

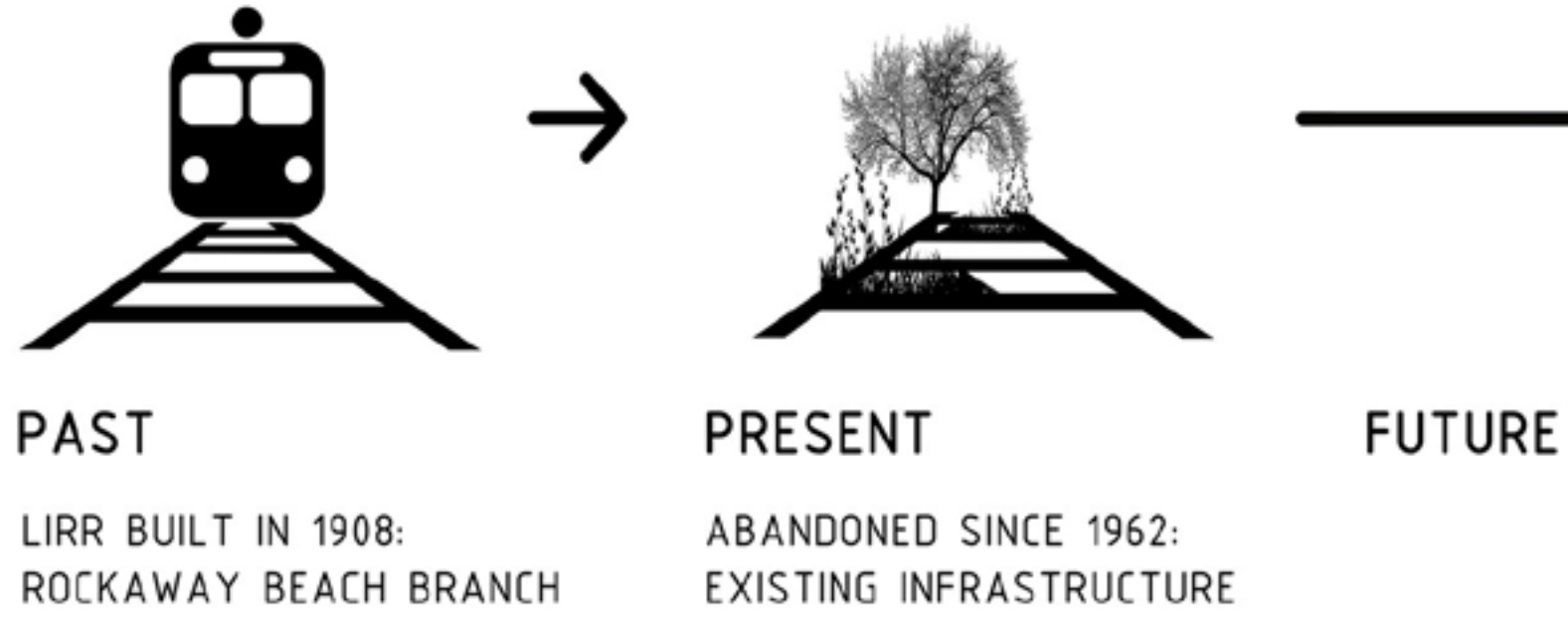
QUEENSWAY PARK+FARM

ONE PRIZE 2012: BLIGHT TO MIGHT COMPETITION

REVITALIZING QUEENS THRU ITS PAST INFRASTRUCTURE

DURING THE LATE 19TH C. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILROADS RE-SHAPED THE ECONOMY OF THE MIDLANDS IN QUEENS AND THE COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THE JAMAICA BAY. TODAY THE ABANDONED TRACK RUNNING BETWEEN THE QUIET FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE RACE TRACKS IN HOWARD BEACH IS A GHOST OF THOSE PROSPEROUS TIMES... BRIDGING MAJOR EAST-WEST ARTERIES IN THE REGION SUCH AS ATLANTIC AVENUE, METROPOLITAN AVENUE, PARK LANE SOUTH/98TH STREET, JAMAICA AVENUE, DOWN TO THE ROCKAWAY BOULEVARD,THIS MIGHTY STRUCTURE HAS THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO ISOLATE AND SUPPORT ORGANIC EARTH THAT WOULD BE SEPARATED FROM THE POLLUTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE OF THE PAST AND SOURCES OF NATURAL POLLUTION. IN THE NEAR FUTURE THIS PICTURESQUE RELIC CAN BECOME THE LIFE LINE OF MANY LOCAL COMMUNITIES; BRINGING AWARENESS OF THE REGIONS ECOLOGY, MUCH NEEDED SOURCE OF HOME-GROWN ORGANIC FOODS, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES RELATED TO ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AND LOCAL COMMERCIAL CENTERS THRIVING WITHIN THE AREA. ABANDONED RAILROAD BUILDINGS CAN BE RENOVATED TO HOUSE NEW COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL AND OFFICE SPACES. NEW ORGANIC FARMS CAN FEED MILLIONS AND PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED ECONOMIC GROWTH ALONG WITH A NEW GENERATION OF PEOPLE WITH HEALTHY EATING HABITS

