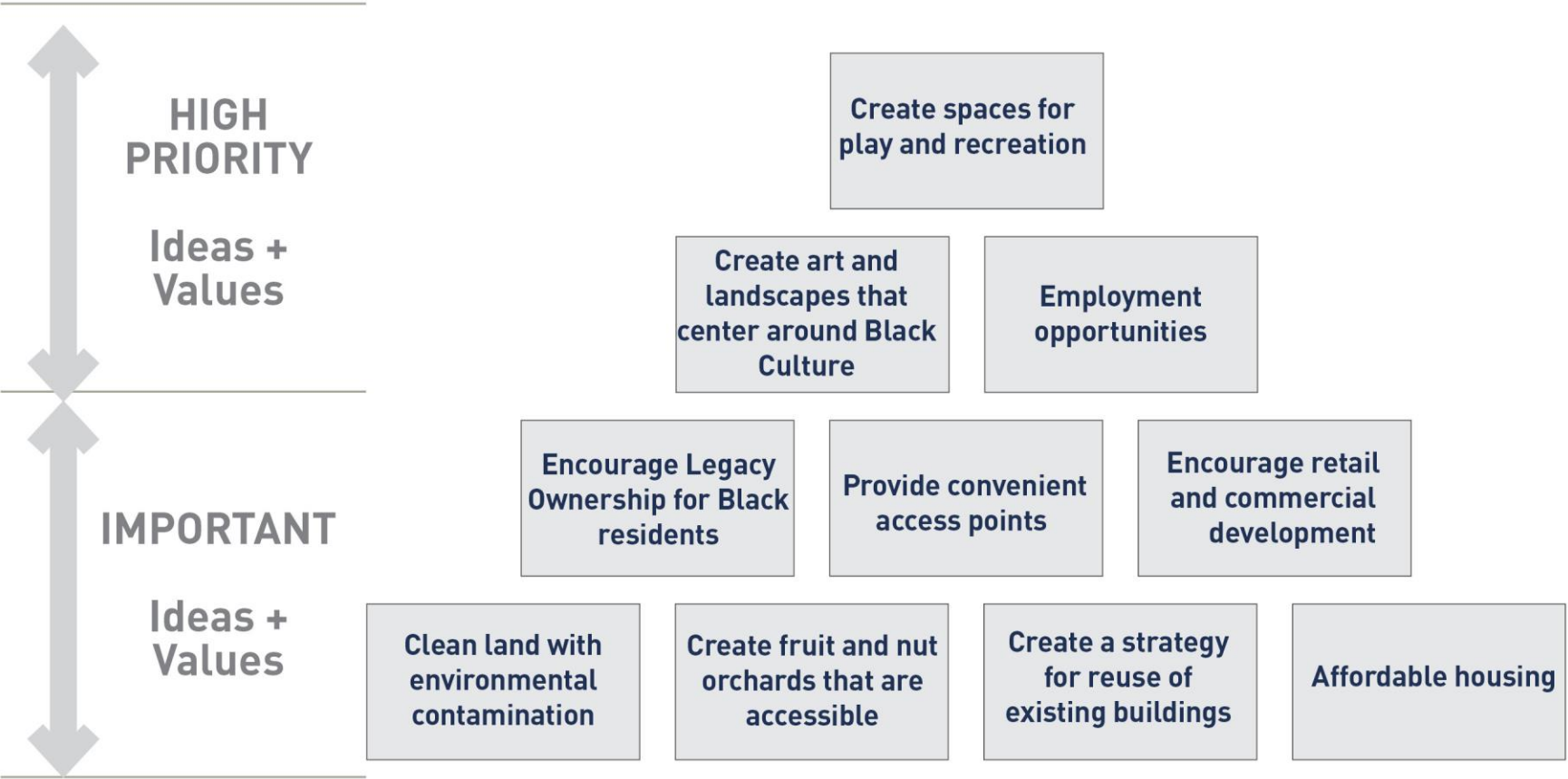
