



An aerial architectural rendering of Hartford, Connecticut, showing a river-centered urban plan. The Connecticut River flows through the center of the city, with various buildings, parks, and infrastructure planned along its banks. The surrounding landscape is green and hilly. The text 'hartford400' is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

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a river-centered vision
for the connecticut valley
and its capital city

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KEY PARTNERS

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
Office of Congressman Larson
Capitol Region Council of Governments
Capital Region Development Authority
Connecticut Dept. of Transportation
MetroHartford Alliance
Riverfront Recapture
City of Hartford
Town of East Hartford
iQuilt Partnership
Gawlicki Family Foundation
North Atlantic Rail

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1. Overview
2. Infrastructure
3. RiverRoad
4. MidTown
5. The hARTline

*signature
projects*

Summary

1. Overview

Vision

a comprehensive vision for the Connecticut Valley and its Capital City

Deadline 2035

A 15 year program of short- and long-term projects keyed to the region's 400th anniversary

Coalition

A working consensus of the region's organizations: government, business, culture, non-profit, community

Goals

builds on current successes, aims for a more sustainable, prosperous, equitable, mobile, and vibrant region

Growth

Seeks to attract new residents, businesses and investments by improving the quality of place

2. Infrastructure

Airport

BDL terminal and air route expansion; airport link at Windsor Locks Station (Hartford Line)

Intercity Rail

new intermodal station; high speed line to NYC, Boston

Commuter Rail

3 Hartford Line stations completed; transit-adjacent housing expanded

Bus Rapid Transit:

CTfastrak to Storrs

Highway Interchanges

84/91 and Mixmaster relocated north and south

Highway Tunnels

84 (south corridor) and 2 (East Hartford)

Highways Covered

91 and 891 (formerly 84)

Floodwalls

Repaired

3. RiverRoad

Extended Riverside Park

continuous 2 miles along Hartford's riverfront

New River Road

above 91 and tracks, with bus transit, bike lanes; front doors for Convention Center, Science Center

Expanded Riverfront Access

13 connecting streets from South End, Downtown, and North End to riverfront

New Housing

Mixed income development on up to 30 acres of newly available highway land

Restored Bridges

Bulkeley and Founders Bridges become city street with transit and bike lanes

New Bridges

1. Coltsville Bridge to Midtown EH; 2. Meadows Bridge from Brainard Field to UT and Goodwin campuses

4. MidTown

New Urban District

up to 130 acres of newly available highway land between the East Hartford riverfront and Main Street

New Central Park

Midtown Commons provides 28 acres of open space along the riverfront

New Boulevards

Bridge Boulevard connects from Bulkeley Bridge to Main Street; Statehouse Avenue connects from Founders Bridge to MidTown core; Park Boulevard provides regional access

New Hokanum River Park

A city and regional park highlights the river and connects all of East Hartford

Neighborhood Preservation

Existing residential areas are protected

5. the hARTline

7-Mile Linear Park

uses rail right-of-way, new boulevards, and the Bulkeley Bridge

Community Connector

links four towns and as many as 13 neighborhoods: biking, walking, shuttle

Cultural Corridor

distinctive locales developed by adjacent communities, enriched by local and regional artists

Educational Incubator

7 adjoining schools participate in art, design, and engineering programs to help create places along the line

Health and Healing

With St. Francis Hospital in the middle, programs to address trauma and encourage community wellness

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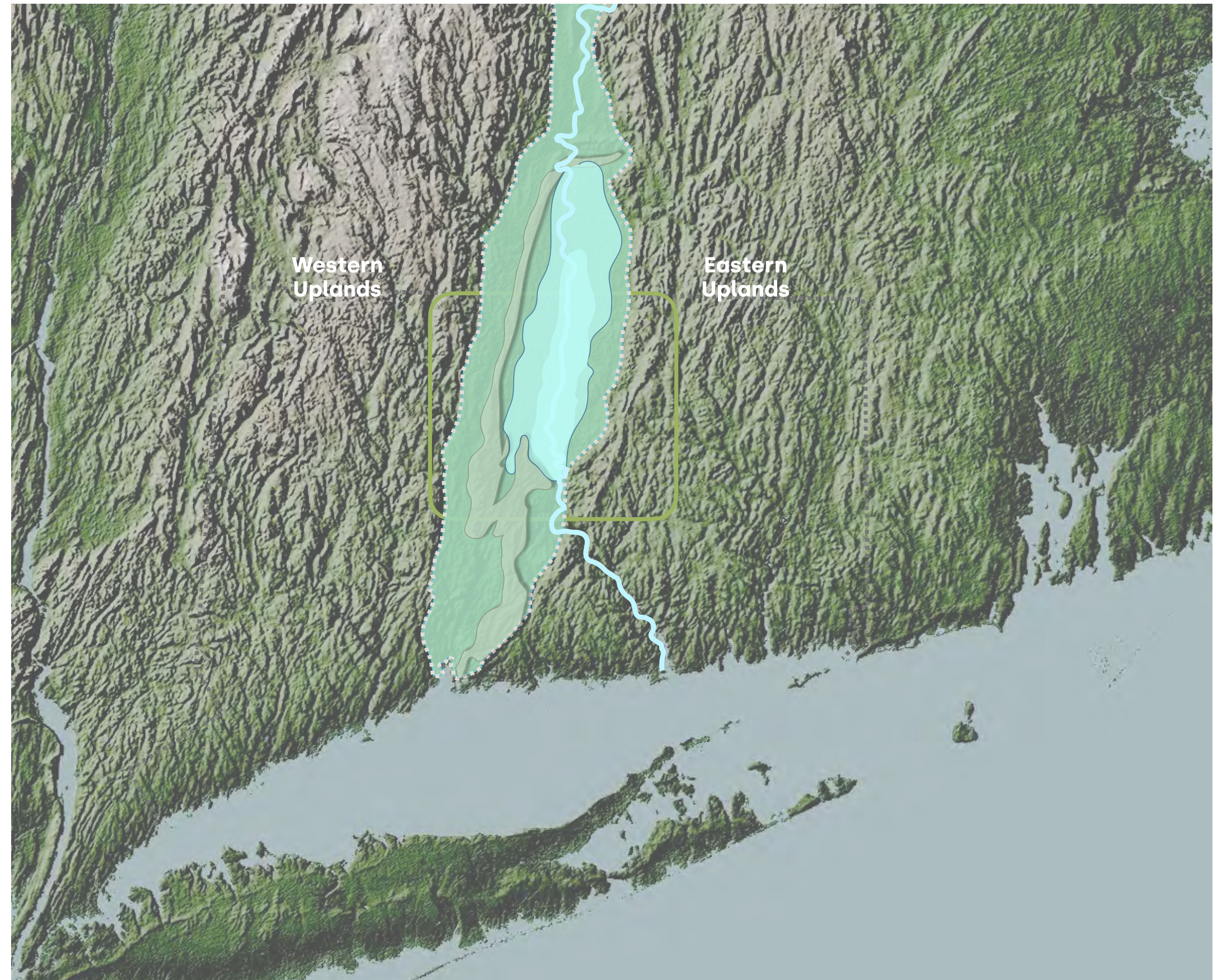
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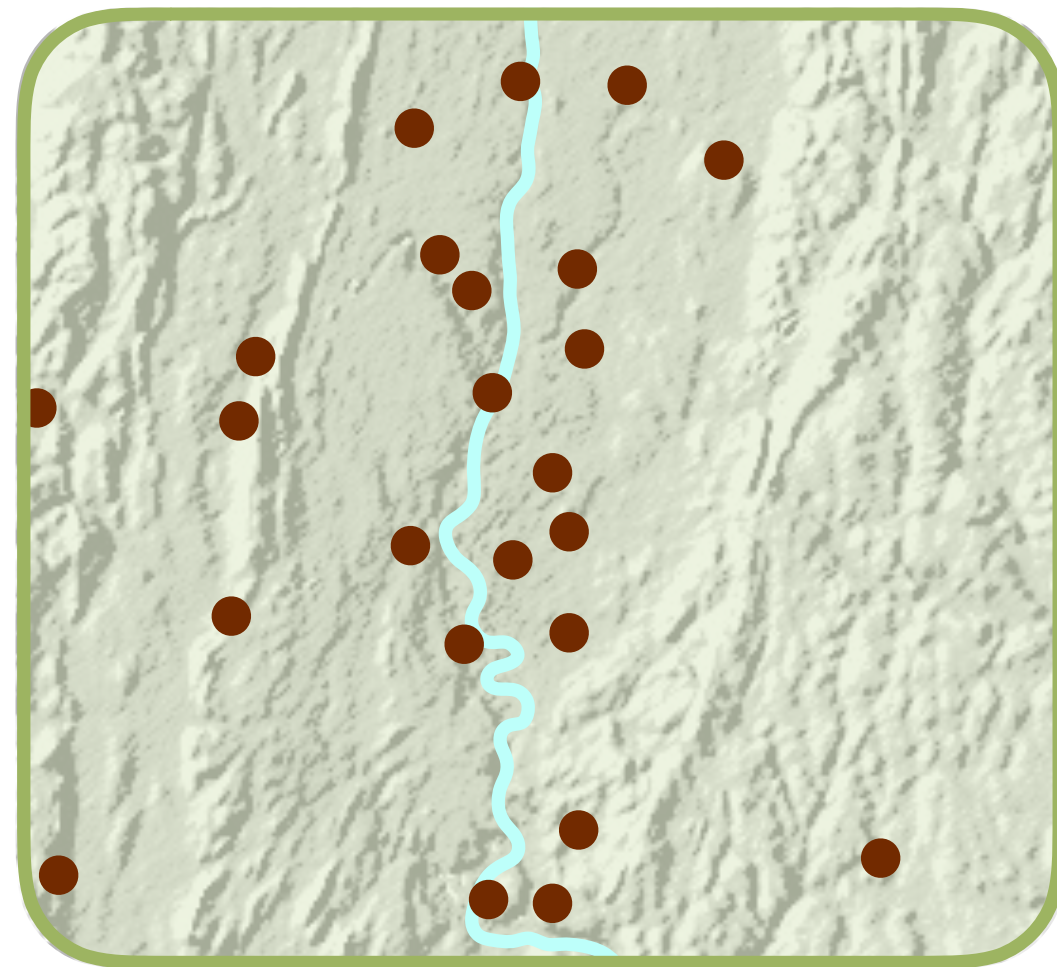
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our shared landscape:
ancient rift valley
with a flooding river



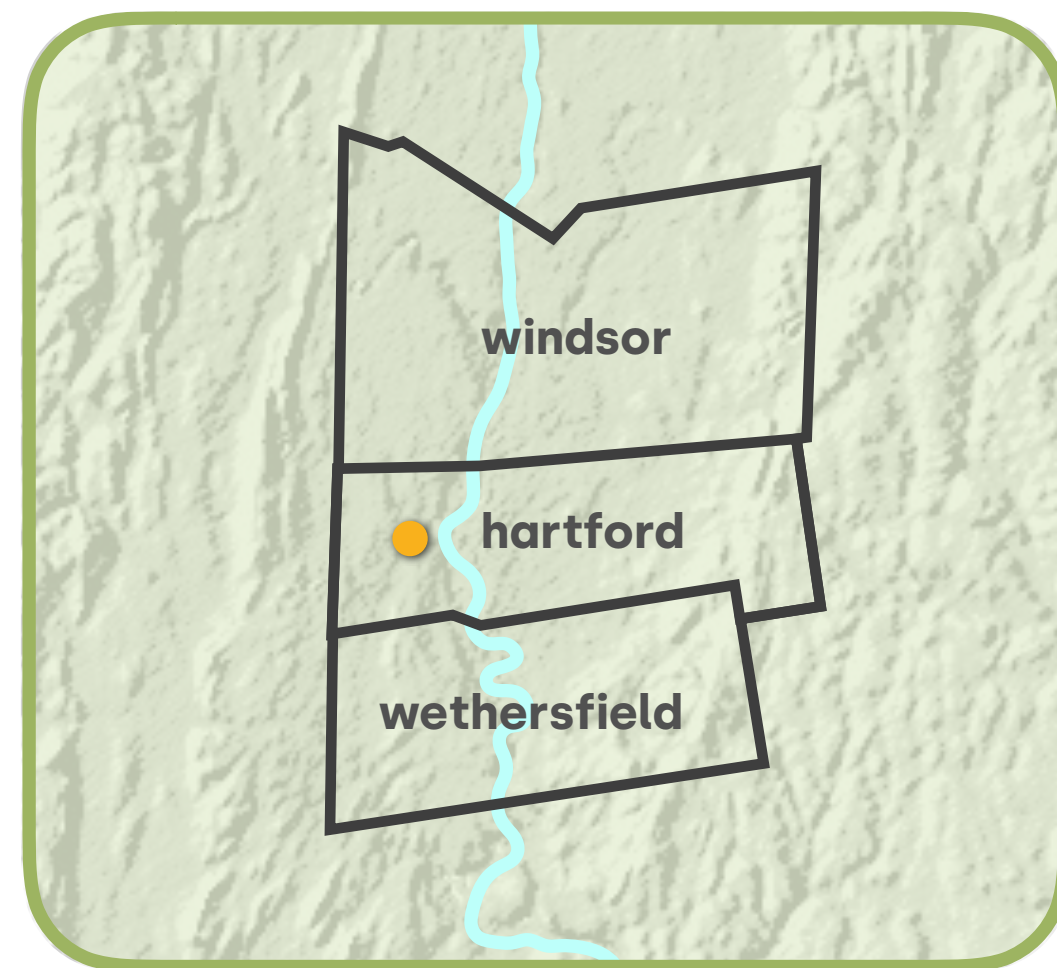
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10,000 bc:
native american
settlements



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1635: three colonial settlements



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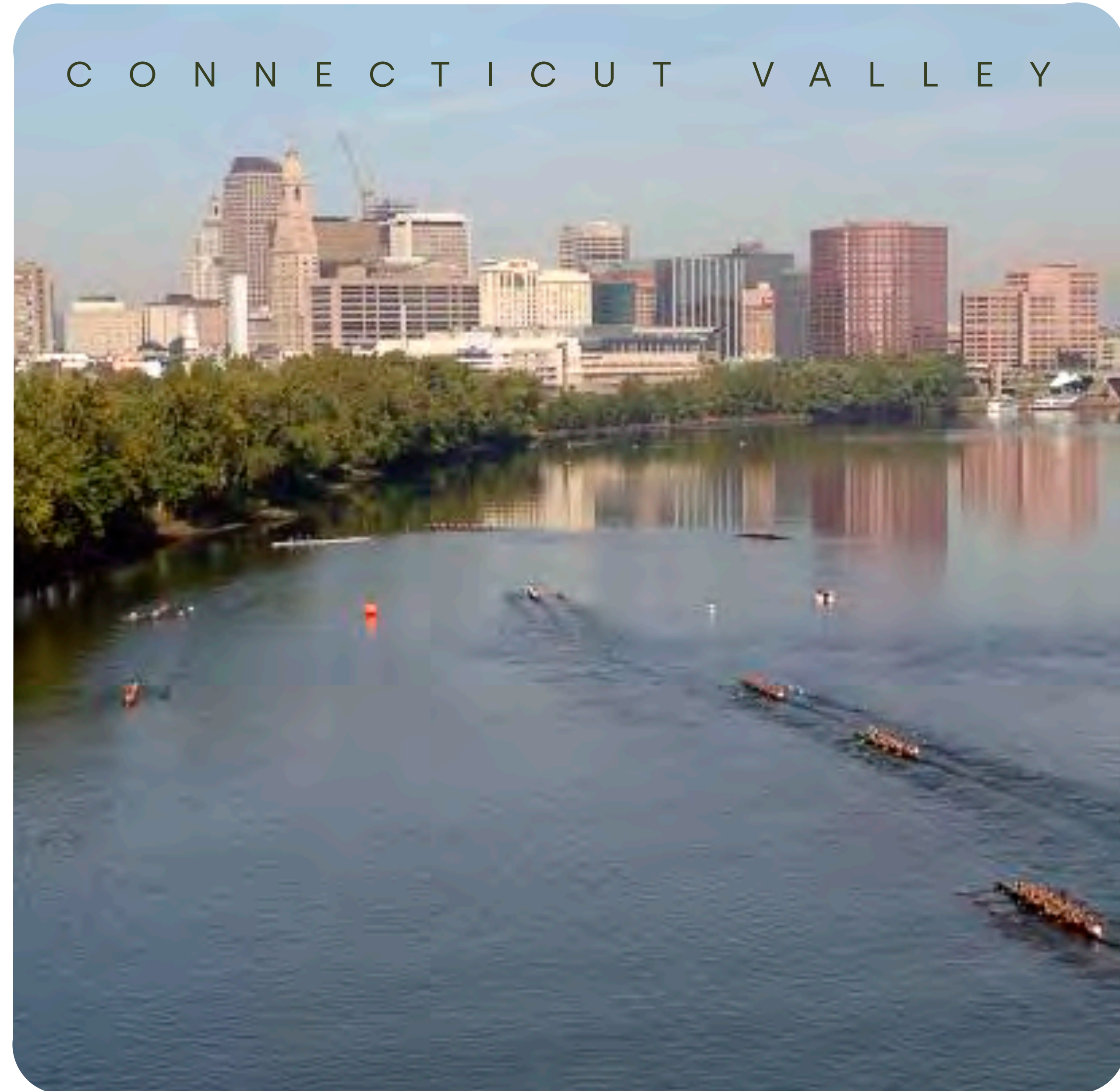


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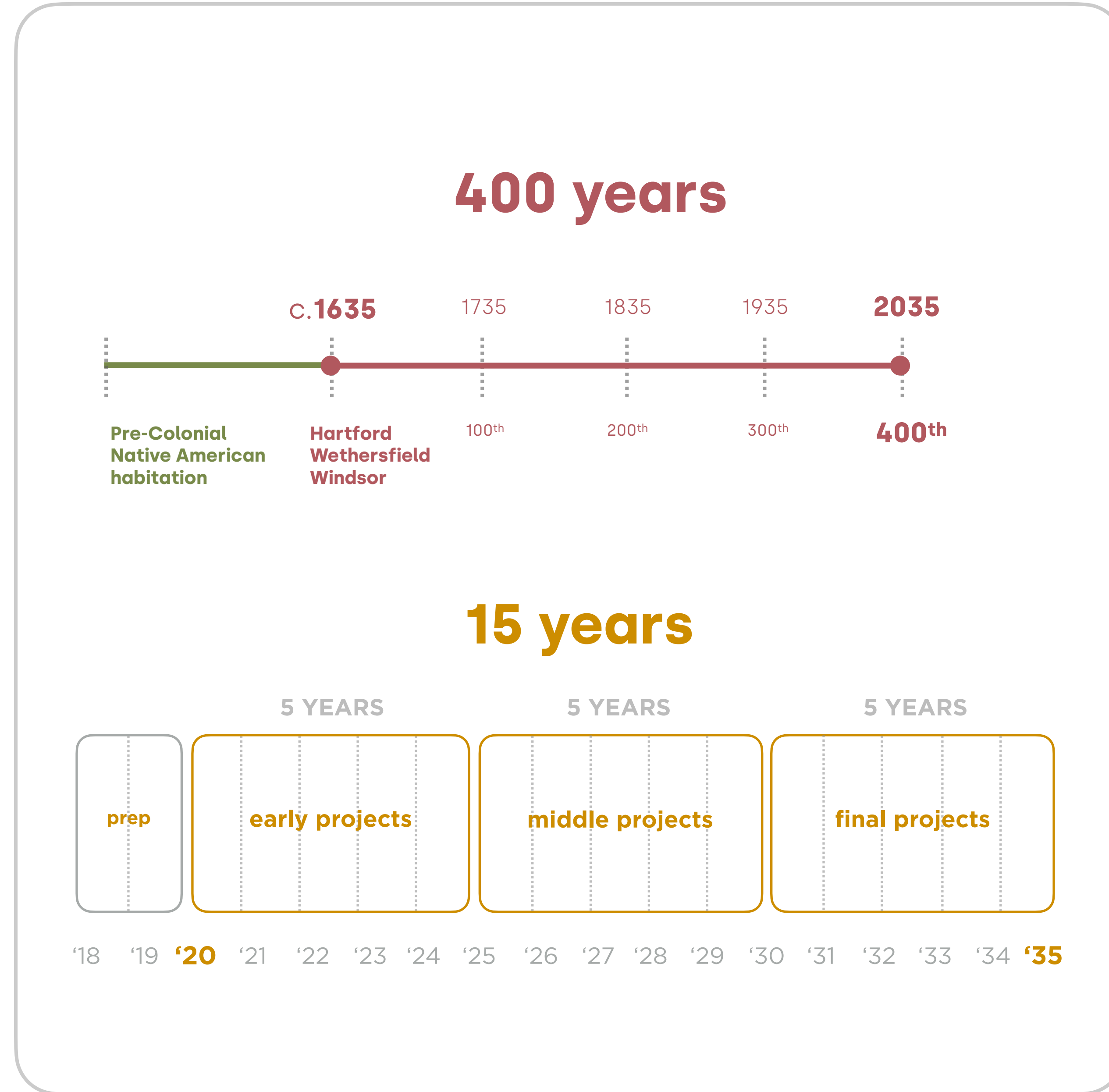
2020:
50 towns
1000 square miles
1 million people



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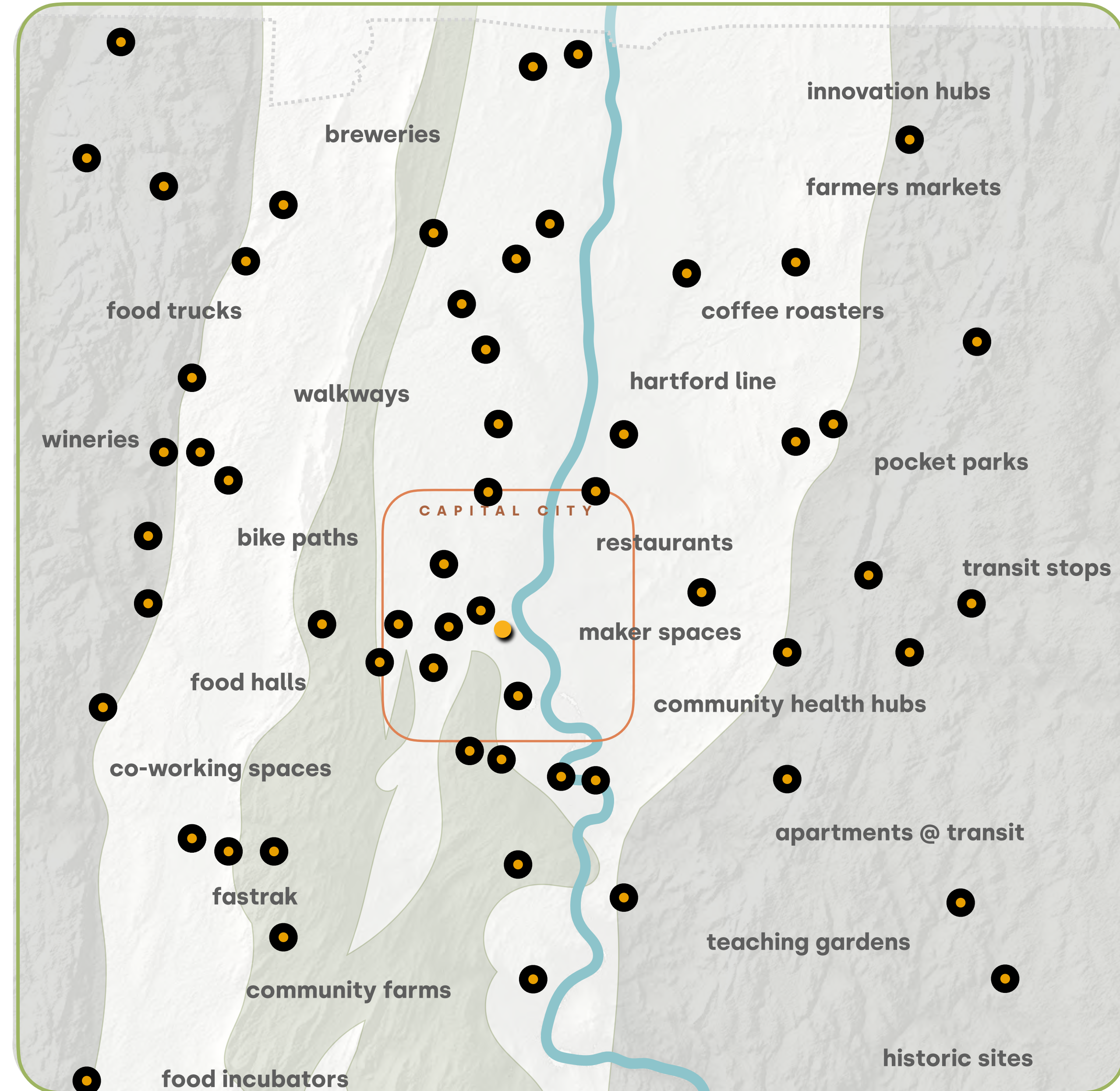