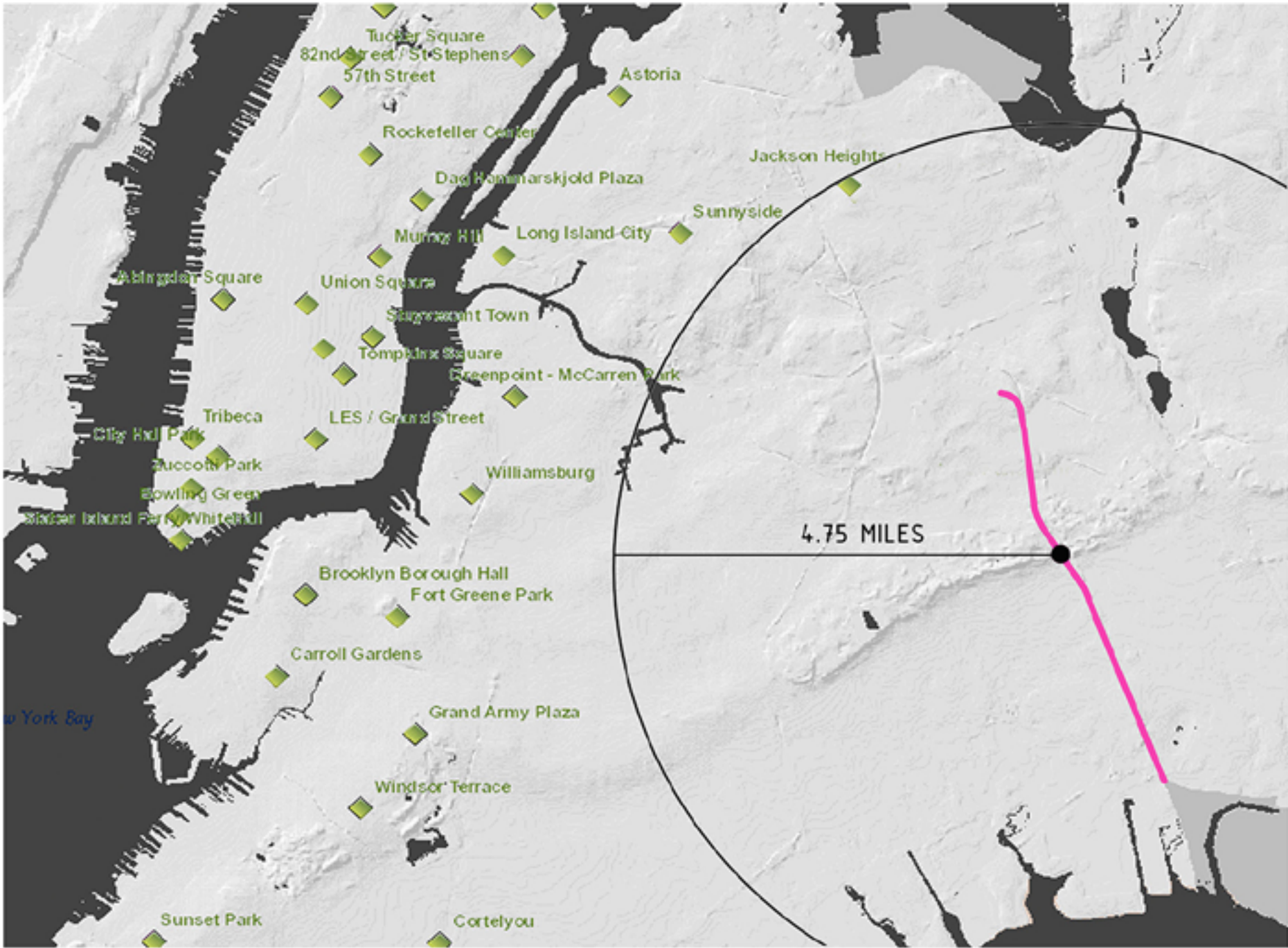
