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Regional Business Districts

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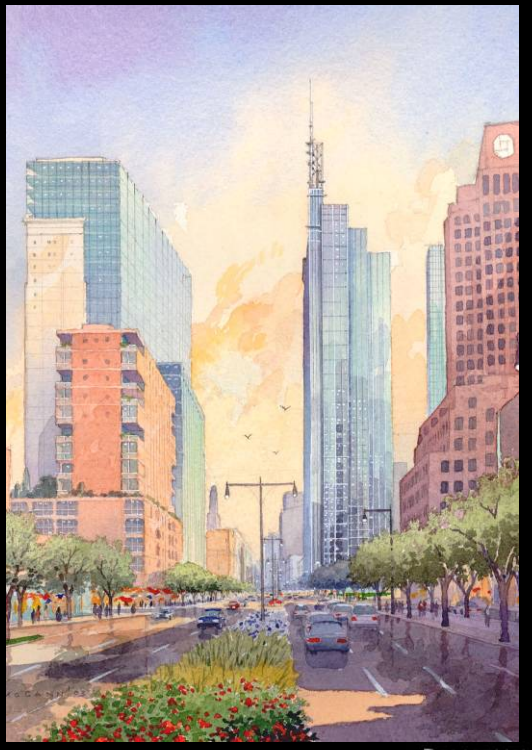

Downtown Brooklyn

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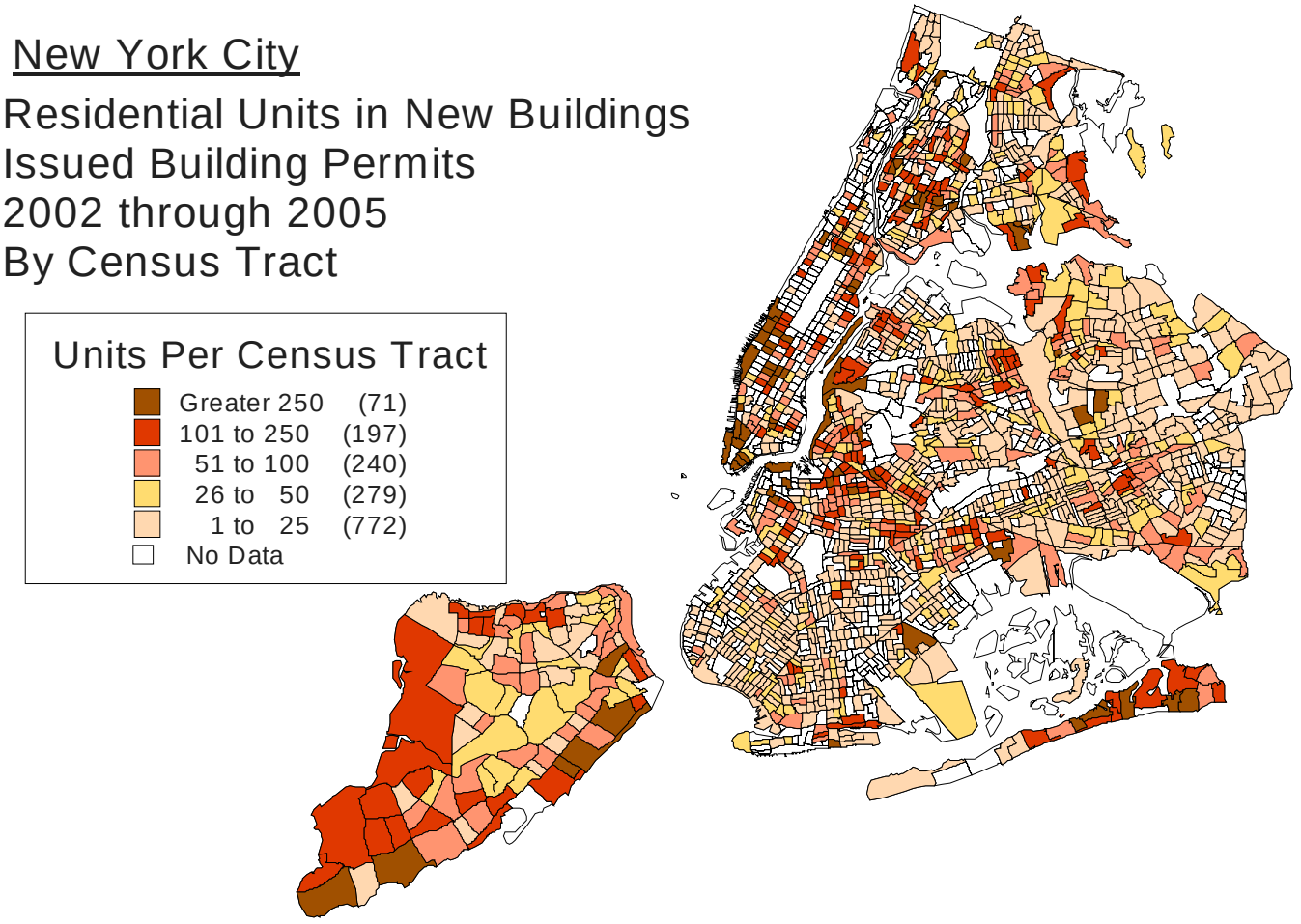
Permits Issued for New Residential Units 2002-2005



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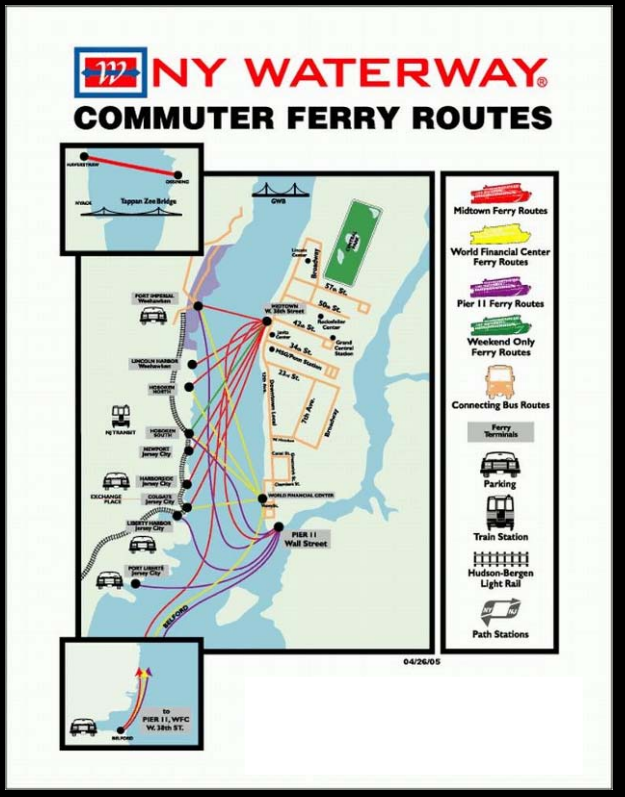

