

The Greenway : NJ's Newest State Park

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What is the Greenway?

A 9-mile former rail line, the Greenway is owned and will be managed by DEP as a State Park with a focus on equitable access, community connectivity, and public safety.



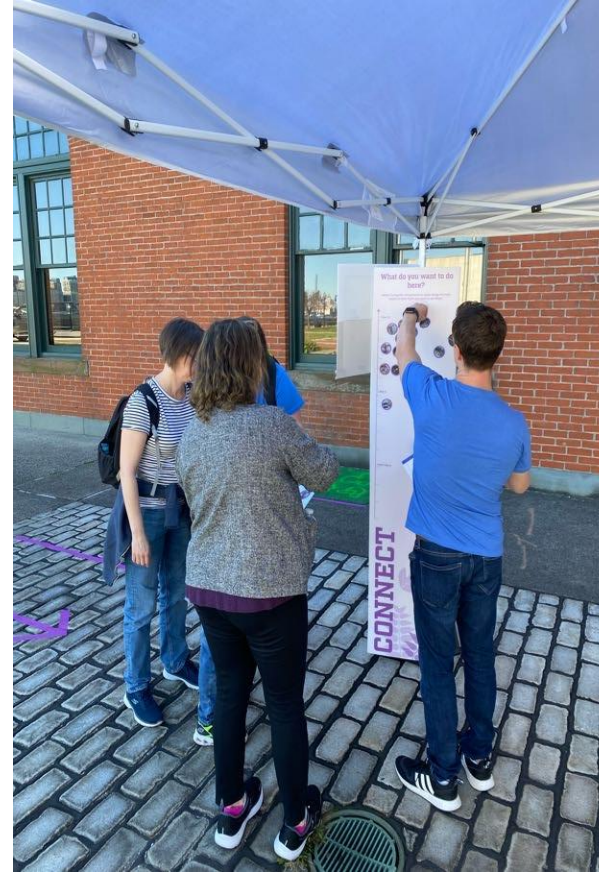
Future of the Greenway

A safe, publicly-accessible multi-modal recreation corridor with seamless walking, biking, and complimentary transit opportunities connecting its host communities.



Direct Community Engagement

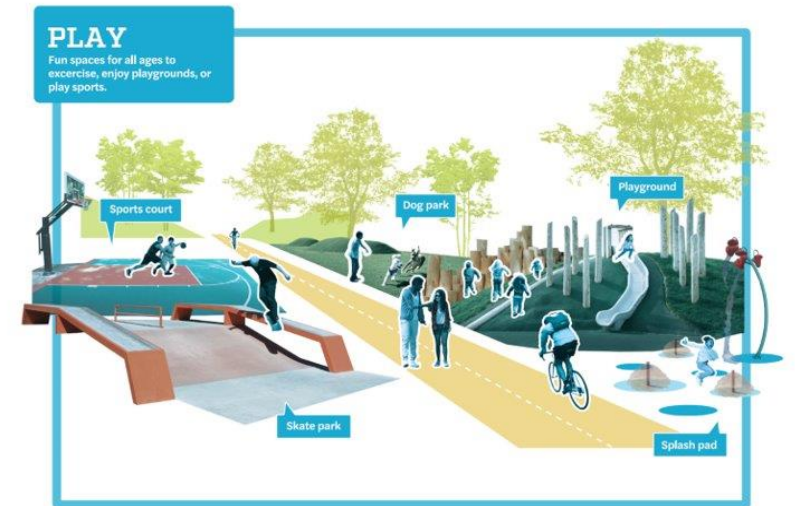
DEP and its partners hosted 26 community engagement sessions ranging from pop-ups at farmer's markets and block parties to formal listening sessions at public libraries and parks.