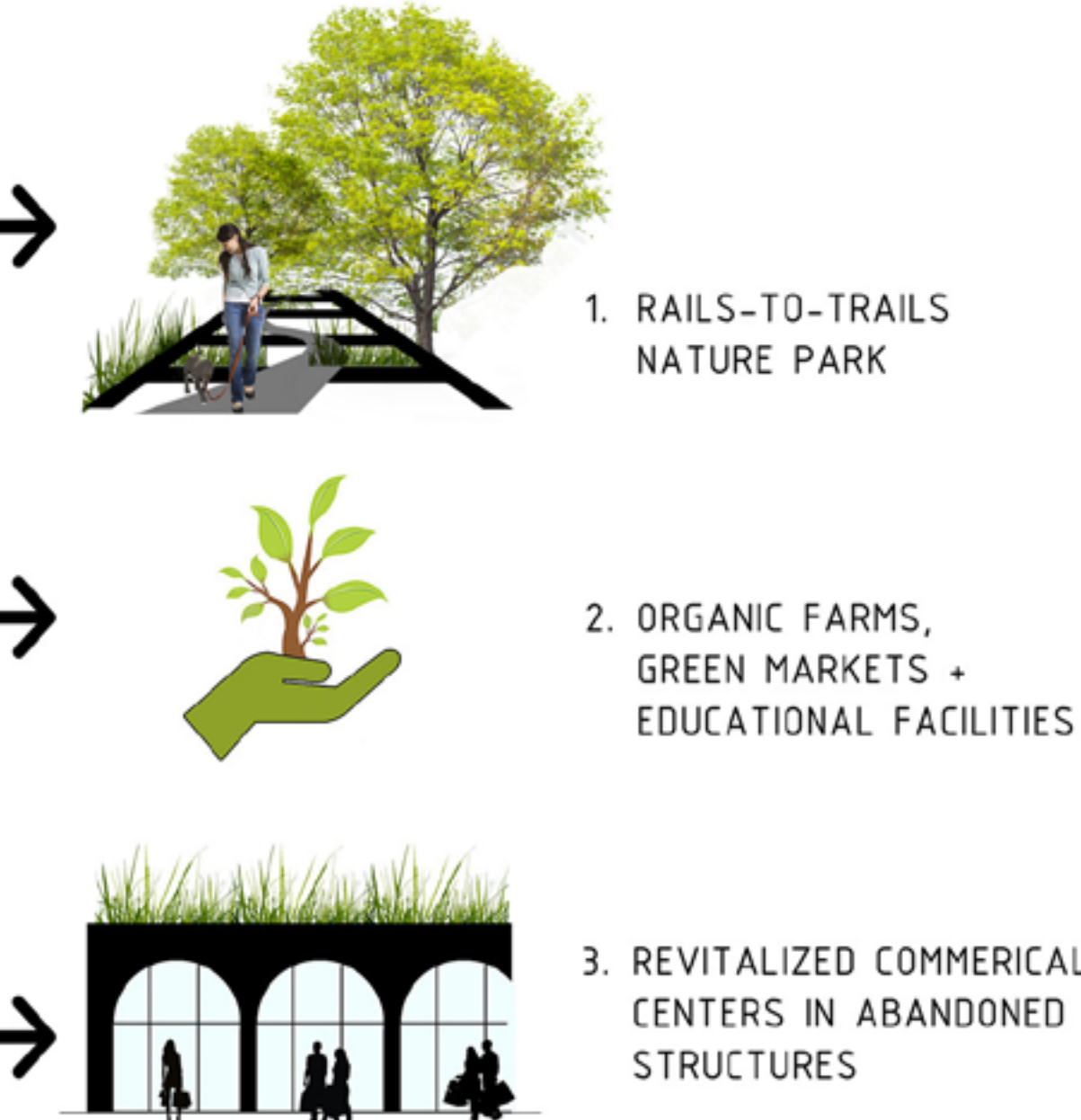
THE CONCEPT



