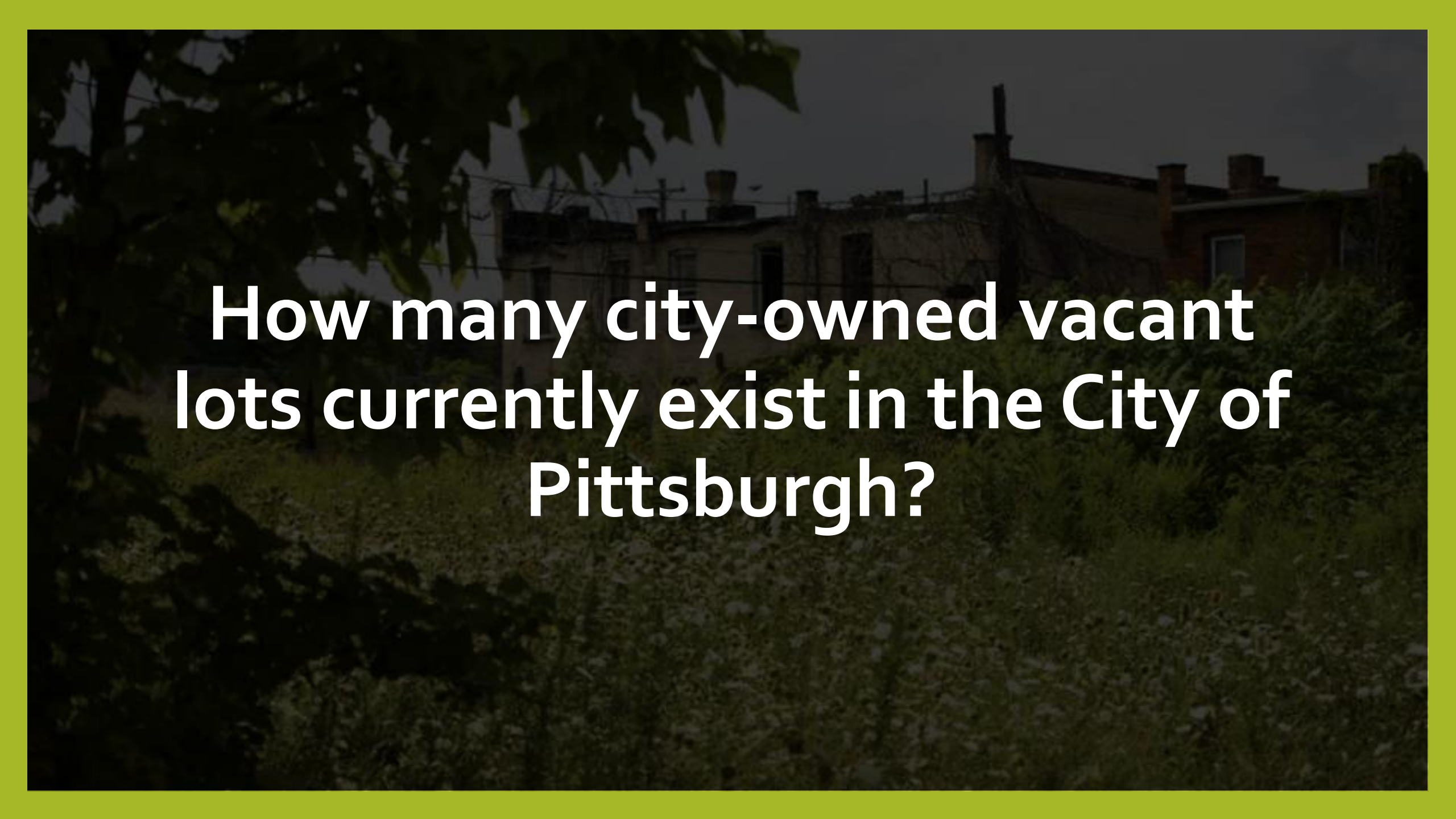




Planning Pittsburgh's Greenways

Hill CDC
March 4, 2026



How many city-owned vacant lots currently exist in the City of Pittsburgh?

