

# PERTH AMBOY: A UNIQUE & VIBRANT CITY

Goal: To make Perth Amboy a **healthier** place to live by enhancing bicycle and pedestrian **access to parks**

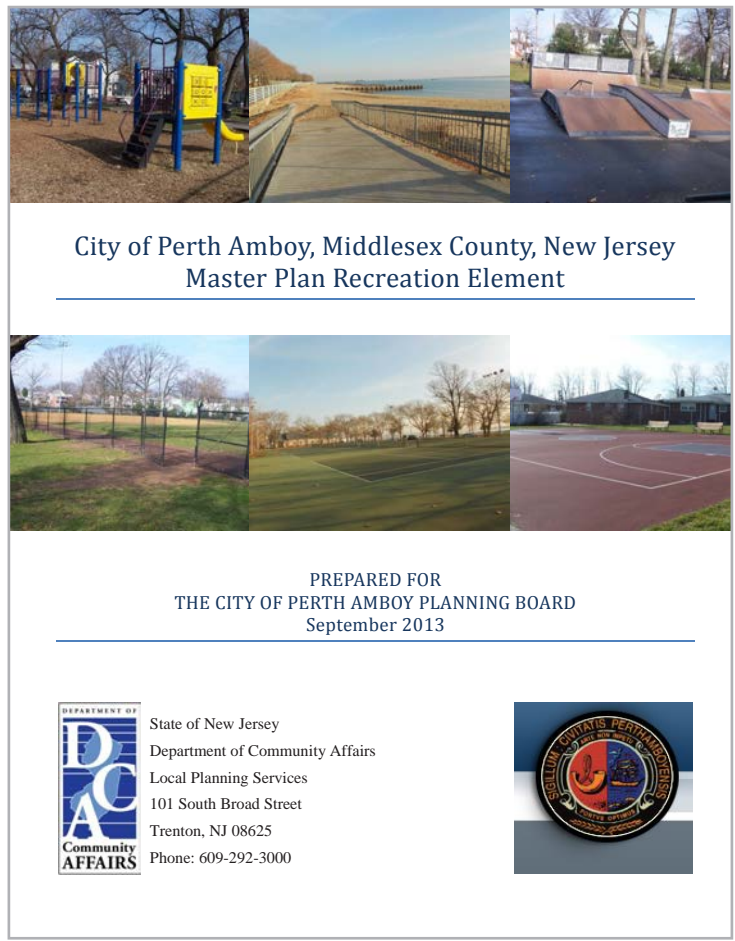
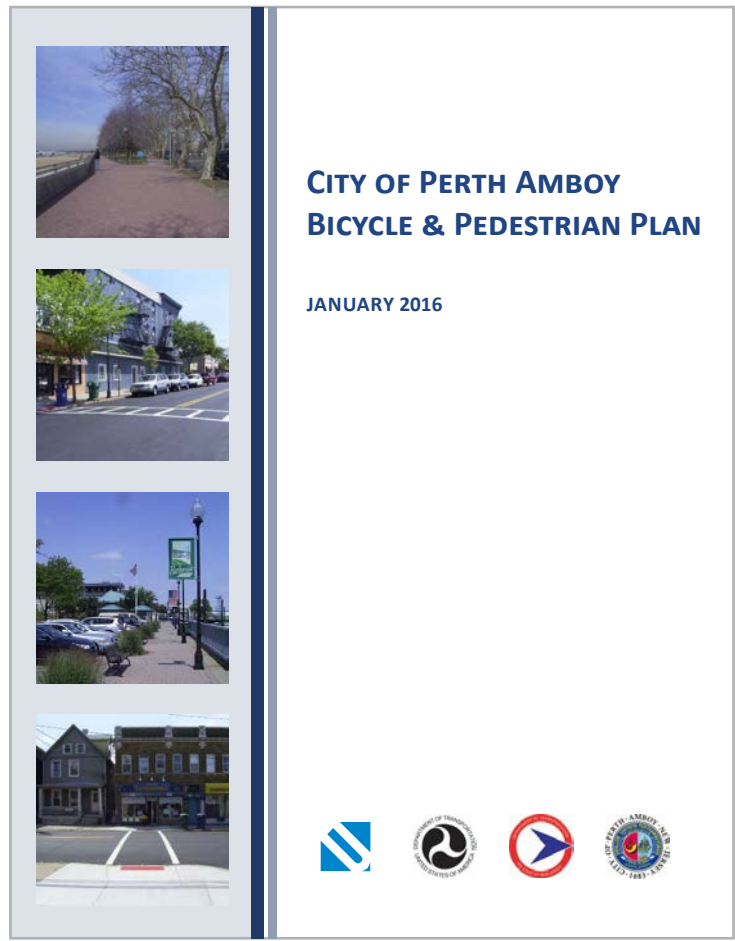




