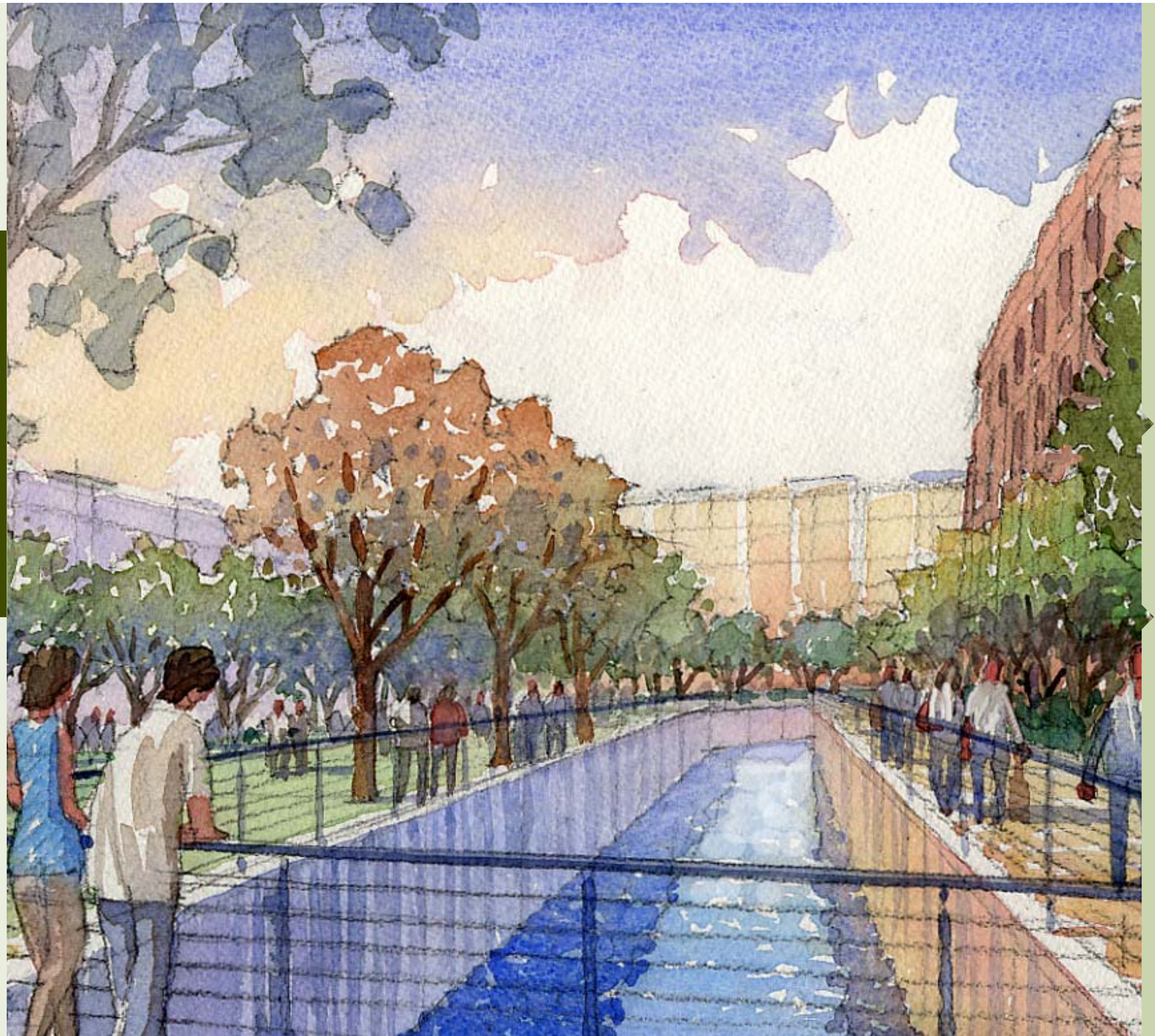


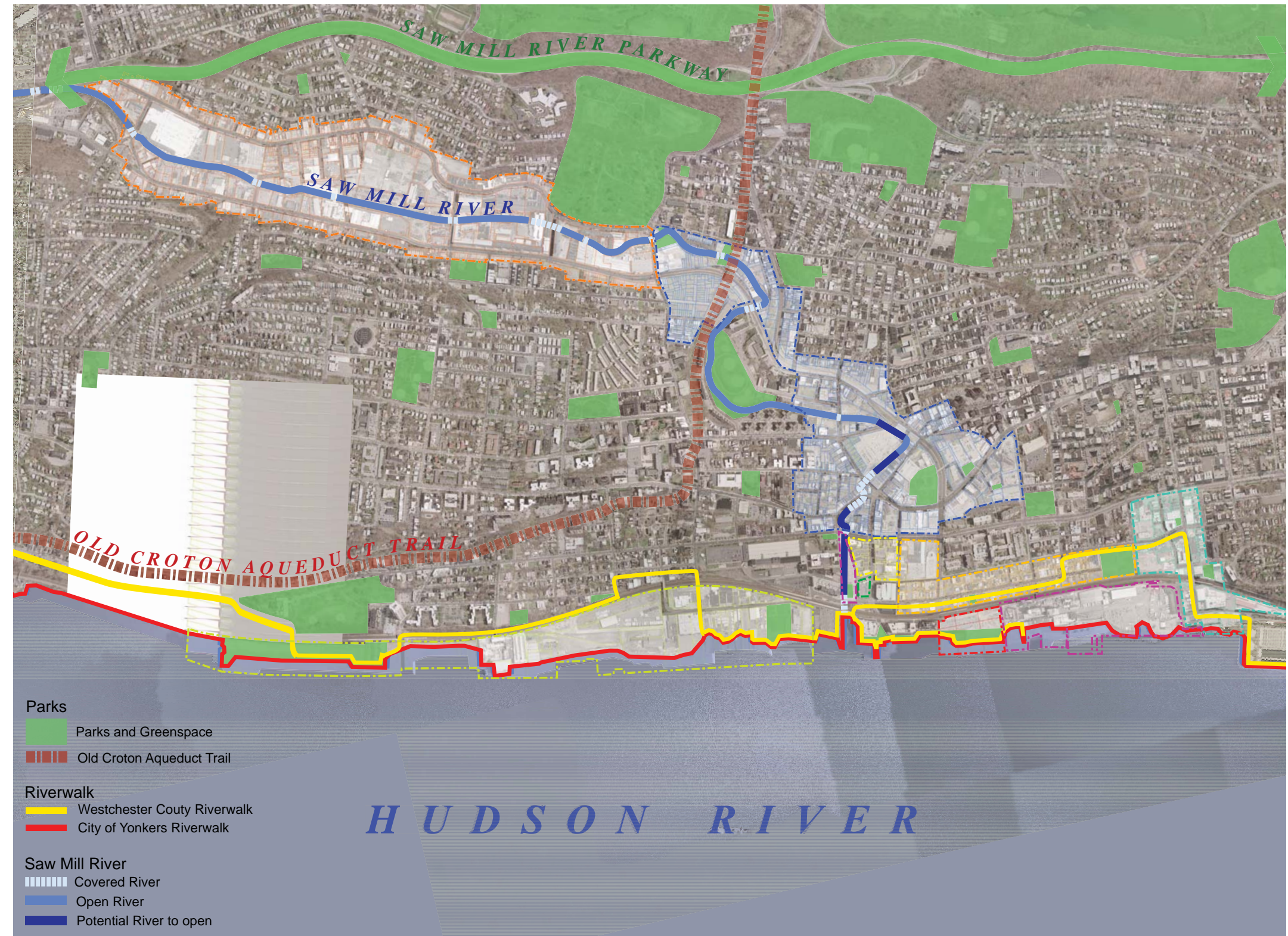
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Open Space | Network