1635-2035:
historic timeline
2020-2035:
project timeline



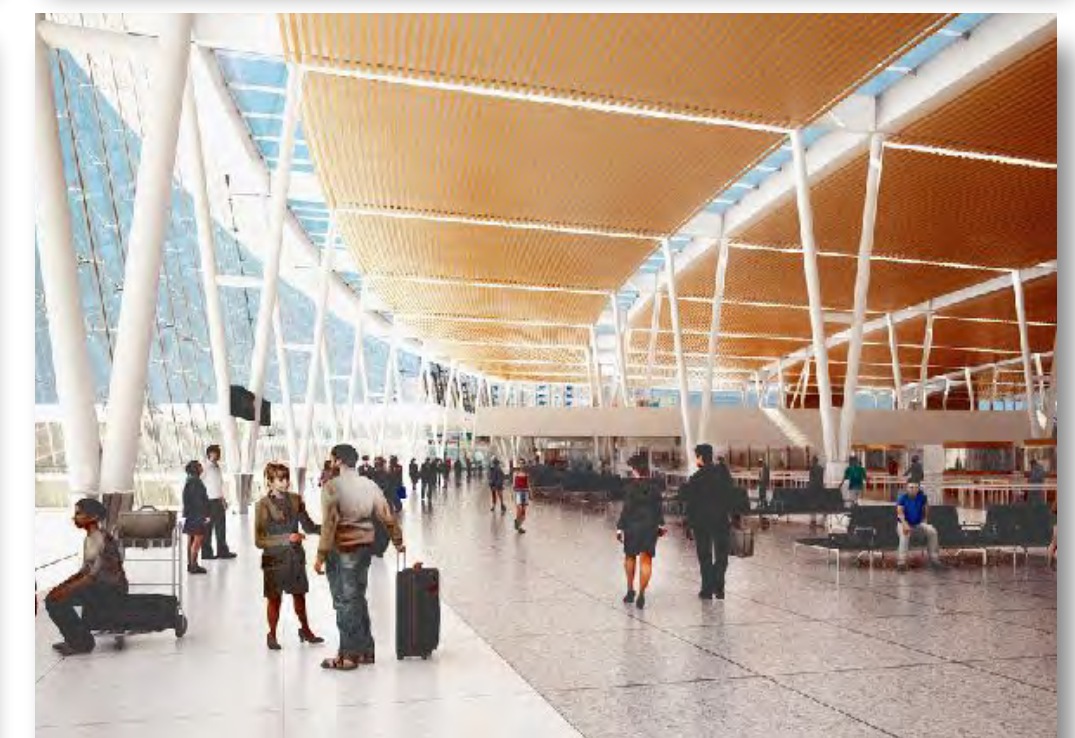
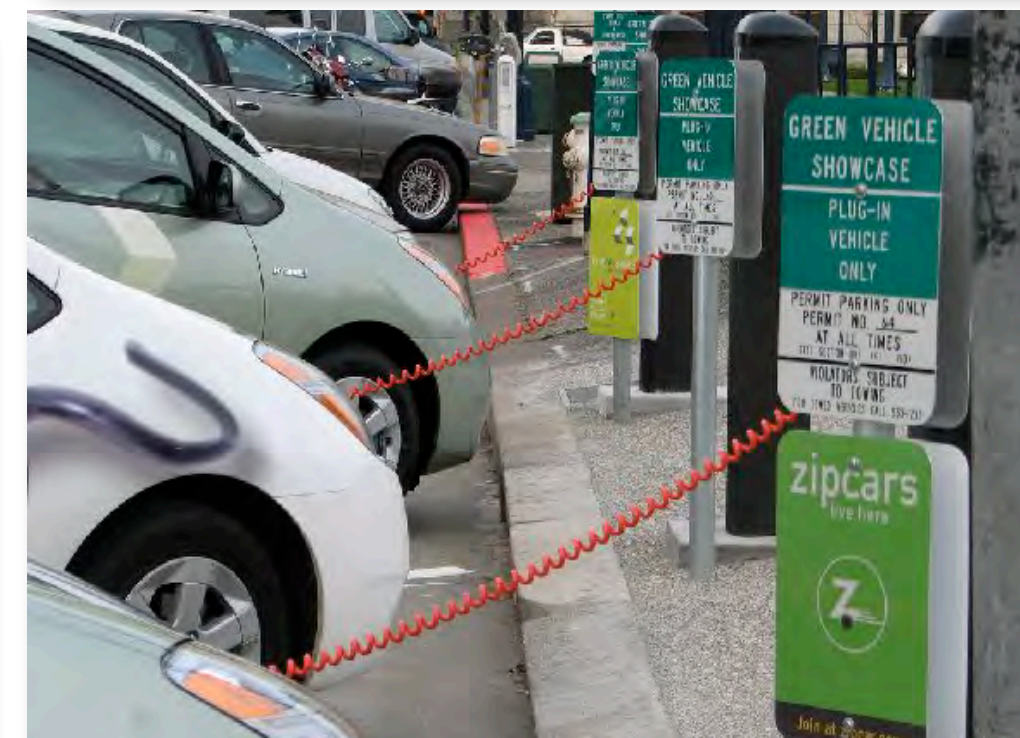
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not from scratch:
hundreds of small and large
contributing projects



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**forging the
shared vision**

- Capital Region Development Authority Plan
- Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy CEDS
- Knowledge Corridor Talent and Workforce Strategy
- Bradley Field Master Plan
- Regional Plan of Conservation and Development
- Regional Long-Range Transportation Study
- John Larson's Vision Plan
- I-84 Project
- I-91 Interchange Project
- Northeast Corridor High-Speed Rail Plan
- Hartford Plan of Conservation & Development
- Hartford Climate Stewardship Initiative
- Hartford Zoning Code
- Hartford NRZ Plans
- Opportunity Zone Initiatives
- Innovation Places Strategic Plan
- Hartford Working Cities Challenge
- Hartford Public Schools Master Plan
- Riverfront Recapture Master Plan
- Hartford Business Improvement District Strategic Plan
- Hartford Parks Legacy & Vision
- The iQuilt Plan
- Regional Bike and Trail Plan
- Coltsville National Park
- Hartford Hospital Master Plan...



five goals

environment
more
sustainable.

economy
more
prosperous.

community
more
equitable.

transport
more
mobile.

culture
more
vibrant.



green



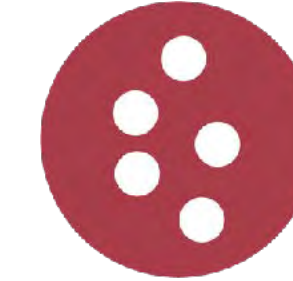
grow



live



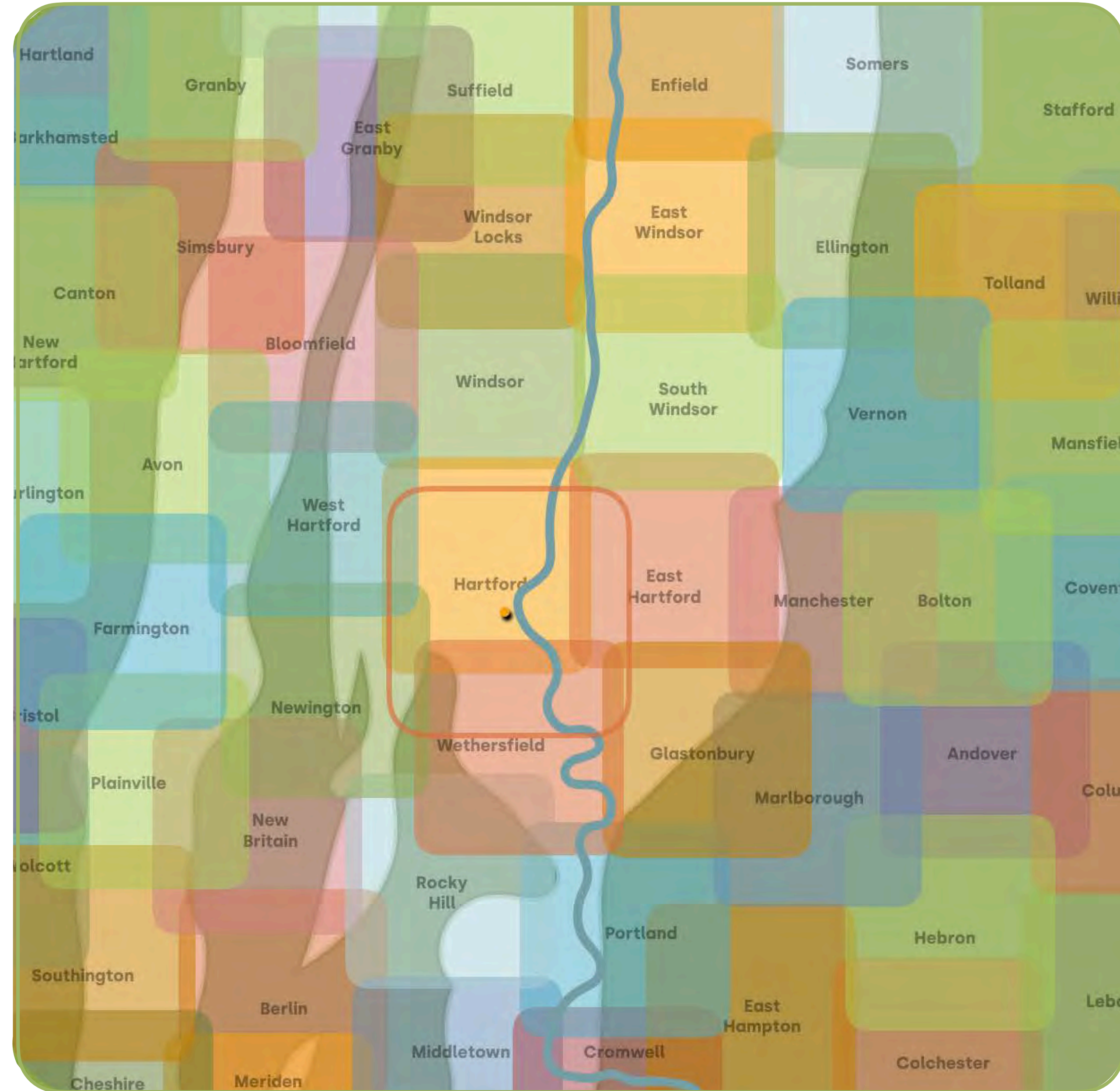
move



play

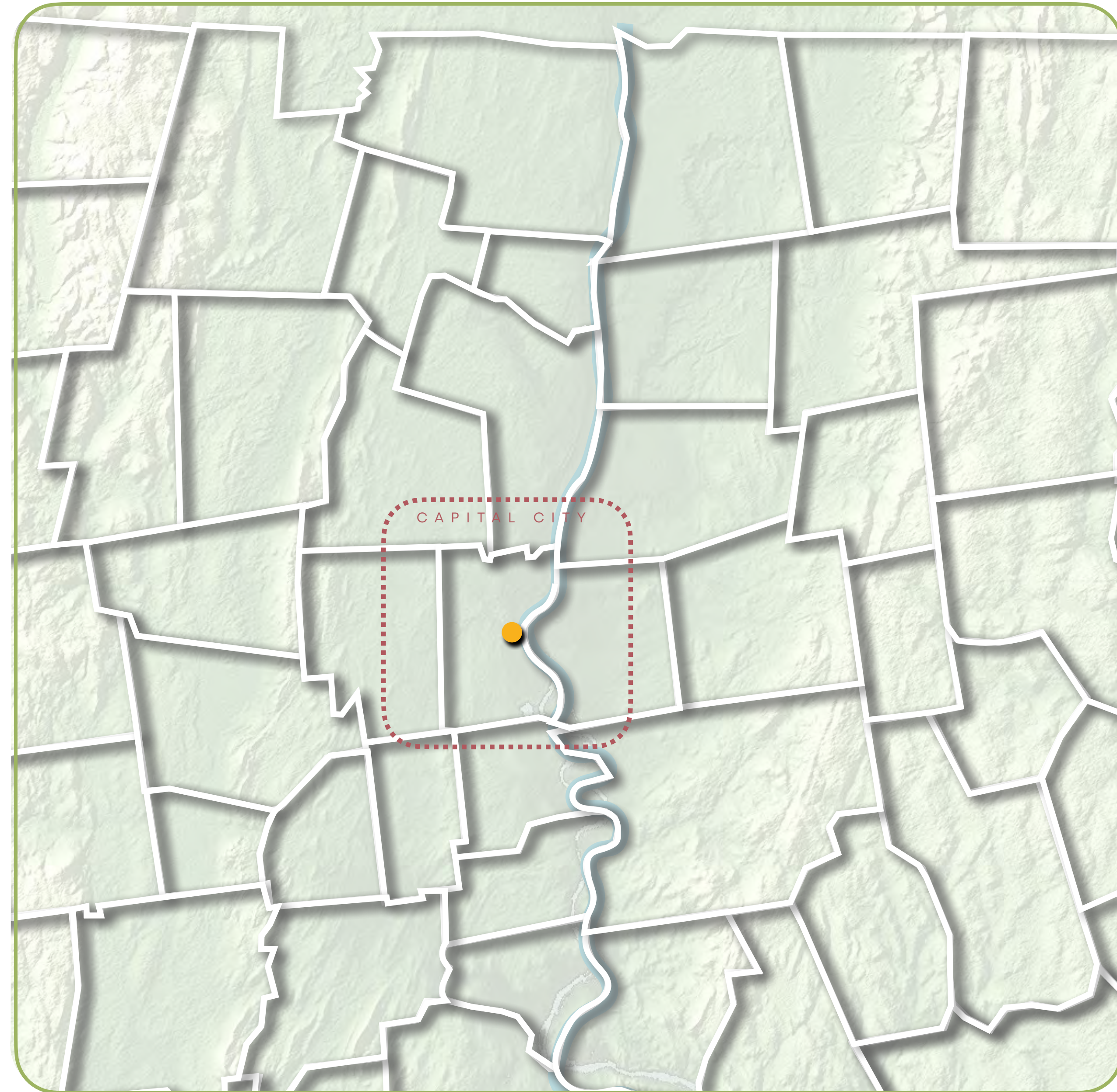
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many towns
with distinct
identities



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town lines
can be
barriers



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**infrastructure as
catalyst**

infrastructure →
rail
highway
dike
bus
bike
street
park



equity.

reconfigured highways reverse social inequities



jobs.

construction projects create good local jobs



climate.

transit, walking, biking reduce global warming

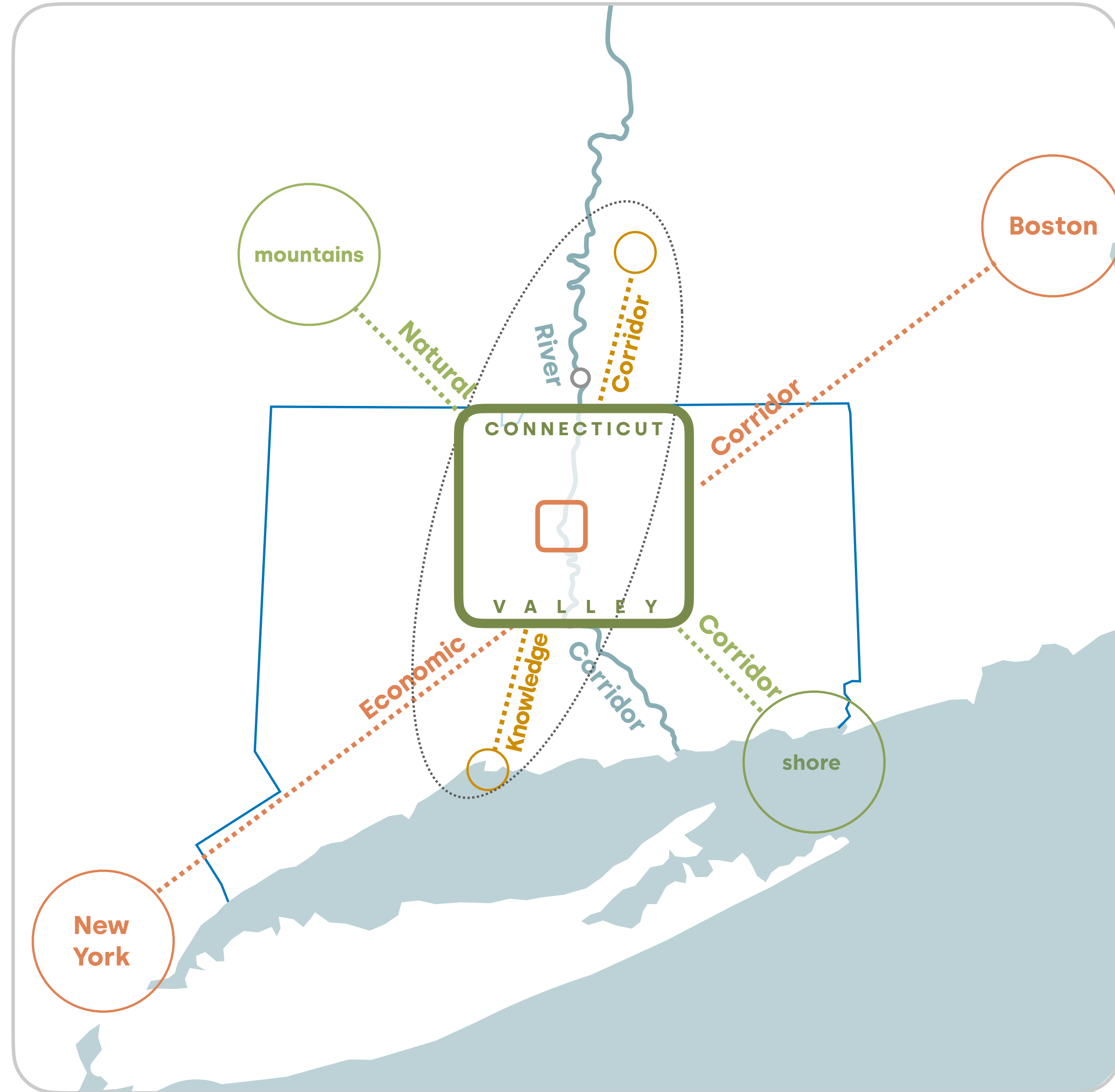


growth.

vibrant places attract talent, produce jobs + housing

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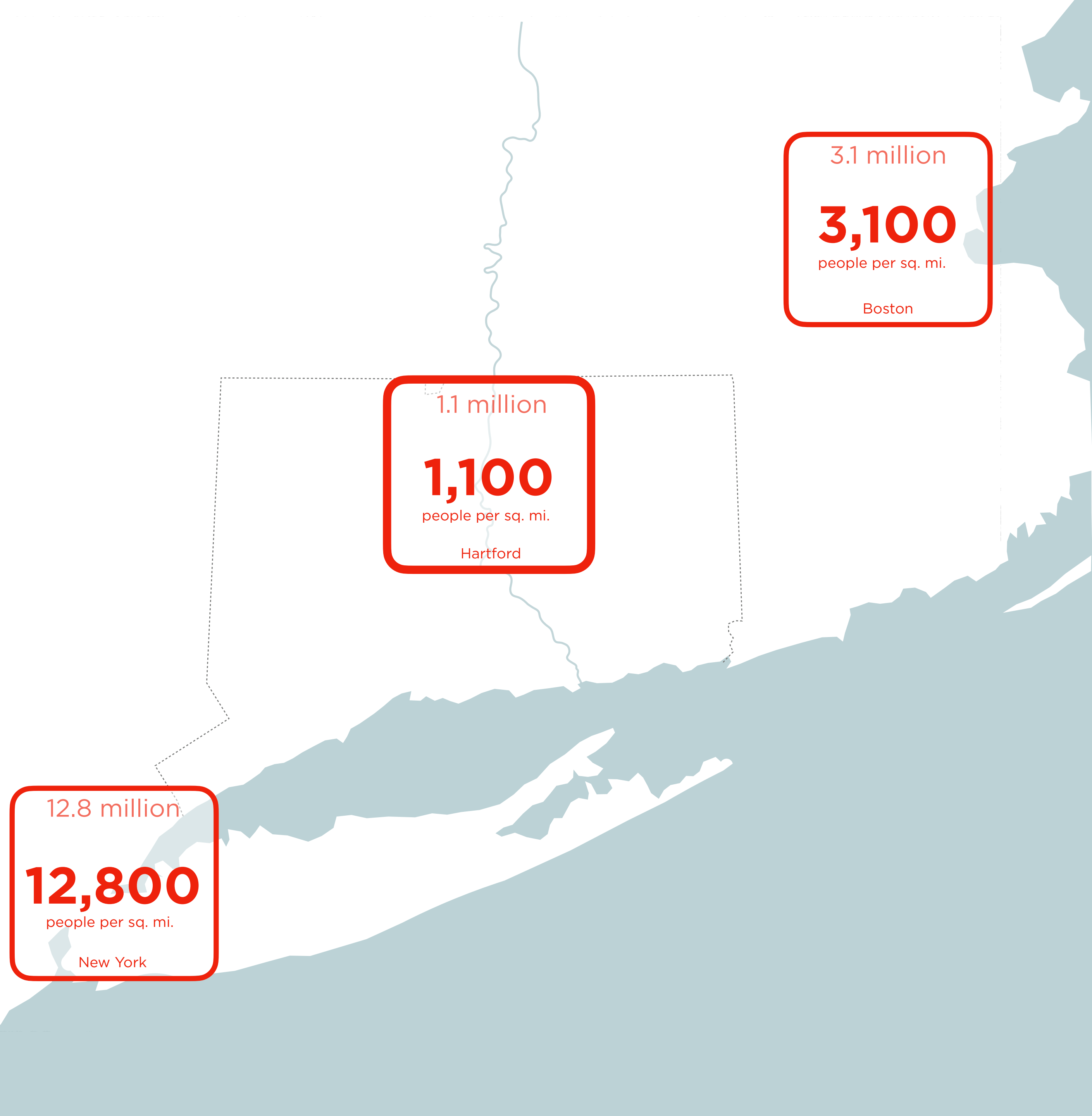
strategic location



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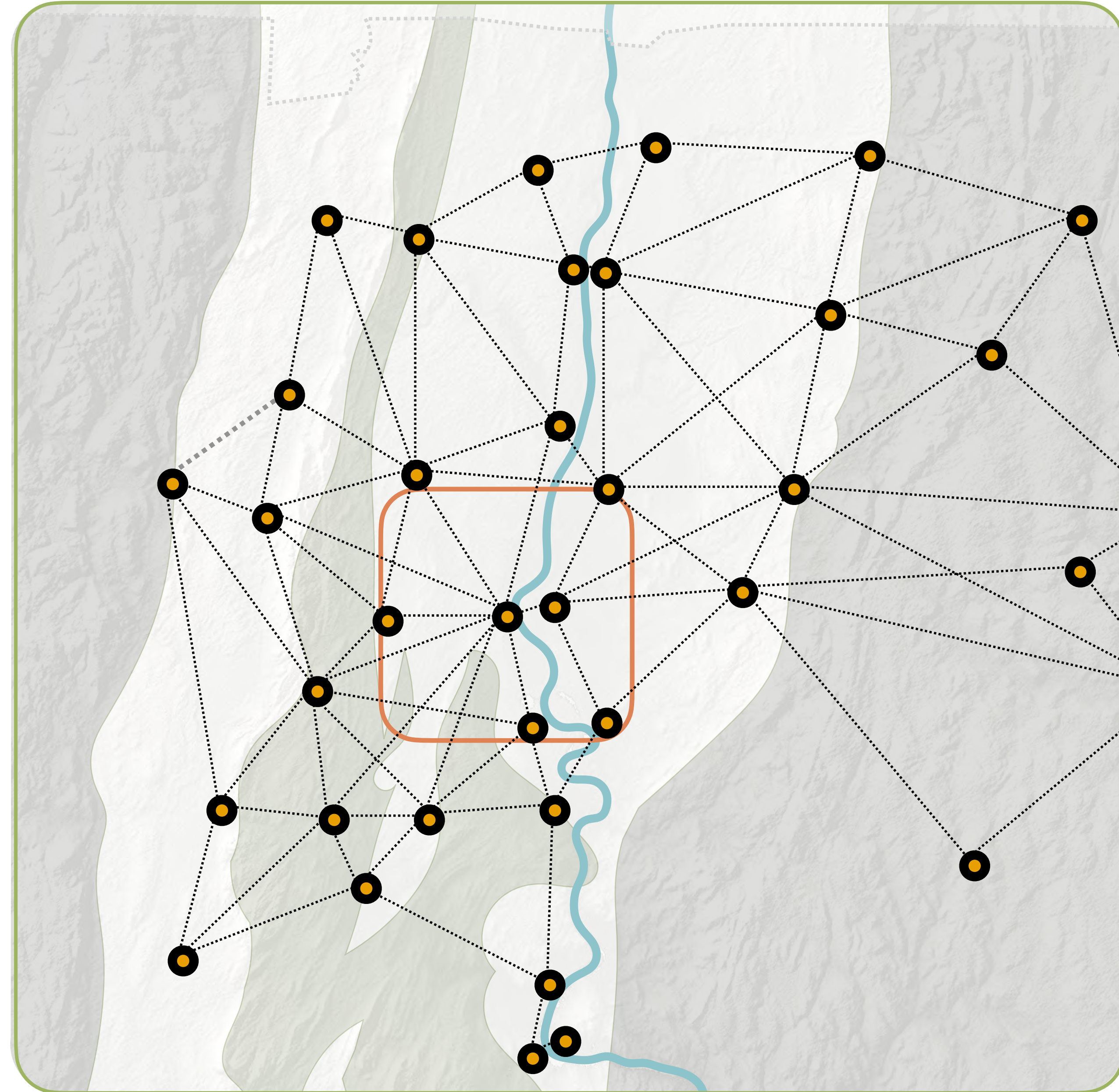
room to grow