# ASSESSING EXISTING CONDITIONS

## Review Existing Plans

- **Perth Amboy Blueprint for Action (2017)**
- Perth Amboy Master Plan (2003)
- Master Plan Recreation Element (2013)
- Master Plan Circulation Element (2016)
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (2016)
- Middlesex Greenway Map (2017)
- Middlesex Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (2002)
- Rudyk Park Plan (2016)
- Brownfields Inventory Report (2016)
- NJDOT Complete Streets Design Guidelines (2017)
- 2ndStreet Park Plans (2015-2017)
- Creative Perth Amboy Report (2015)
- Strategic Recovery Plan (2014)
- Green Infrastructure Feasibility Study (2015)
- Economic Growth Strategy (2012)
- and more!



## Collect Existing Conditions Data using CollectorApp

- Collected data in two block radius of existing parks, proposed major streets, and around properties designated vacant on the Perth Amboy Brownfields Inventory (CUES 2016)
- Data collection menu developed to align with NJDEP Complete Streets guidelines for potential future funding

### Infrastructure that Supports Walking



### Infrastructure that Supports Biking



### Safe Crossings



### Opportunities for More Open Space



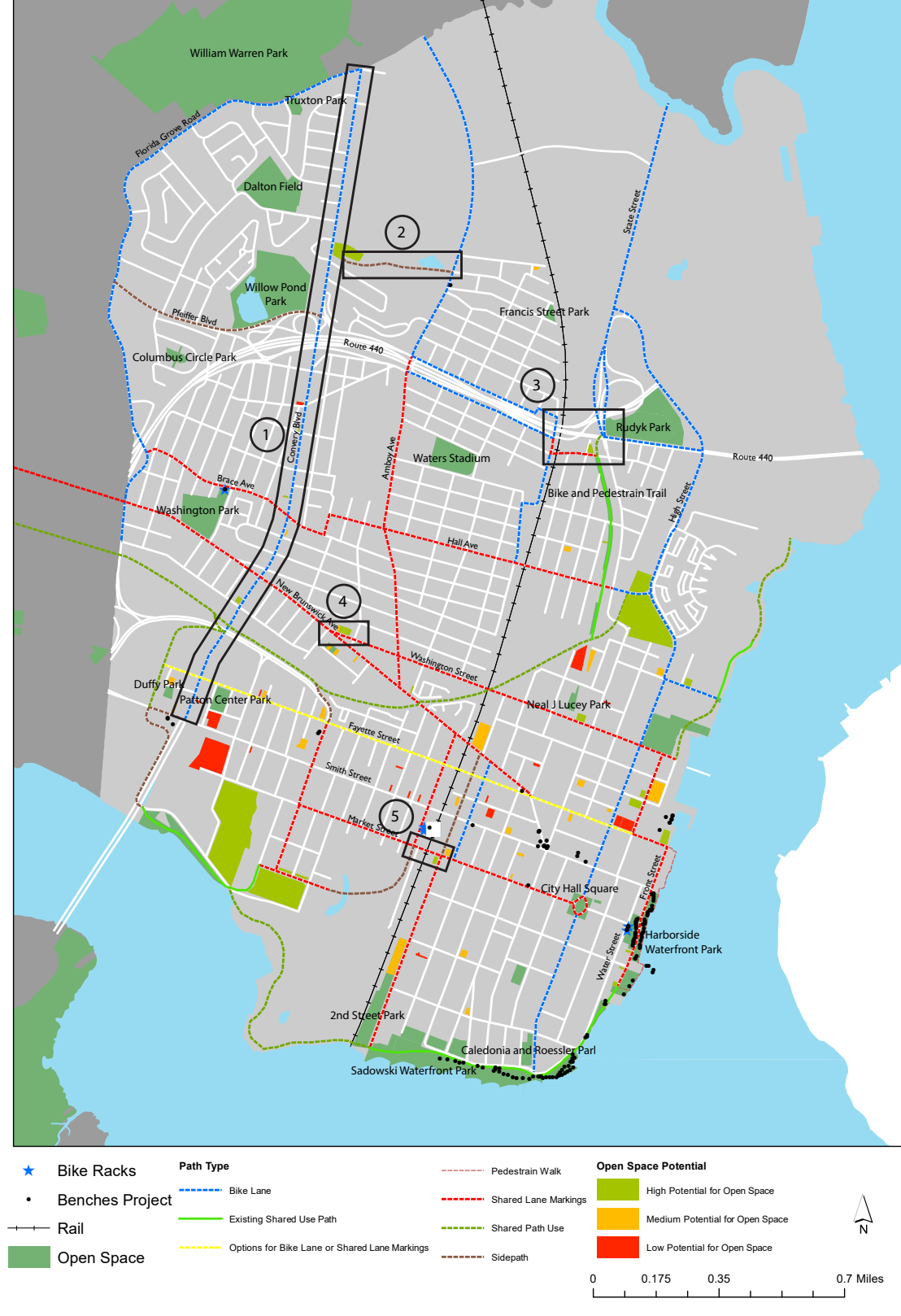
## Data Mapping & Analysis

- Existing bike/pedestrian infrastructure in relation to existing open space and proposed transportation network
- Patterns & missing links
- Opportunities for additional open space
- Criteria for prioritization