Open Space Network

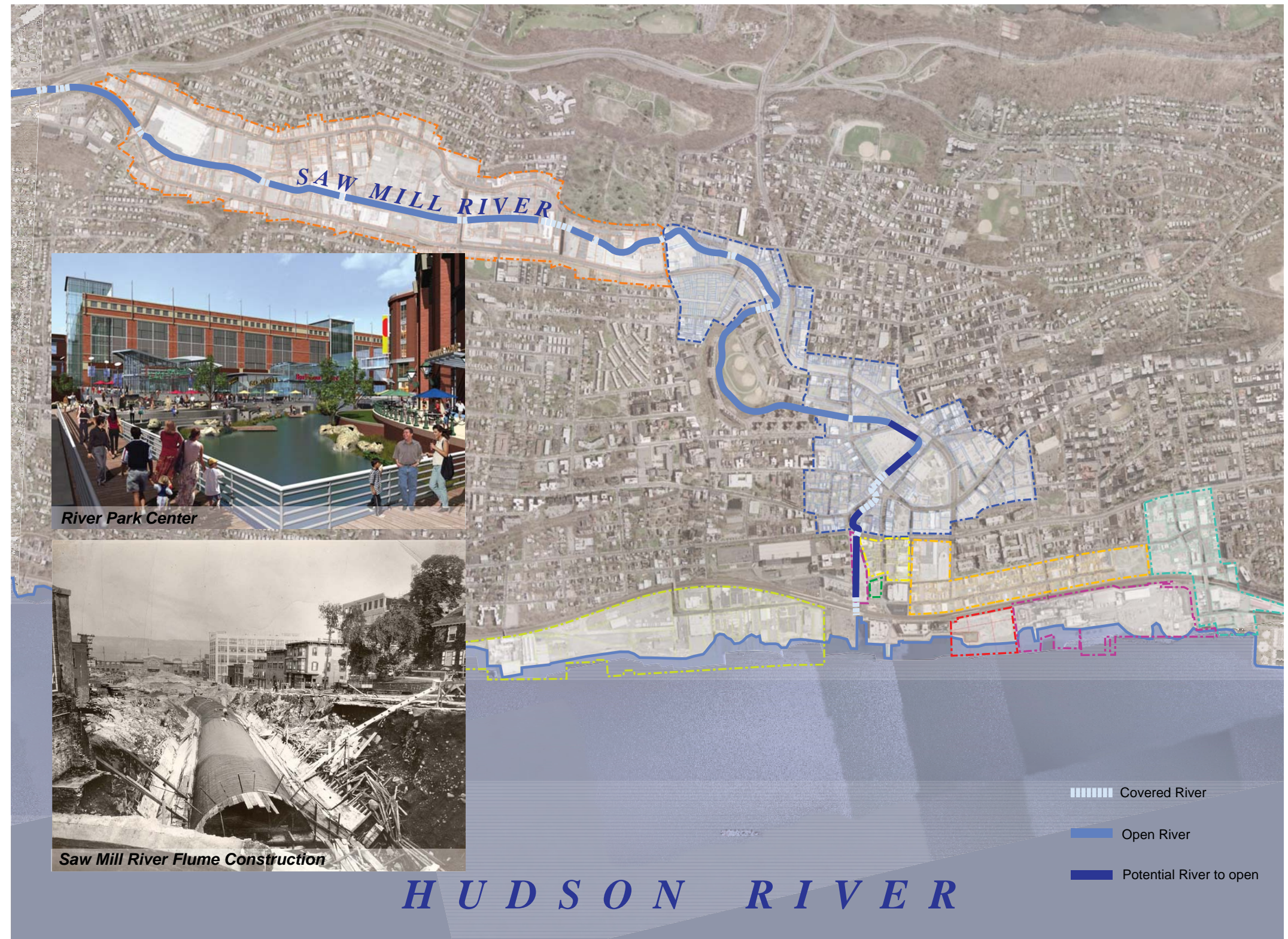
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- Existing Saw Mill River is mostly covered or inaccessible, and is not currently desirable either as an aesthetic or functional amenity
- Yonkers waterfront consists mostly of old industrial sites that have either been abandoned or are now an underutilization of their potential uses
- The Waterfront as a whole functions as individual parcels, fragmented and separated from the rest of the city because of the Metro North train track which has a limited number of vehicular and pedestrian crossings
- Public access to the water is limited because of private control of the waterfront, dangerous site conditions, and overall undesirable nature of most of rivers edge
- JFK Marina and Esplanade offer two existing access points
- JFK Marina offers the only point for maritime recreation
- Recent residential development has begun to reclaim the former industrialized waterfront
- Old Croton Aqueduct runs through Yonkers as part of regional park and trail system