Direct Community Engagement

Engagement focused around 4 main themes:

- Relax
- Play
- Gather
- Connect



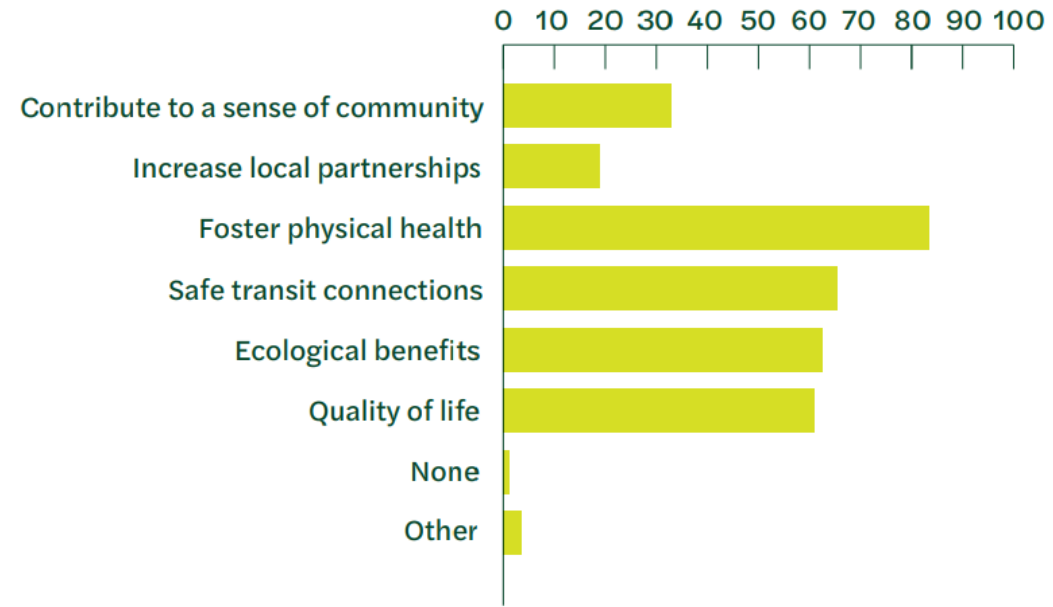
Online Survey

This survey focused on reaching a wide audience and had just under 600 responses!

The survey asked participants a variety of questions surrounding programming, amenities, project goals, and project concerns.

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Which of the following potential Greenway benefits do you want the Greenway to provide to you and/or the members of your household? Select up to four.



Recurring Themes from Outreach



Initial Greenway Development & Construction

Each proposed segment for the initial phase of development earned a series of scores to evaluate its suitability.

Ease Criteria

Which segments are easiest to build in the near term?

- Remediation Ease
- Stormwater Infiltration Potential
- Timeline Feasibility
- Bridge Restoration
- Community Partnerships

Impact Criteria

Which segments have the greatest potential impact?

- Remediation Need
- Stormwater Need
- Economic Development Potential
- Park Access Need
- Social/Demographic Index
- Population Density