Project Origins

- Vacant property in Pittsburgh:
 - 10,000 city-owned vacant parcels studied in this project
 - “hold for study”
 - 3,000 are proposed as greenway
- Existing landslide hazard risk
- Interdepartmental collaboration
- Trust for Public Land Park Equity Accelerator



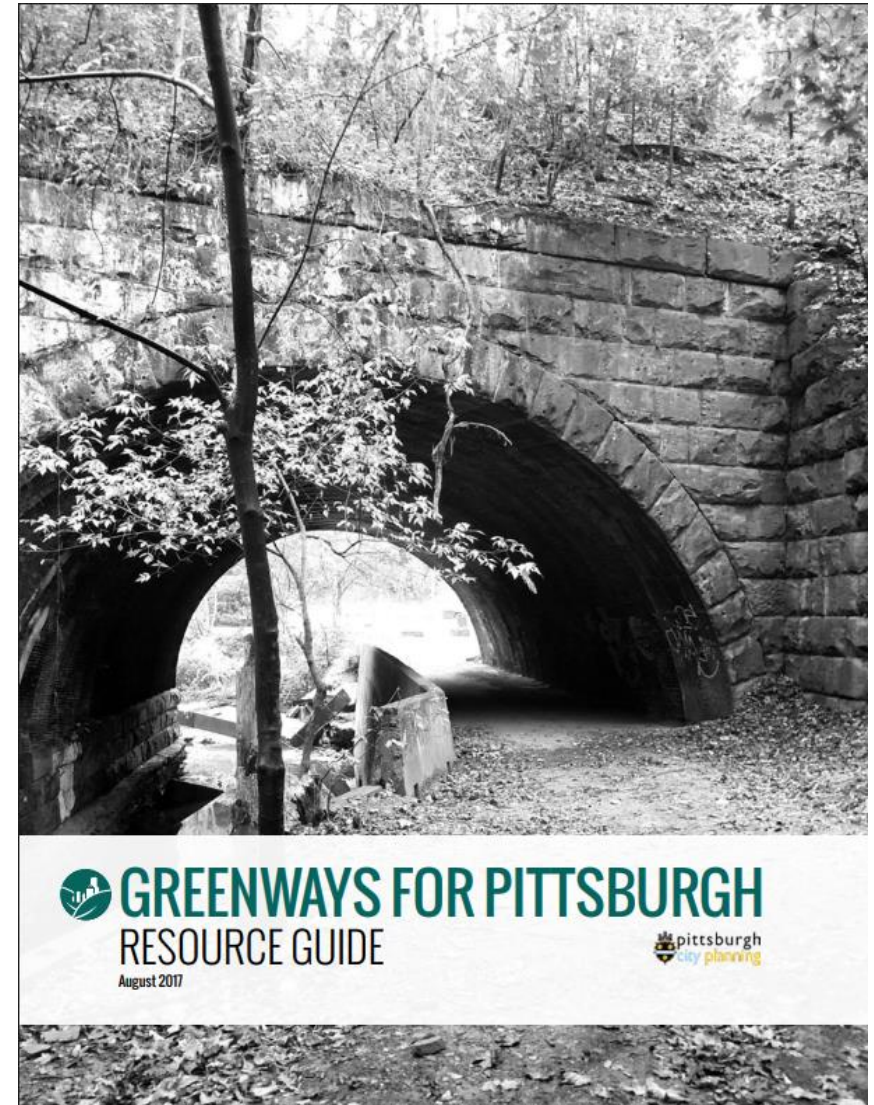
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What is a greenway?

A permanently conserved, primarily passive open space that is stewarded primarily by the community and provides benefits such as minimizing landslide risk, reducing the effects of extreme heat, preserving tree canopy, and creating recreation opportunities.

- 12 existing legislated greenways
- 1,199 existing legislated greenway parcels



Benefits of Designating Green Space



- Minimizes flooding and landslide hazard risk
- Preserves existing tree canopy, preventing urban heat island effects
- Unlocks investments in these green spaces through City funding and grants
- Allows for community and non-profit stewardship
- Supports greater mobility with improved connectivity and the creation of trails
- Designated green space with signage creates a sense of shared ownership and deters dumping

Environmental Map

Greenways parcels are mainly being selected on steeply sloped, landslide prone land – not ideal for development

Legend

- **Brown** – Landslide Prone
- **Yellow** – Steep Slopes
- **Green** – Tree Cover



Proposed Open Space Parcels (Updated July 2025)