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Fresh Kills Park

Staten Island

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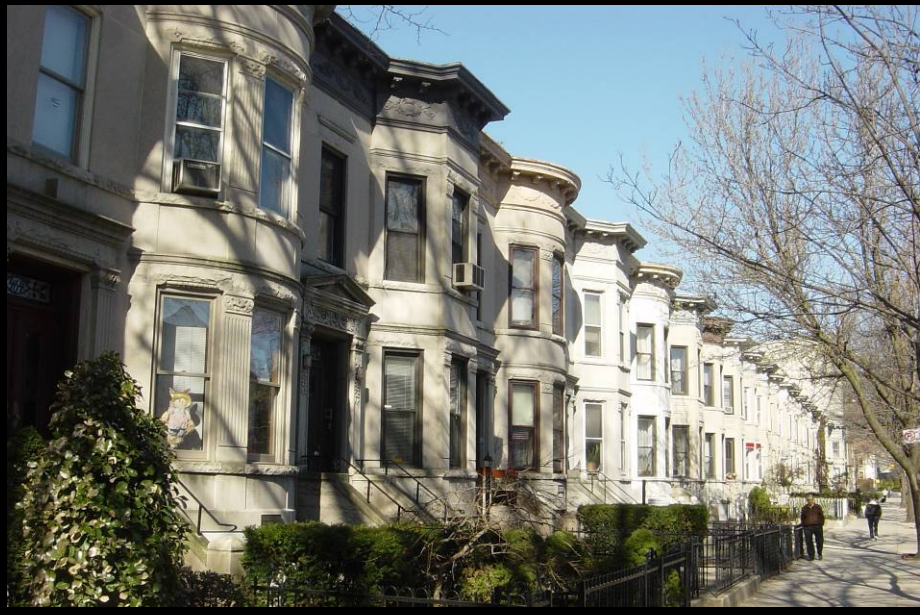
The Bronx



Bay Ridge
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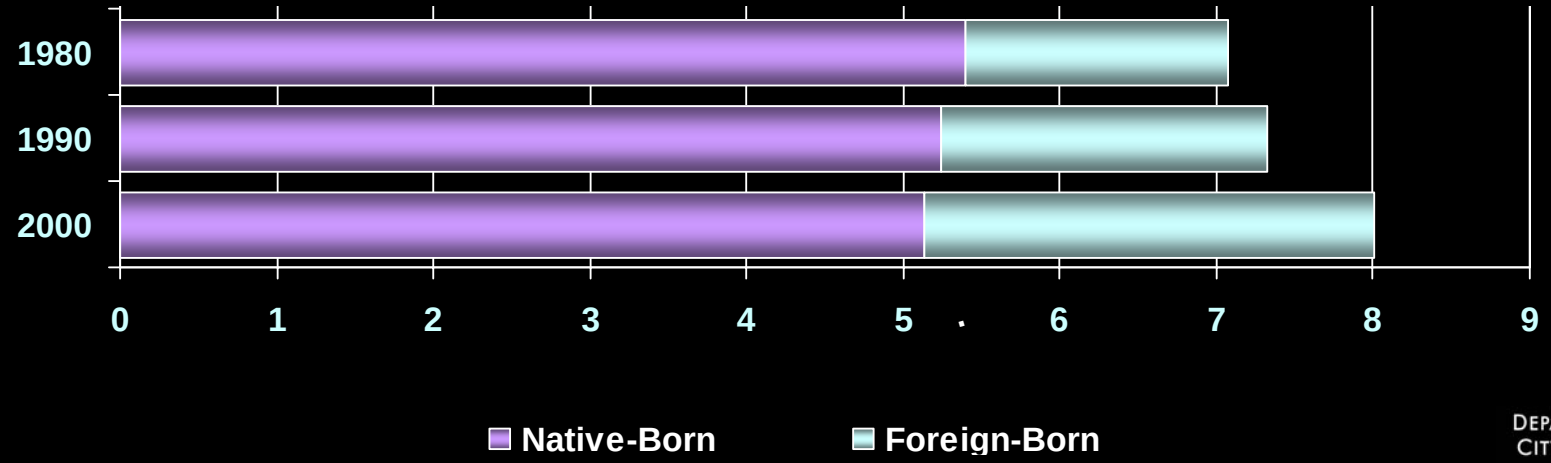
City's population at record and expected to continue growing

Total Population by Nativity
New York City, 1980–2000 (in millions)



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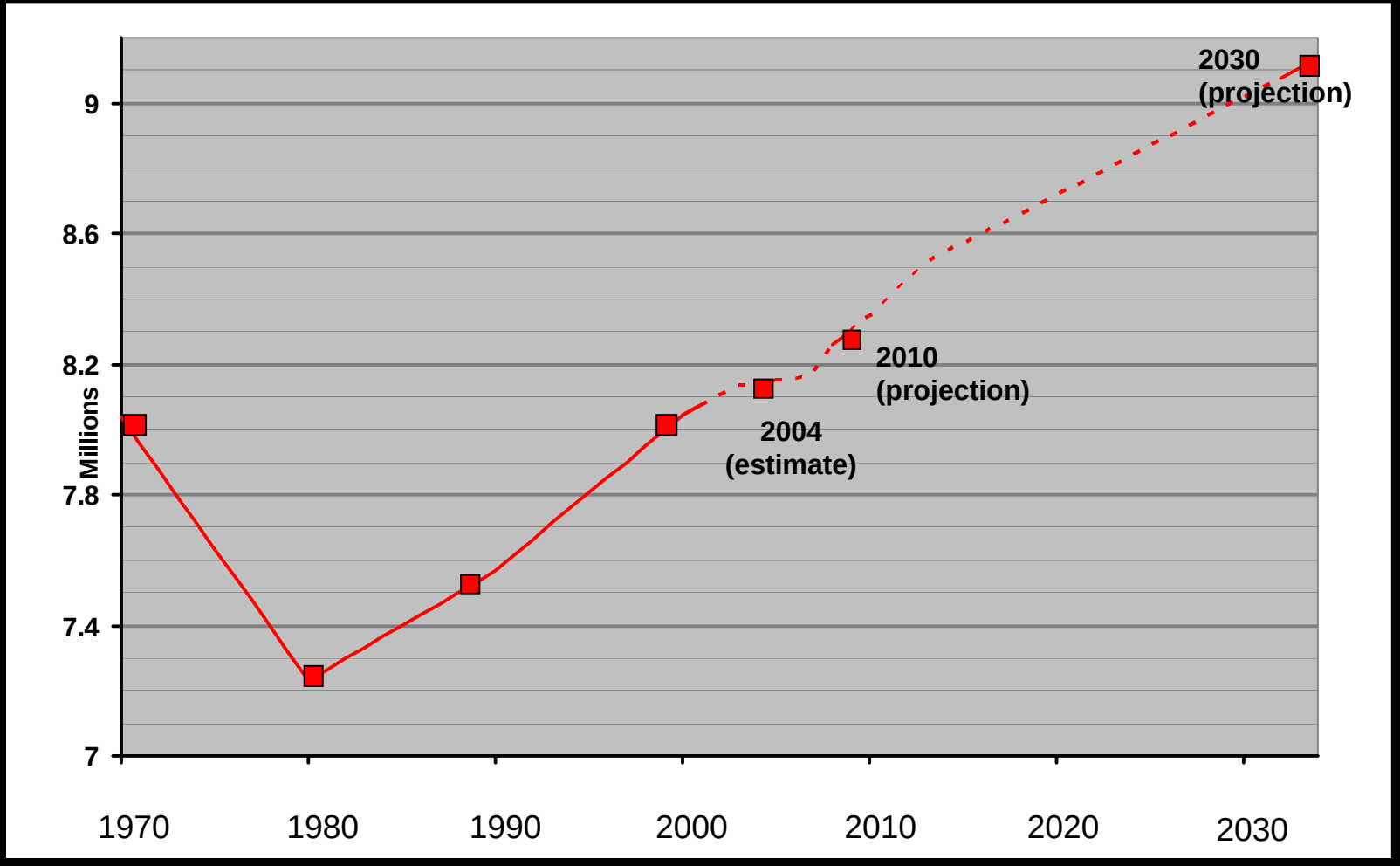
New York City Population Change (1970-2030)