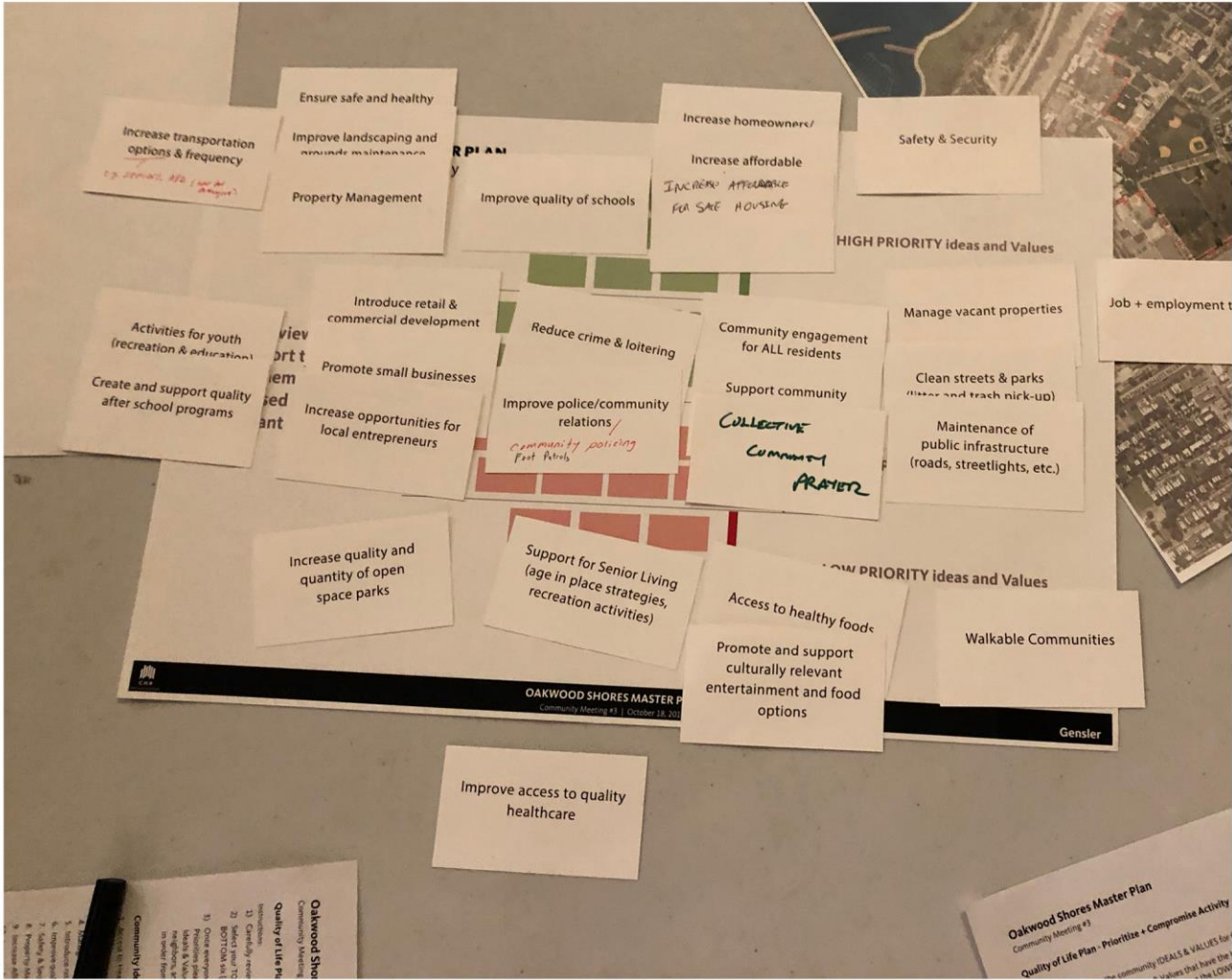