EXISTING LIRR INFRASTRUCTURE

THE QUEENSWAY-ABANDONED LIRR TRACKS ROCKAWAY BRANCH
[STUDY AREA - FACTS]

BUILT: 1908
ABANDONED : 1962
STATIONS WITHIN THE STUDY AREA : 5
LINEAR DISTANCE : 3.5 MILES
RE-CLAIMED FARMLAND : APPROX. 6 ACRES
RE-CLAIMED PARKLAND/NATURE TRAILS : APPROX. 2 MILES/8.4 ACRES
RESTORED/RE-CLAIMED COMMERCIAL AREA; APPROX. 1 MILLION SF.



EXISTING LOCAL GREEN MARKETS

IN COMPARISON TO THE OTHER BOROUGH, THERE ARE VERY FEW LOCATIONS TO PURCHASE LOCALLY GROWN FRESH PRODUCE IN QUEENS.

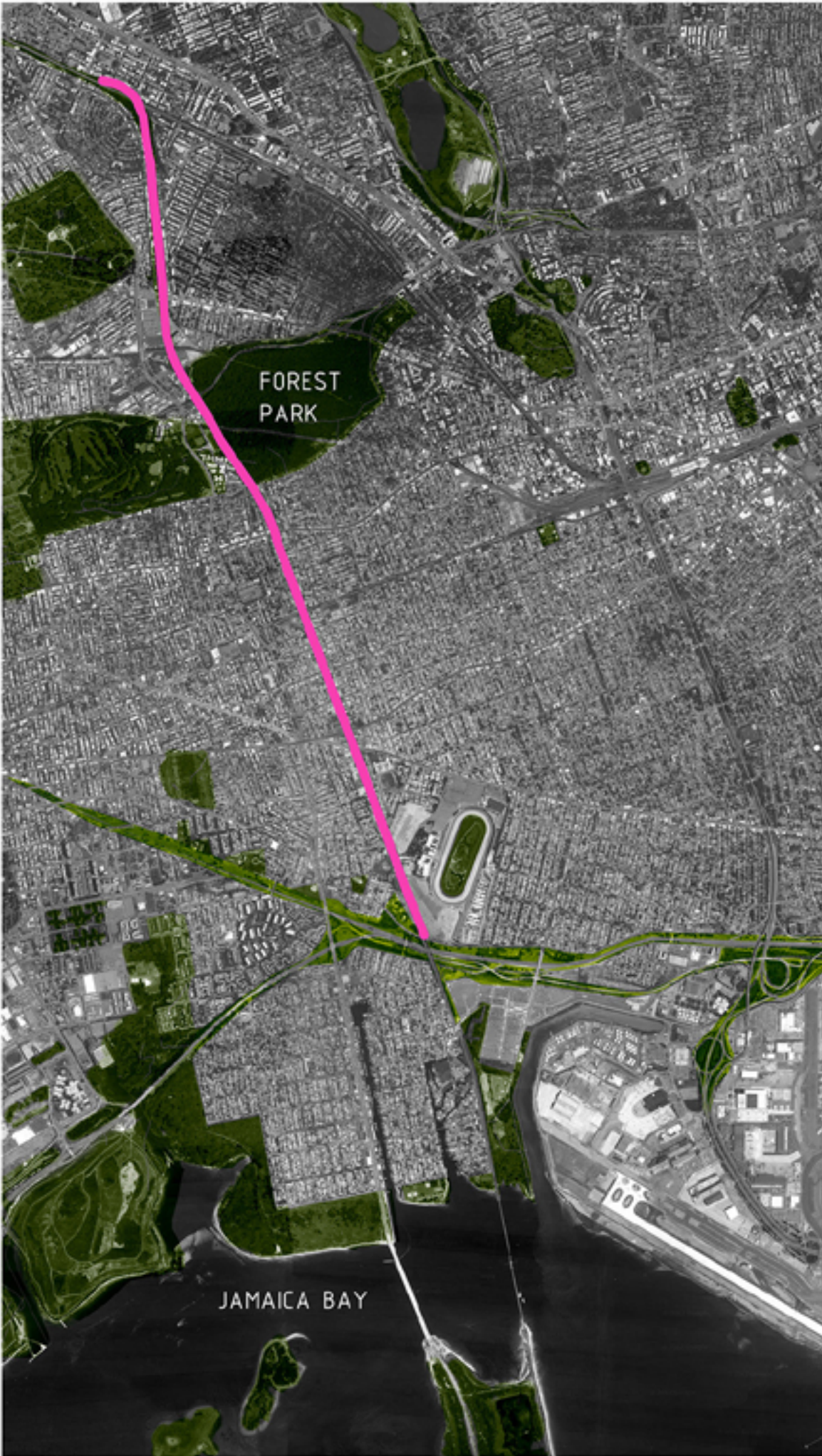


PROPOSED NEW GREEN MARKET LOCATIONS