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Flushing, Queens

Little Italy

Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade

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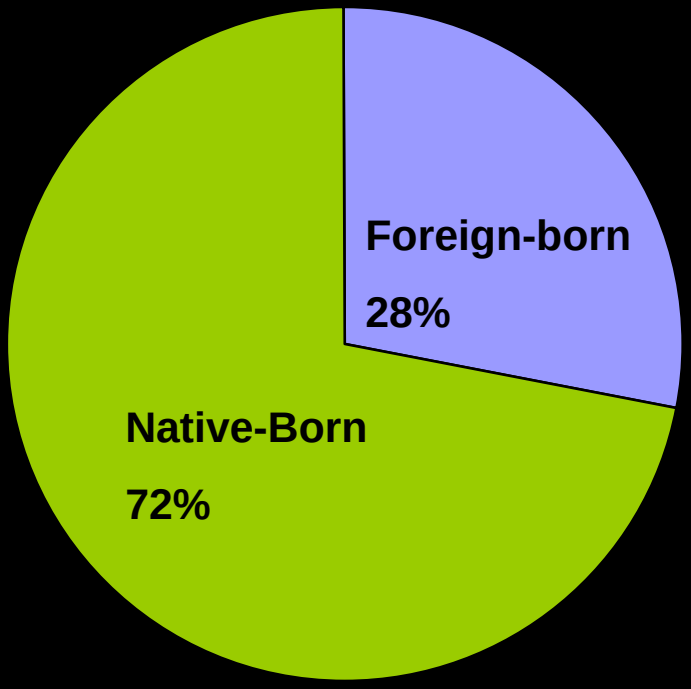
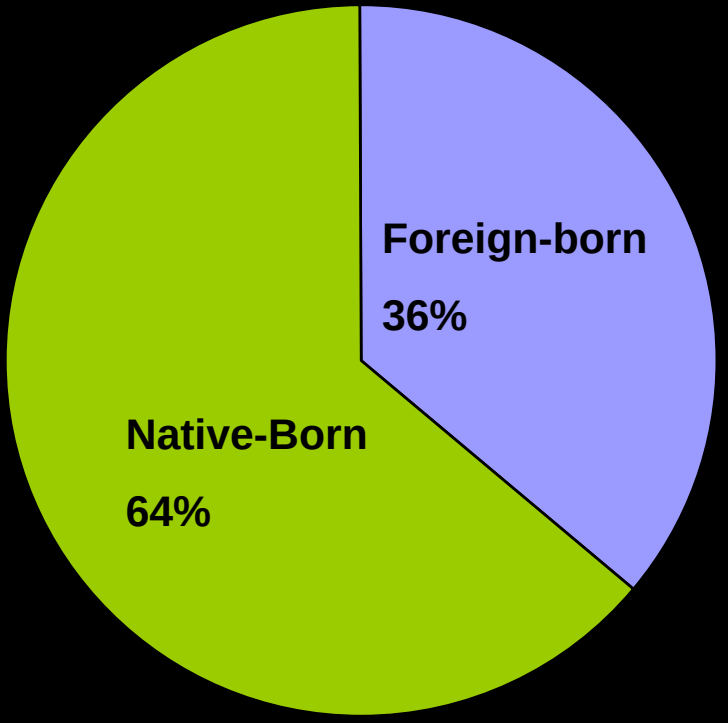
NYC Population 1990



NYC Population 2000



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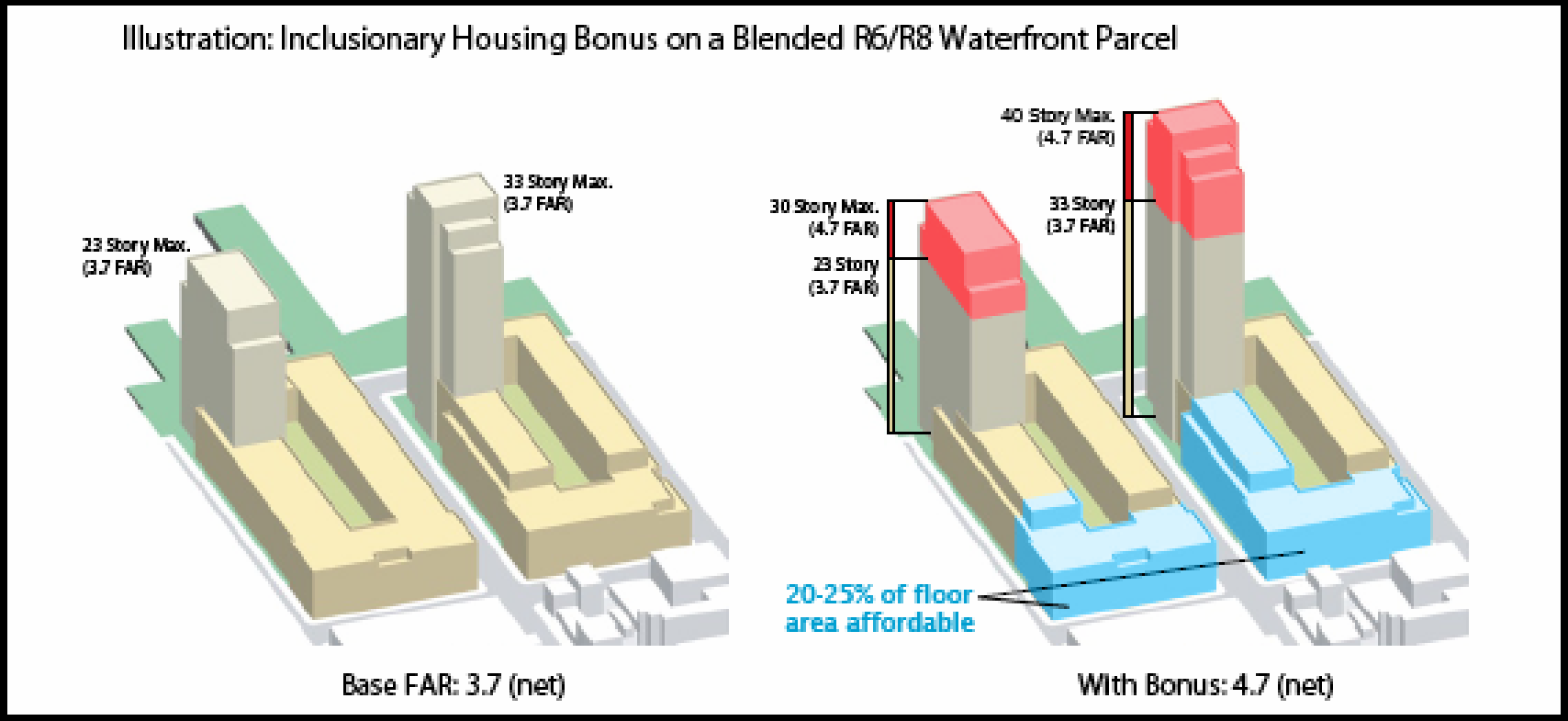