Designation

-  County
-  Greenways
-  Hillside Open Space
-  Infrastructure Protection
-  Landslide Prone
-  Potential Parks
-  Tax Delinquent
-  URA

EPP Parks Inventory



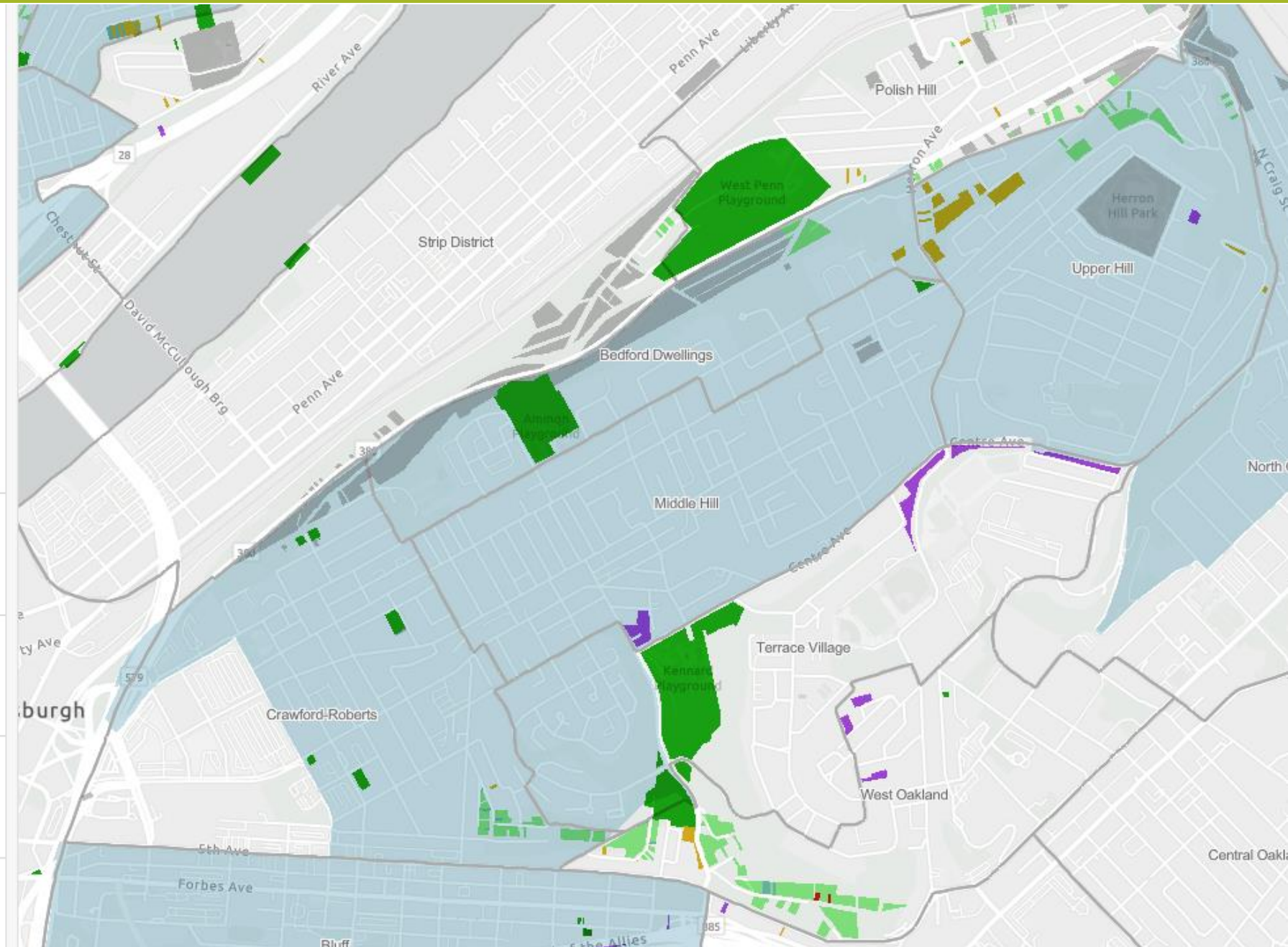
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Neighborhoods