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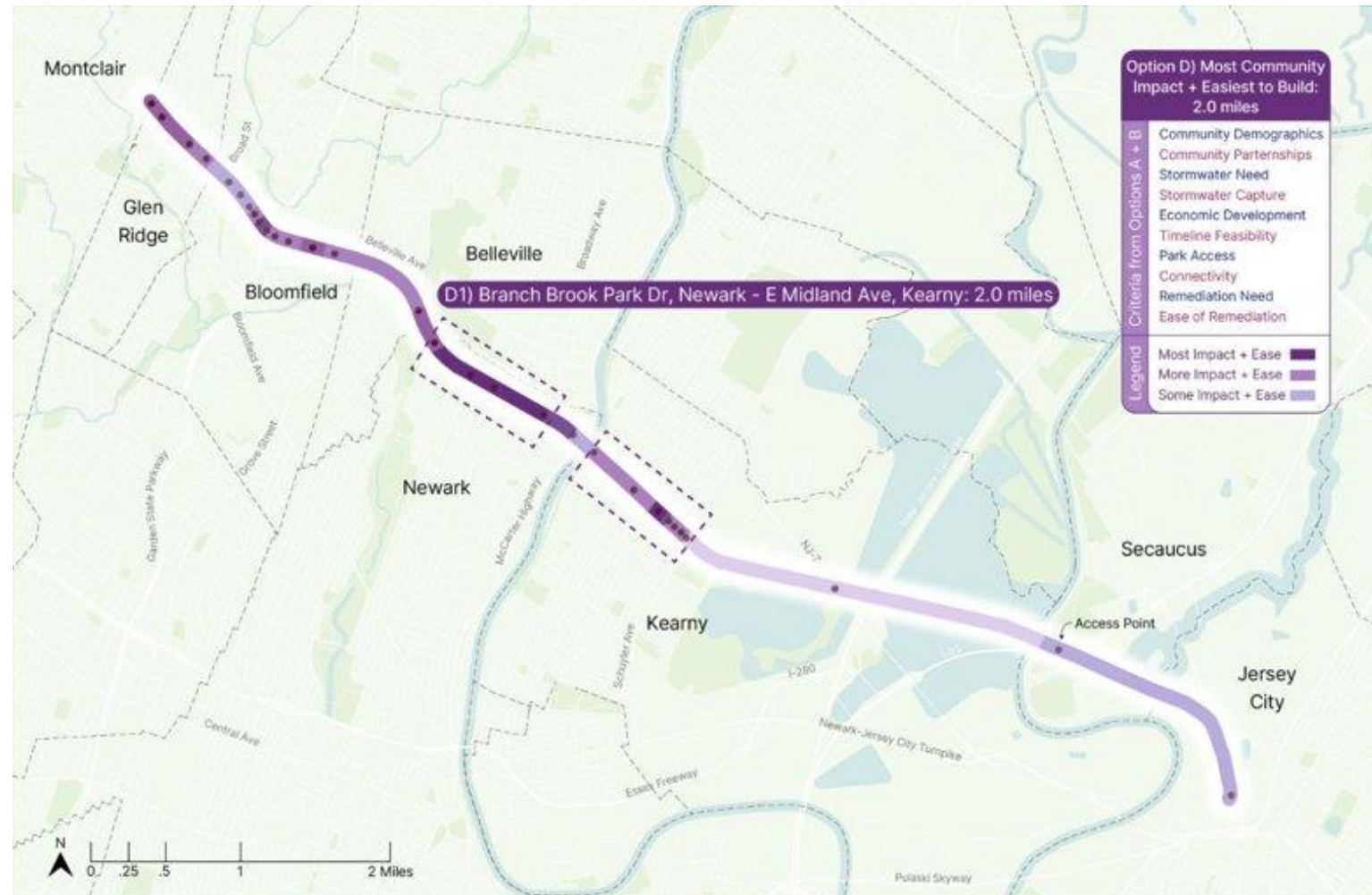
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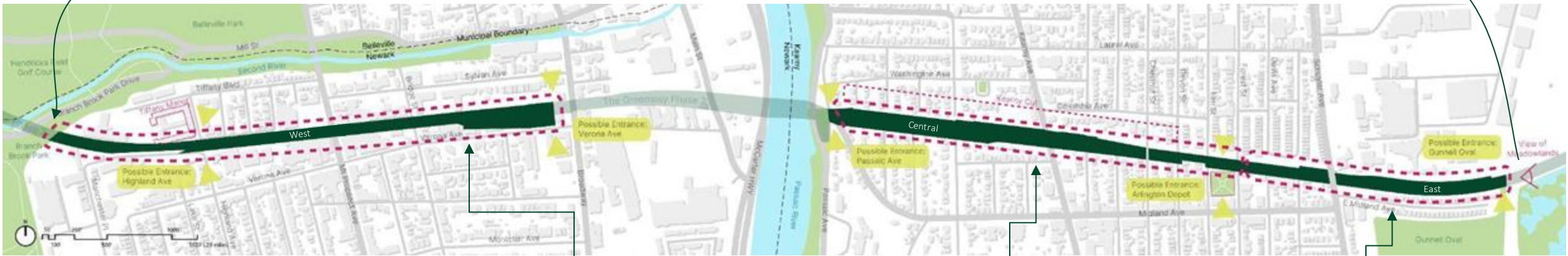
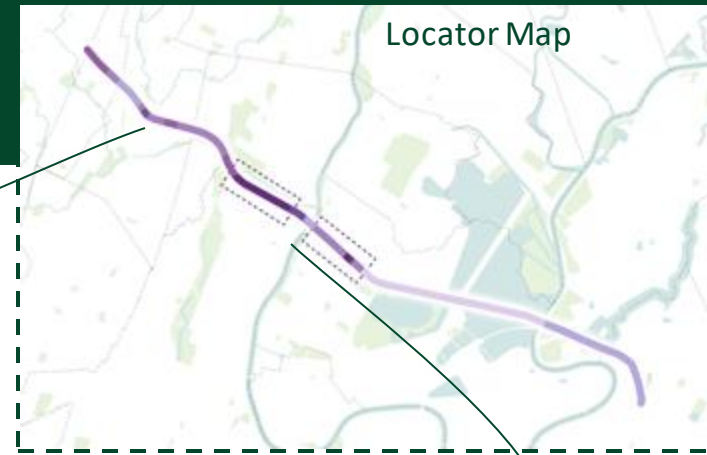
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more impactful