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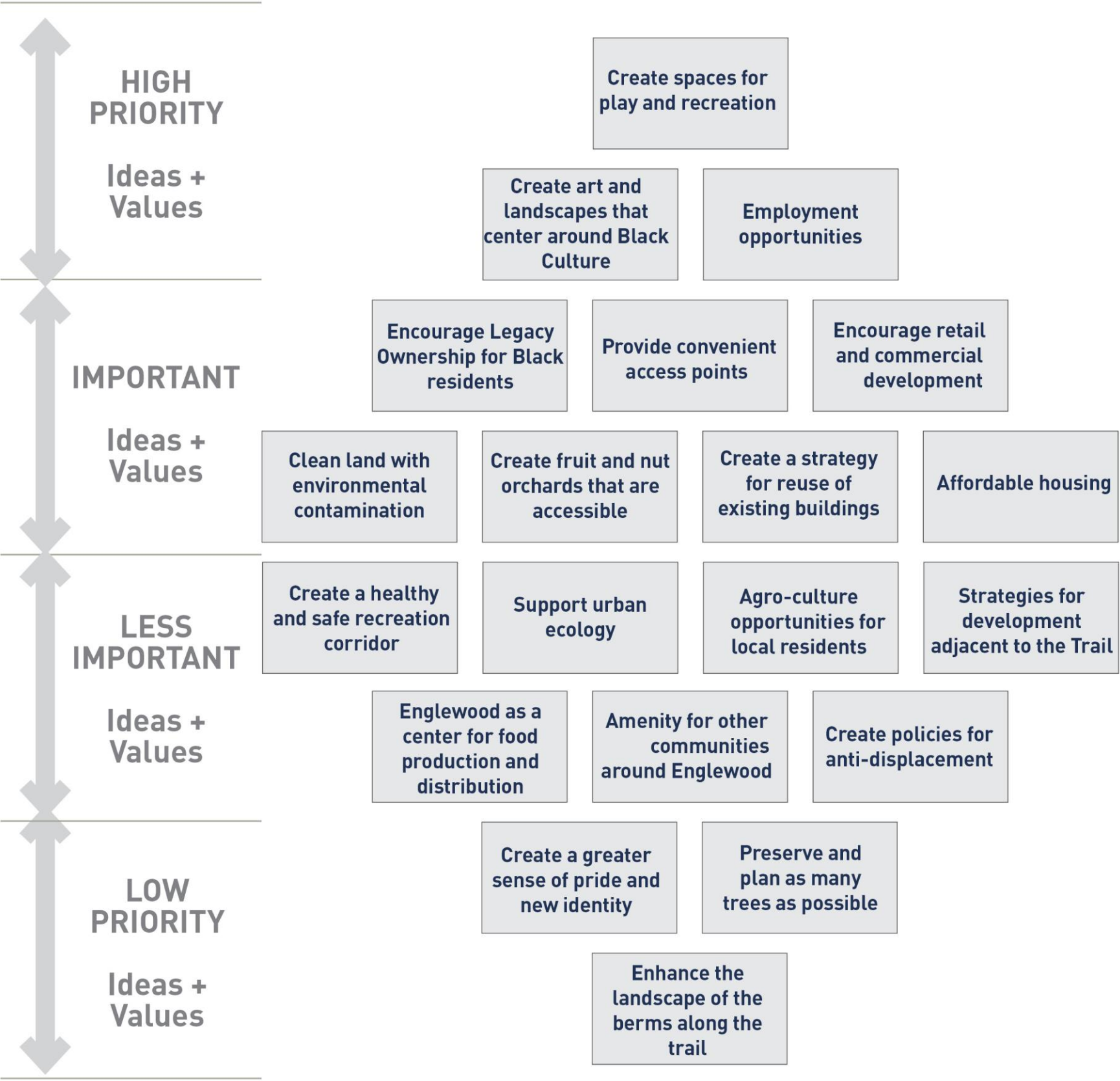
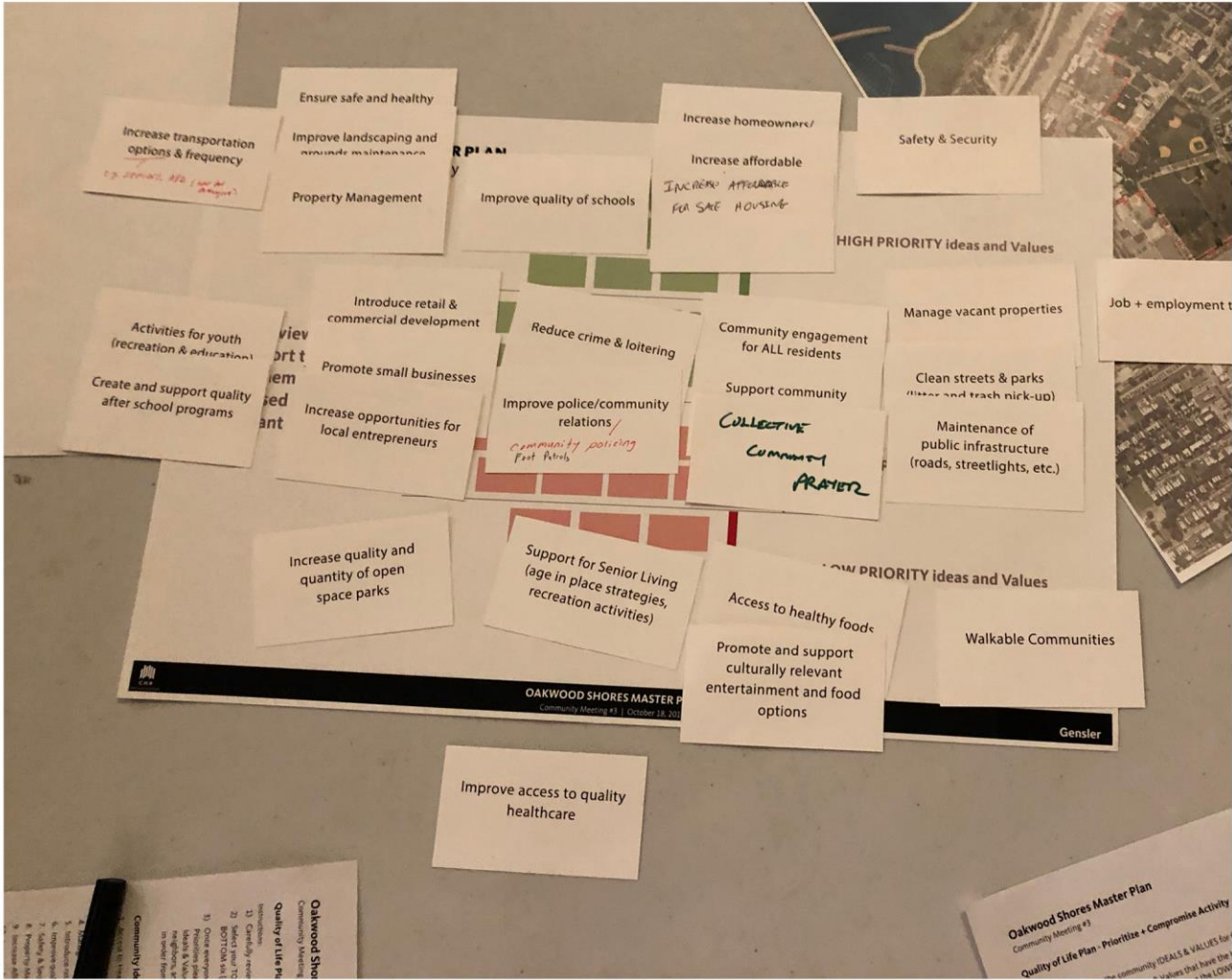