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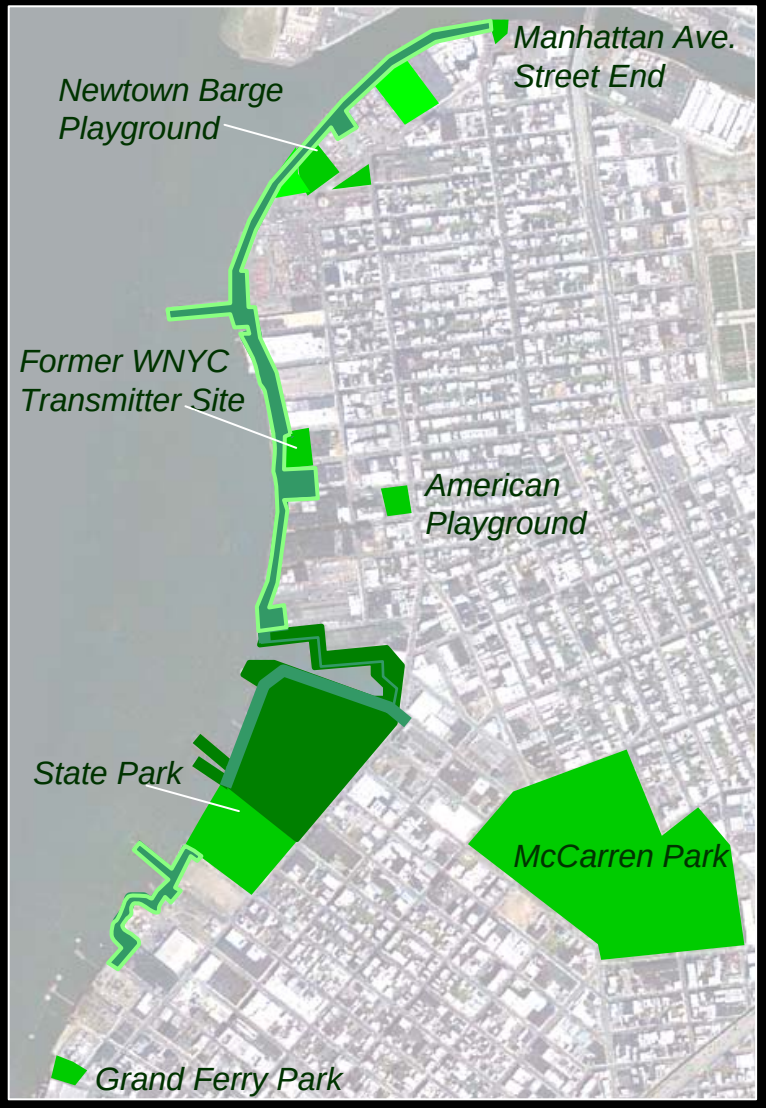

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Waterfront Access Plan: Elements

Shore public walkway

- Standard width: 40’

Supplemental access areas

- Widened shore public walkway: up to approx. 100’
- Plazas
- Parks

Neighborhood connections

- Public streets
- Upland connection
- Flexible location
- Visual corridors

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Greenpoint / Williamsburg Proposed Waterfront Park

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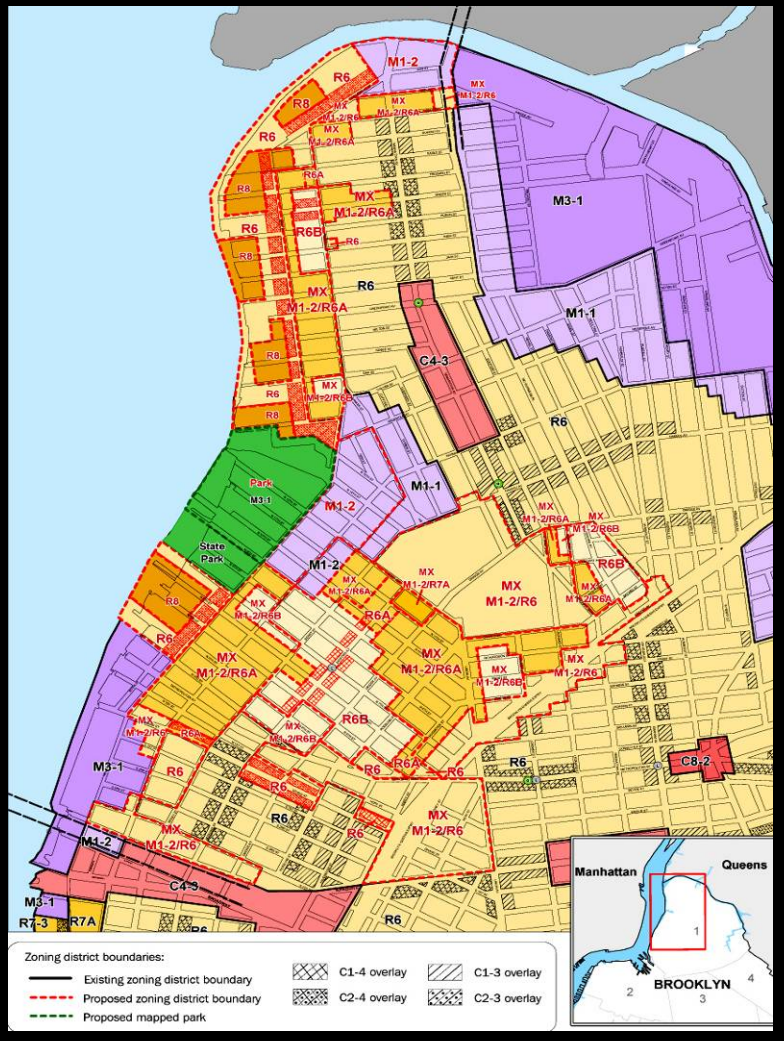

Greenpoint / Williamsburg Rezoning

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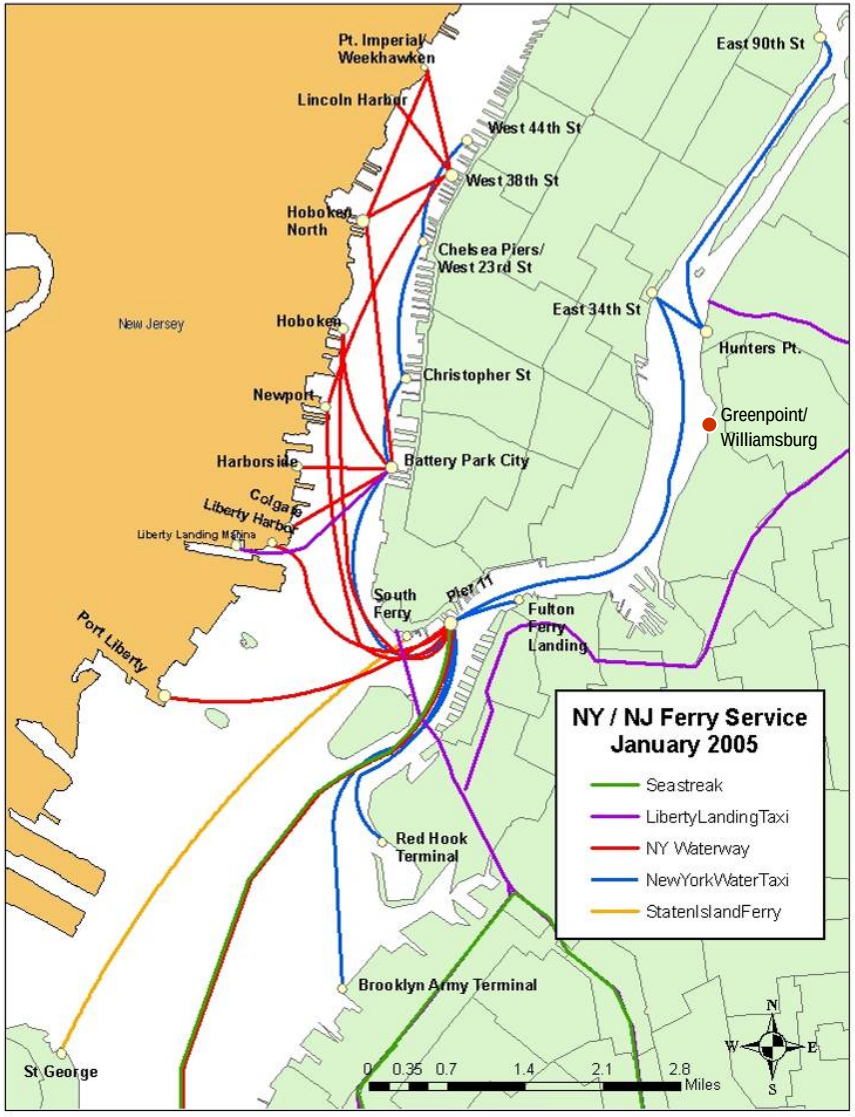