Initial Greenway Development & Construction

- Initial construction of the Greenway is comprised of three segments totaling nearly two miles through Newark and Kearny
- DEP selected a segment that creates a one-of-a-kind amenity for both the surrounding community and visitors alike



Initial Greenway Development & Construction



Overall Stats

Length: 10,249 feet (1.9 miles)

West:

Branch Brook Park to Broadway,
Newark

Length: 4,347 feet

Central:

Passaic Ave to Forest Street, Kearny

Length: 3,602 feet

East:

Forest Street to Meadowlands
Edge, Kearny

Length: 2,300 feet

Connections

Provide a continuous experience highlighting the unique landscape character of their surroundings



Closer Look: Branch Brook Park Connection



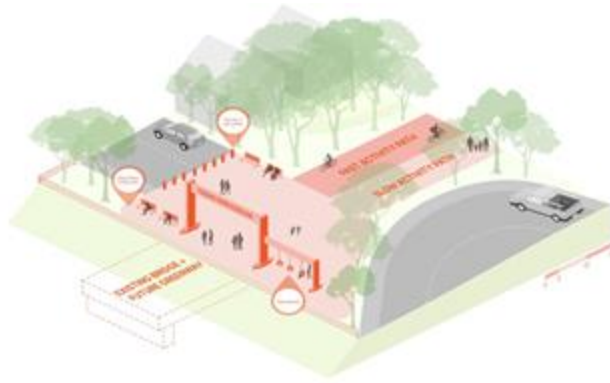
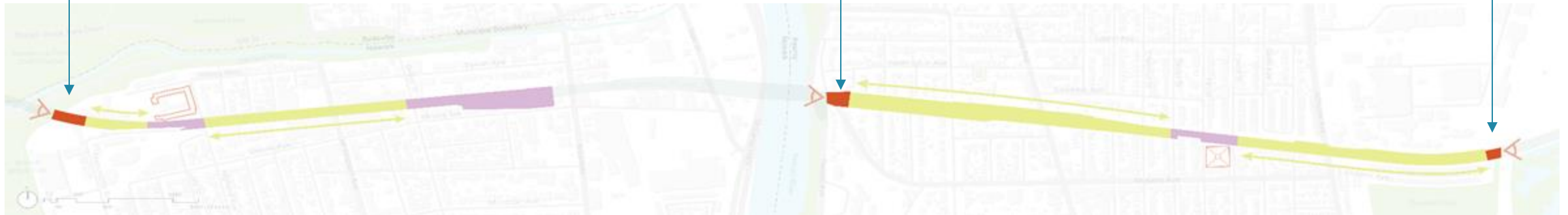
Overlooks