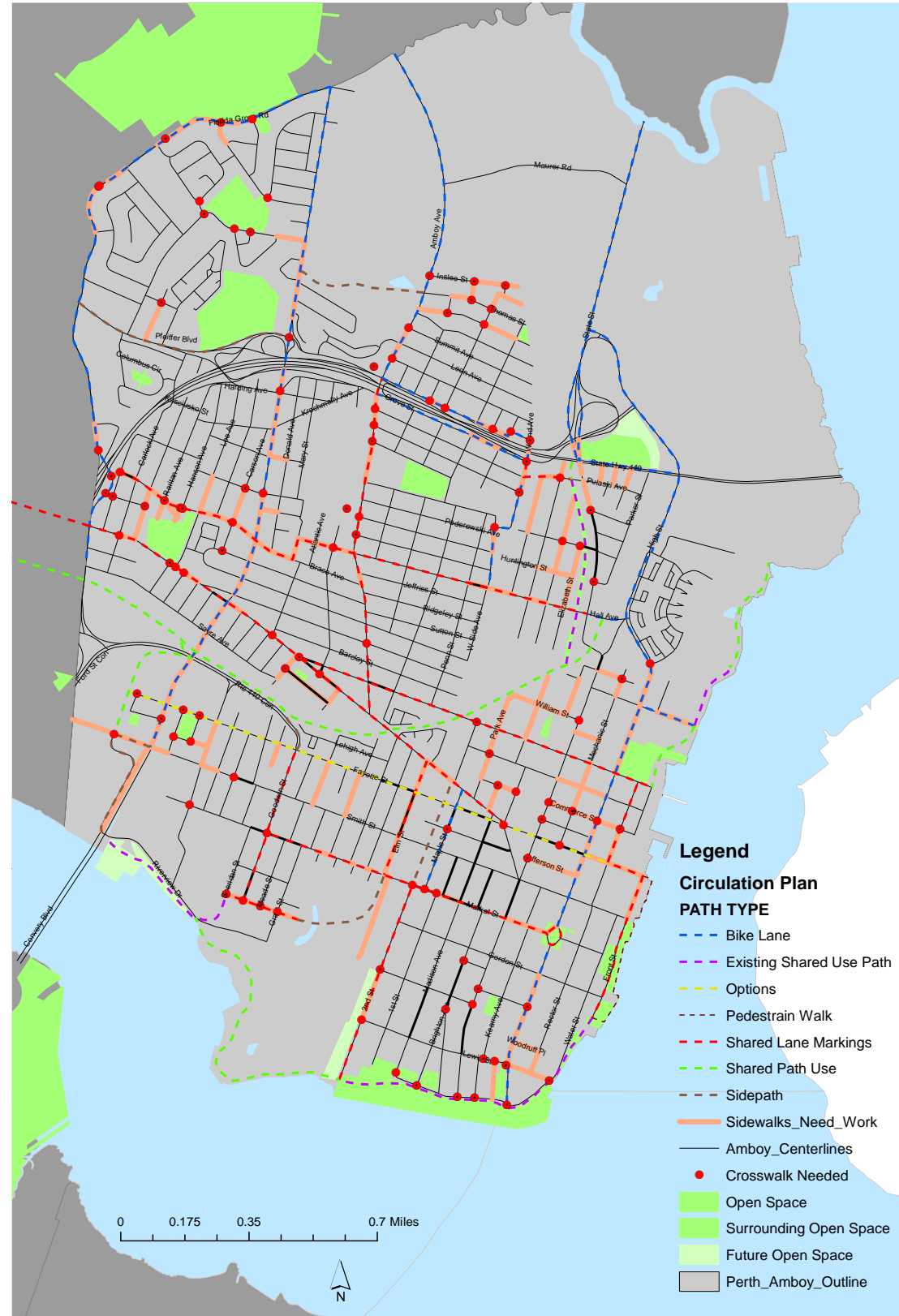
### Proposed Circulation Network



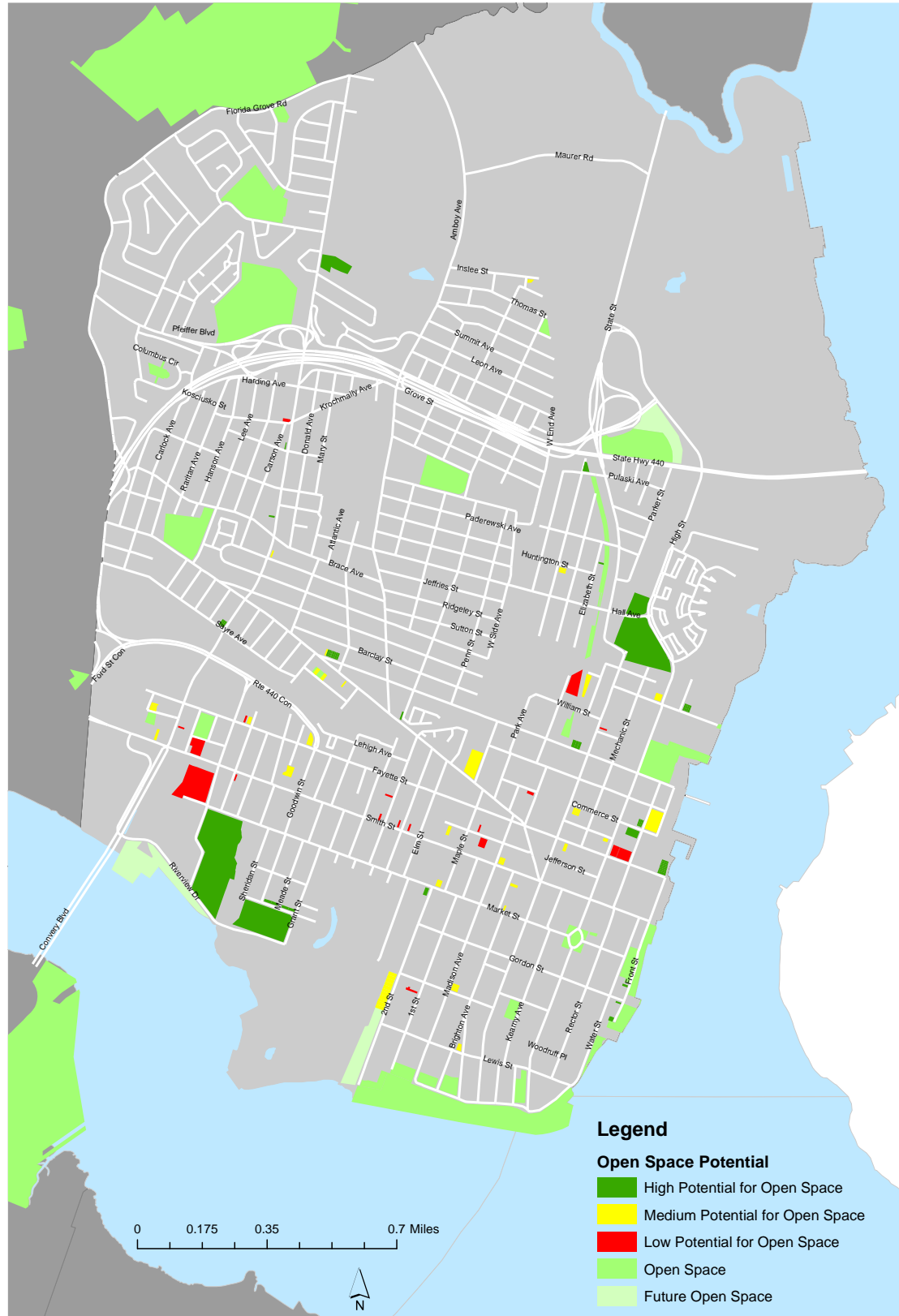