The region's low density means there is room to grow for people and companies who want to locate strategically between Boston and New York



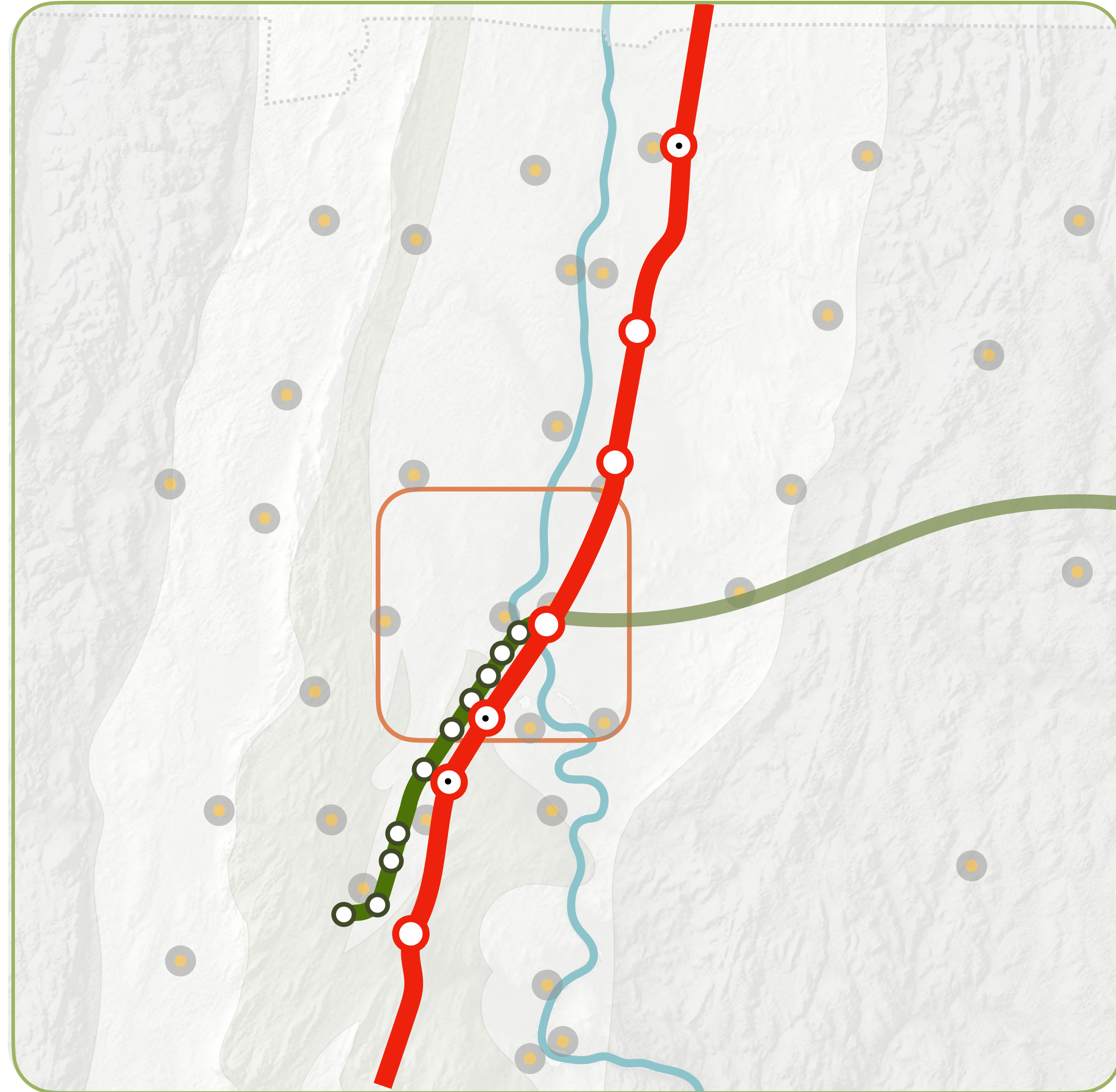
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an active
network of
vibrant town centers



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an line of
**vibrant, walkable station areas
with transit-adjacent housing**



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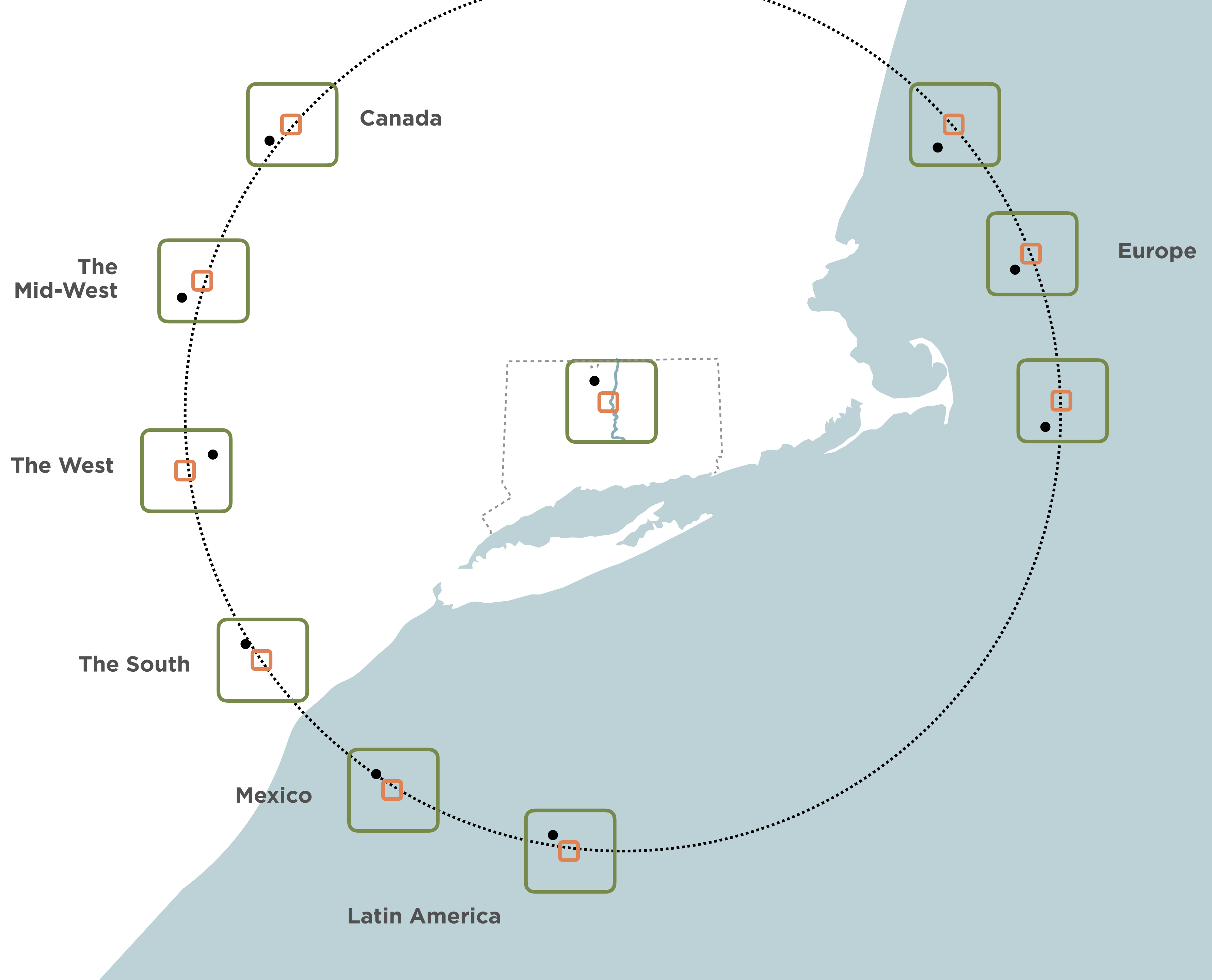
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competing with other regions



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expanding the airport

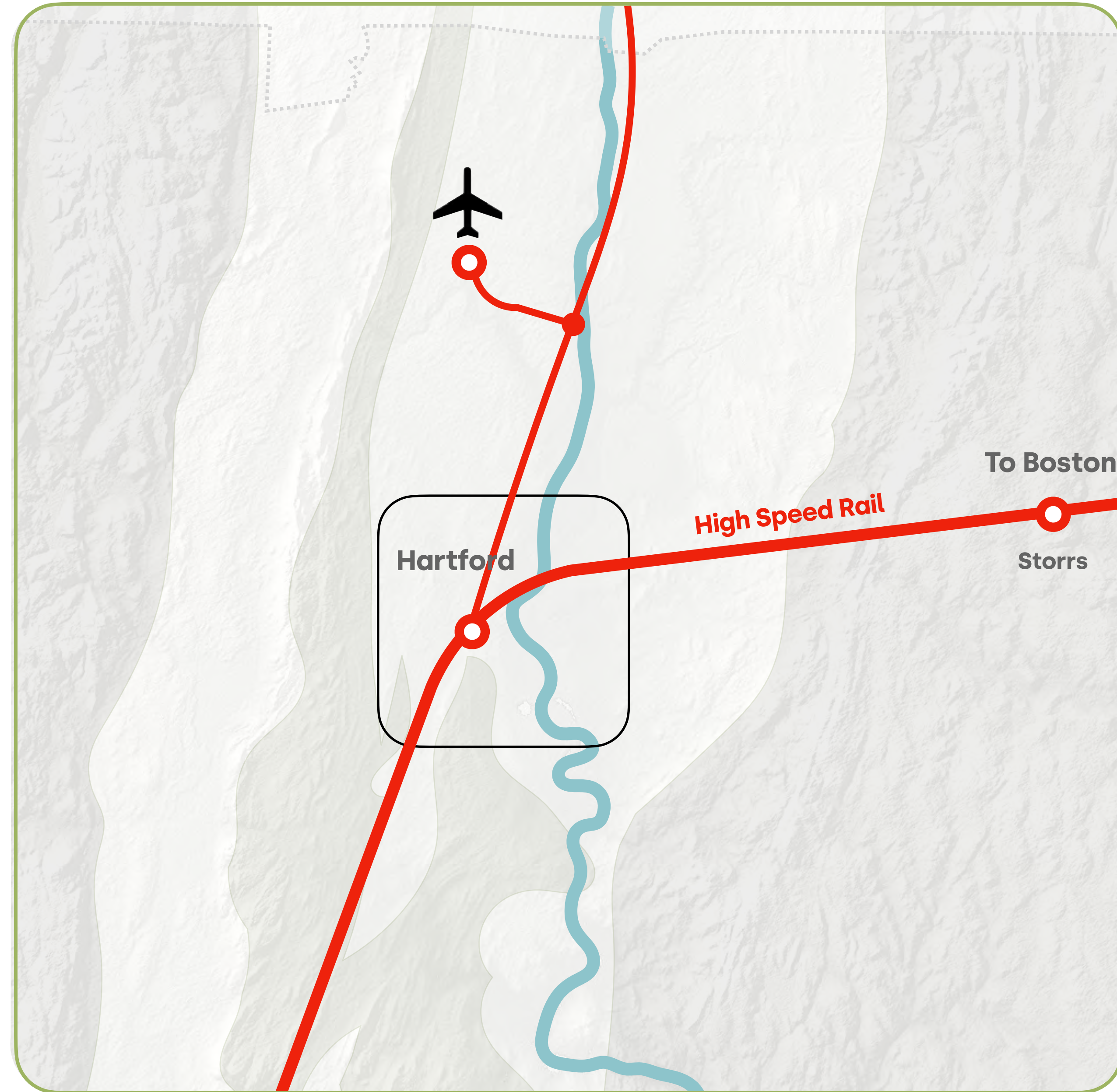




source: Connecticut Airport Authority

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linking airport to rail

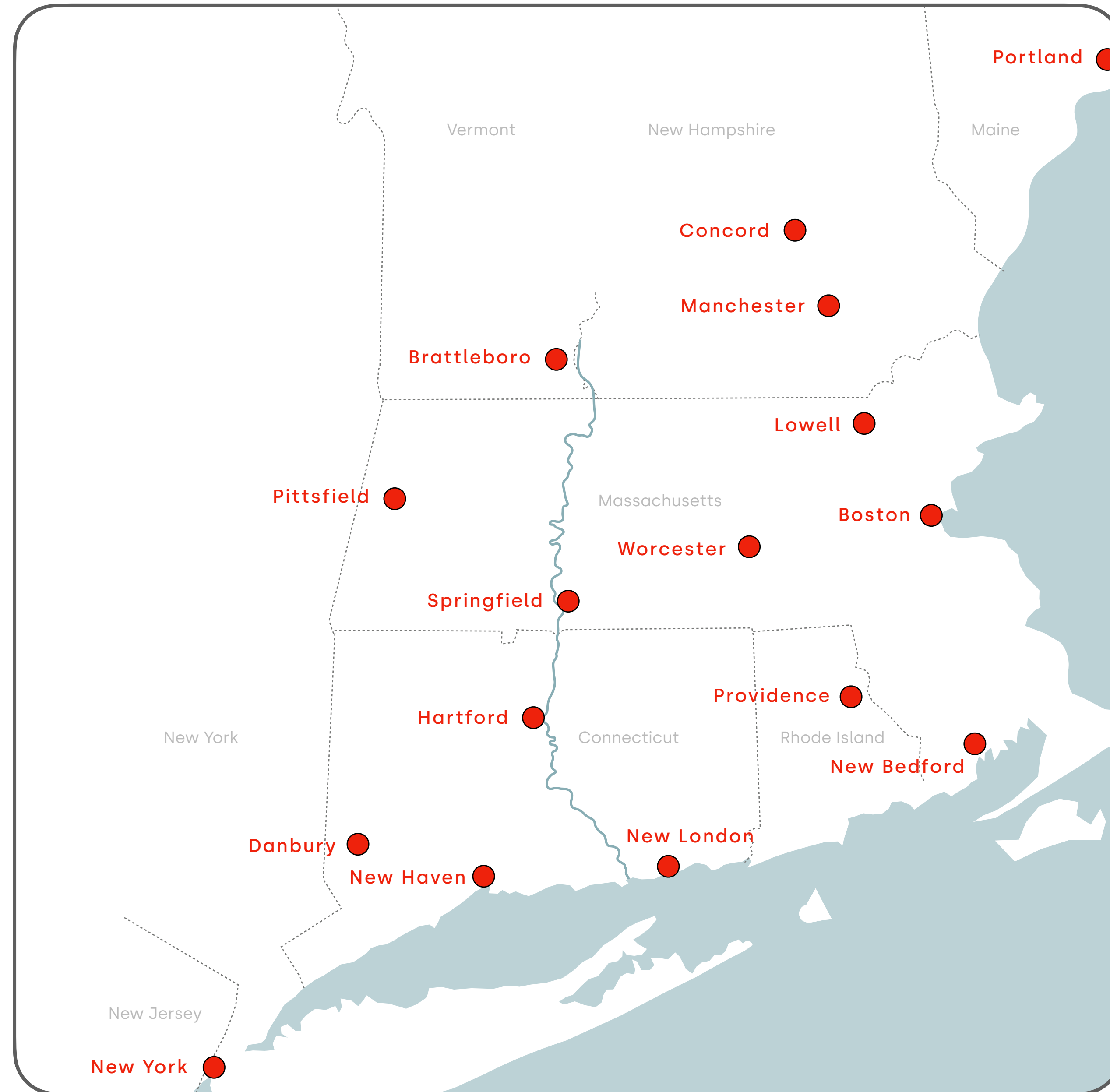


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North Atlantic Rail

New England cities

NAR's goal: transform the economy of New England's cities with a rail network that creates one integrated market for ideas, capital, talent, and opportunity

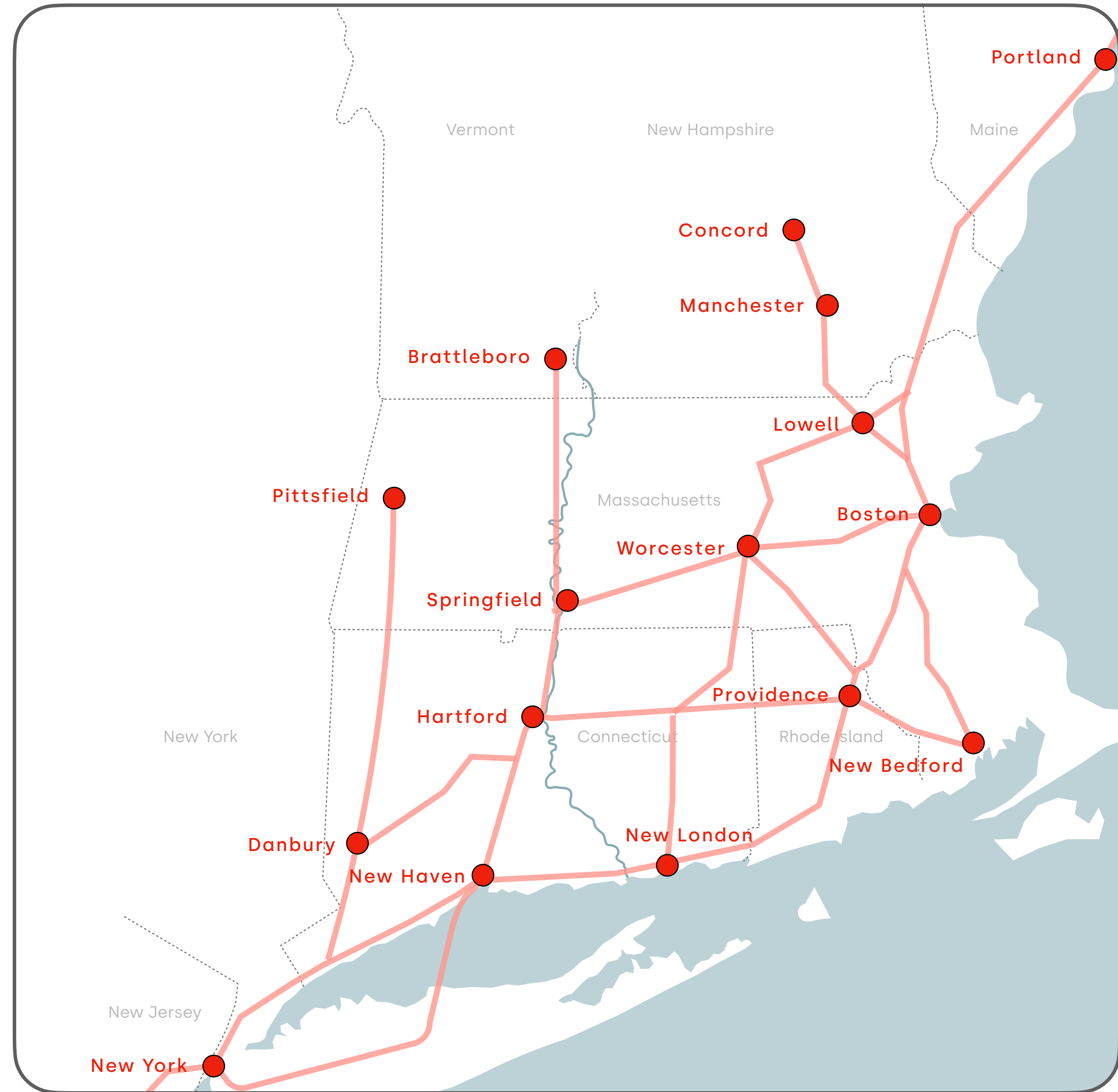


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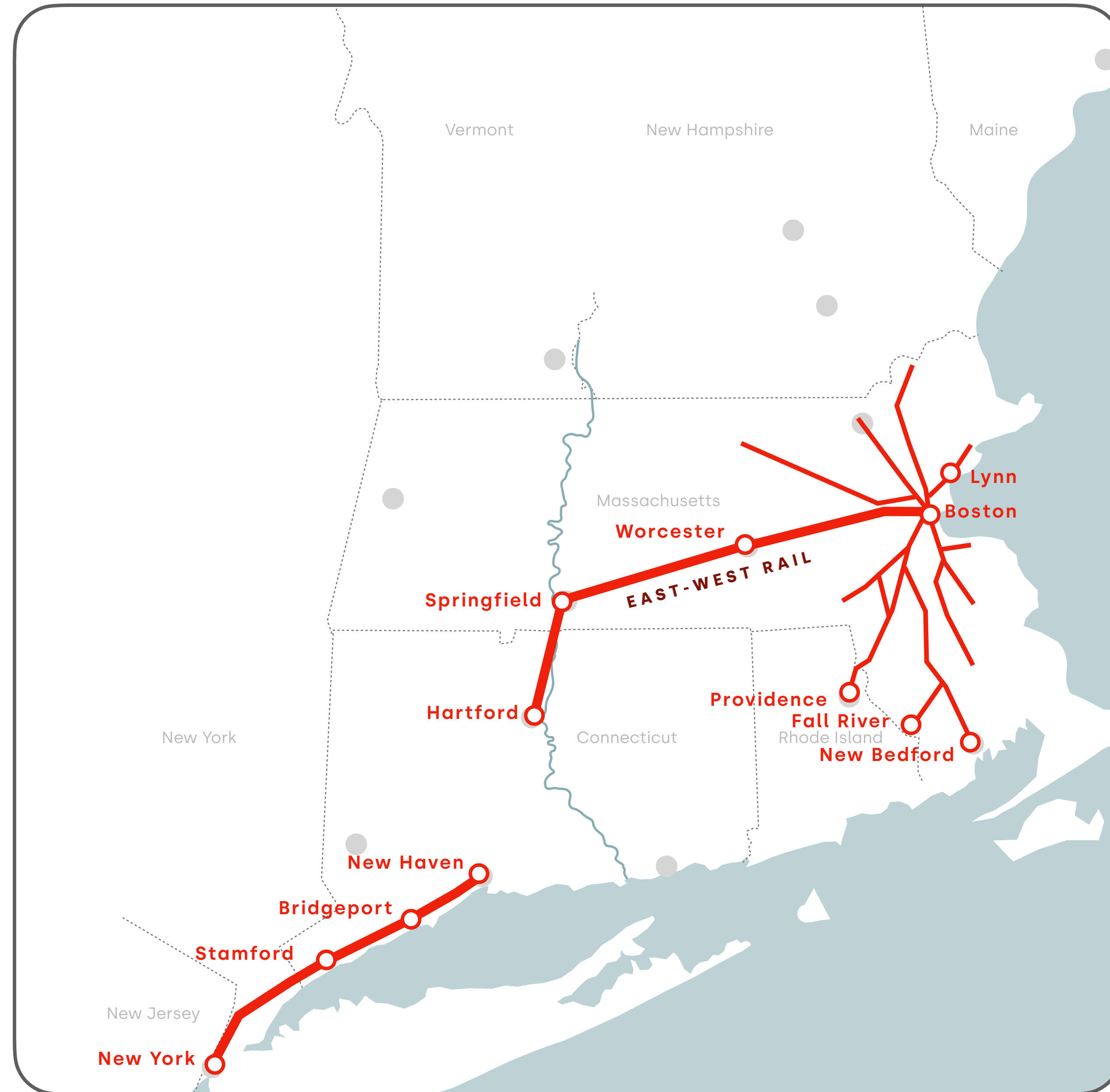