Existing and Proposed Water Transportation

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The Challenges of Growth

- Mass transit system straining – many subway lines at capacity or will be with projected population growth

- Passenger overcrowding above loading guidelines in **red**
- Other lines approaching maximum loading guidelines shown in **yellow**

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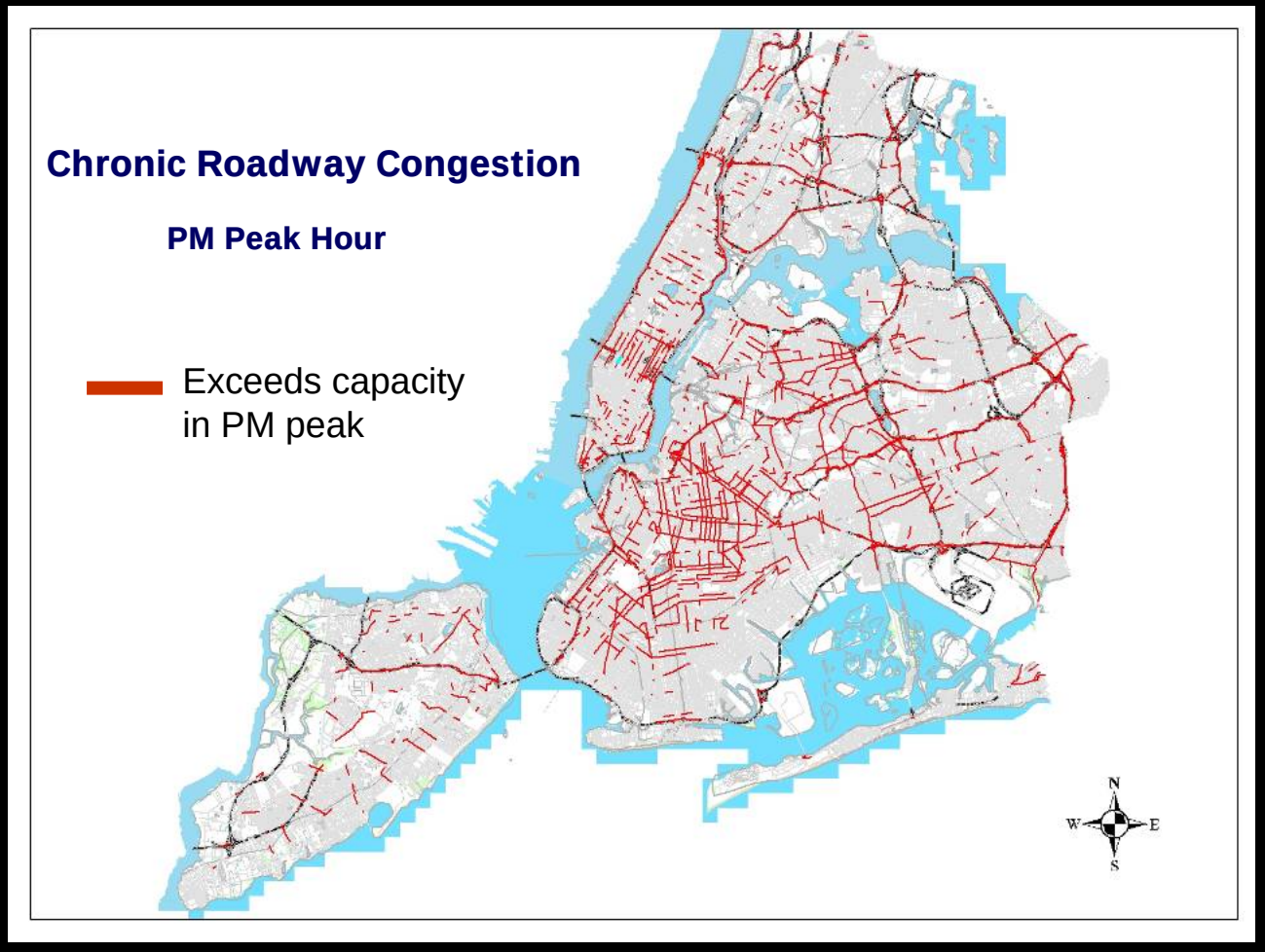
The Challenges of Growth

- Chronically congested highway system



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The Challenges of Growth

- Varied modes of transportation infrastructure are not under the control of the City