### Existing Plan Areas



### Street & Sidewalk Maintenance



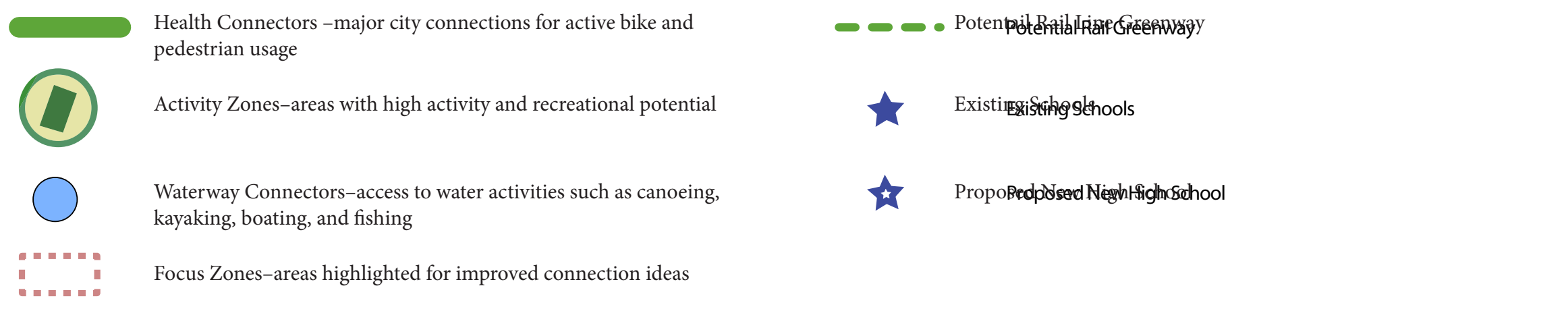