Greenway rooms that provide an intriguing glimpse into future extensions, connections and experiences

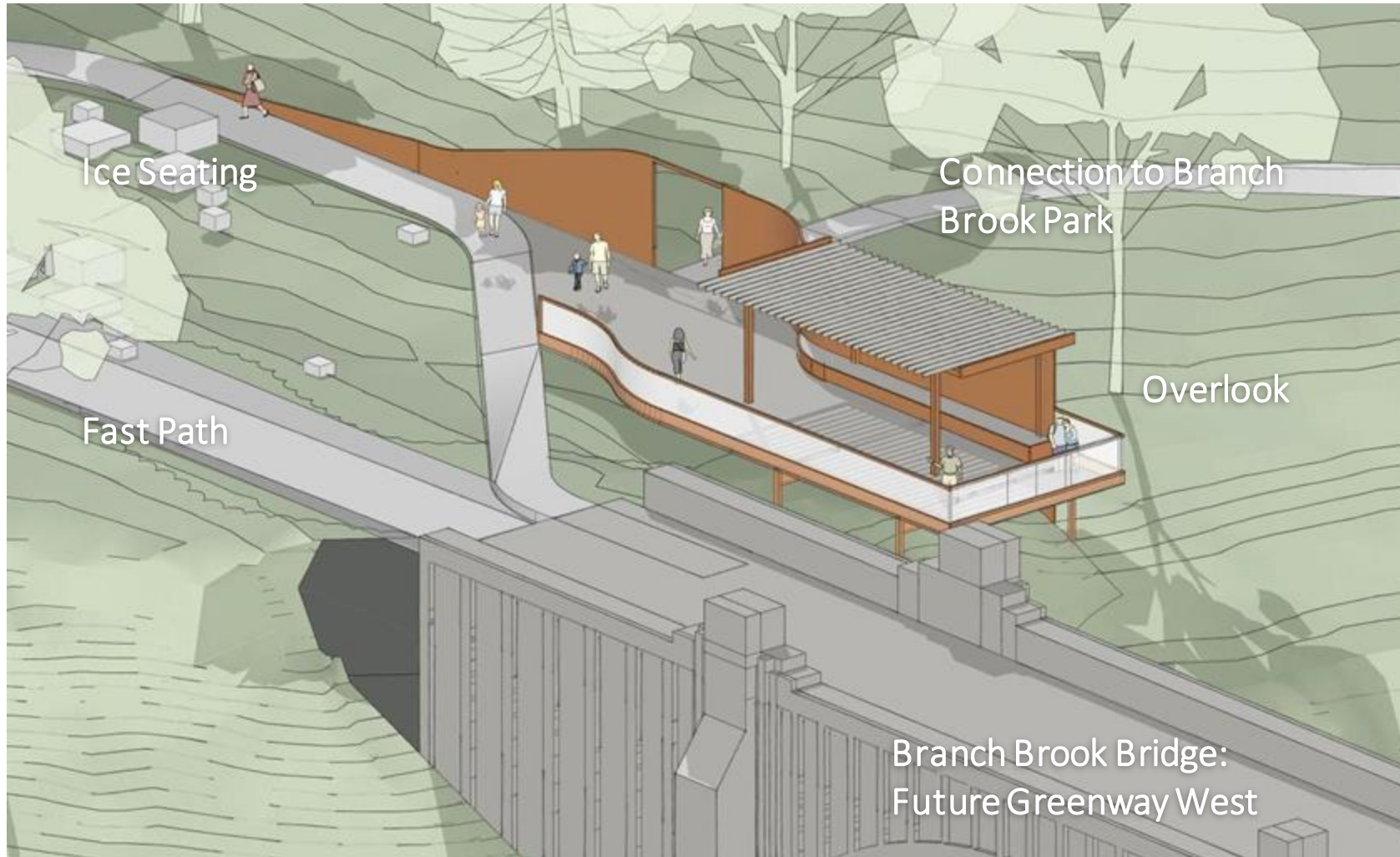
Branch Brook Park Overlook

Passaic River Overlook

Meadowlands Overlook

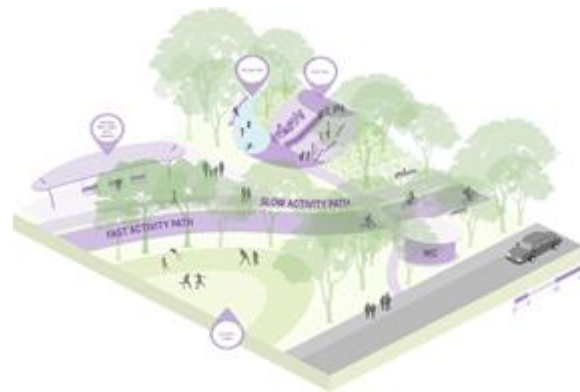


Closer Look: Branch Brook Park Overlook



Hubs

Serve as the centralized hubs of social, cultural and recreational programming



Closer Look: Newark Central Hub