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North Atlantic Rail

phase 1

Complete high-priority investments in regional rail networks



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North Atlantic Rail

phase 2

Build high-speed trunk line with 100-minute service from New York to Boston

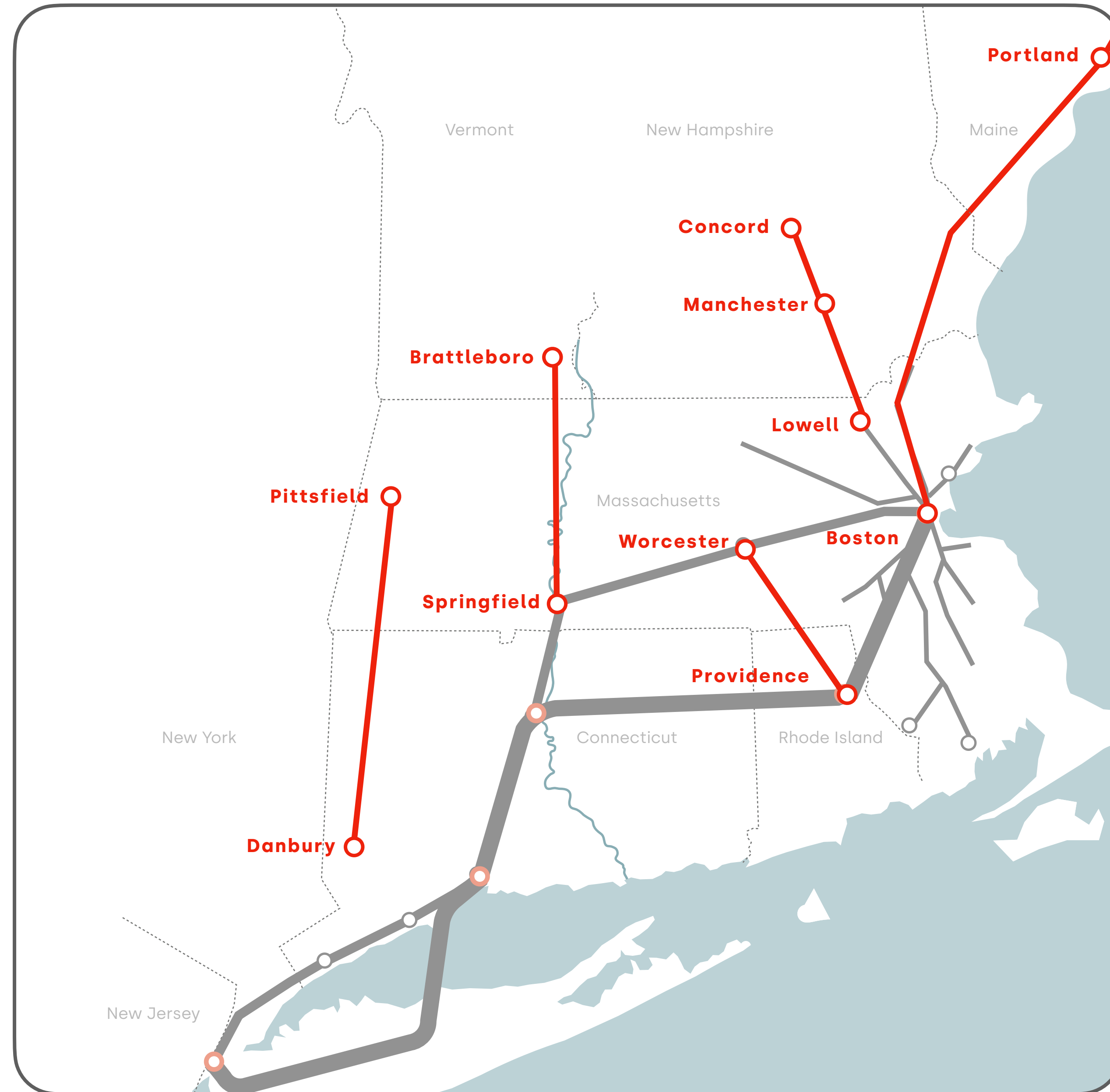


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North Atlantic Rail

phase 3

Expand network to the rest of New England

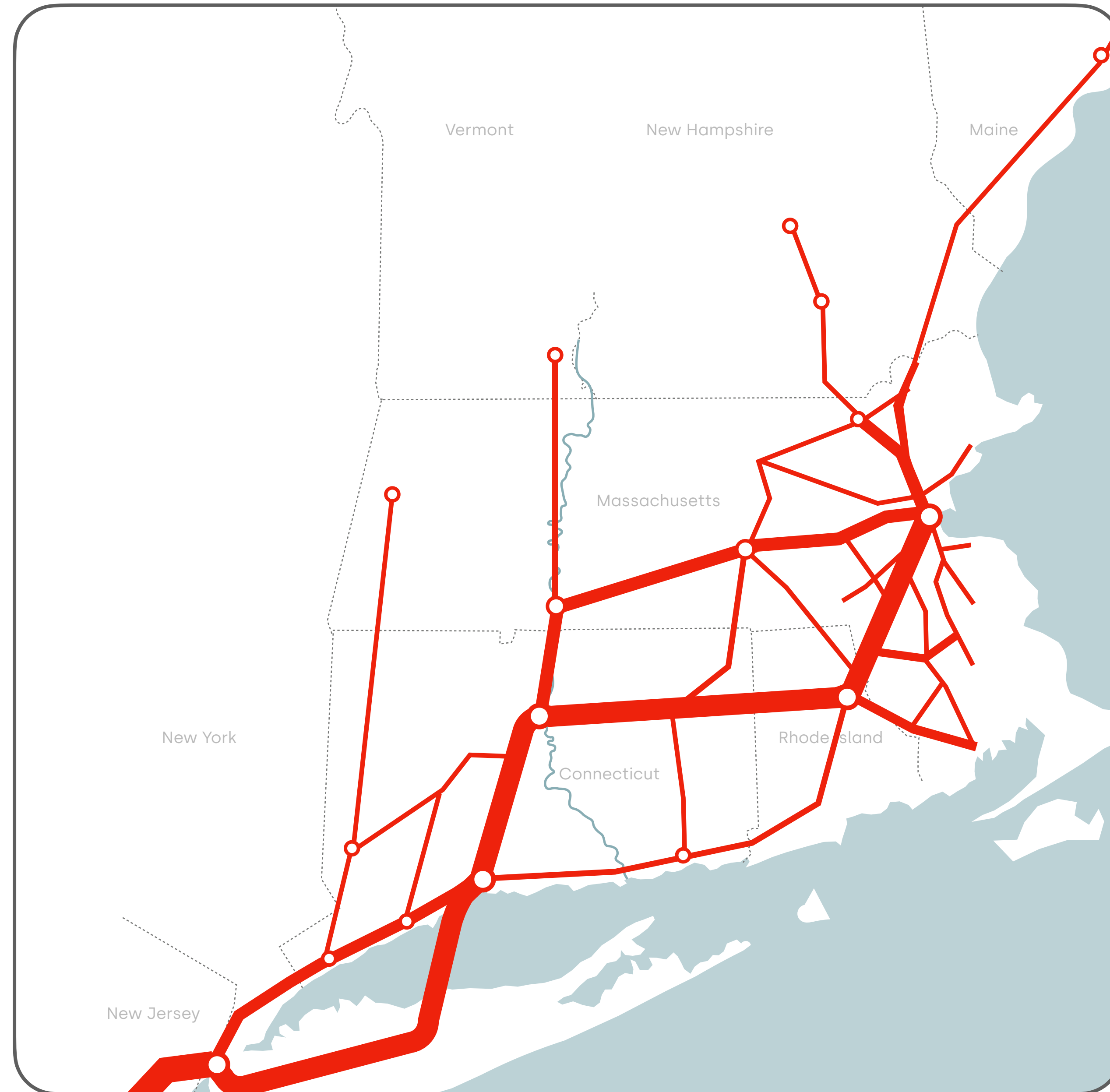


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North Atlantic Rail

buildout

Leverage 21st century passenger rail to revitalize the region by making cities and towns of all sizes more connected and vibrant



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Hartford as hub

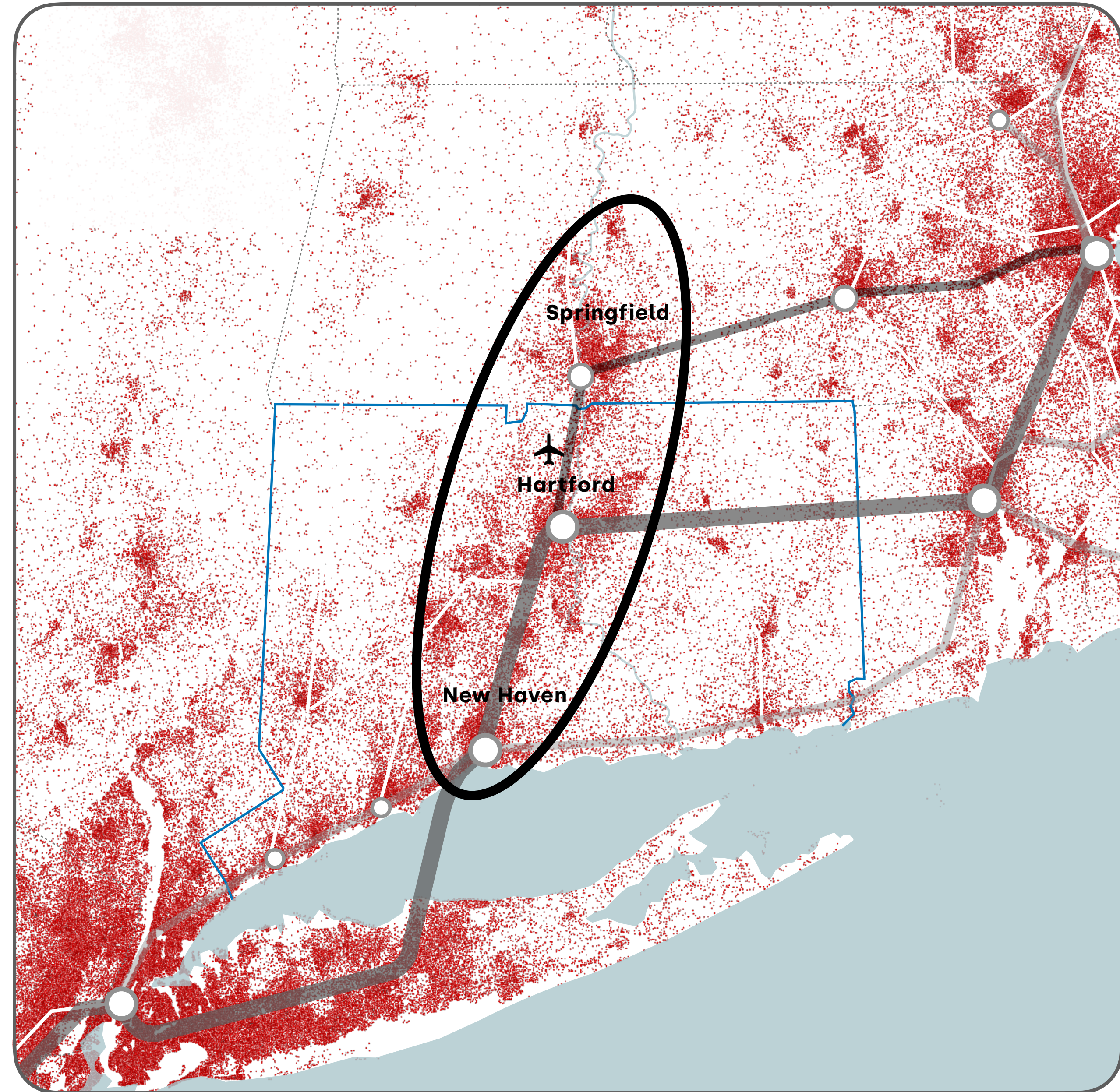
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population corridor

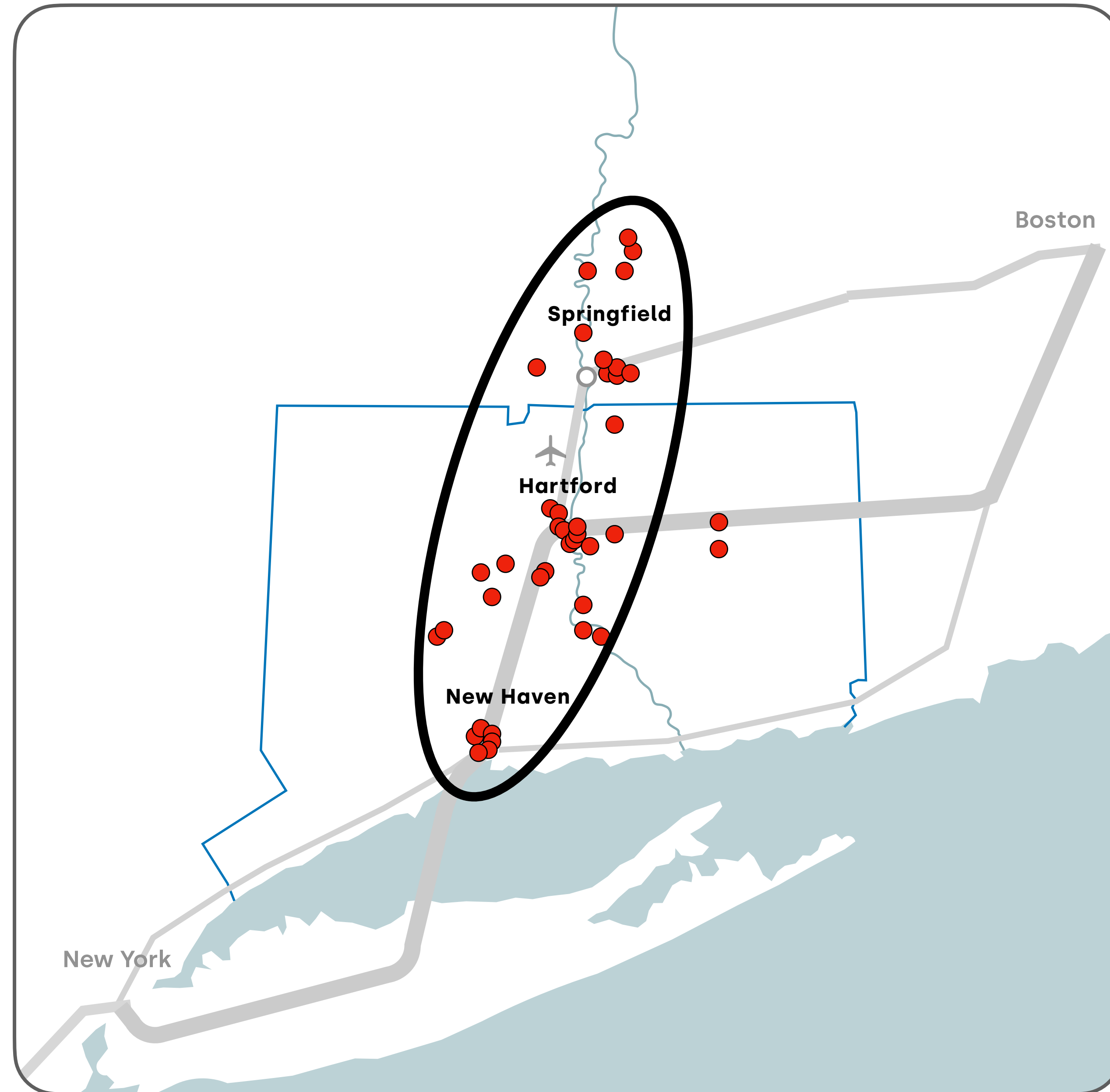
The Connecticut Valley is the major population corridor between Boston and New York, with a long history of manufacturing, financial services, and innovation



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knowledge corridor

The Valley is a knowledge corridor, with more than 40 colleges and universities



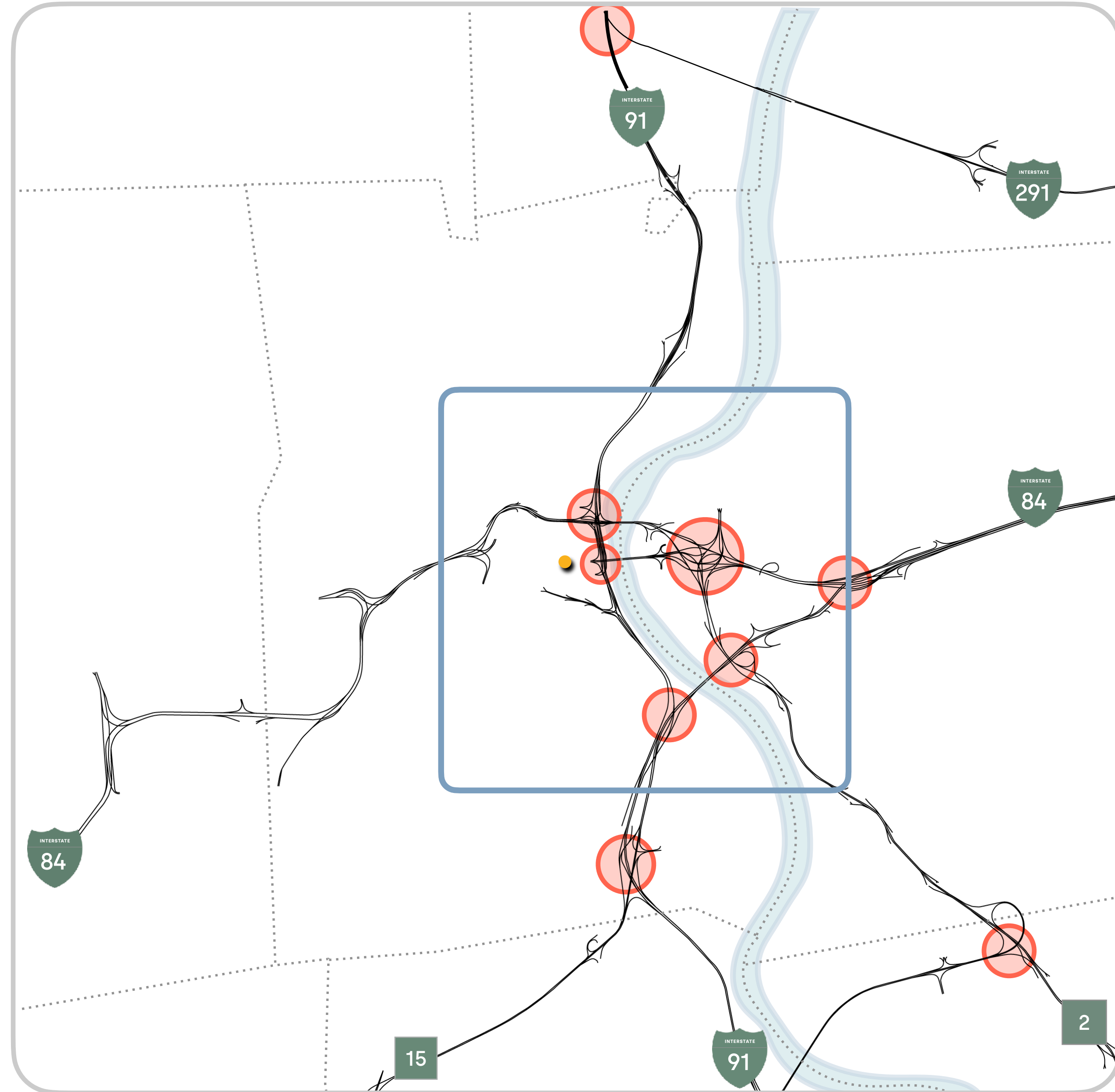
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priority projects for regional transit



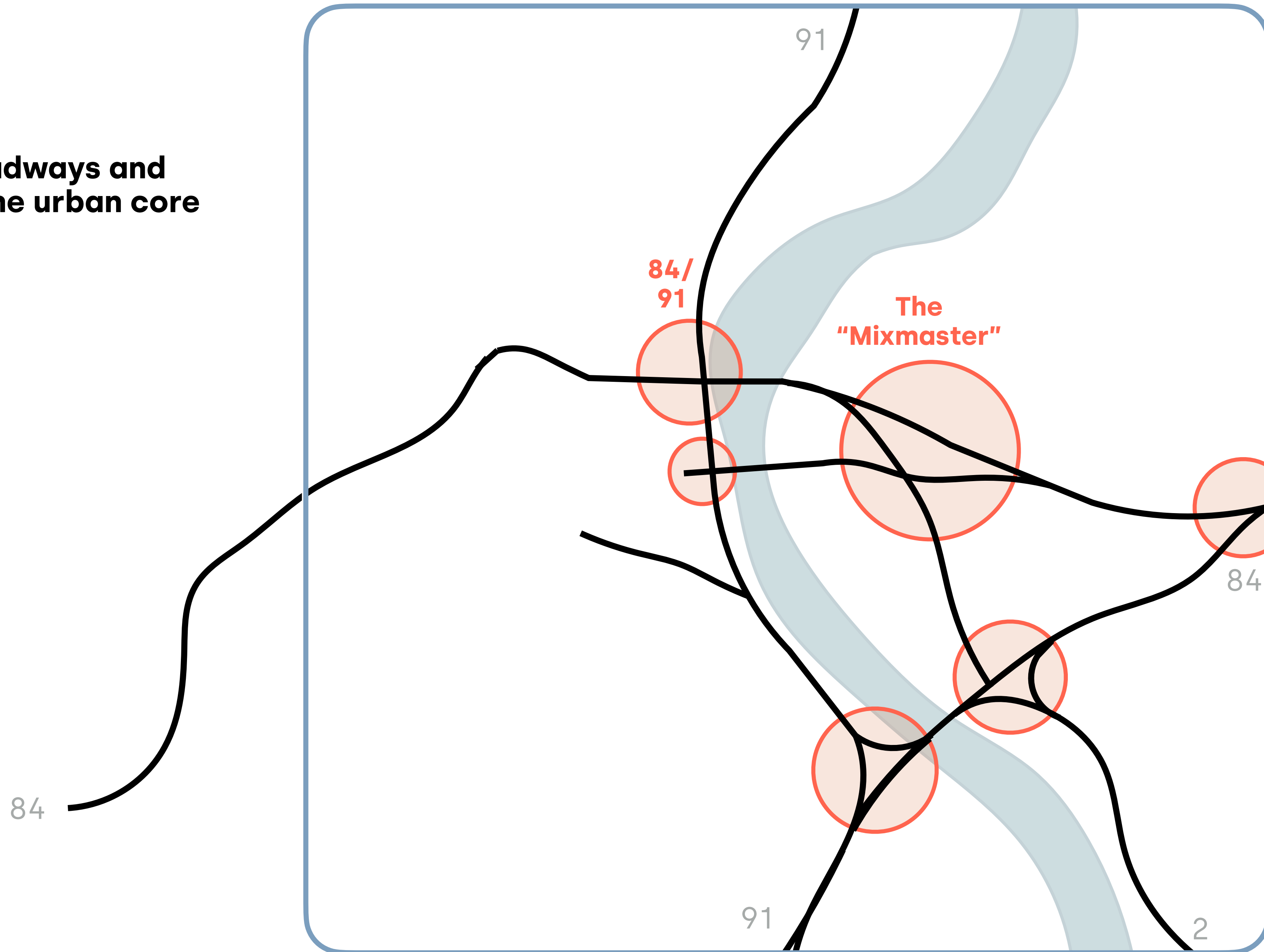
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mobility study**



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congestion of roadways and interchanges in the urban core

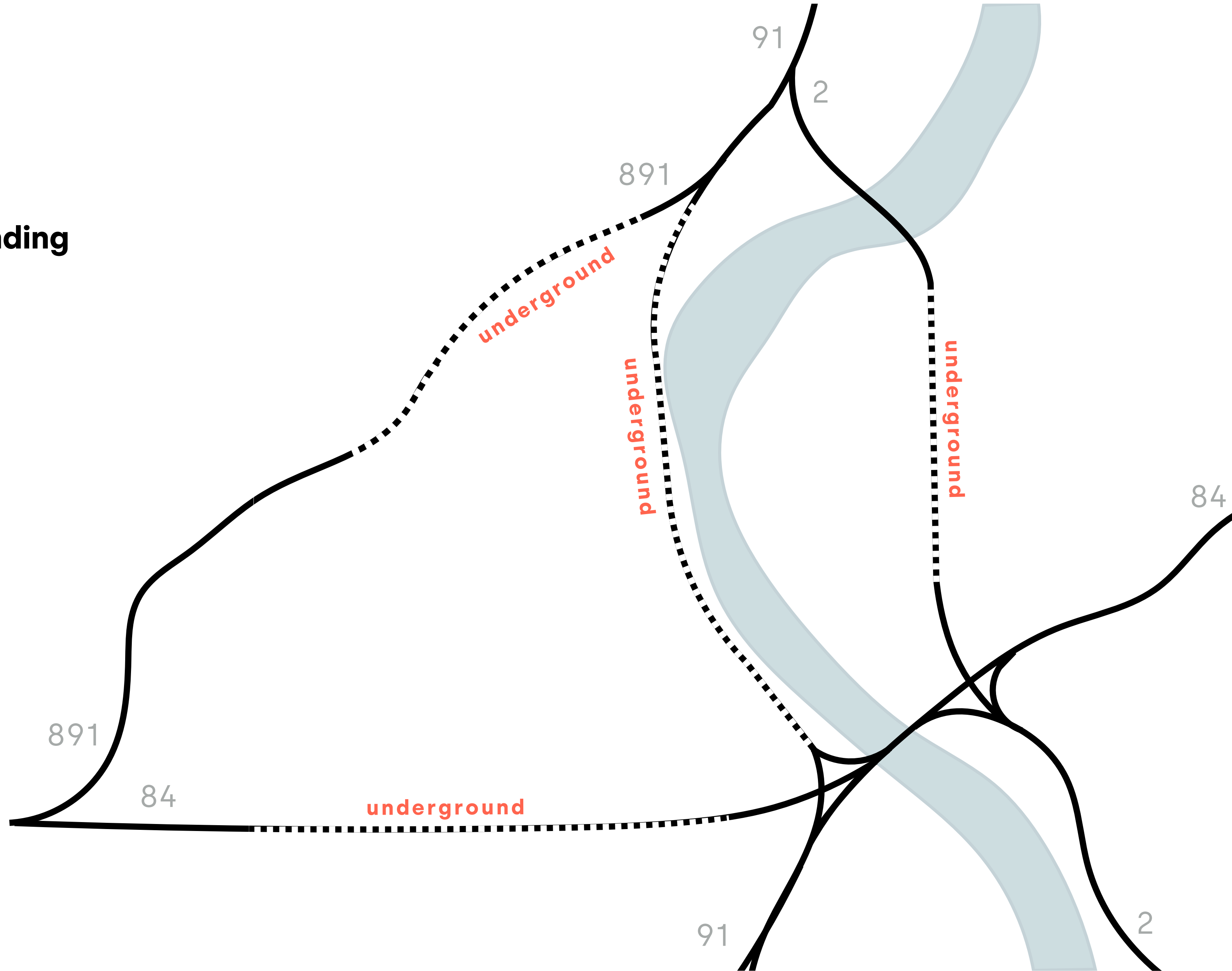


proposed new alignments



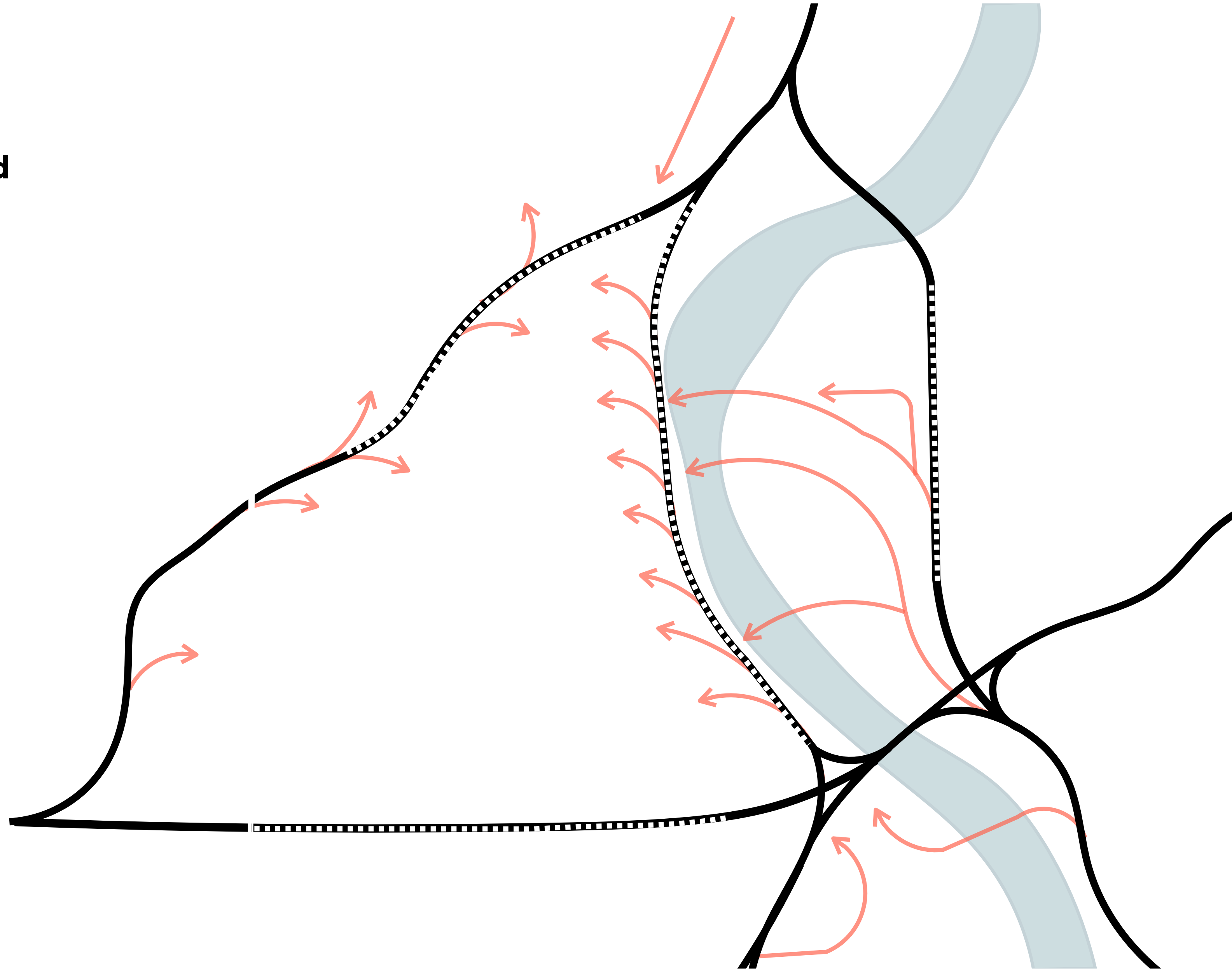
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**reconfigured system:
triangular loop with
extensive undergrounding**