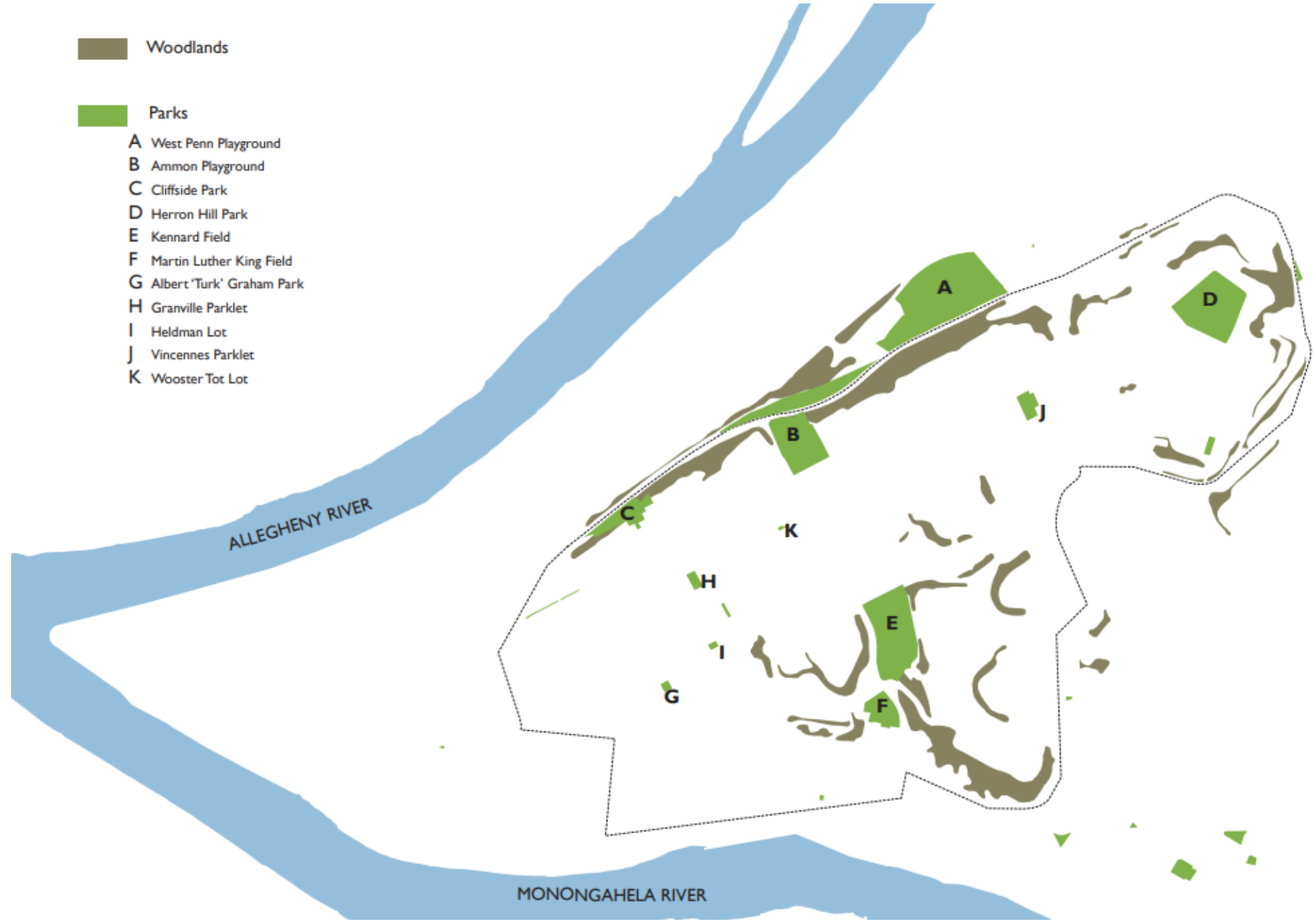
Environmental Justice Areas



Woodlands

Parks

- A West Penn Playground
- B Ammon Playground
- C Cliffside Park
- D Herron Hill Park
- E Kennard Field
- F Martin Luther King Field
- G Albert 'Turk' Graham Park
- H Granville Parklet
- I Heldman Lot
- J Vincennes Parklet
- K Wooster Tot Lot