Open Space | Saw Mill River

Saw Mill River

- Existing Saw Mill River is mostly covered or inaccessible, and is not currently desirable either as an aesthetic or functional amenity
- Existing bulkheads are often in disrepair creating dangerous and unsightly conditions
- River is not currently viewed as an amenity in the city
- River has additional capacity to receive stormwater from surrounding watershed, reducing stormwater processed by the County Water Treatment Plant



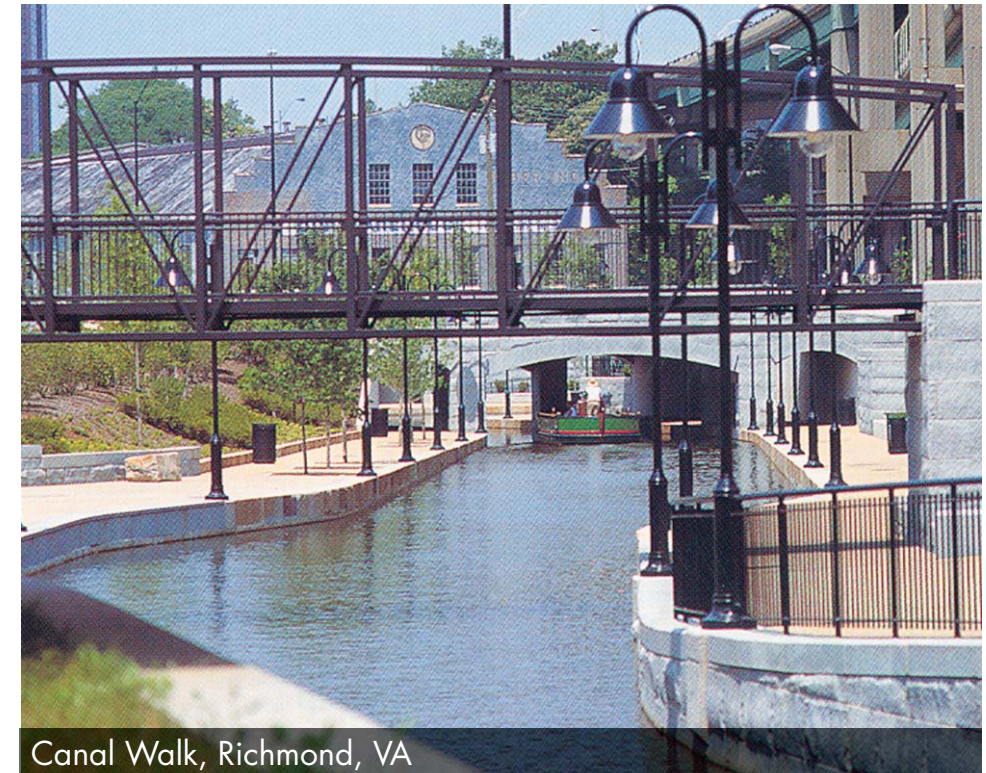
Open Space | Saw Mill River

Riverwalk

- Opportunity to establish Saw Mill Riverwalk as a major unifying element that threads disparate areas of the city together
- Goal is to create varying experiences at many points around waterfront; multiple uses and scales of buildings and different types of open spaces around the river: plazas, parks, walkways
- Connect existing parks, trails and open spaces with enhanced Saw Mill River and Waterfront Esplanade to create a world class open space system that is a new defining feature of Yonkers
- Promote uses around open spaces to increase use and safety
- The Riverwalk amenity promotes adjacent development and property improvements
- A vibrant Riverwalk environment creates a tourist attraction that will bring visitors and business to the city, as it has for other cities around the world