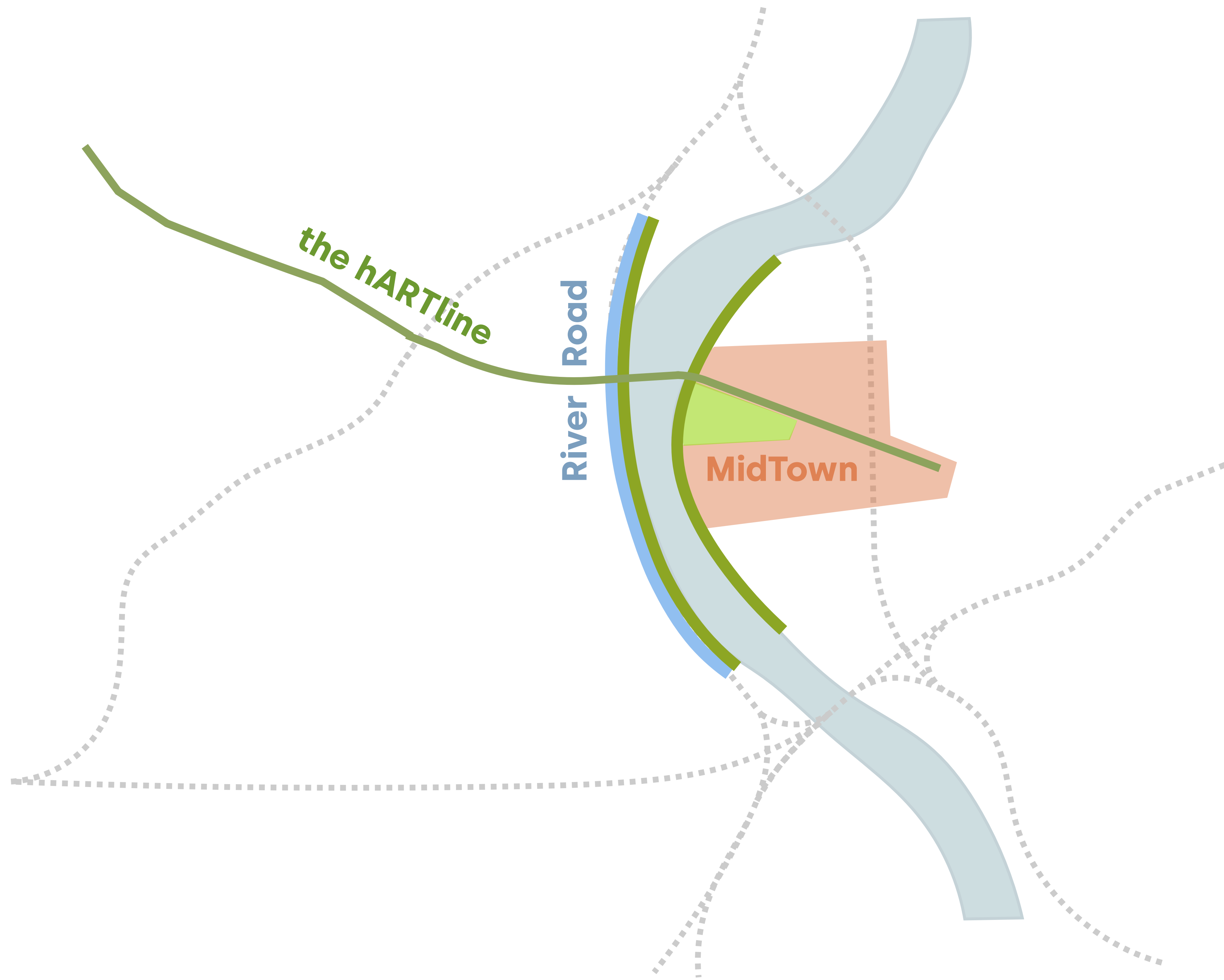
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**ample and distributed
access**



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**enables signature
projects**



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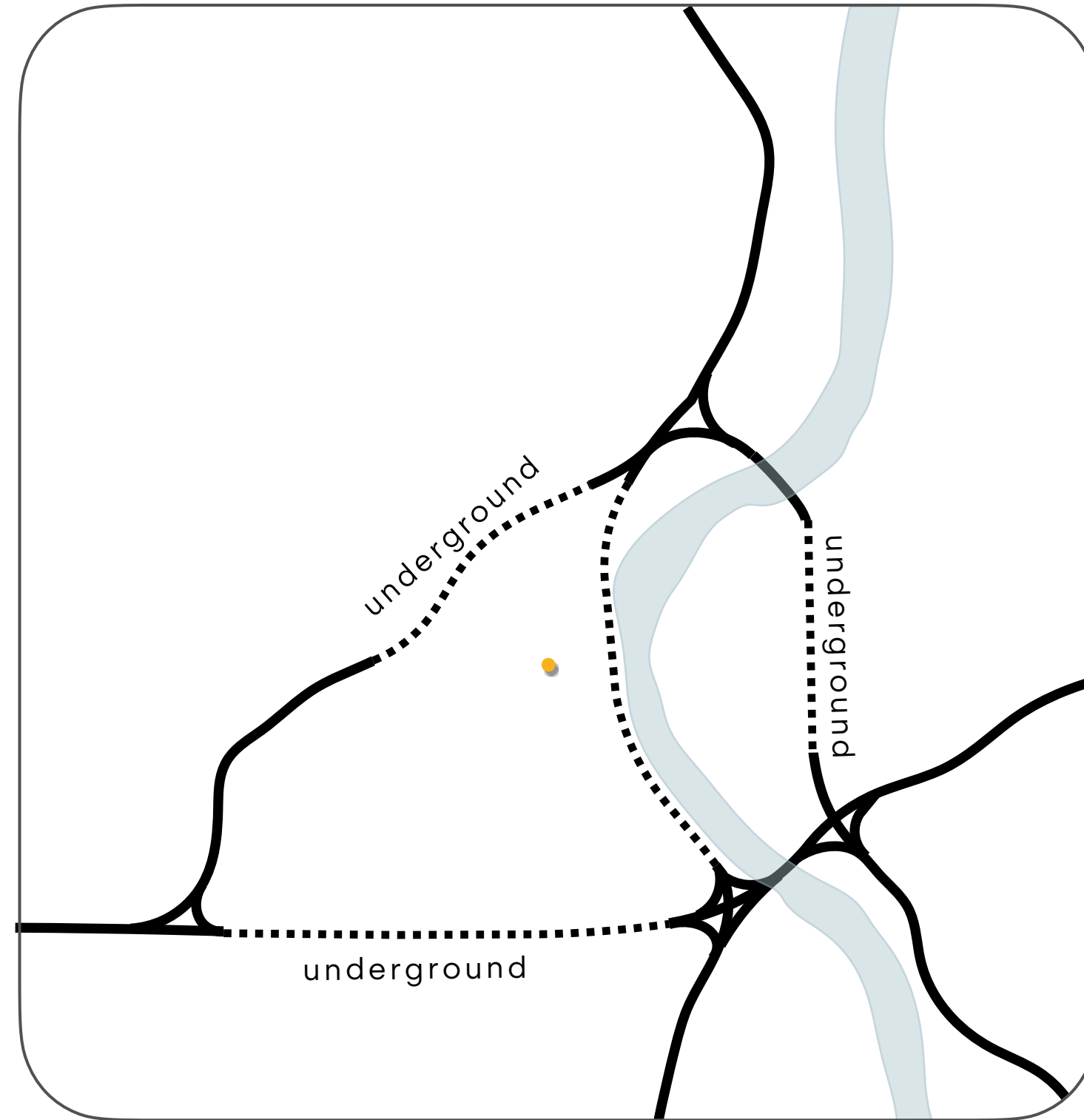
river-centered vision



changing this...



to this...



opens the door to this.



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on the hartford side:
**removing the 84/91
interchange**



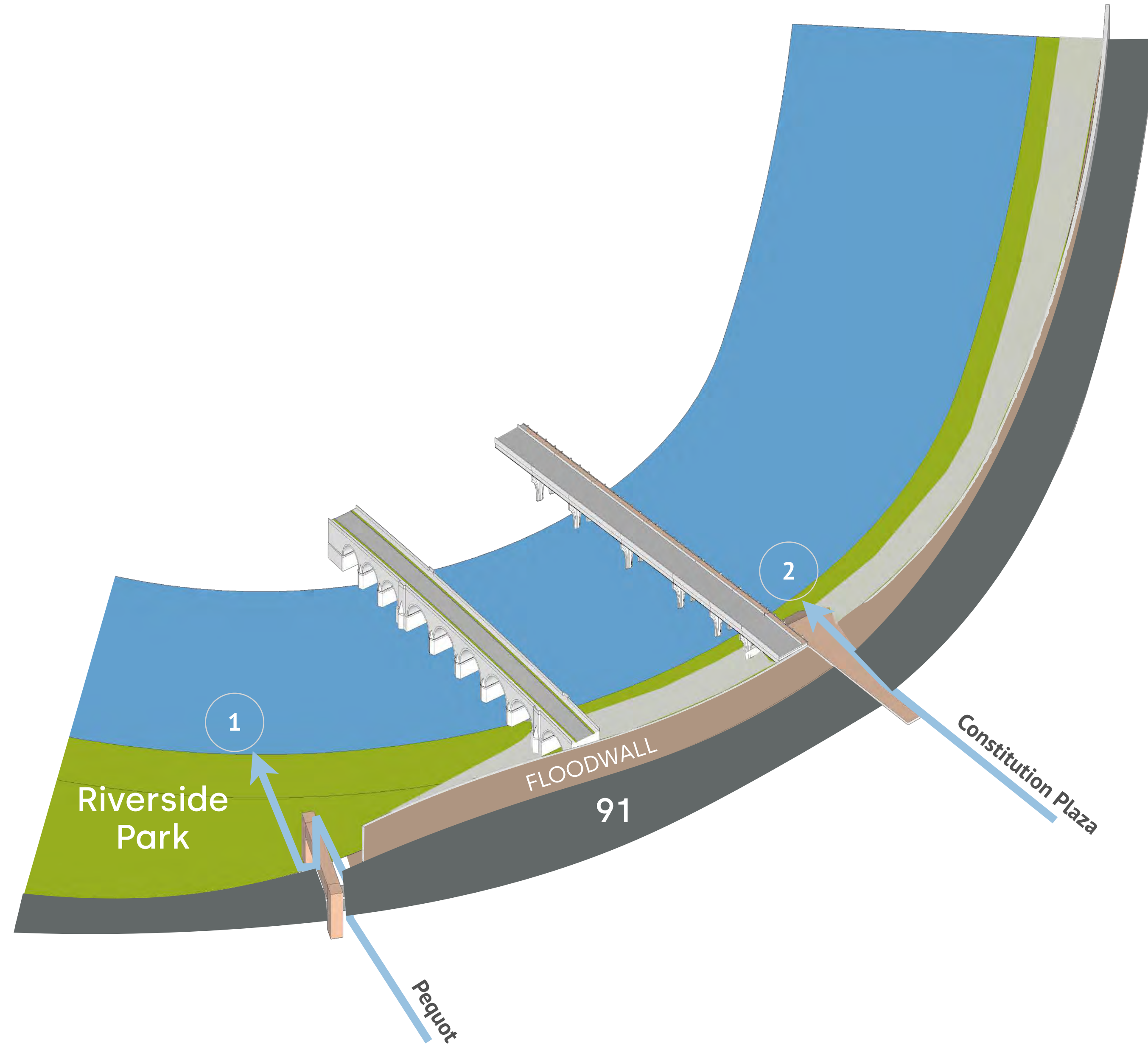
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On the Hartford side:
RiverRoad

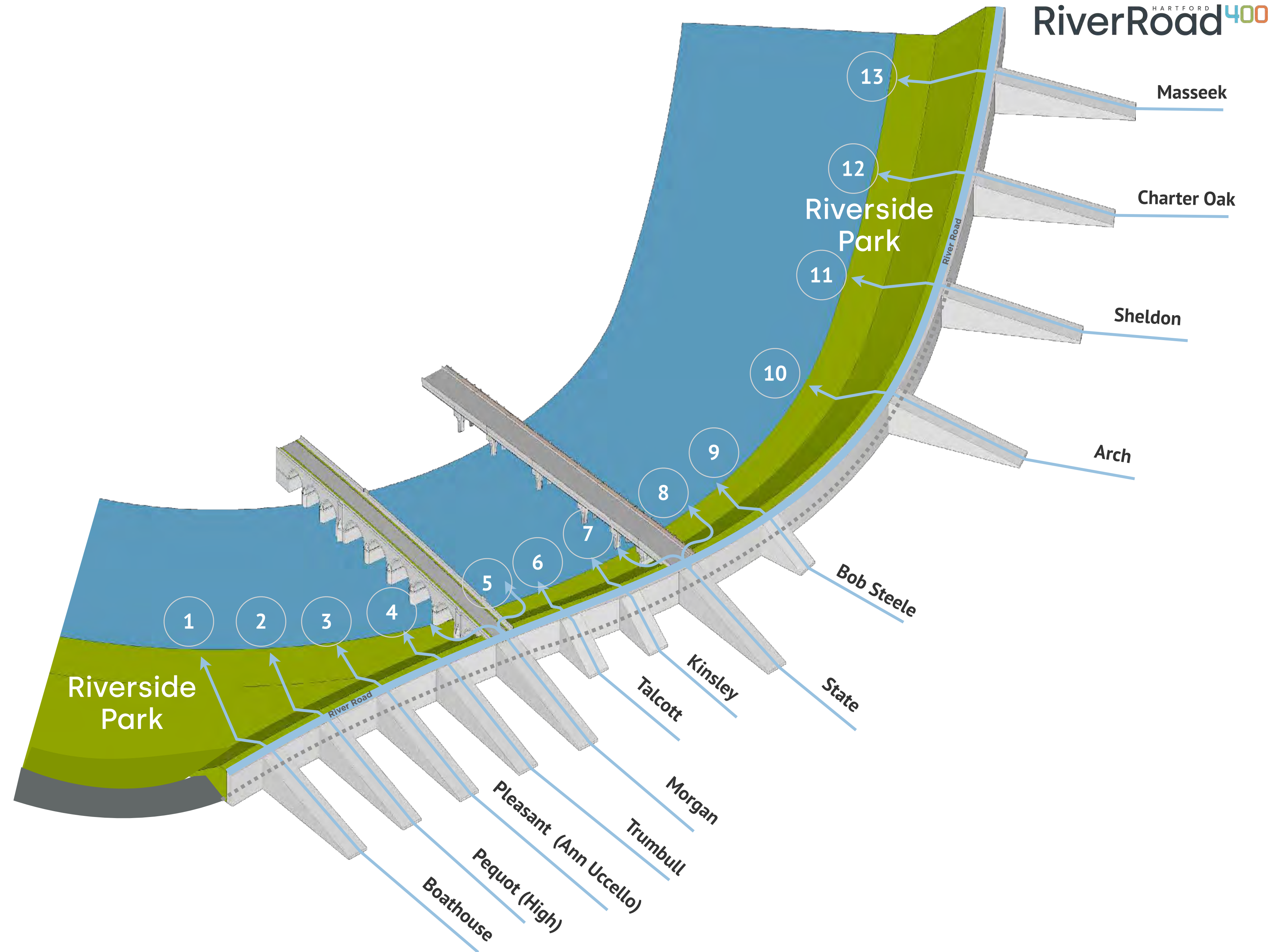


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limited riverfront access



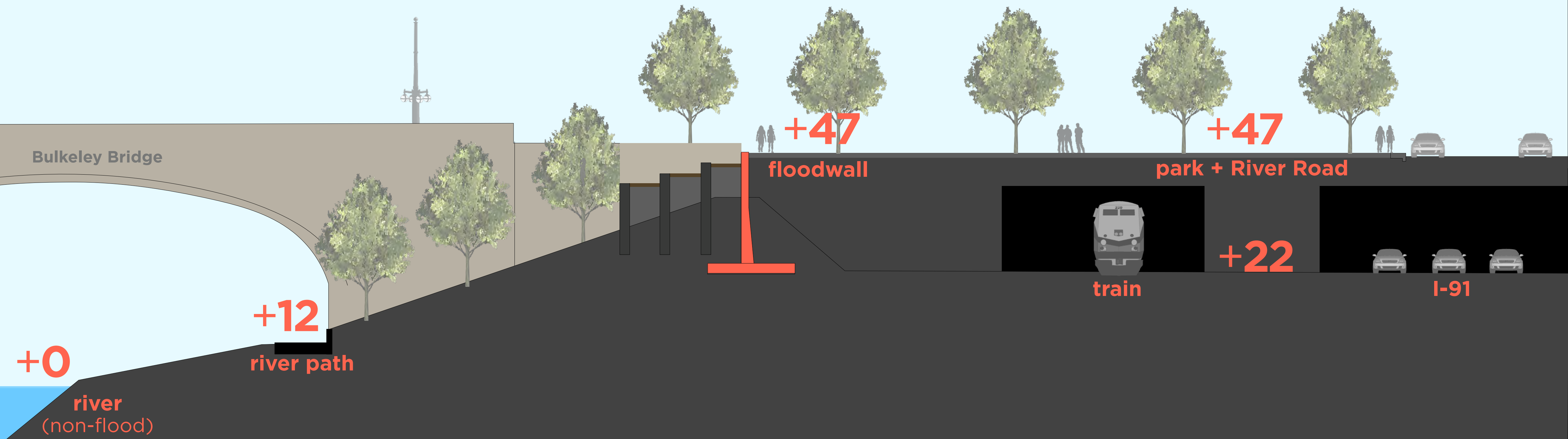
remove the interchange
and cap the highway:
extensive riverfront access





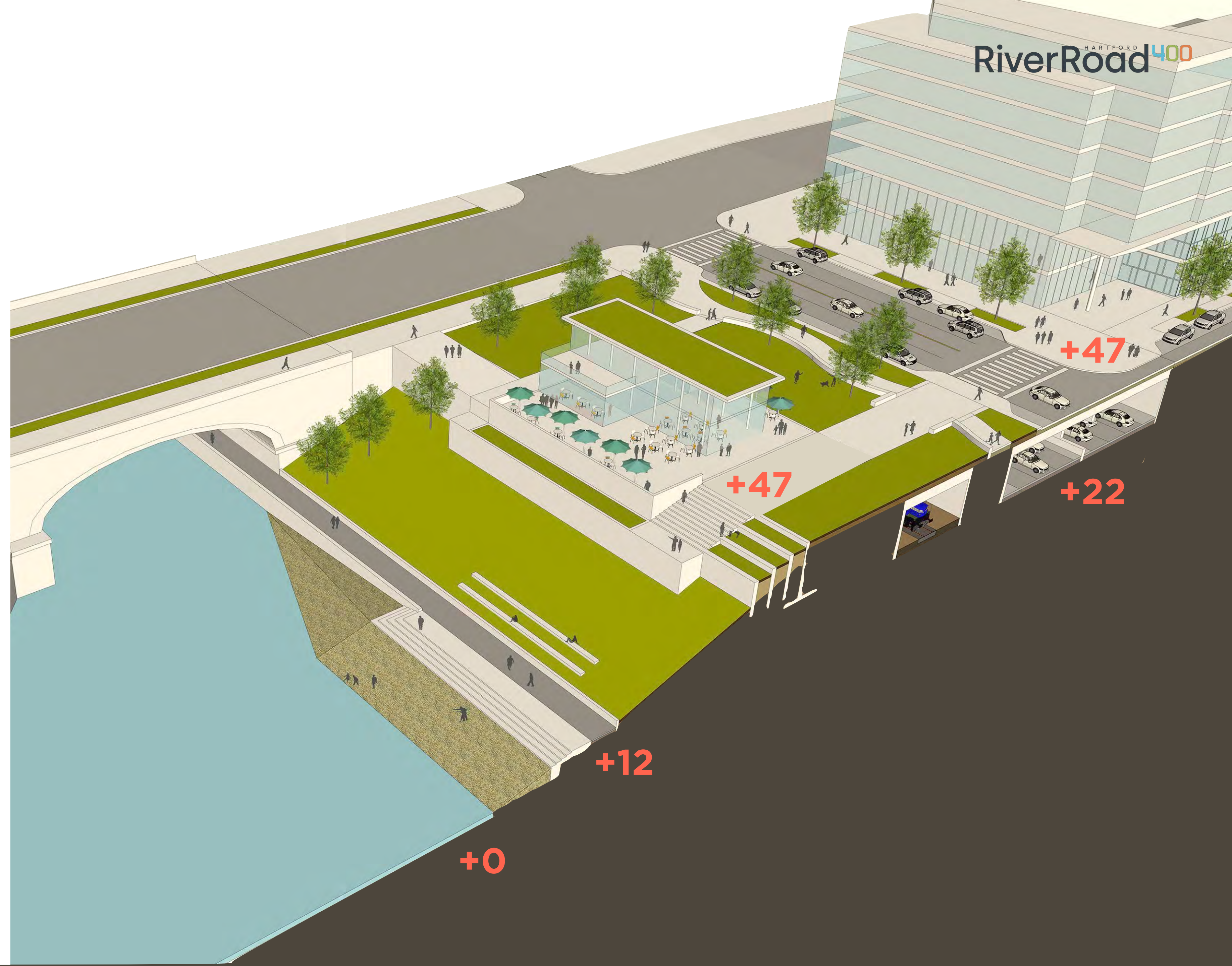


RiverRoad at +47



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RiverRoad at +47









91 SOUTH
New Haven
River Rd
Downtown Hartford

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1831 / 2020:
the view
from east hartford



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1893-1965:
the meadows
and the mixmaster