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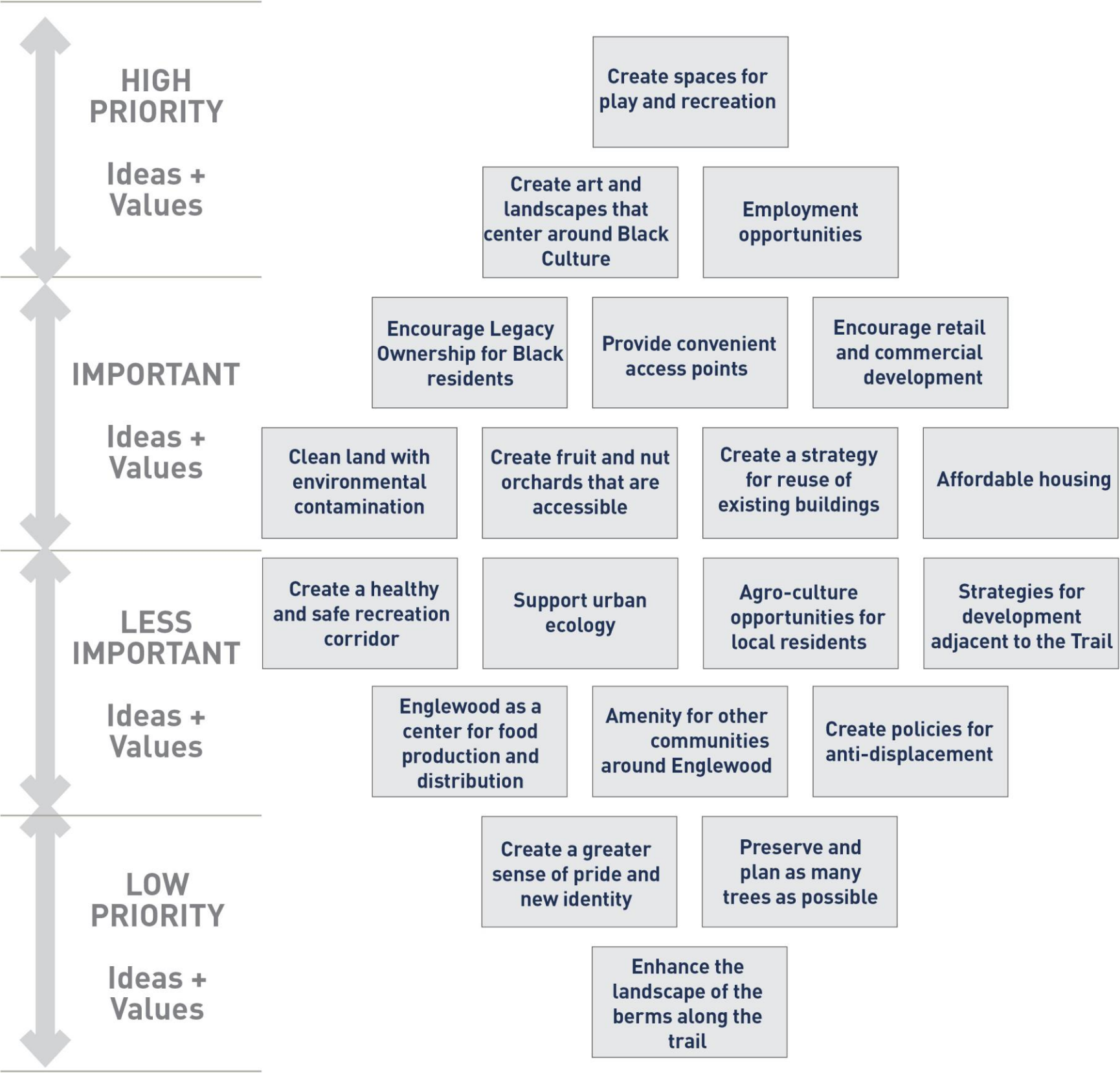