Riverwalk Center, San Antonio, TX



Canal Walk, Richmond, VA



Riverwalk, Providence, RI

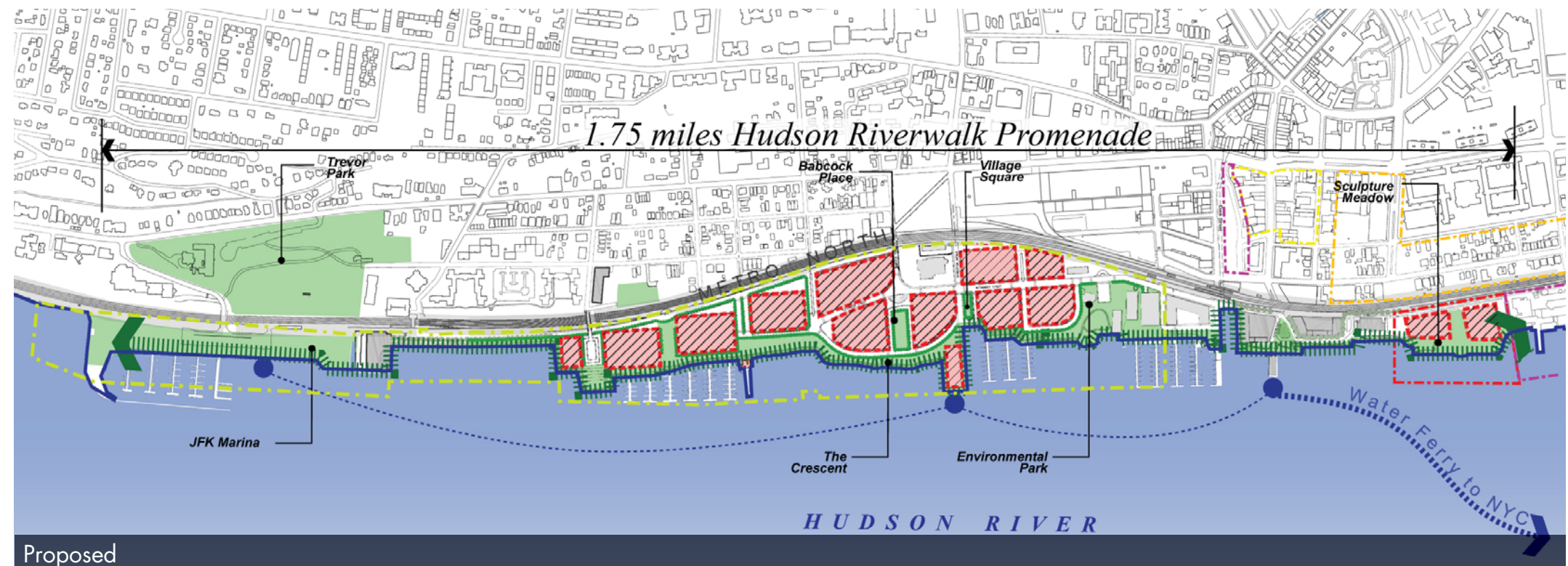
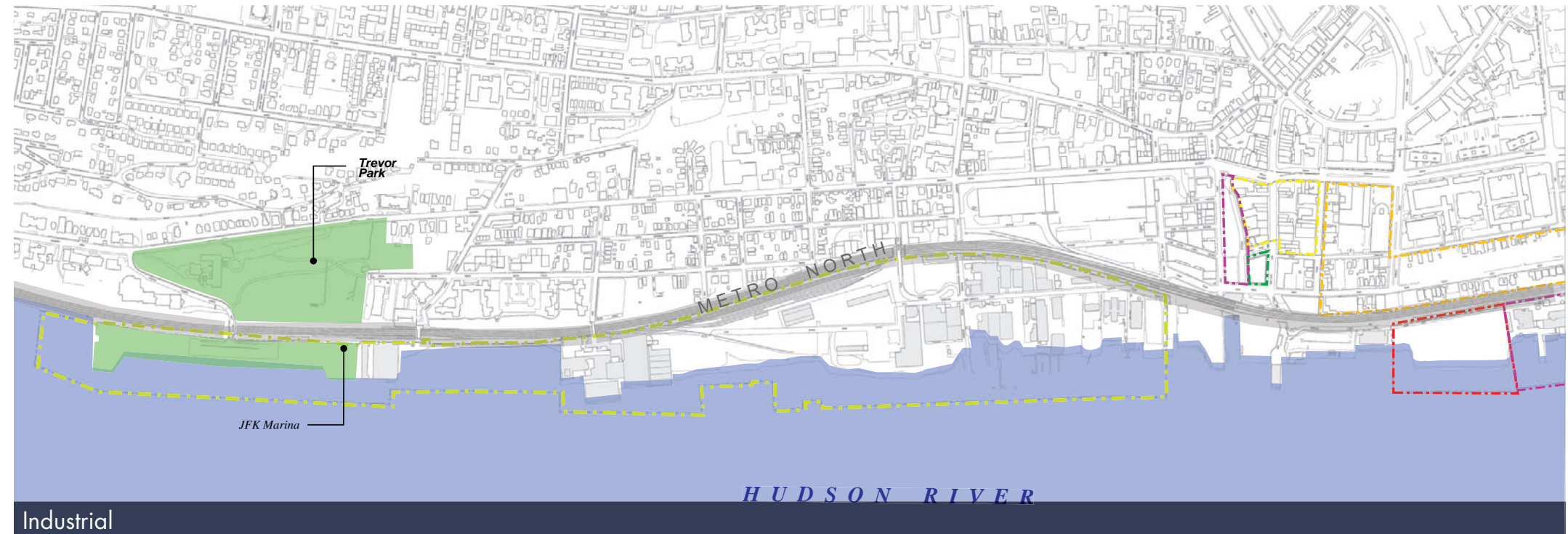