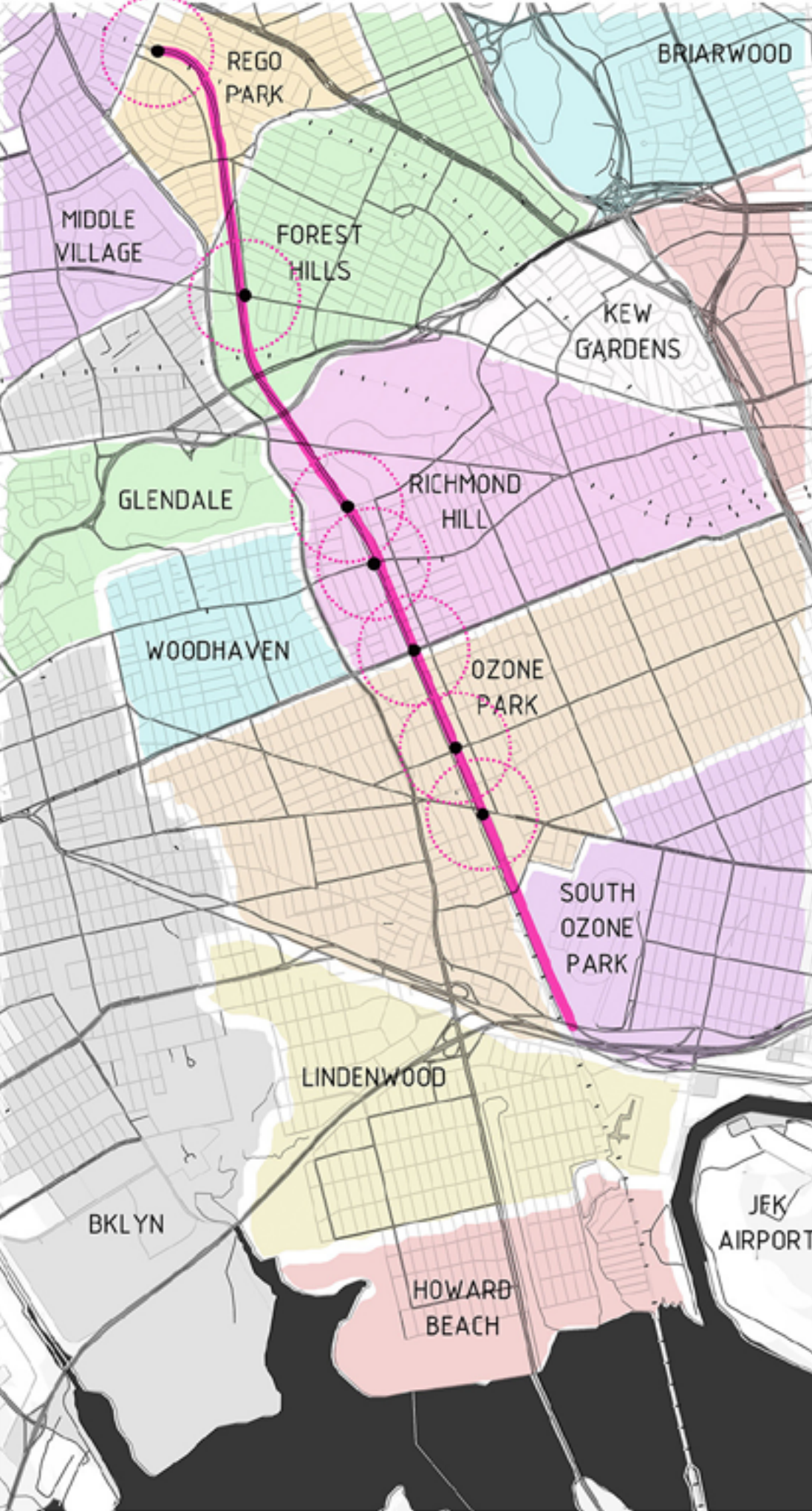


NYC REGIONAL MAP

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3.5 MILE ABANDONED LIRR TRACK



QUEENS NEIGHBOORHOOD MAP



TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS

PUBLIC ACCESS

ALL RAPID PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY TRAINS AND SUBWAYS MAKE EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS. THERE IS NO SIMPLE WAY TO GO NORTH-SOUTH AND CONNECT THE DISTINCT NEIGHBORHOODS IN THIS REGION OF QUEENS.

THIS PROPOSAL WILL MAKE THE ACTUAL AND CONCEPTUAL CONNECTION THROUGH ORGANIC FARMS, NATURE TRAILS AND ENHANCED COMMERCIAL ZONES AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS THAT WILL PROVIDE SERVICES AND FRESH PRODUCE TO THE GROWING POPULATION.

LEGEND

- THE QUEENSWAY
- A (SUBWAY)
- J/Z (SUBWAY)
- E/M/F/R (SUBWAY)
- LIRR
1-RONKONKOMA
2- MONTAUK
3- ATLANTIC



BEFORE



AFTER
1 NATURE TRAILS TO OBSERVE INDIGENOUS PLANTS



BEFORE



AFTER
3 COMMUNITY GARDENS/ NATURE TRAILS



BEFORE



AFTER
5 ATLANTIC AVE. GREEN MARKET



BEFORE



AFTER
5 ATLANTIC AVE. STATION CONVERTED



1905



BEFORE



AFTER
6 OZONE PARK COMMERCIAL AREA + ORGANIC FARMS



1930