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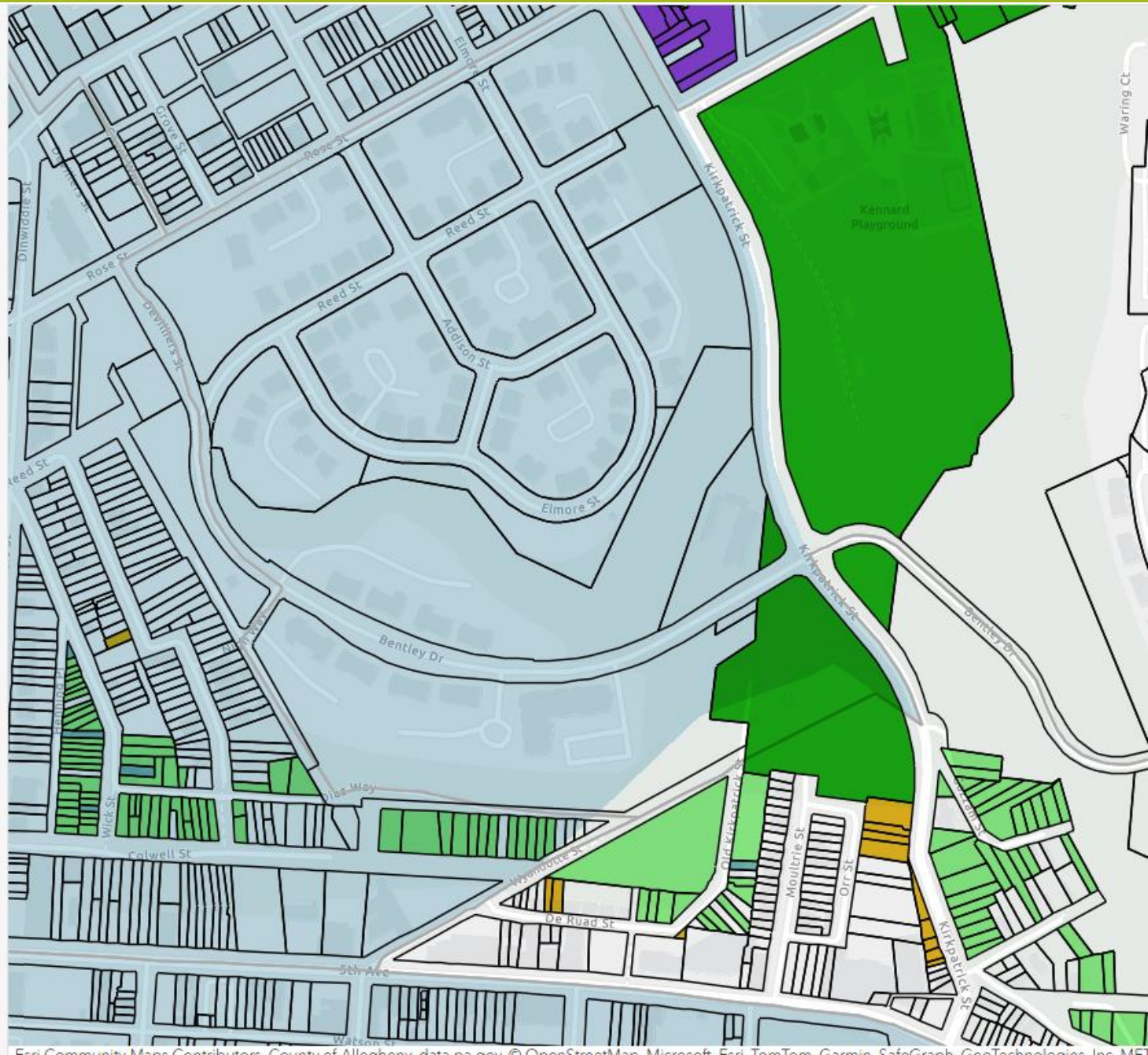
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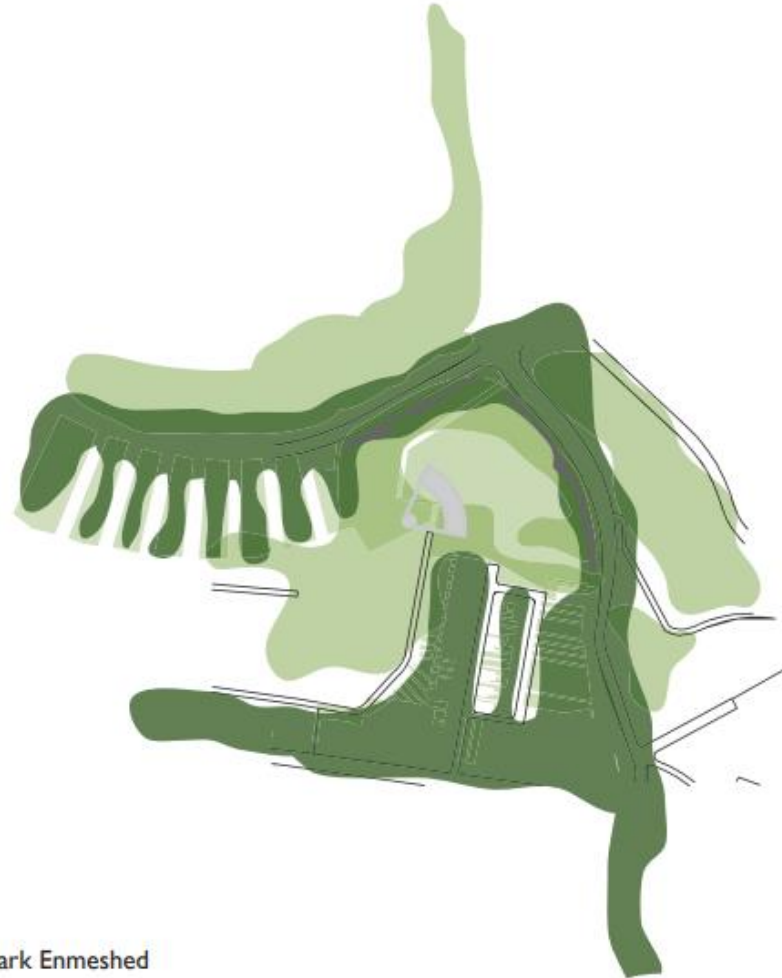