George Washington Bridge

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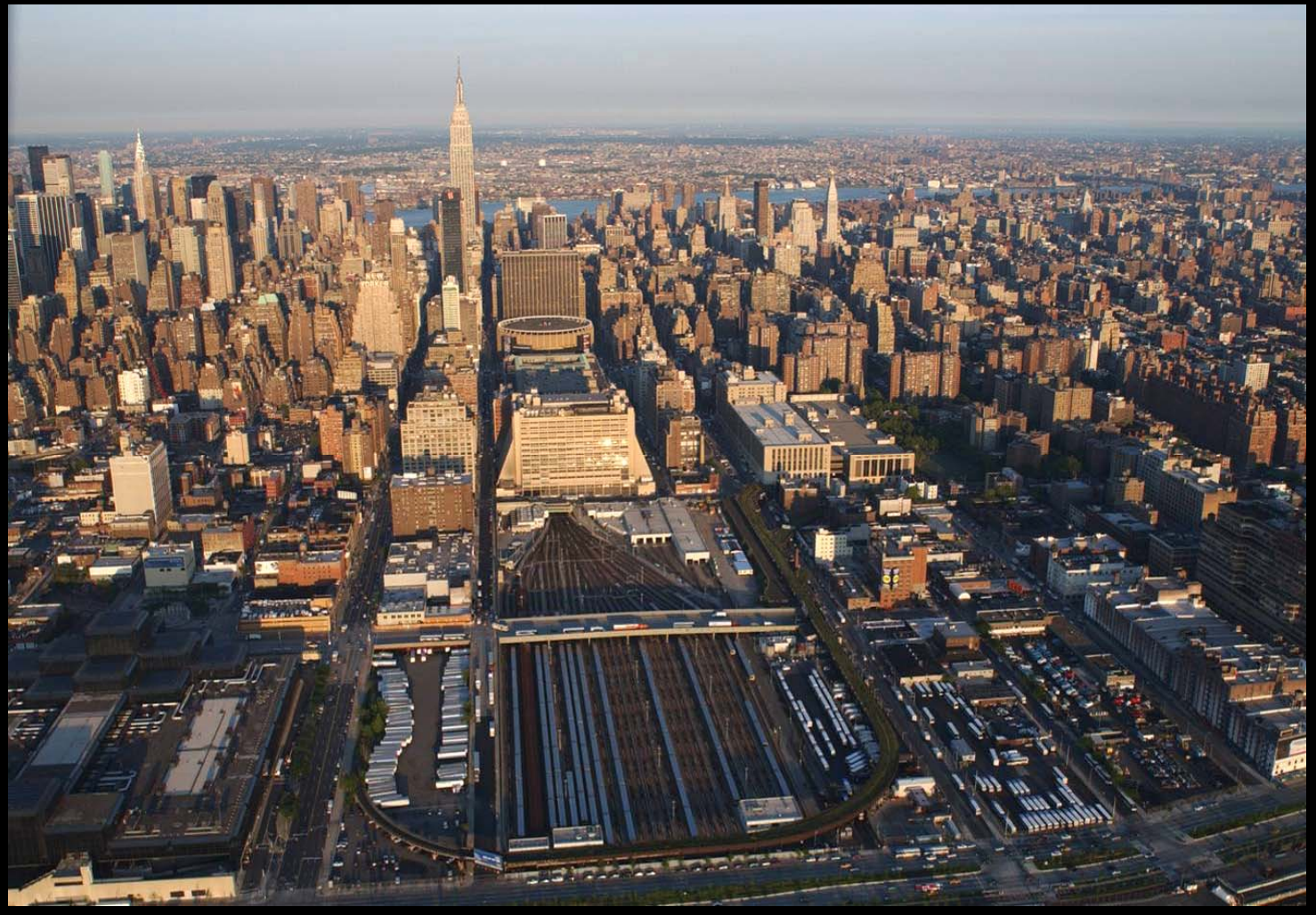

Hudson Yards Master Plan

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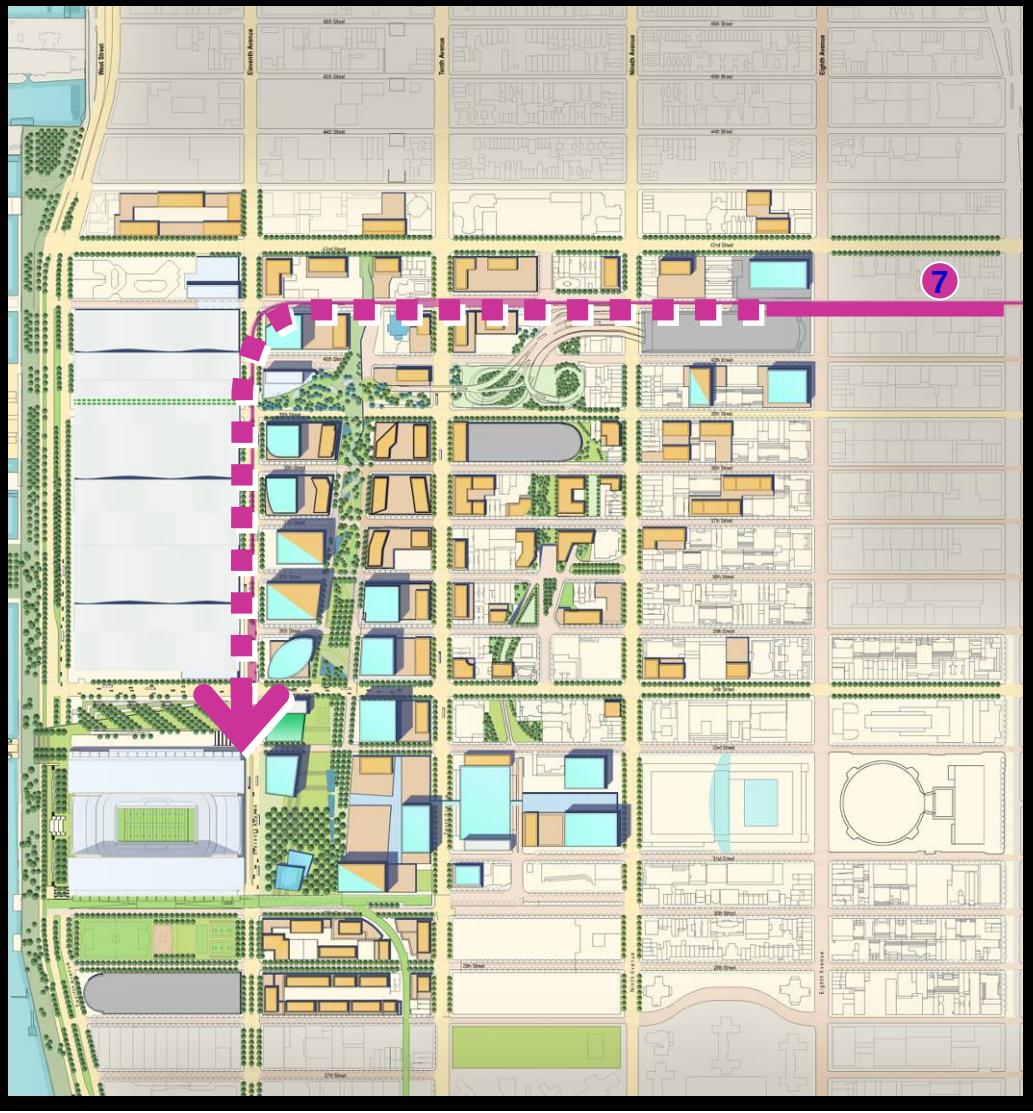

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Number 7 Subway Extension

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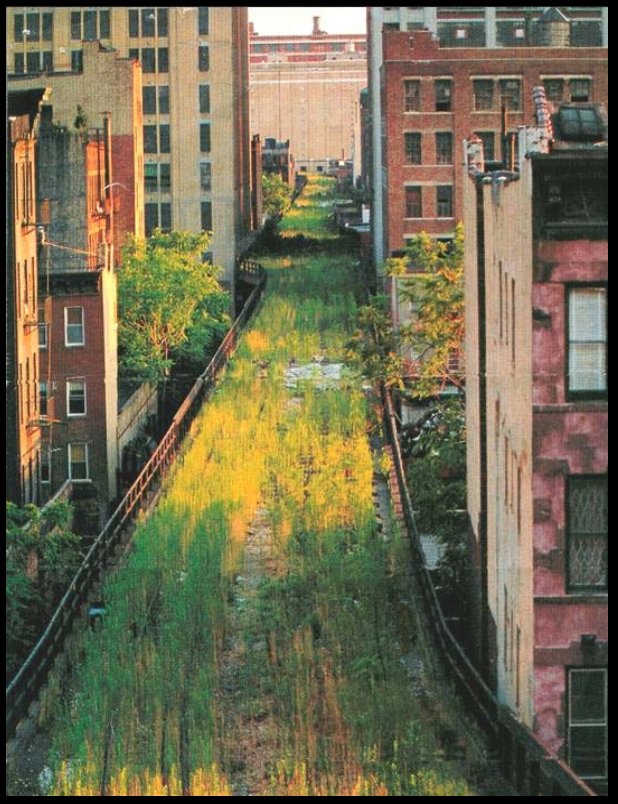