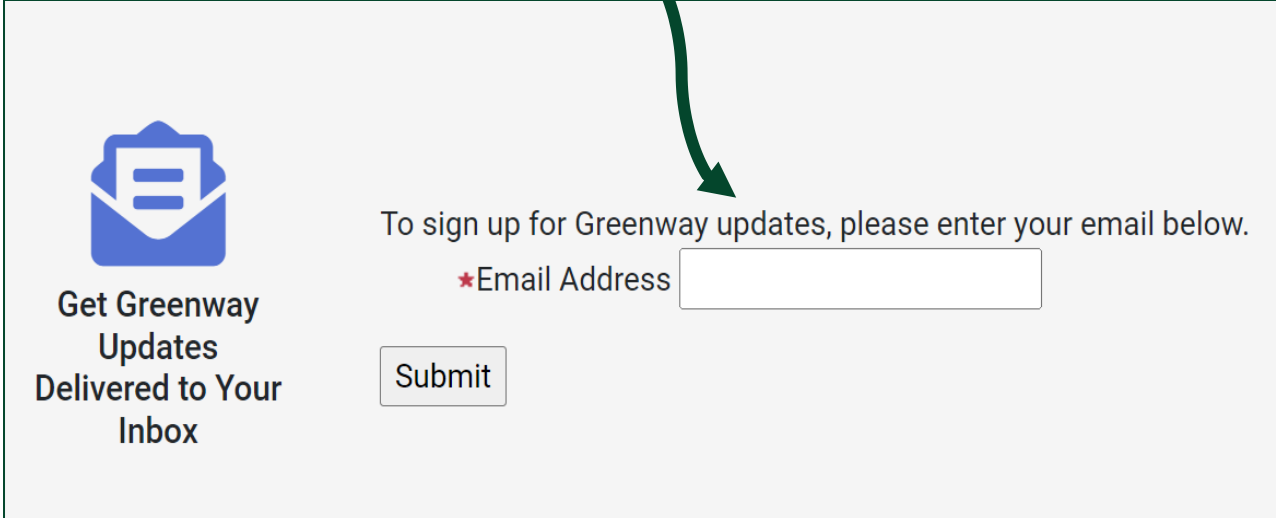
Closer Look: Newark Central Hub



Want to engage with the Greenway project?

- Join NJDEP and its consultants for workshops coming up in Newark and Kearny
 - Subscribe to our newsletter and follow our Instagram (@njdep.greenway) for updates
- Join Maggie on May 18th at the NJ Bike & Walk Summit in Edison, NJ
- Visit the Greenway website: <https://dep.nj.gov/greenway/>

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