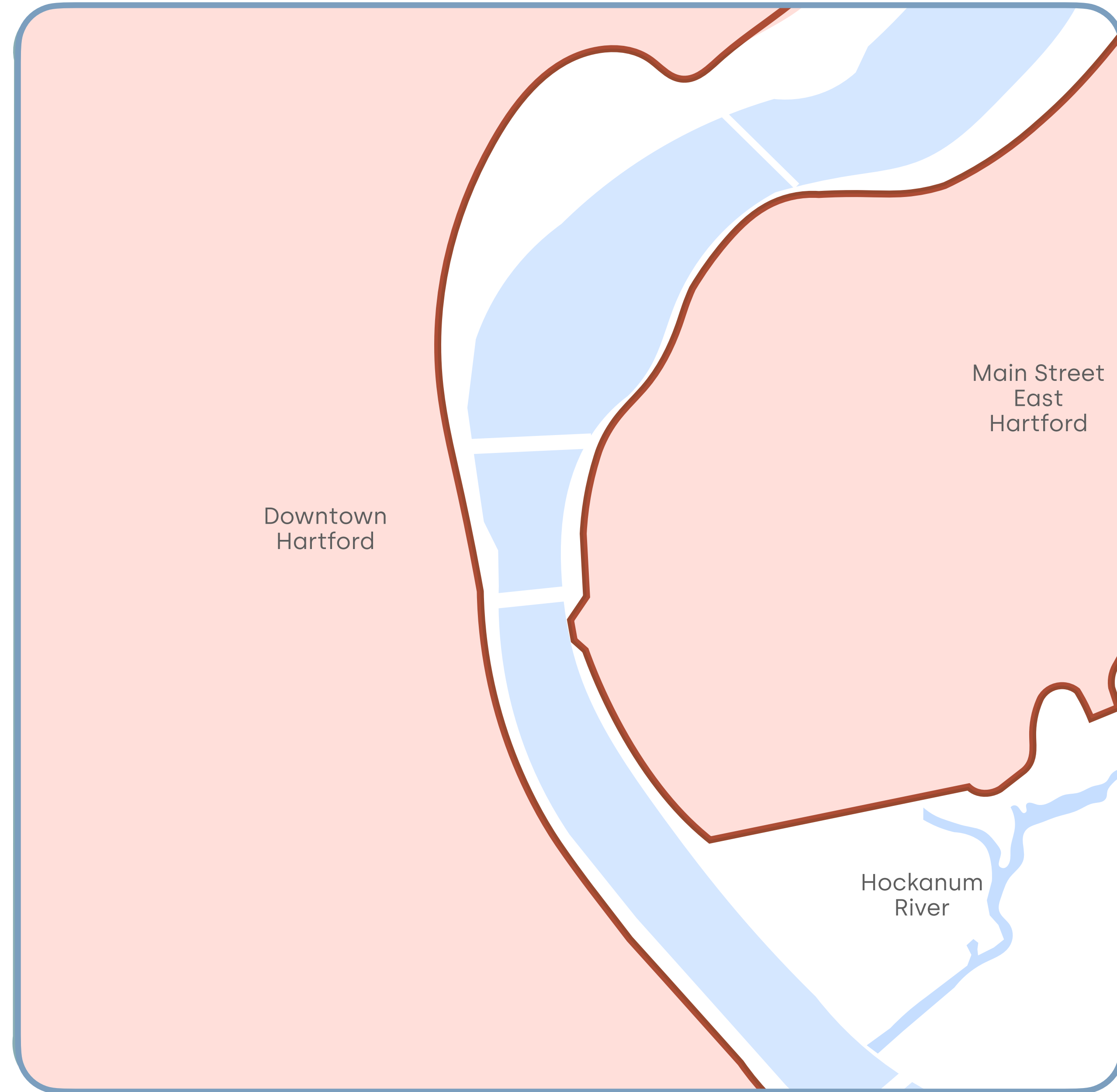


1944:
flood walls



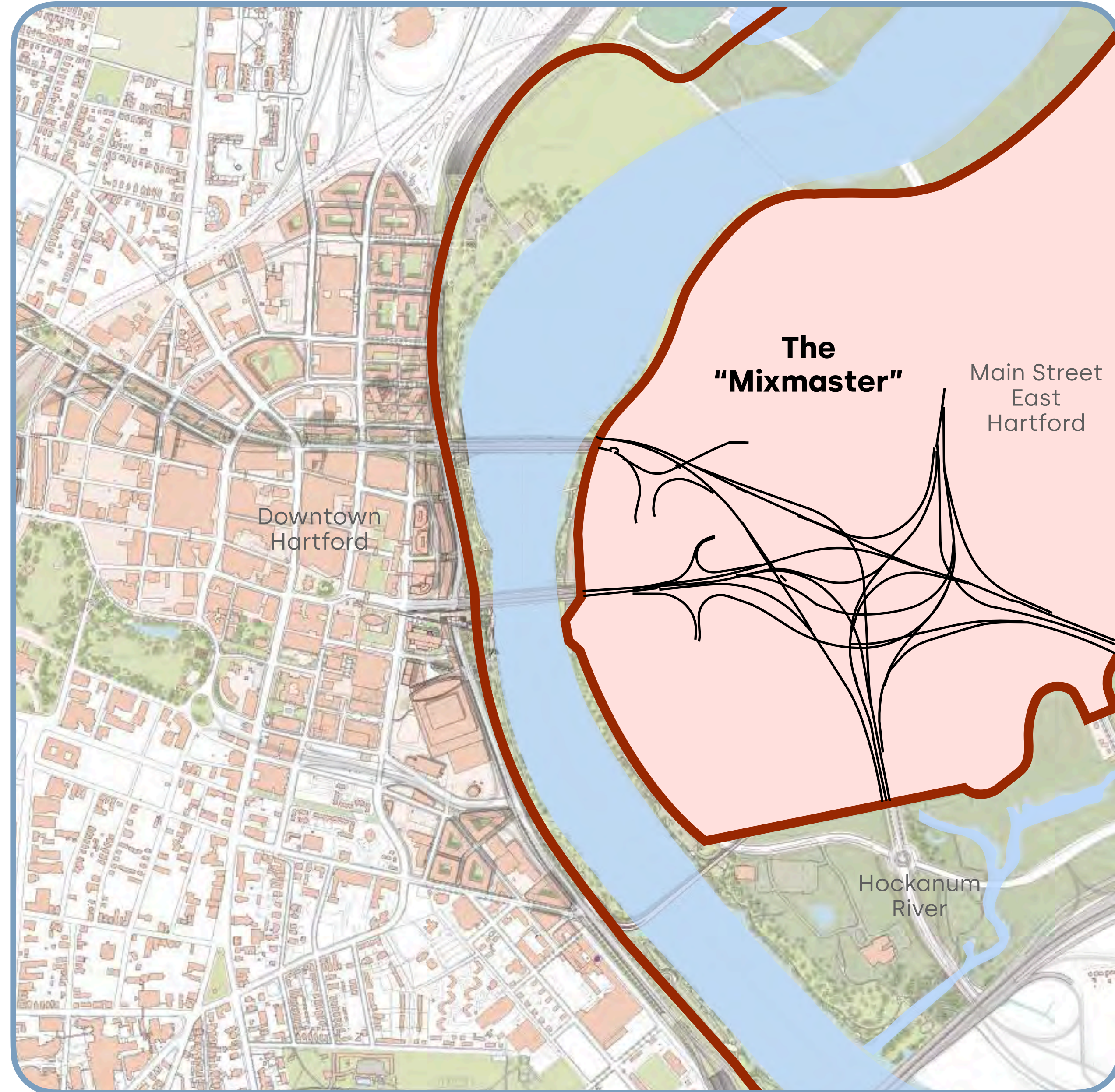
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1944:
high value
flood-protected land



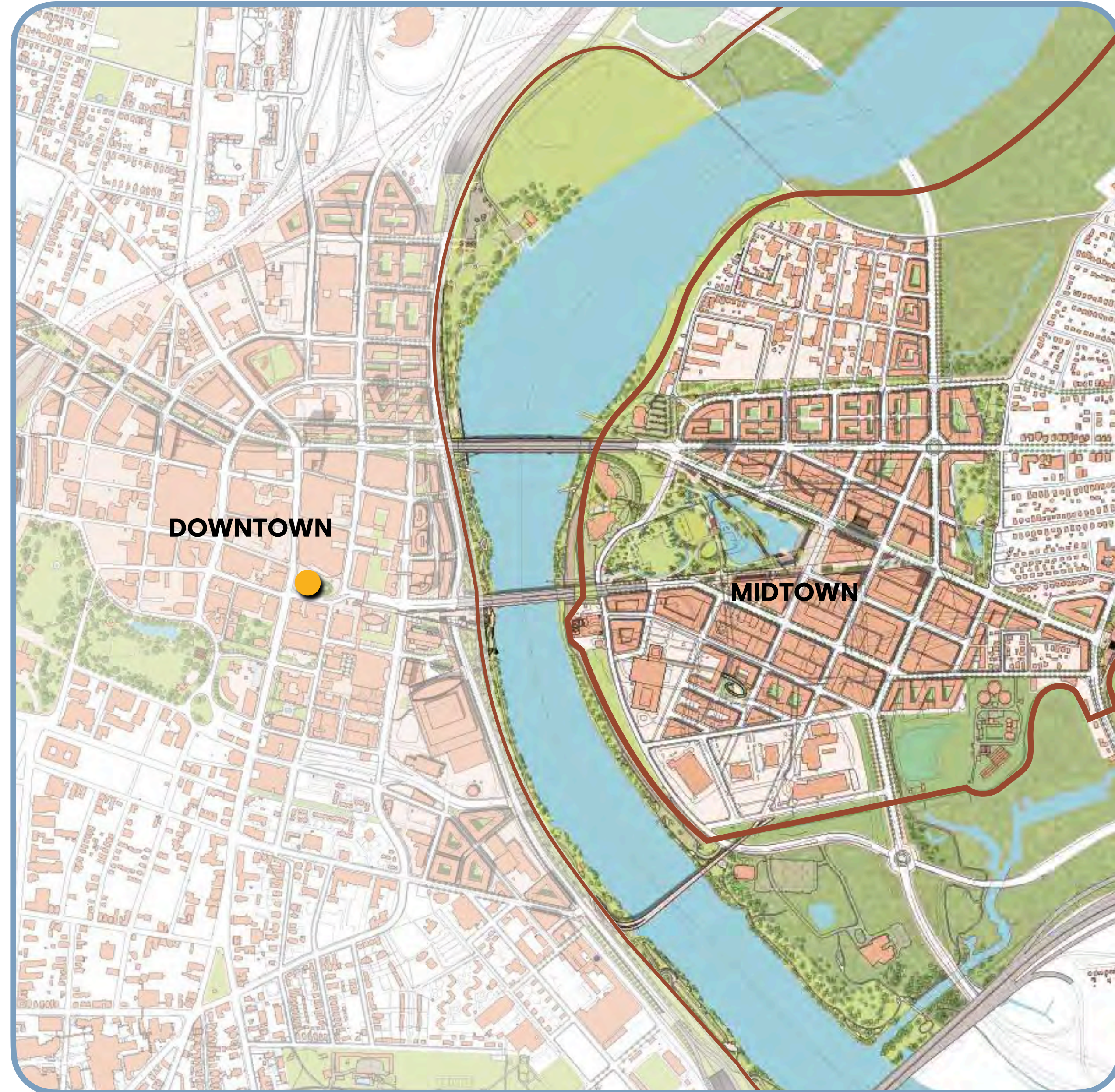
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1965:
mixmaster
on high-value land



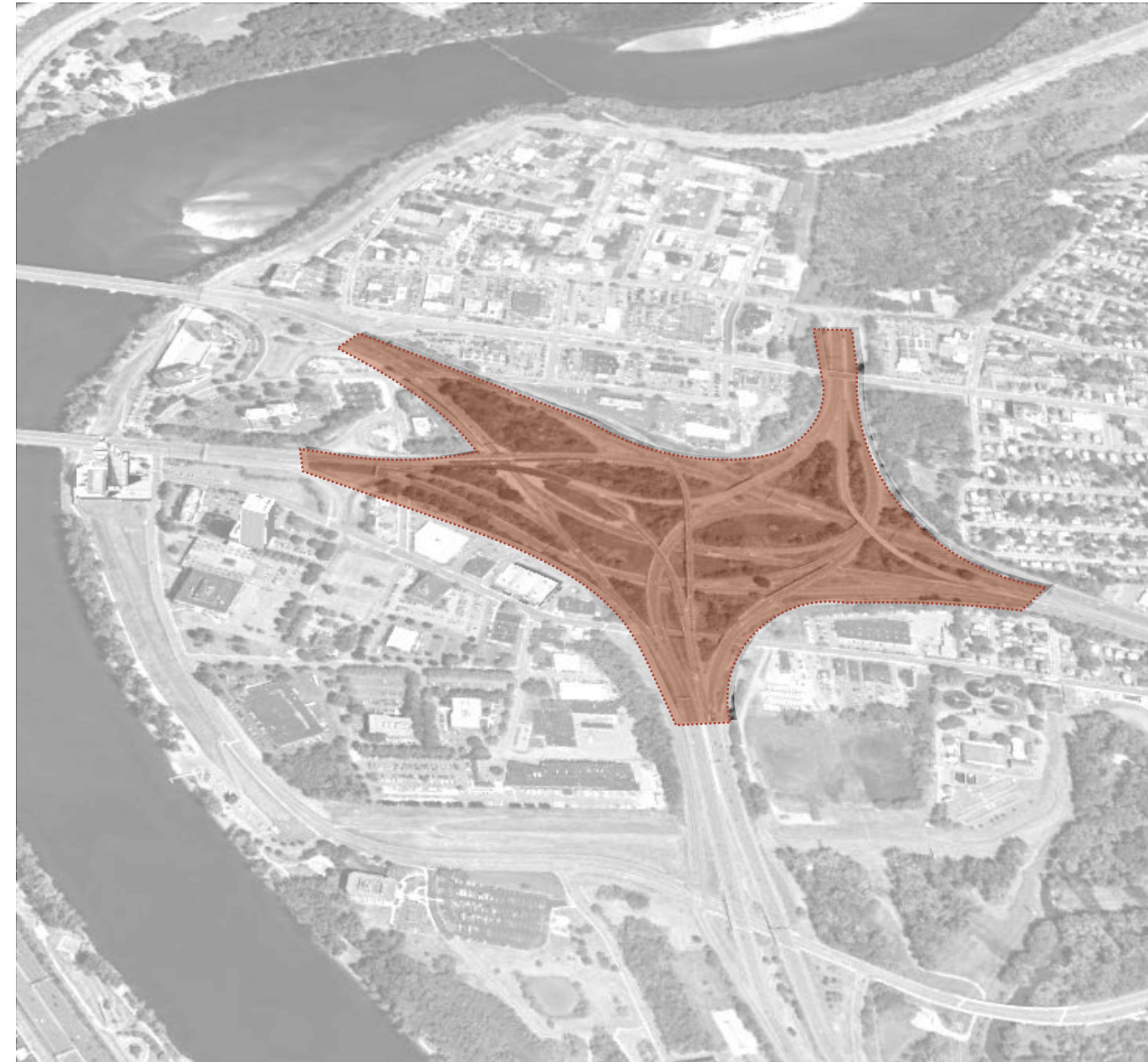
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2035:
high value
on both sides of the river

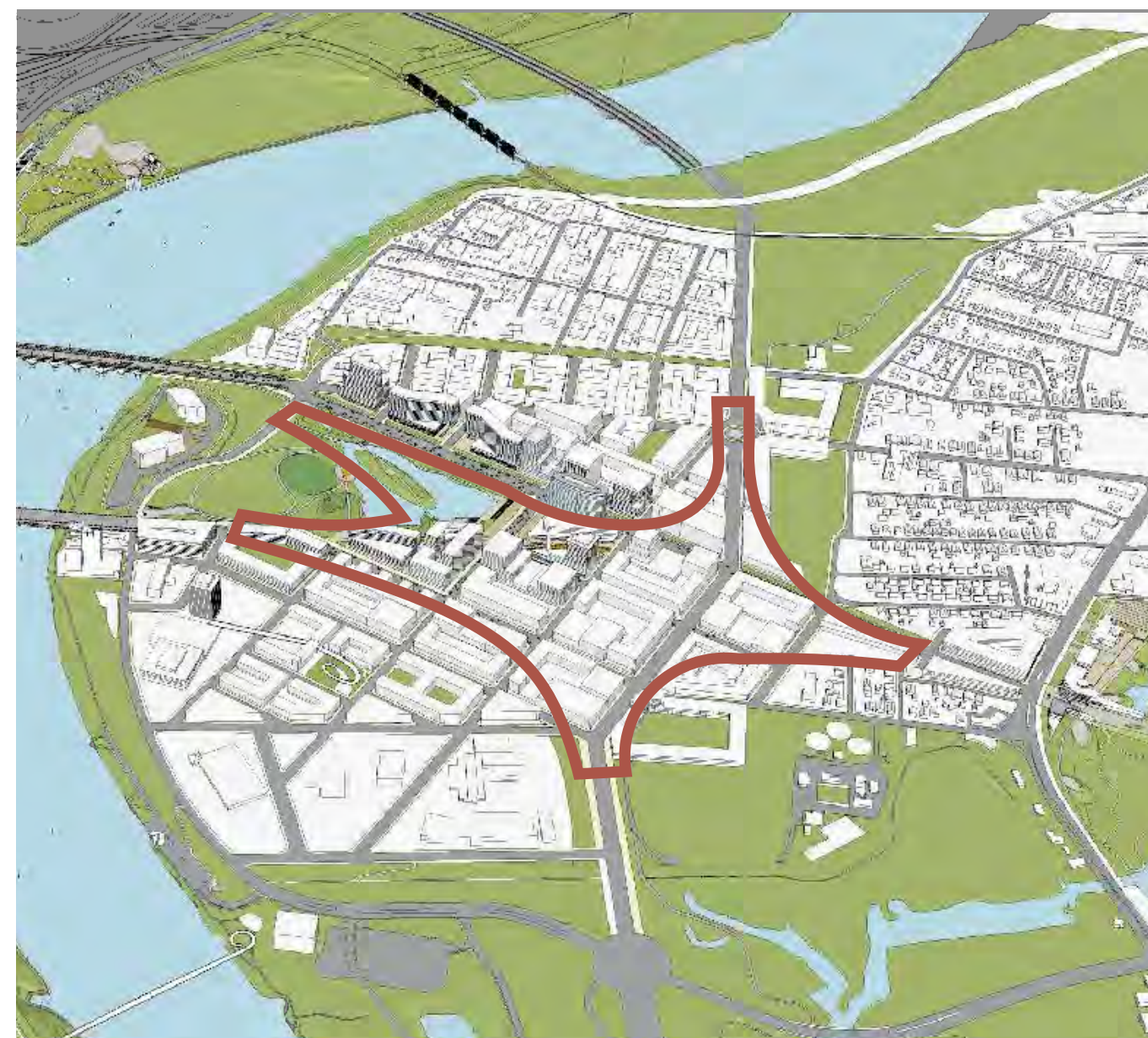


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2020-2035:
removing
the mixmaster:
5 miles, 130 acres



roadway removed: ~5 miles



land made available: ~130 acres



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on the east hartford side:
from "Mixmaster"
to "MidTown"



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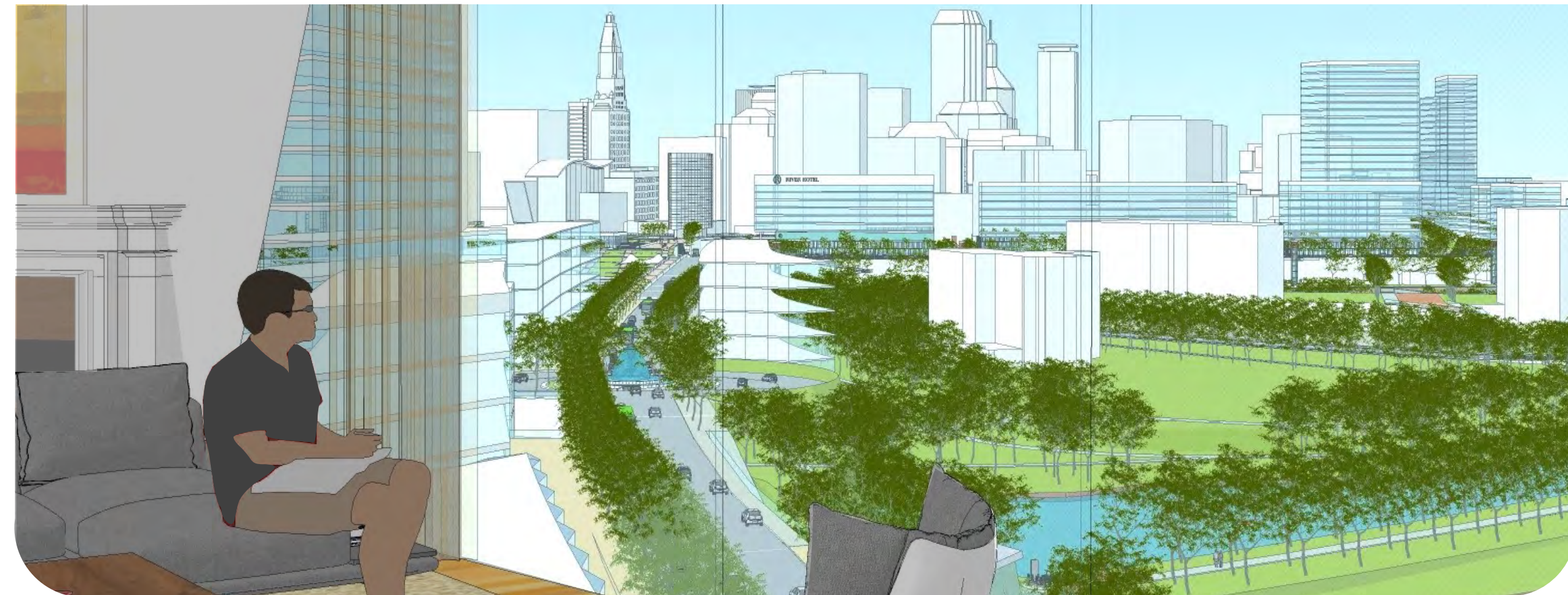
**MidTown
Commons**