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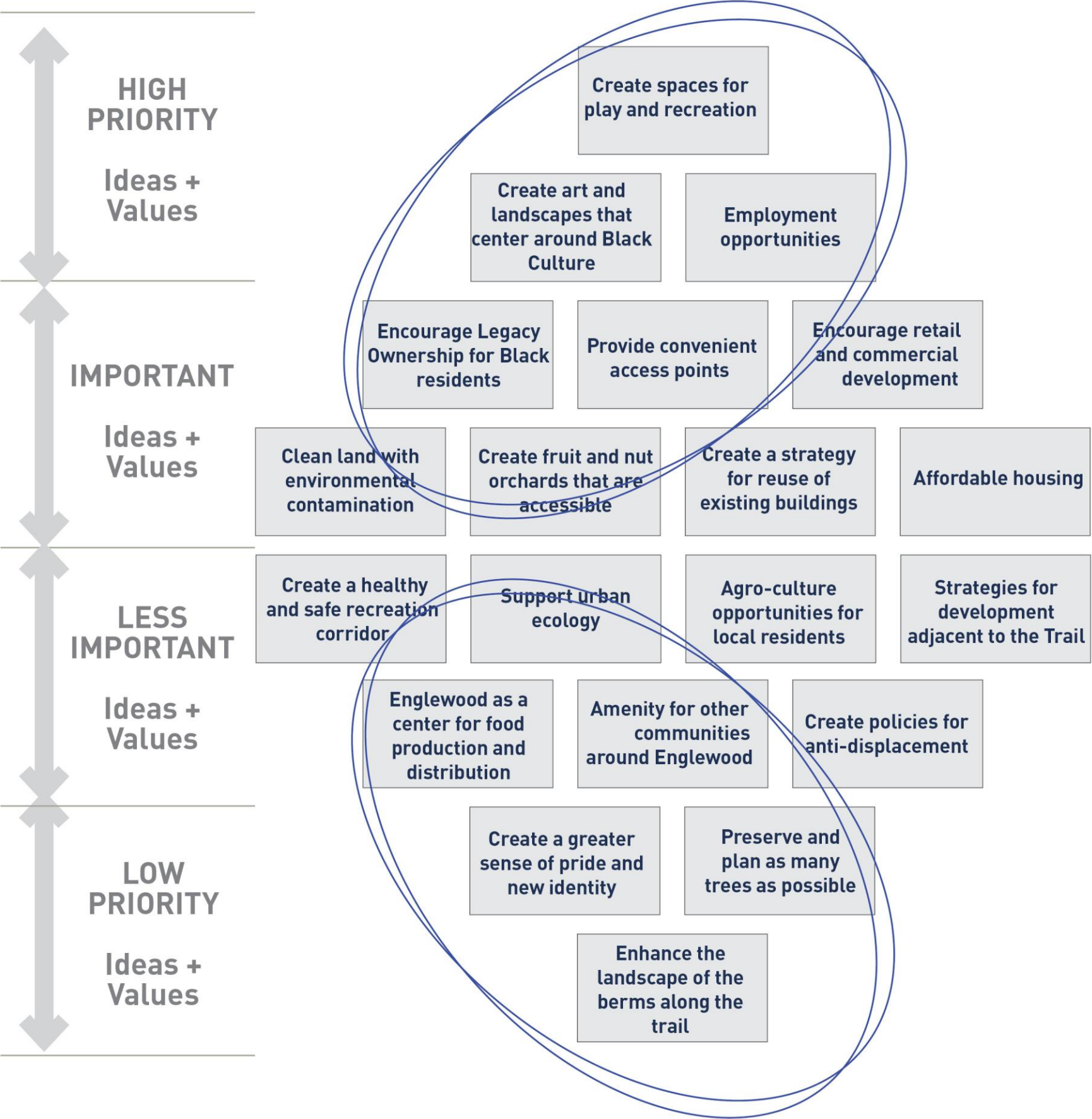


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# STAY CONNECTED

**CONNECT WITH  
GROW GREATER ENGLEWOOD**

[www.growgreater.org](http://www.growgreater.org)

[connect@growgreater.org](mailto:connect@growgreater.org)

**CONNECT WITH  
THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/englewood-trail>



# JOIN OUR FINAL EVENTS!

MEETING **#5**

OCTOBER  
2022

DESIGN  
CHARETTE

MEETING **#6**

OCTOBER  
2022

FINAL PRESENTATION