Cheonggyecheon, Seoul, South Korea

Open Space | Hudson Waterfront

Hudson Waterfront

- The Waterfront is mostly comprised of existing or former industrial properties which are underutilized in the current marketplace and are aesthetic impediments to upland communities
- Waterfront access is limited both by few vehicular and pedestrian connections from upland areas as well as by privately held properties that run along Hudson River
- Different parts of the waterfront are disconnected because of noncontiguous roadway system
- Waterfront has great access to commuter transit with Ludlow, Yonkers and Glenwood Train Stations, as well as Water Ferry service to New York City starting in 2007



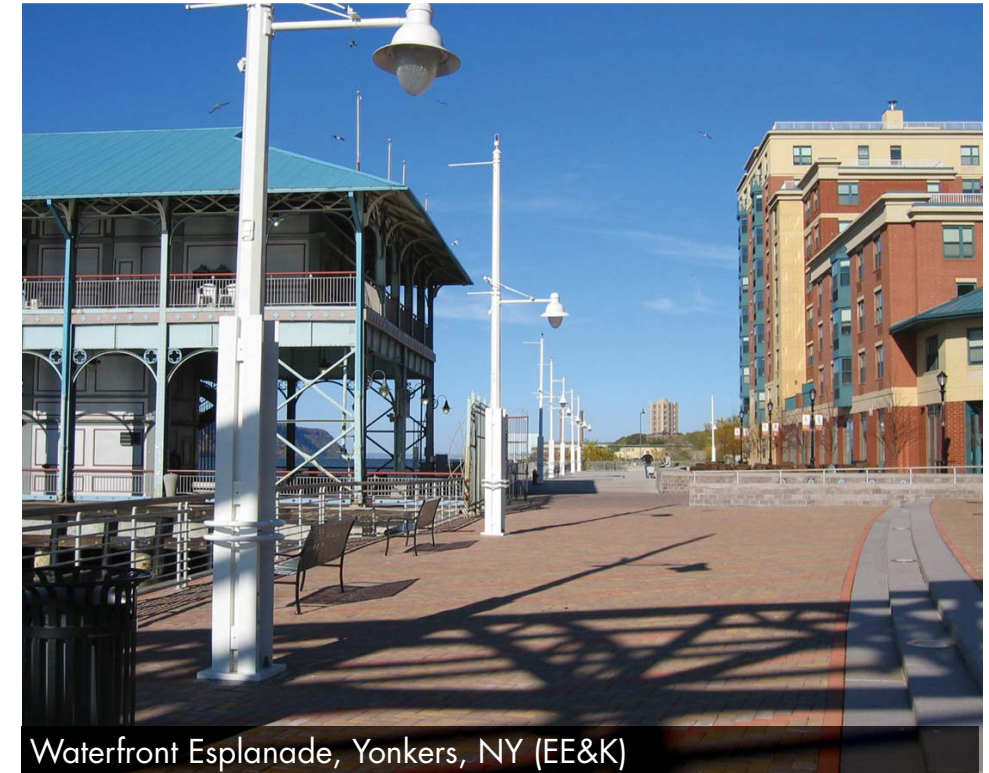
Open Space | Hudson Waterfront

Esplanade

- Provide continuous public access to the waterfront via a pedestrian Esplanade
- Create “places” along the waterfront that facilitate different public uses and promote success of development clusters
- Balance development and open space on the water’s edge to create an inviting environment for those who live there or who visit
- Promote additional maritime recreation with new docks and support of existing water uses (JFK Marina, Beczak Environmental Center, Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club, etc.)
- Connect existing parks, trails and open spaces with enhanced Saw Mill River and waterfront Esplanade to create a world class open space system that is a new defining feature of Yonkers
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Battery Park City, New York, NY (EE&K)