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West Chelsea/ High Line

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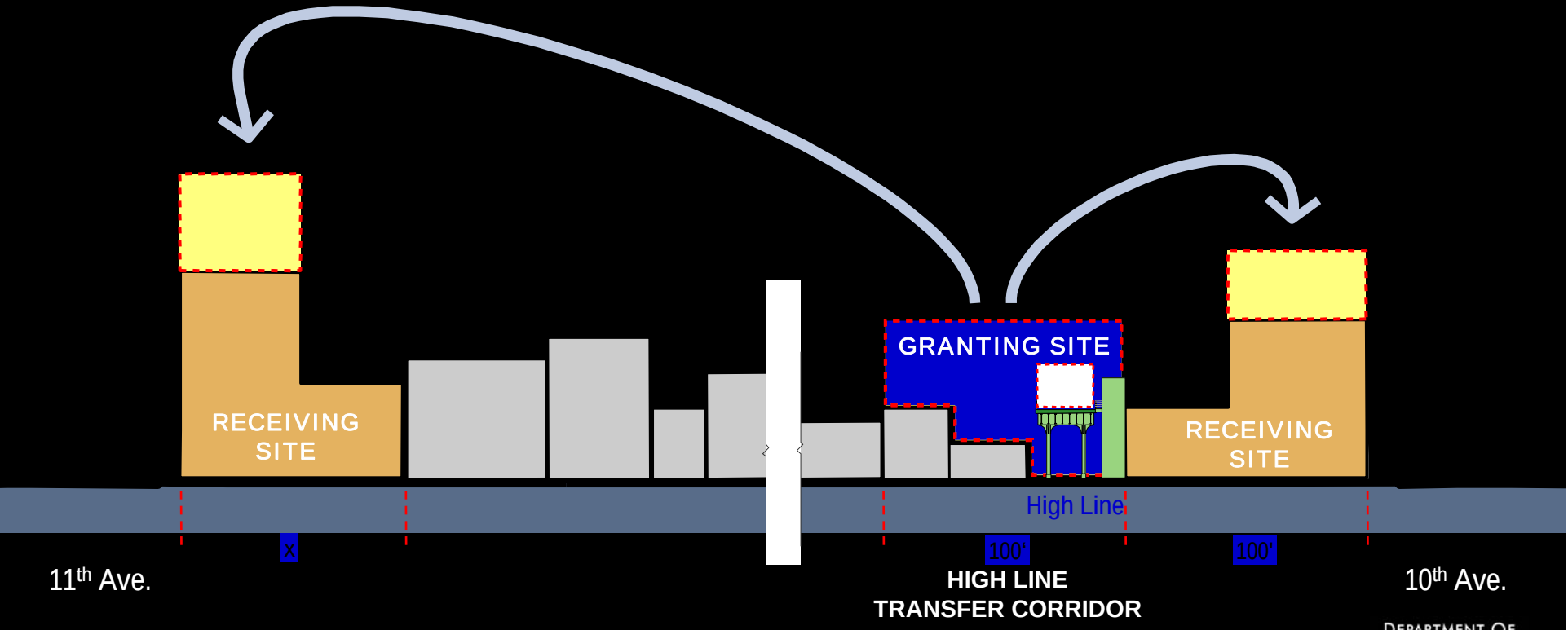

Zoning Proposal
High Line Transfer Corridor

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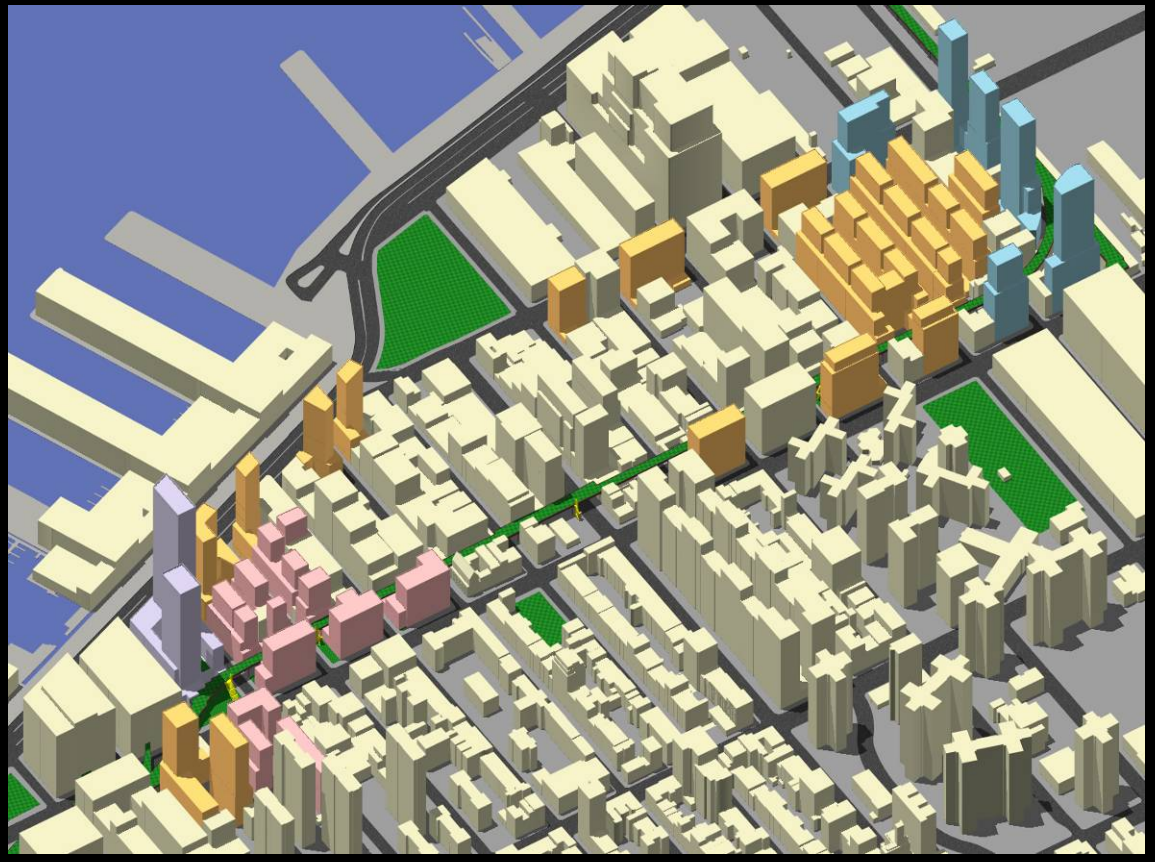