### Potential Open Space





# CONNECTIVITY CONCEPT

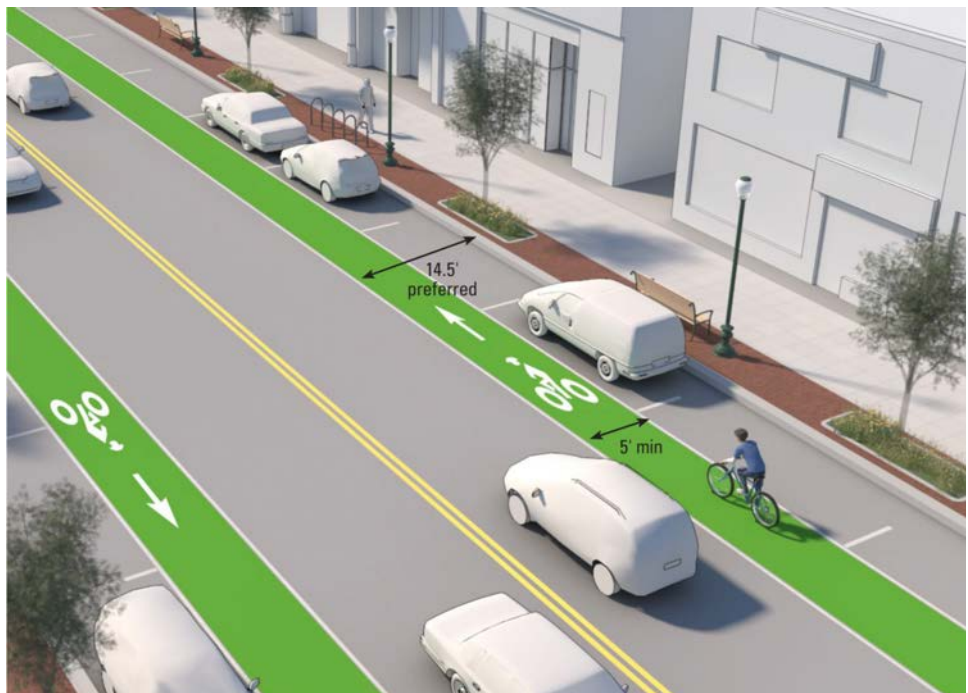
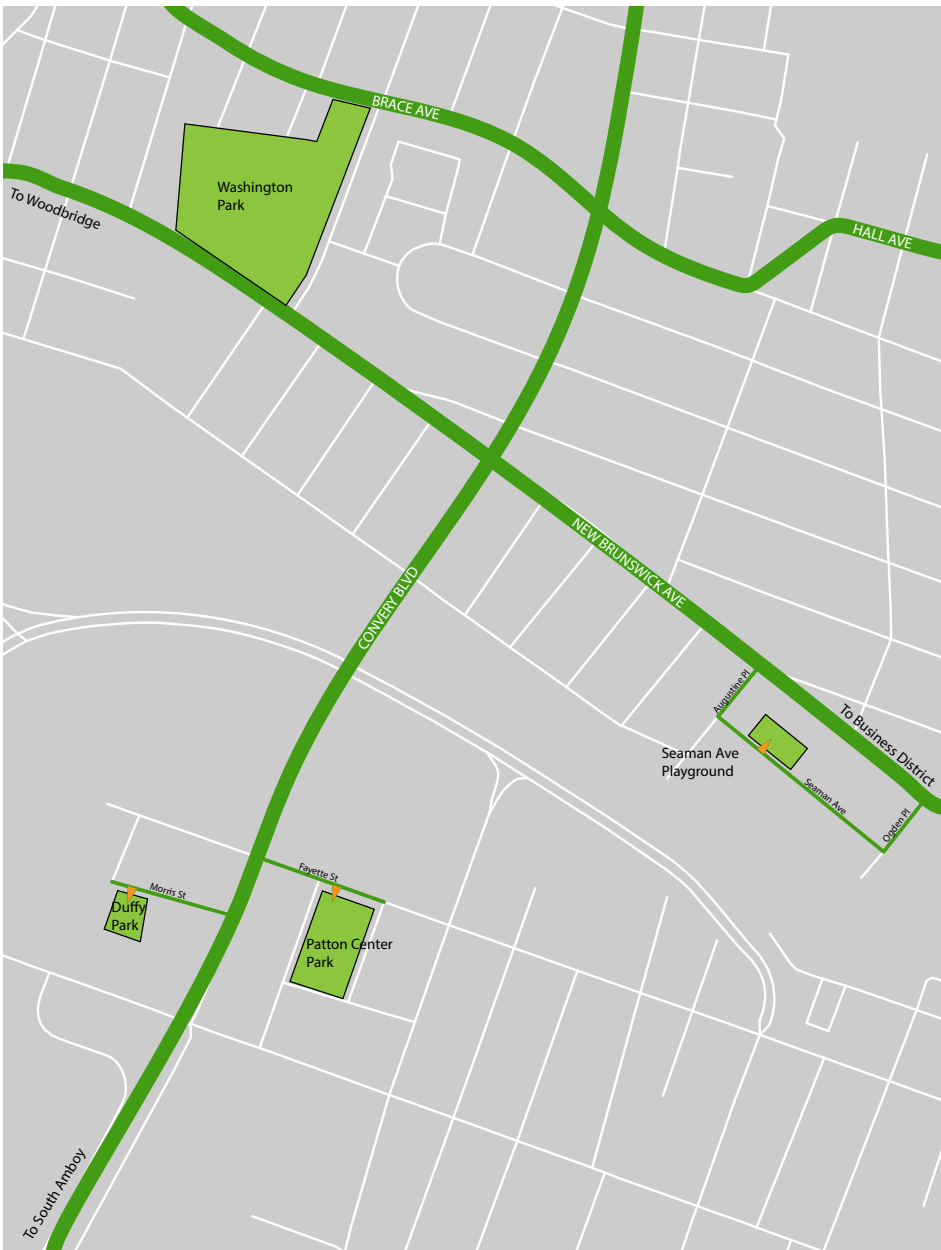
Concept: Park nodes connected by routes that encourage safe, enjoyable walking and biking