Waterfront Esplanade, Yonkers, NY (EE&K)



Baltimore Inner Harbor East, MD (SBER, EE&K)

Open Space | Parks

Existing Parks

- City of Yonkers existing park system includes over 40 parks
- Existing park space in Southwest Yonkers is mostly passive, with plazas, walkways, sitting areas, etc.
- Most of existing Parks and Open Spaces are isolated from adjacent uses, buildings and spaces, creating a lack of activity and limiting hours in which they are safe to use



Open Space | Parks

Parks and Open Space Opportunities

- Create new recreational opportunities in new park spaces
- Create different types of urban park experiences through variations in surfaces, landscaping, trees and activities
- Integrate theme of river and water into open spaces wherever possible as a unifying element throughout Yonkers
- Use parks and open spaces as “arrival” spaces when possible
- Activate parks and open spaces with cultural and entertainment events
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Bryant Park, New York, NY



Jamison Square, Portland, OR



South Cove Pier, Battery Park City, New York, NY (EE&K)

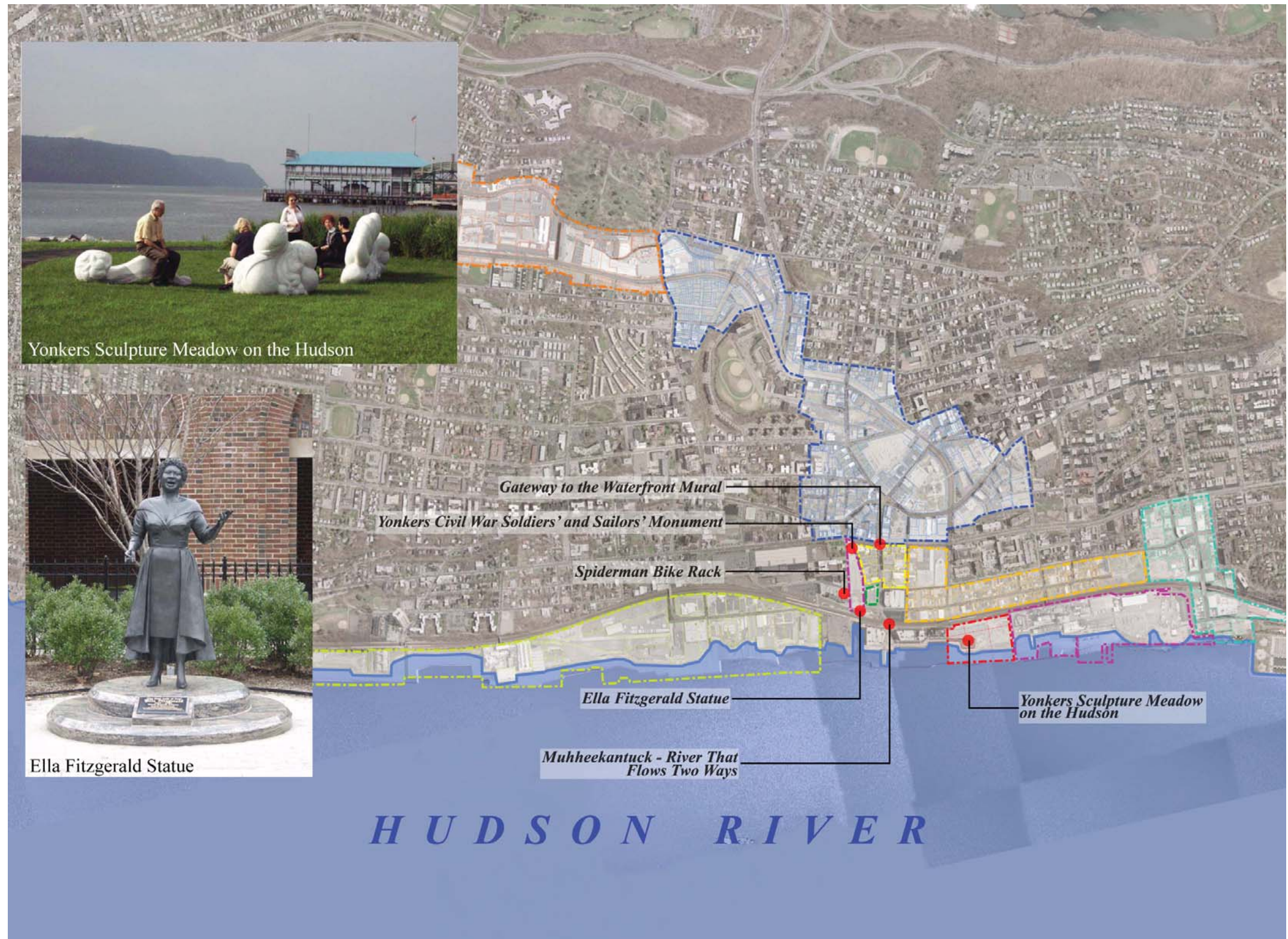


Post Office Square, Boston, MA

Open Space | Public Art

Existing Public Art