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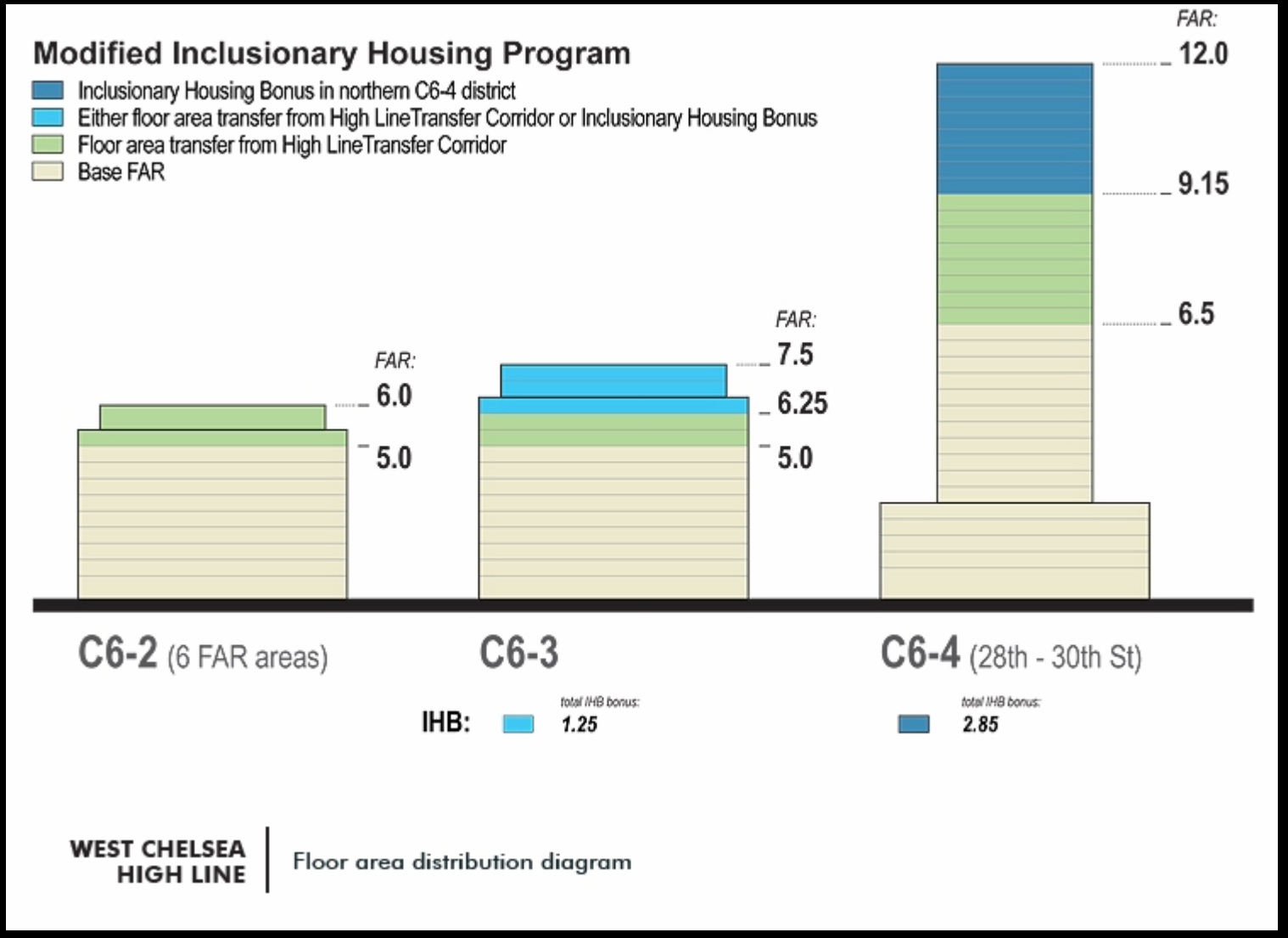

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West Chelsea Residential Growth

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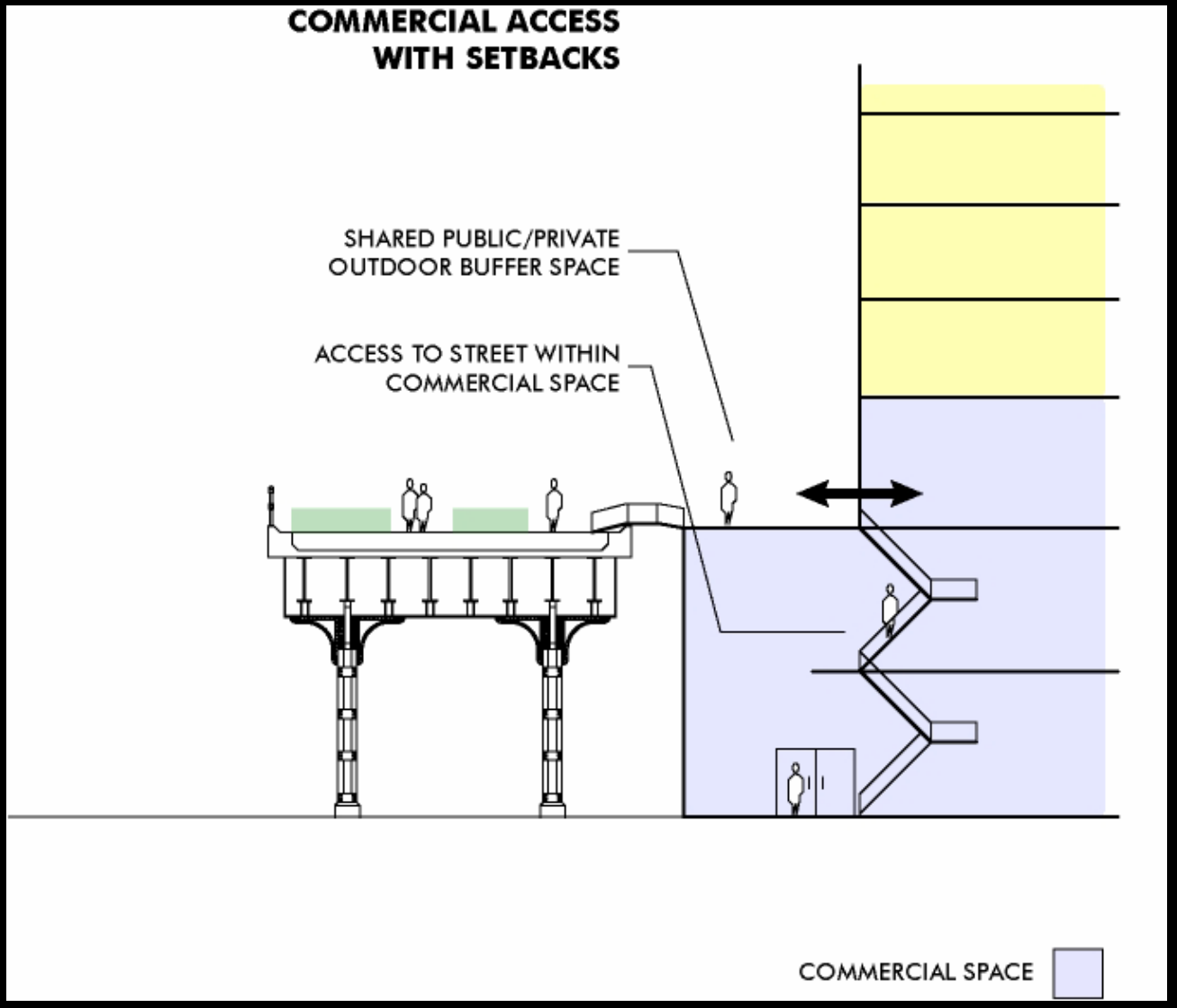

High Line Access

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Field Operations/Diller Scofidio + Renfro

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Sidewalk Cafés

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