## Opportunities

### Street and Sidewalk Enhancements

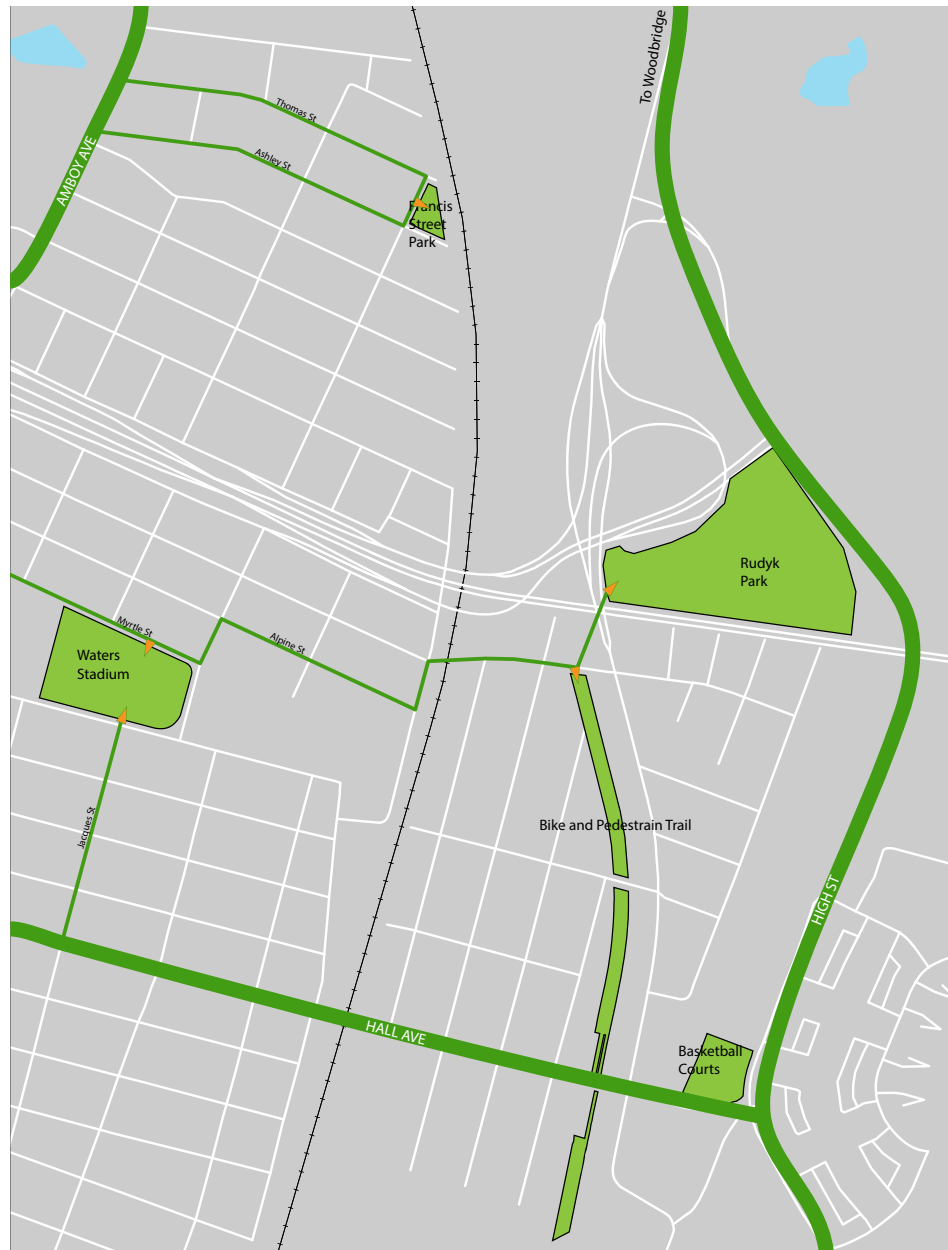
- Bike lanes and signage where appropriate
- Traffic calming interventions
- Wide sidewalks set back from the road
- Infrastructure maintenance & improvements (crosswalk striping, accessible ramps, sidewalk repairs, etc.)
- Amenities for comfort & interest (seating, art, etc.)