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Park in Vegetation Context



Park Enmeshed

Vegetation is added along Bentley Drive and Kirkpatrick Street, also along Orr Street and 5th Avenue. Terraced edges are added along the park edges slopes, to be used for rock climbing, planting plots.



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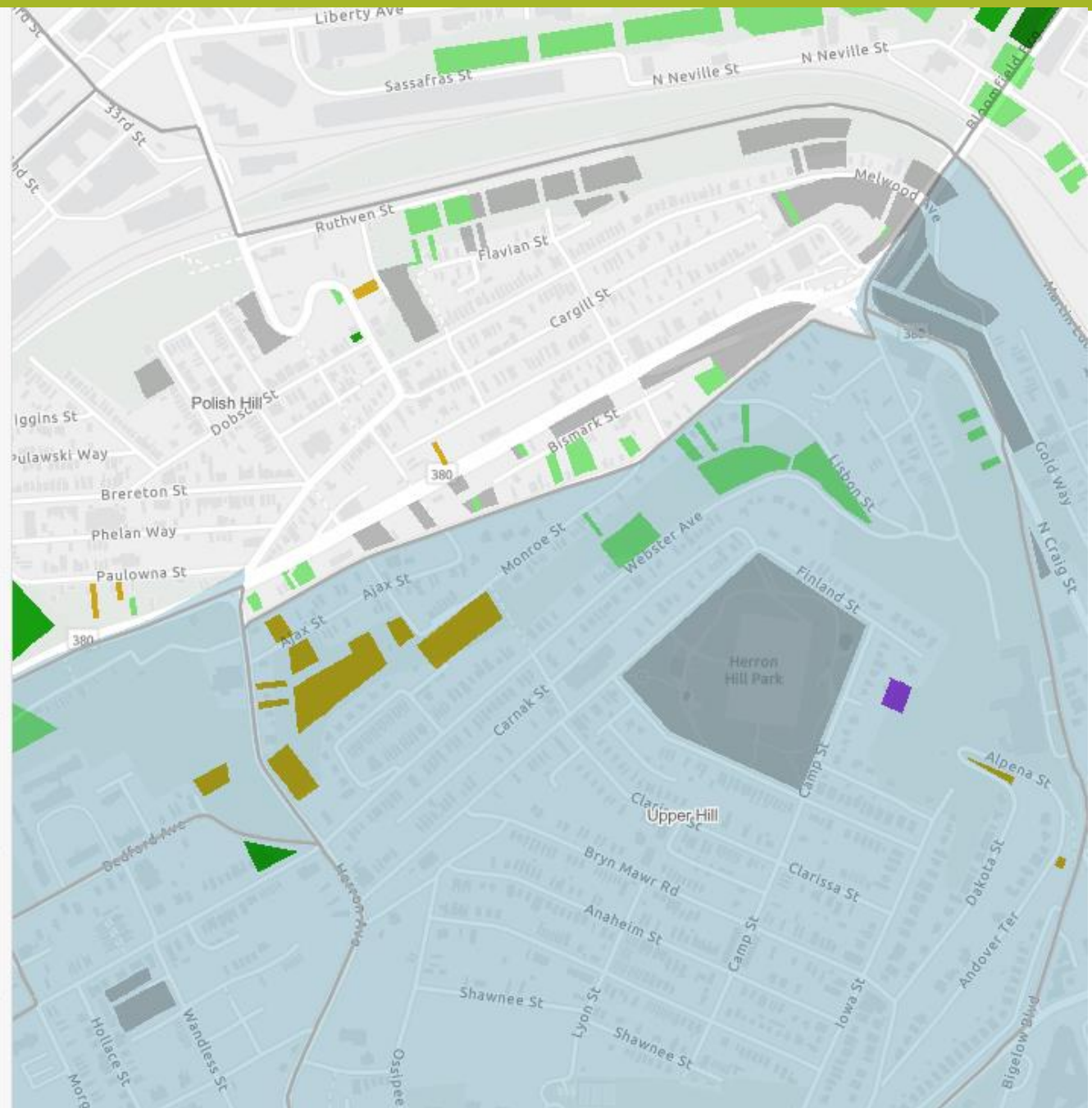
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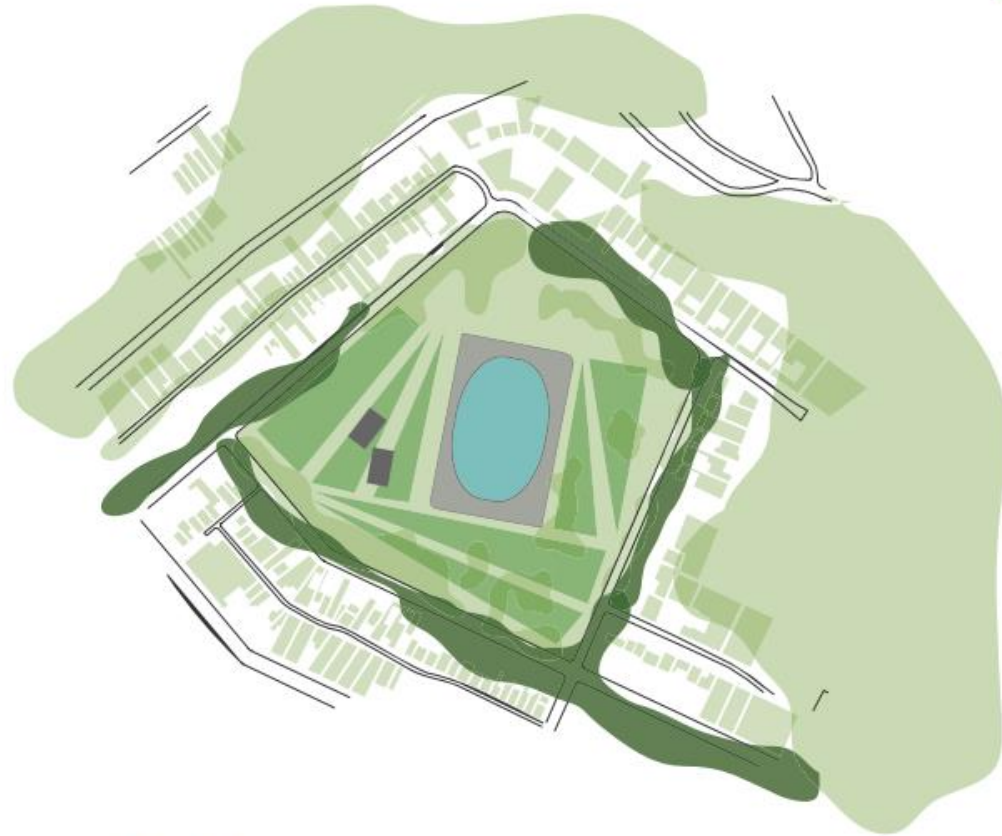