MidTown Commons



MidTown Commons







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EAST HARTFORD

DOWNTOWN

Midtown Commons

New Civic Venue

MIDTOWN

MAIN STREET

Convention Center

Hockanum River Center

Hockanum River Regional Park

City Park

City Park

City Park

Hockanum River Regional Park

Coltsville





ASYLUM HILL

DOWNTOWN

MIDTOWN

MAIN STREET

Upper Albany

Clay Arsenal

Riverside Park

Podunk River Park

HSR to Boston

North Downtown

Prospect Park

Main Street Historic District

The Hartford

Dunkin' Stadium

Boathouse

Liam McGee Park

Aetna

Midtown Commons

Hockanum River Regional Park

Bushnell Park

Travelers

Convention Center

City Park

HSR to New York

Frog Hollow

CHARTER OAK MILE

Hockanum River Regional Park

Pope Park

South Green

Coltville

SILVER LANE

W. Sullivan v2.22

Sheldon Charter Oak

Colt Park

Dillon Stadium

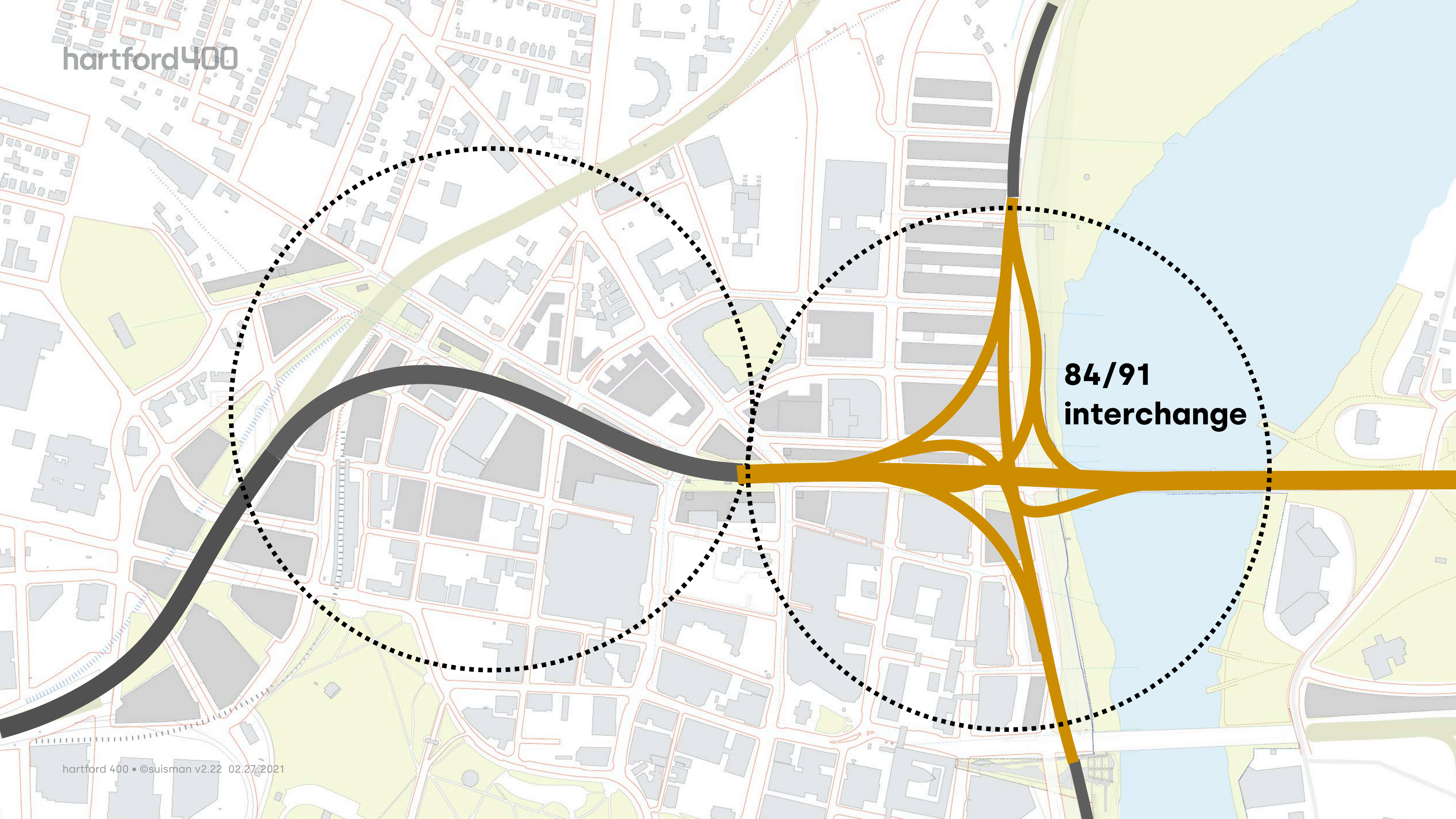
Coca Cola

To Goodwin and P&WA

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**84/91
interchange**







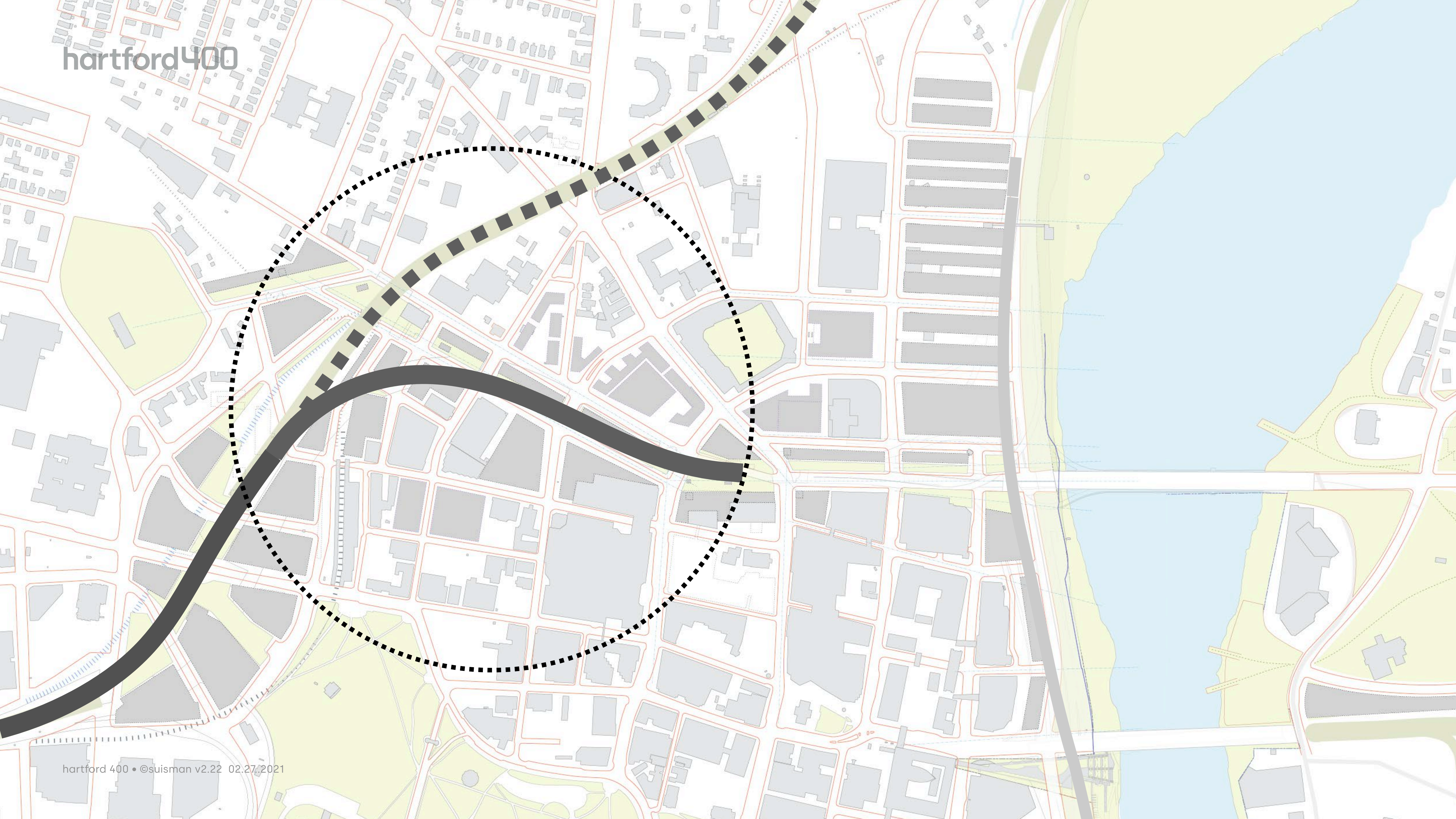
I LOVE YOU

Chuck Rest In Peace

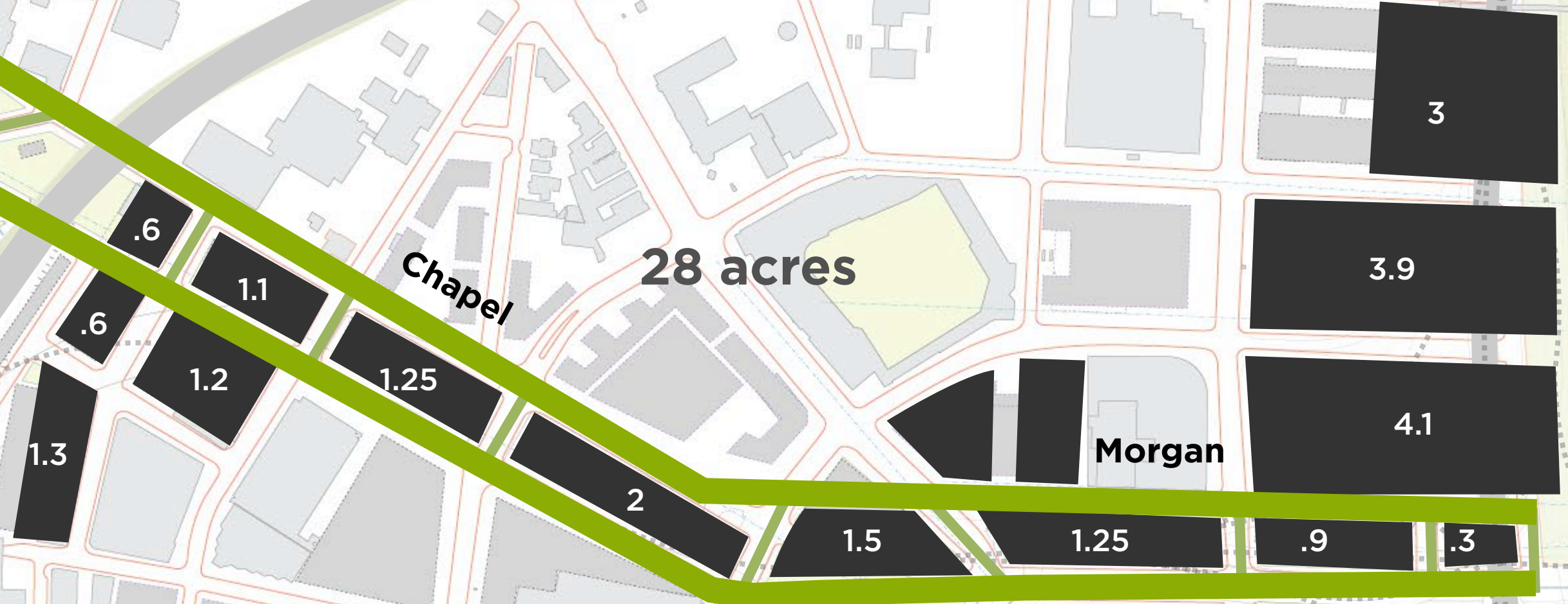
LAPD



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28 acres

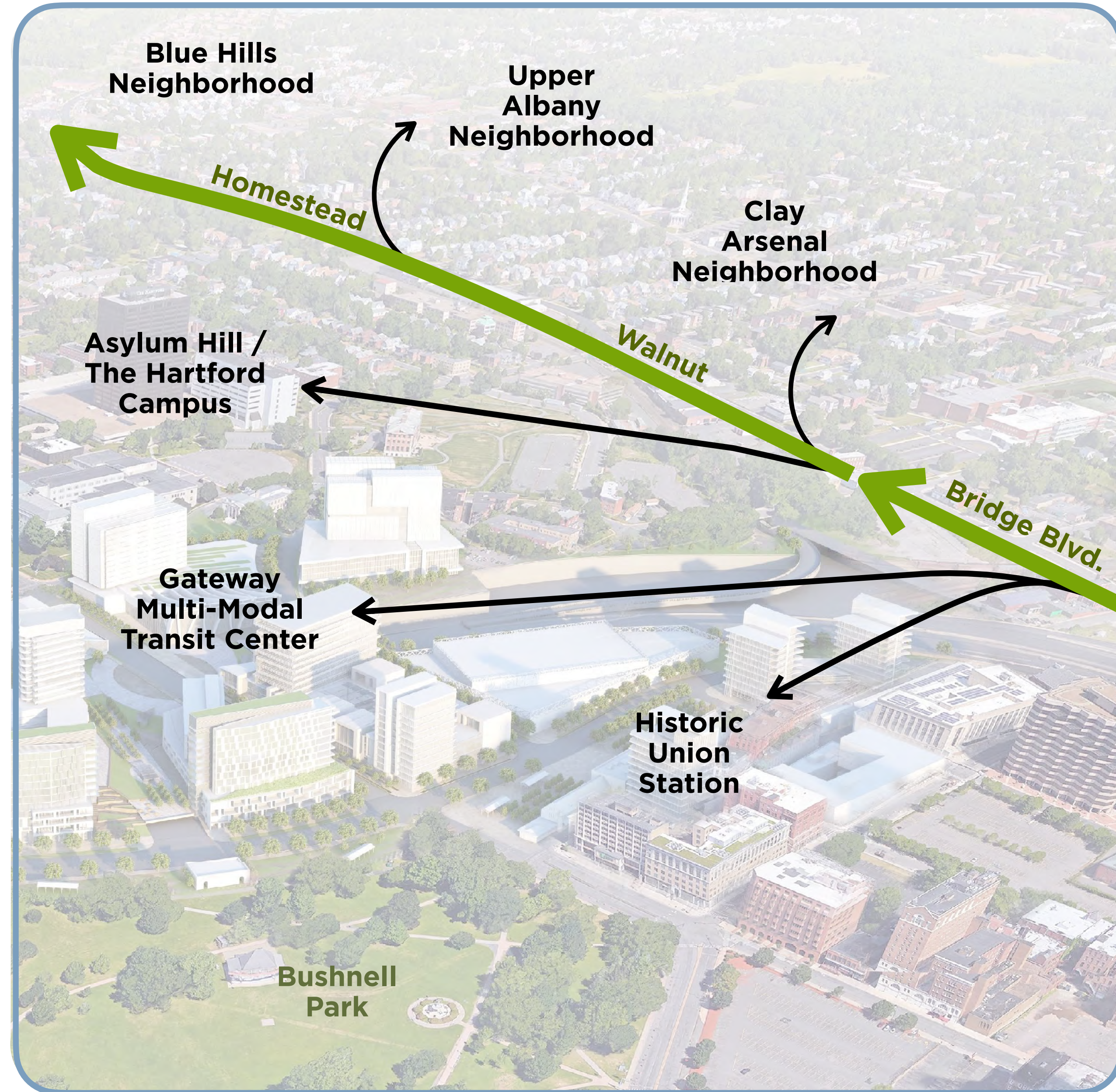
Chapel

Morgan

new
Bridge Boulevard

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**UPPER
ALBANY**

**CLAY
ARSENAL**

GRIFFIN LINE

ASYLUM HILL

BRIDGE BOULEVARD (WEST)

**BULKELEY
BRIDGE**

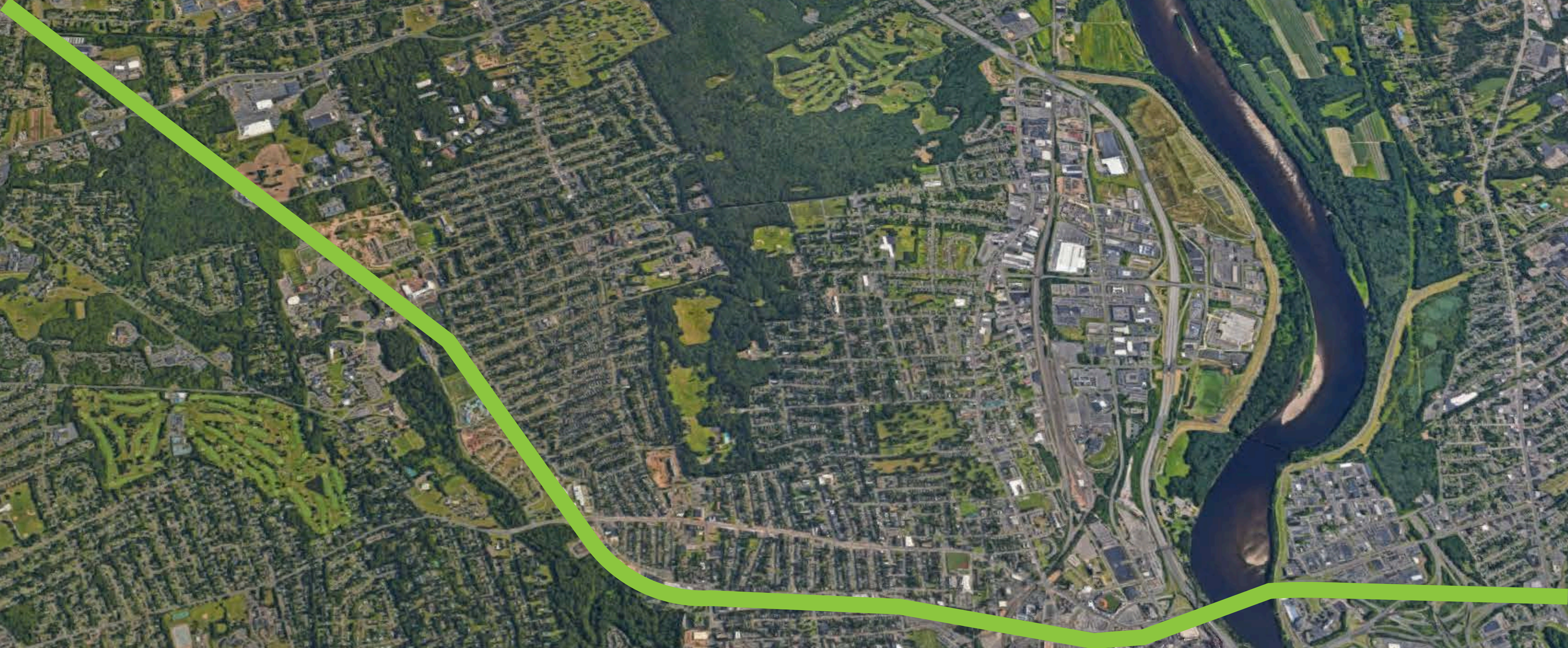
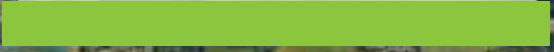
BRIDGE BOULEVARD (EAST)

DOWNTOWN

MIDTOWN

**HOKANUM
RIVER PARK**

THE HARTLINE



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7-mile Linear Park

*a rail corridor
connecting
four towns*

BLOOMFIELD
CENTER

Bloomfield

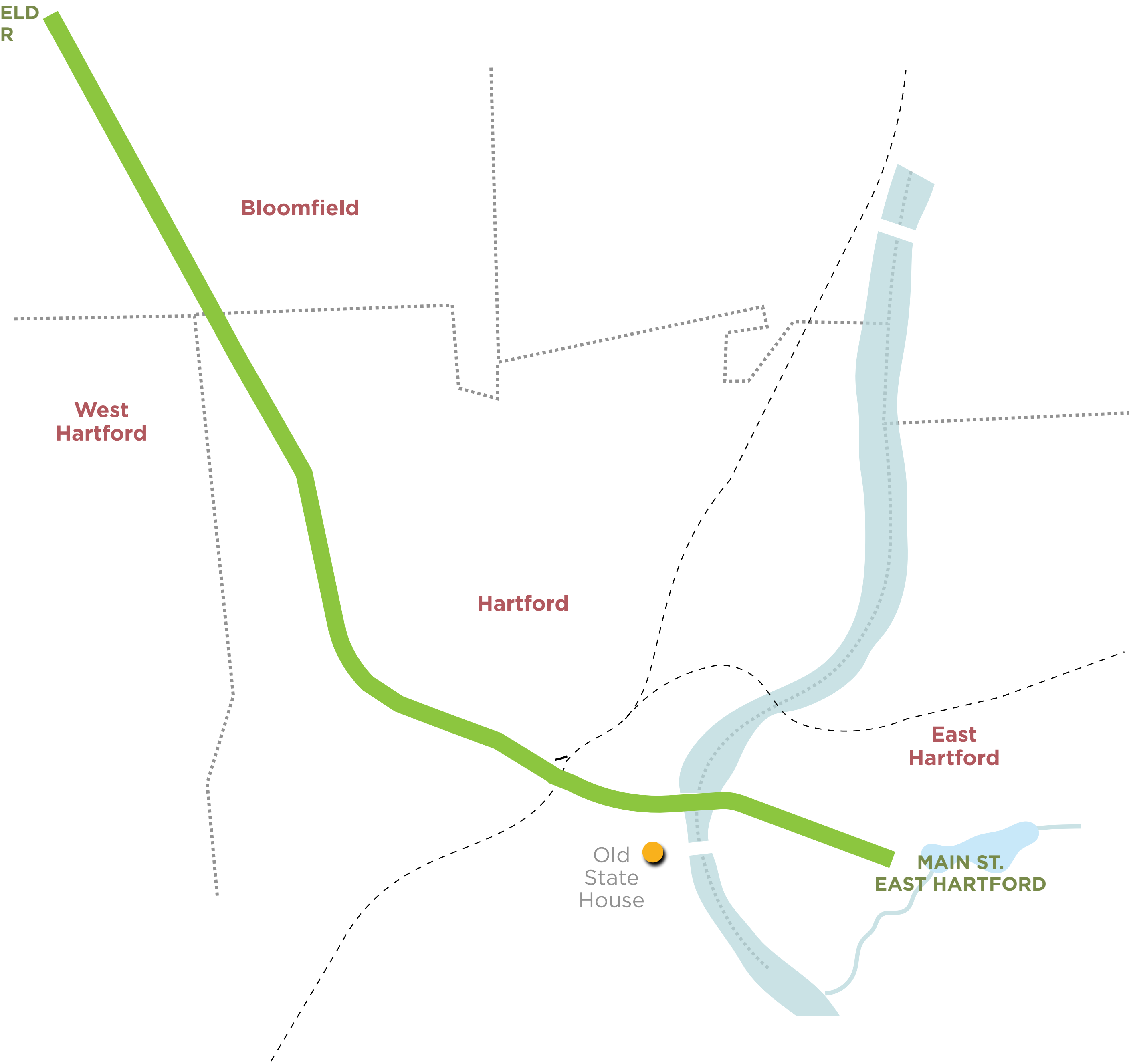
West
Hartford

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East
Hartford

Old
State
House

MAIN ST.
EAST HARTFORD

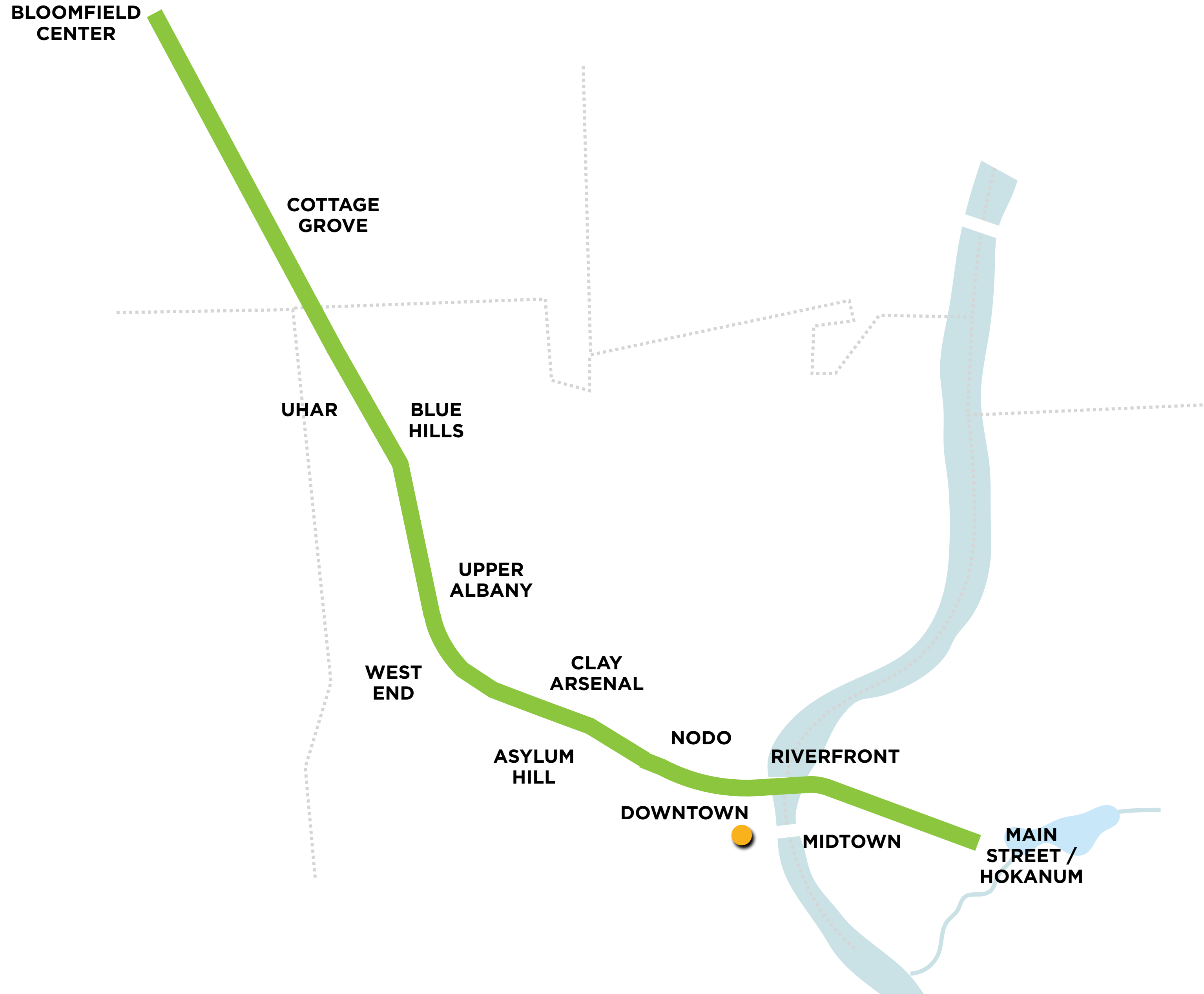


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Neighborhood Connector

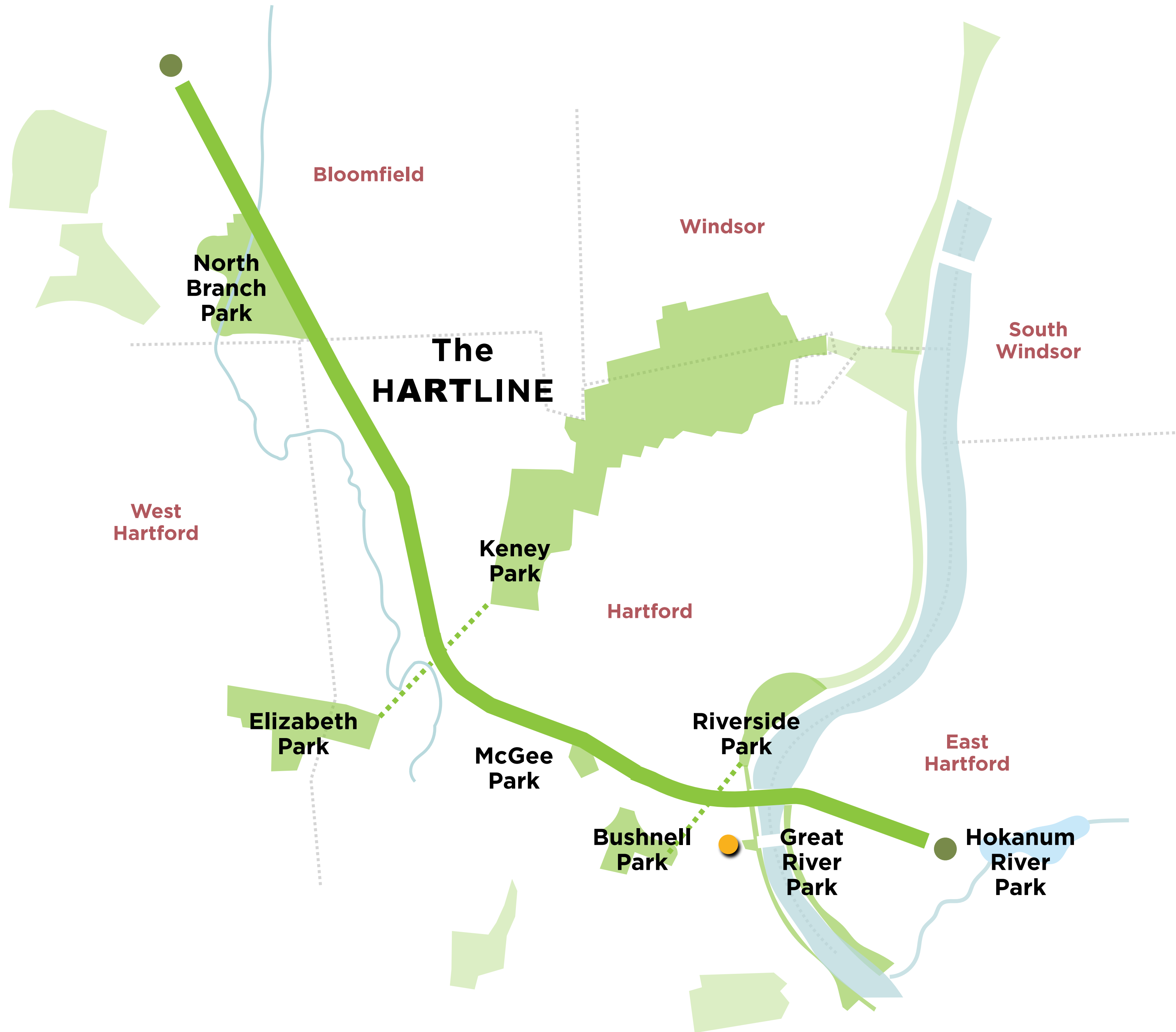
*a green cultural
corridor linking
many communities*