- New Development has spurred recent art installations in Yonkers (Sculpture Meadow, Spiderman Bike Rack, Riverfront Library Gallery, Muhheekantuck sculpture, etc.)
- Majority of Public Art exists in Downtown/ Waterfront Areas or Designation Areas
- Yonkers and Westchester County home to many community arts organizations
- Great access to Manhattan offers connection to New York City arts and culture



Open Space | Public Art

Public Art Opportunities

- Develop broad vision of how to thread public art through public open spaces and development
- Promote more youth arts programs
- Facilitate organization of local arts programs to maximize exposure and increase collective abilities
- Explore strategic partnerships with New York City arts and culture organizations
- Encourage Cultural Ventures through public sponsorship and funding of the arts
- Create a Yonkers Arts Commission and establish a government point person to coordinate public art opportunities
- Develop public resources to help fund different forms of art that will serve as economic stimulants for Yonkers economy



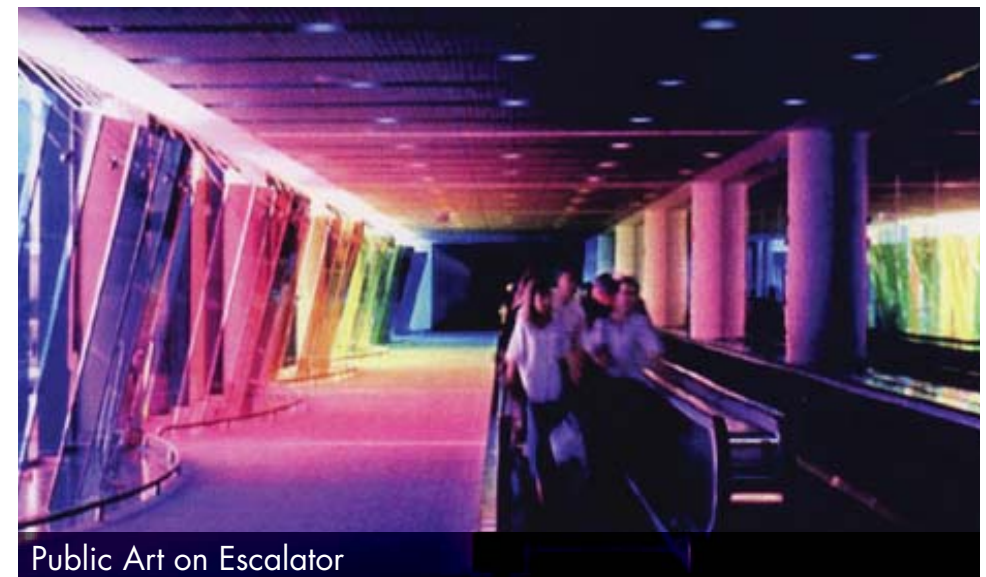
Pedestrian Bridge



Sculpture in Plaza



The Gates Installation, Central Park, New York, NY



Public Art on Escalator