Credit: NJ DOT Complete Streets Design Guide

### Linking Streets and Parks

- Permeable, engaging park edges to pull visitors in from the street
- Easy connections between activity nodes
- Obvious access points for parks
- Clear signage for healthy street connectors



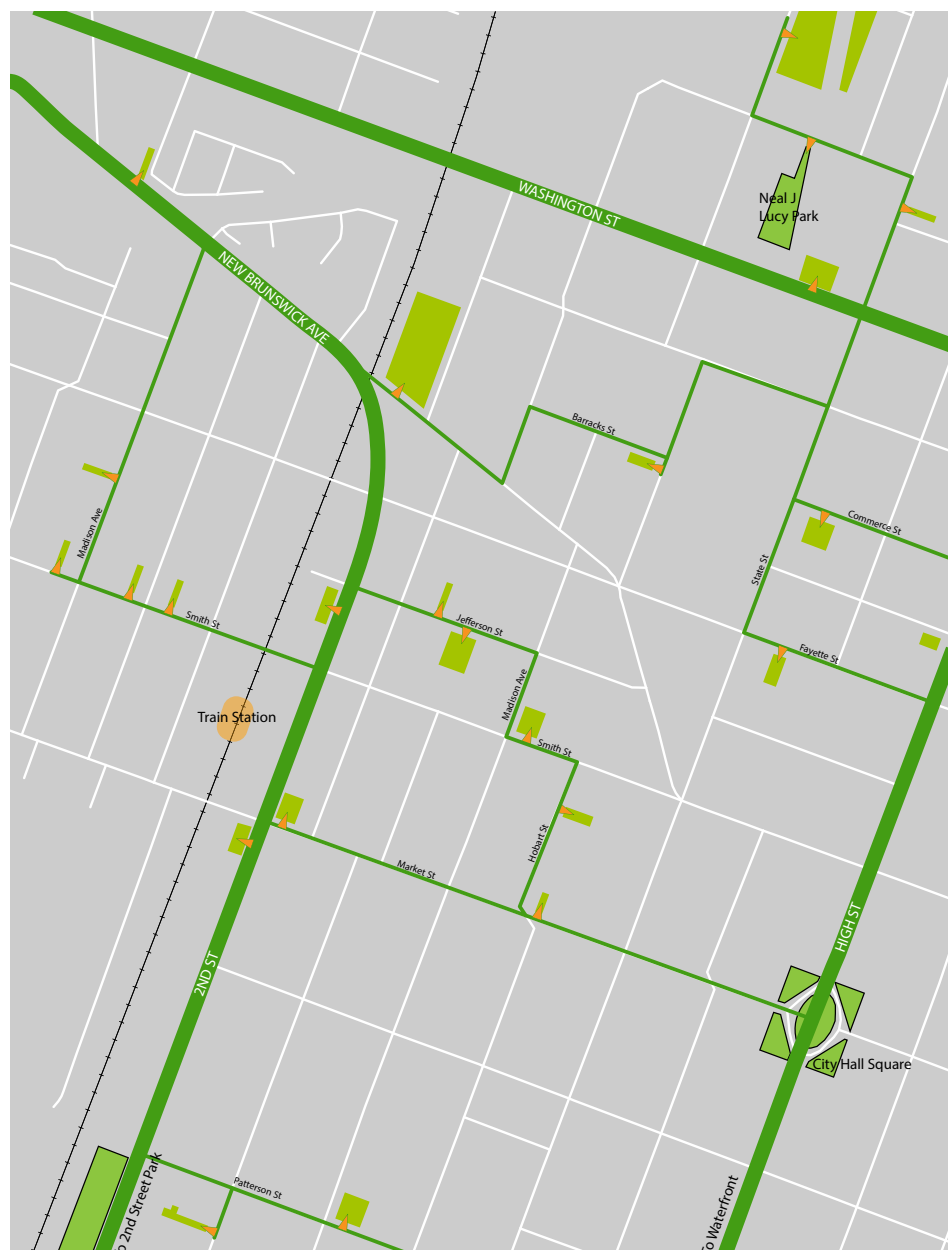
### Celebrate Park Entrances

- More visible park entrances to encourage visitors in (signage, colorful visual cues, etc.)
- Create park entrances where there are existing “desire paths” – informal worn paths created by repeated foot or bike traffic



### New Pocket Parks

- Small green oases that increase City open space, particularly in underserved areas
- Provide social and recreations hubs
- Engaging destinations along long streets or dense urban hardscapes



Credit: Groundswell Design Group