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THE HARTLINE

Tied to the region's park system





Converting Rail Corridors to Parks or Trails

*3.5 Miles
active rail line*

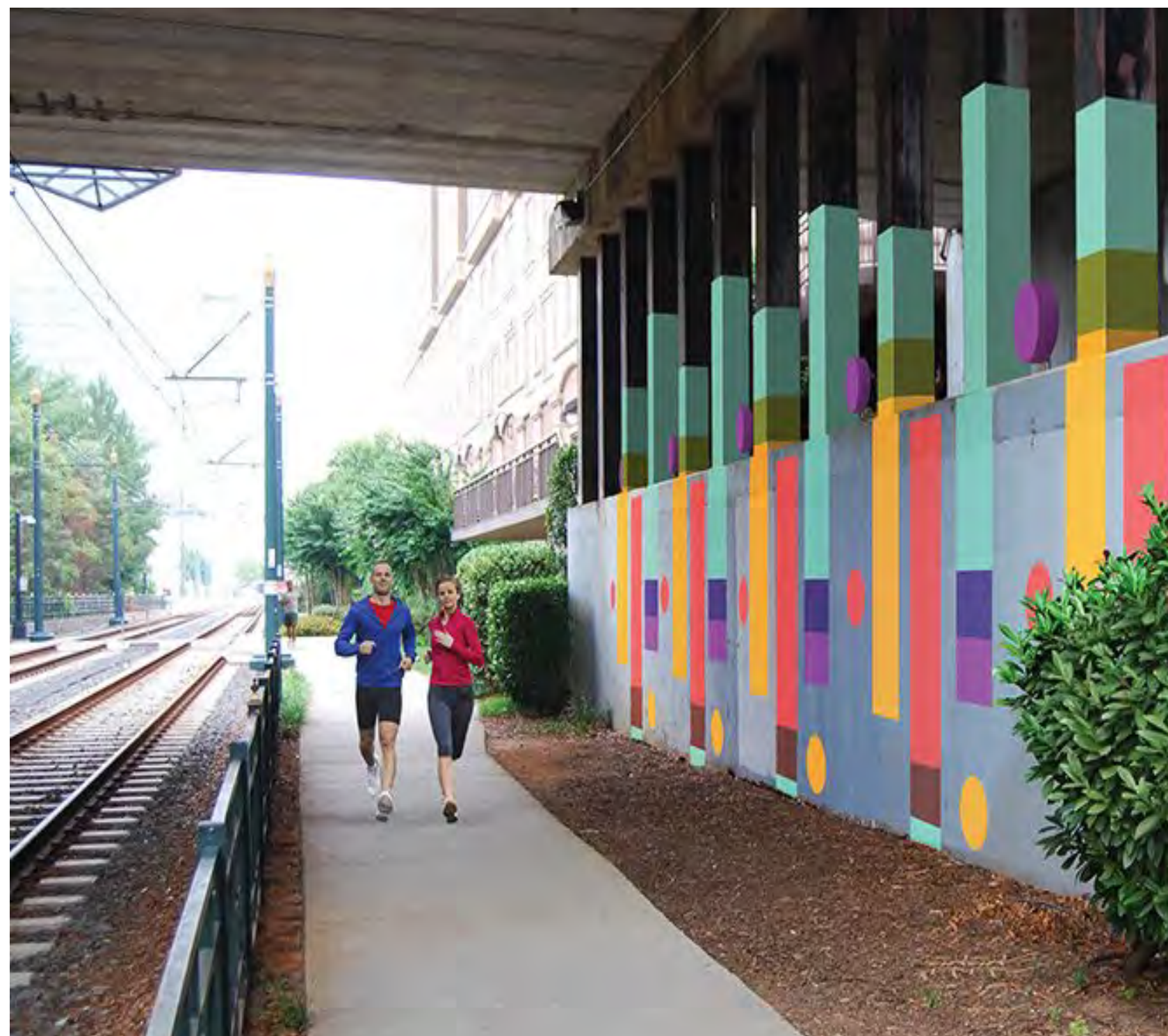
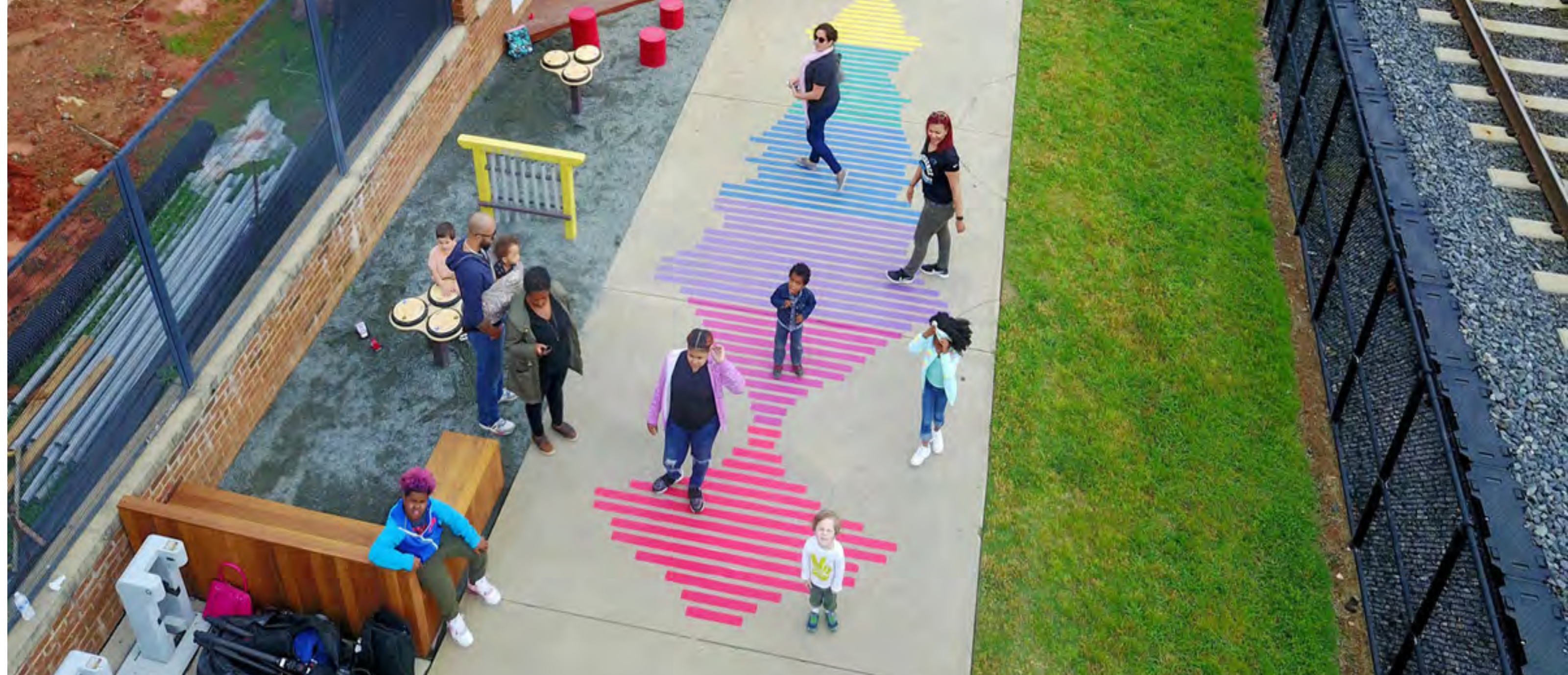


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CASE STUDY



Community Placemaking

art, play, playgrounds



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CASE STUDY

mbt

Metropolitan Branch Trail

Washington D.C.

4.4 Miles

8 mi. at buildout



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CASE STUDY



Art, Lighting, Unique Pathway





Comprehensive System

- *33 miles of trails*
- *\$10 billion in economic development*
- *1300 acres of green space*
- *5600 affordable housing units*
- *30,000 permanent jobs*

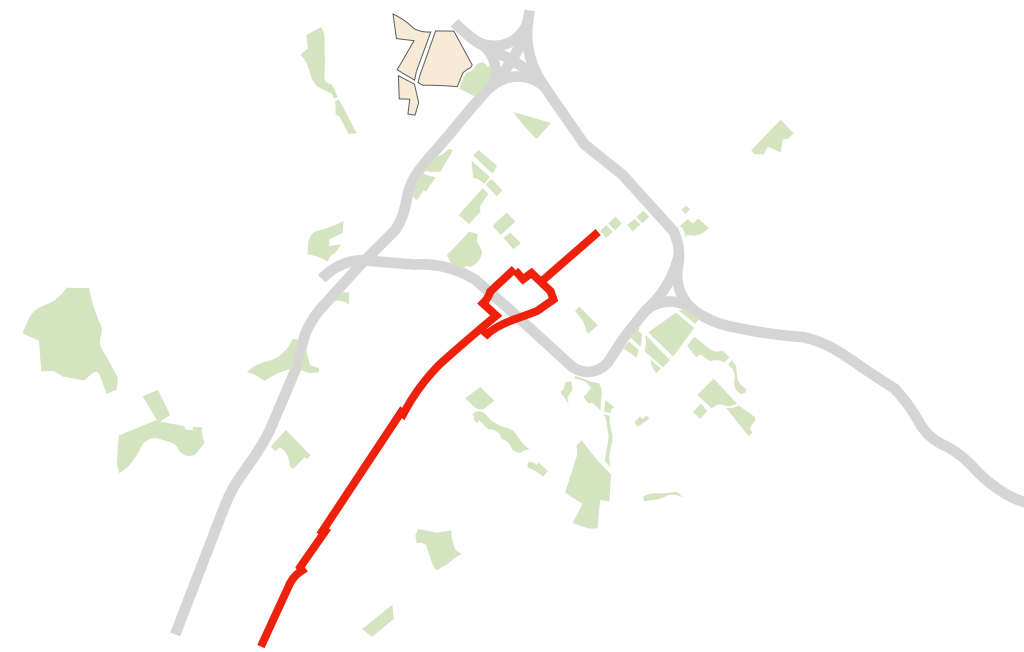


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THE HARTLINE



The Hartline (Hartford)
7 mi.



Charlotte Rail Trail
3.5 mi.



Indianapolis Cultural Trail
8 mi.



**Metropolitan Branch Trail
(D.C.)**
8 mi.



Atlanta Beltline
33 mi.

THE HARTLINE

Key Destinations

*schools, shops,
hospitals, parks, river*



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THE HARTLINE

A Chain of “Places”

making places for art & community

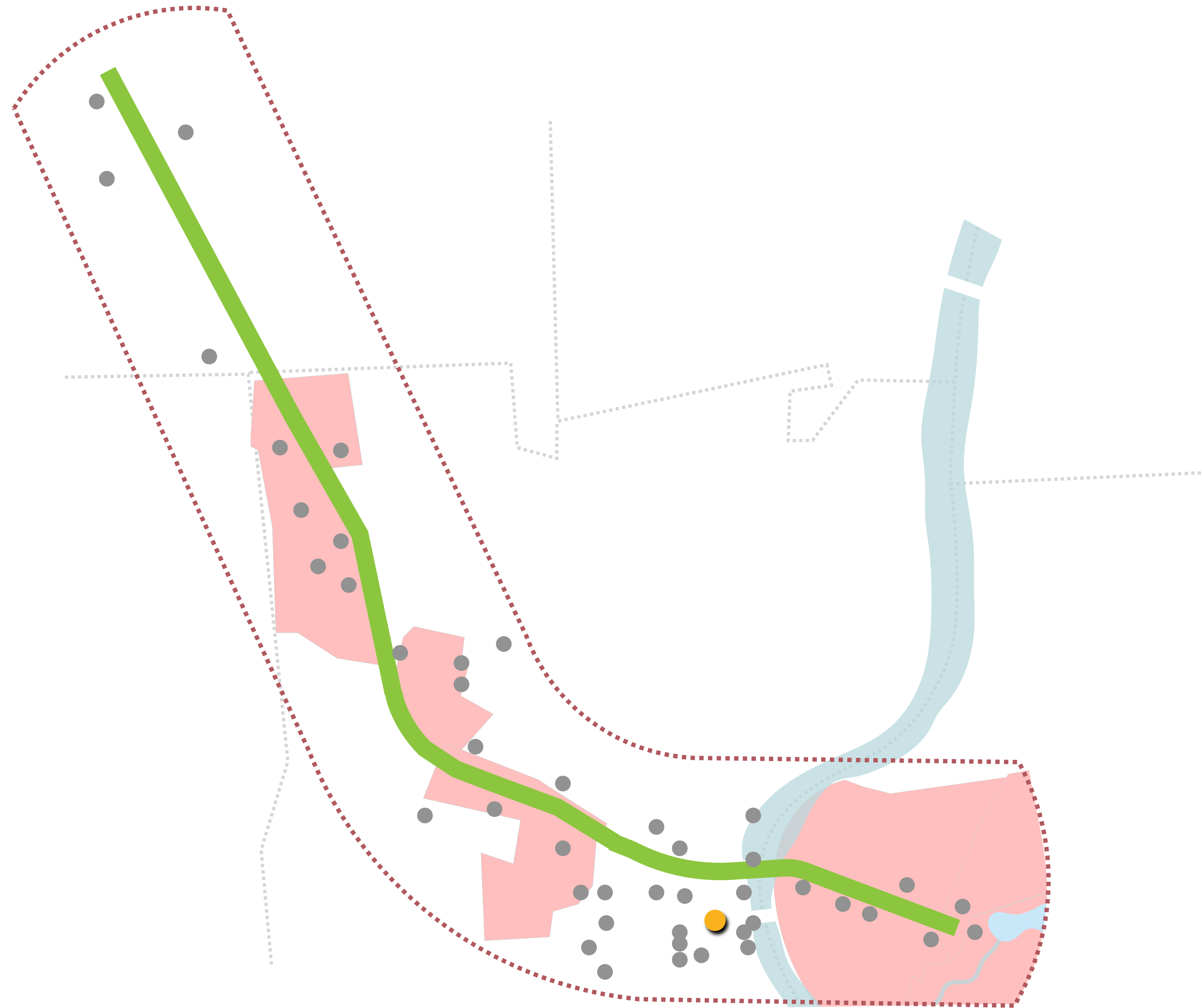


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THE HARTLINE

Economic Development Zone

*adjacent properties
and Opportunity Zones*



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Transformation

existing at Tobey Rd.



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Transformation

*example of potential
change*



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*existing along
Homestead Ave.*



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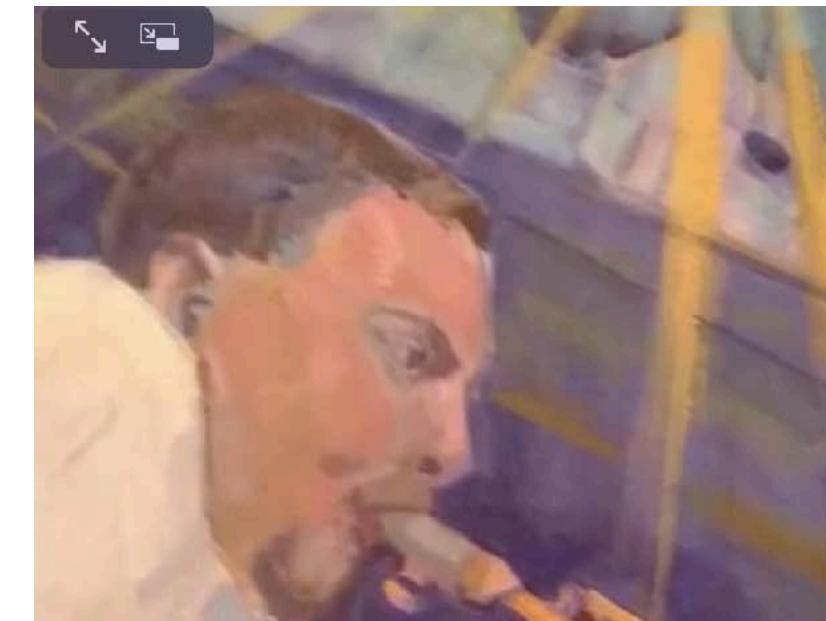
Local and Regional Artists

creating distinctive places by and for each community

Jason Farquharson
Hartford Paint the City

Humberto Castro-Cruz
Nick Frasco
La'Mora (Che') Hardy
Nicole Johnson
Georges Annan Kingsley
Corey Pane
Sarah Warda

and many others
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School Participation

getting students involved in art, design, construction

Weaver High
University High
Annie Fisher Magnet
MLK Middle
CREC Museum Academy
Handel Performing Arts
Artists Collective
University of Hartford:
Art, Architecture, Engineering

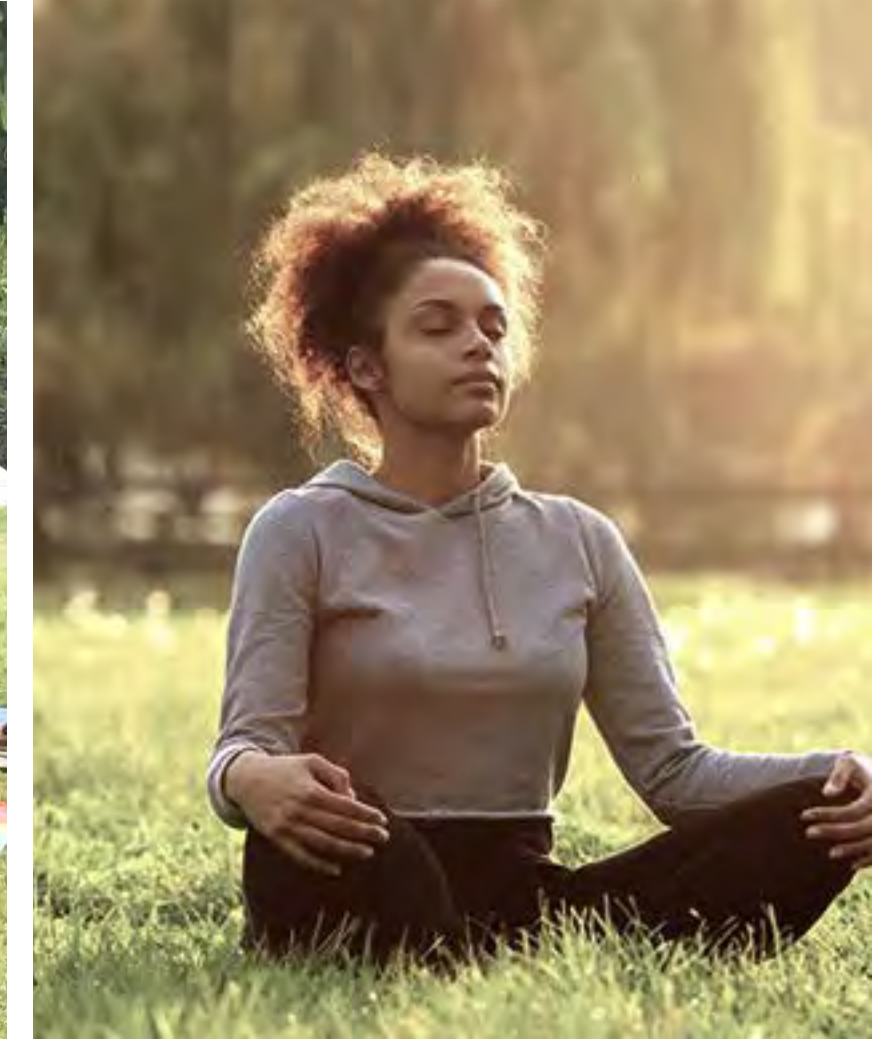
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Health and Healing

self-care, post-trauma healing, meditation, spiritual refreshment



**Community Health Organizations
St. Francis Hospital**

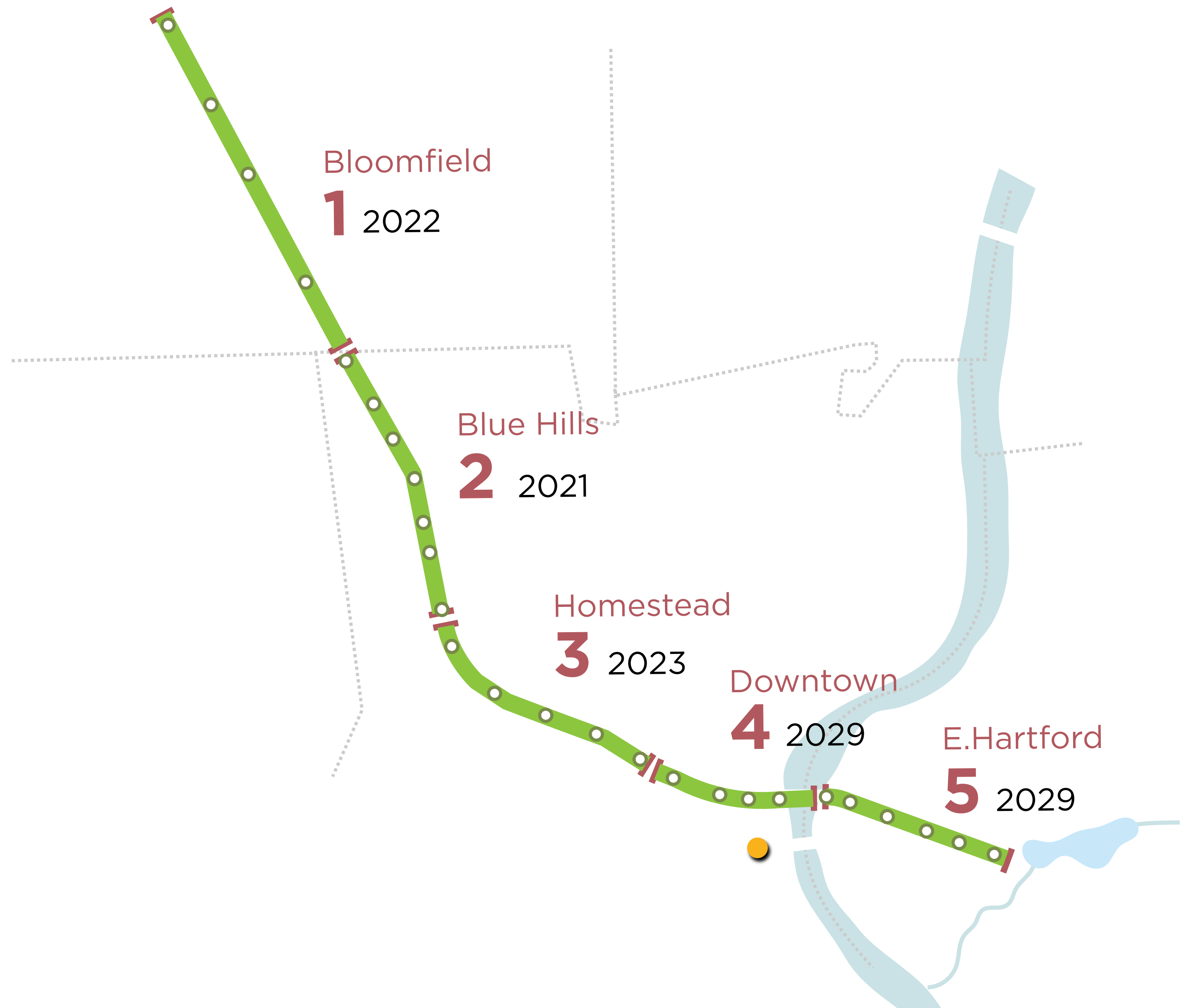


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Segments

phased over time



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