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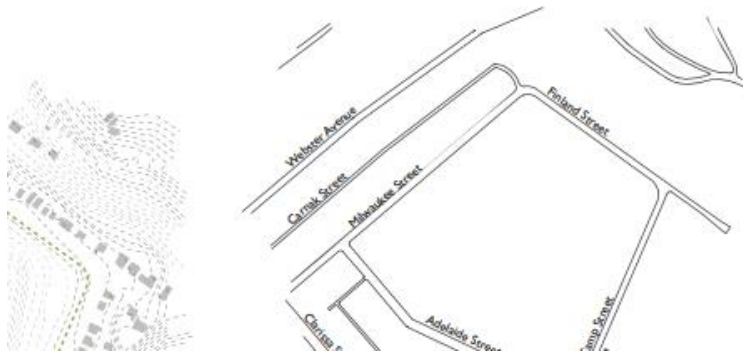


Vegetation Context



Park Enmeshed

Vegetation is added along Milwaukee Street, Finland Street, Camp Street and Adelaide Street to reinforce edges and extend the woods into the neighborhood. A large-scale water feature and formal gardens are added to the program in the park.



How could these spaces be reactivated?

- Once designated, the land is permanently conserved and protected from sale
- As these lands are currently “vacant lots”, designation unlocks funding and ability to apply for grants
- Issues: dumping, invasives
- Opportunities: signage, tree planting/orchards, trail building, urban ag/gardens



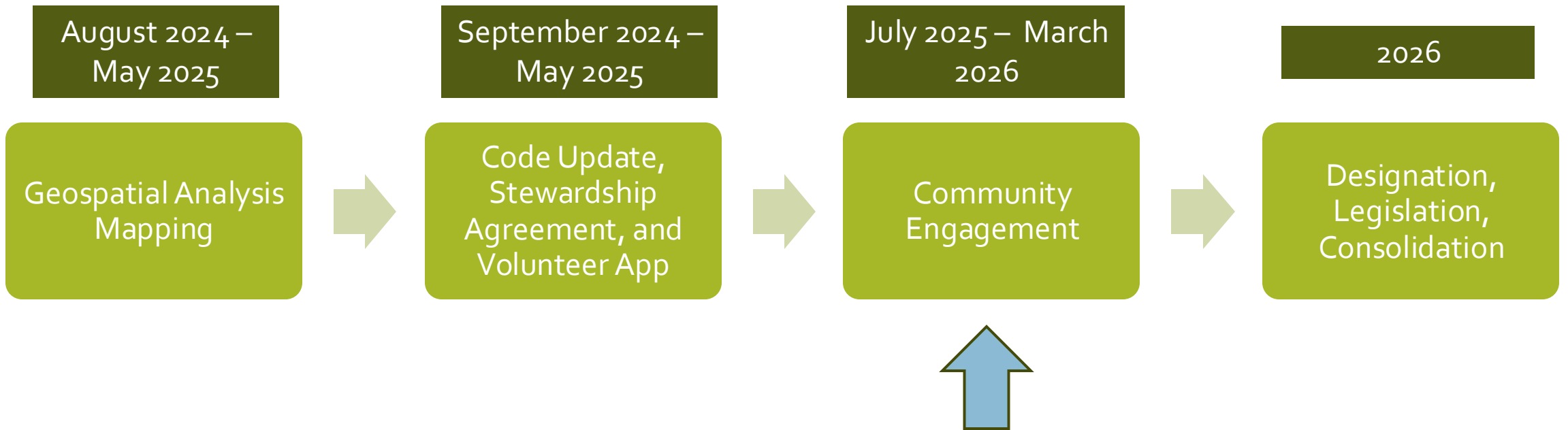
Naming & Signage

- We are crowd-sourcing names for our potential new greenways
- Signage can go a long way!





Project Timeline



We want to hear from you!

- Join our stewardship network! Email:
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