

# Welcome to the Community Input Meeting for Flatbush African Burial Ground Park

This meeting will begin shortly.

Please remember to keep devices muted during the presentation.

After the presentation there will be a group discussion time to share ideas and concerns.

You may use the Raise Hand or Chat function at any time.



# Flatbush African Burial Ground Park

Community Input Meeting  
Brooklyn | April 24, 2023

Parks

# Community Input Ground Rules

1. This is a virtual meeting. Please have patience.
2. All parties will be muted during the presentation to cut back on noise.
3. Chat function – please type all questions into the chat box on the side of the screen.
4. Tonight is the beginning of this process. Over the next few weeks you can email:

**[BKspecialevents@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:BKspecialevents@parks.nyc.gov)**

# Tonight's Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Community Collaboration
3. Project Timeline
4. Existing Conditions
5. Design Inspiration
6. Community Input Discussion



# Community Collaboration



# Community Collaboration



# Meet Your Outreach Coordinator



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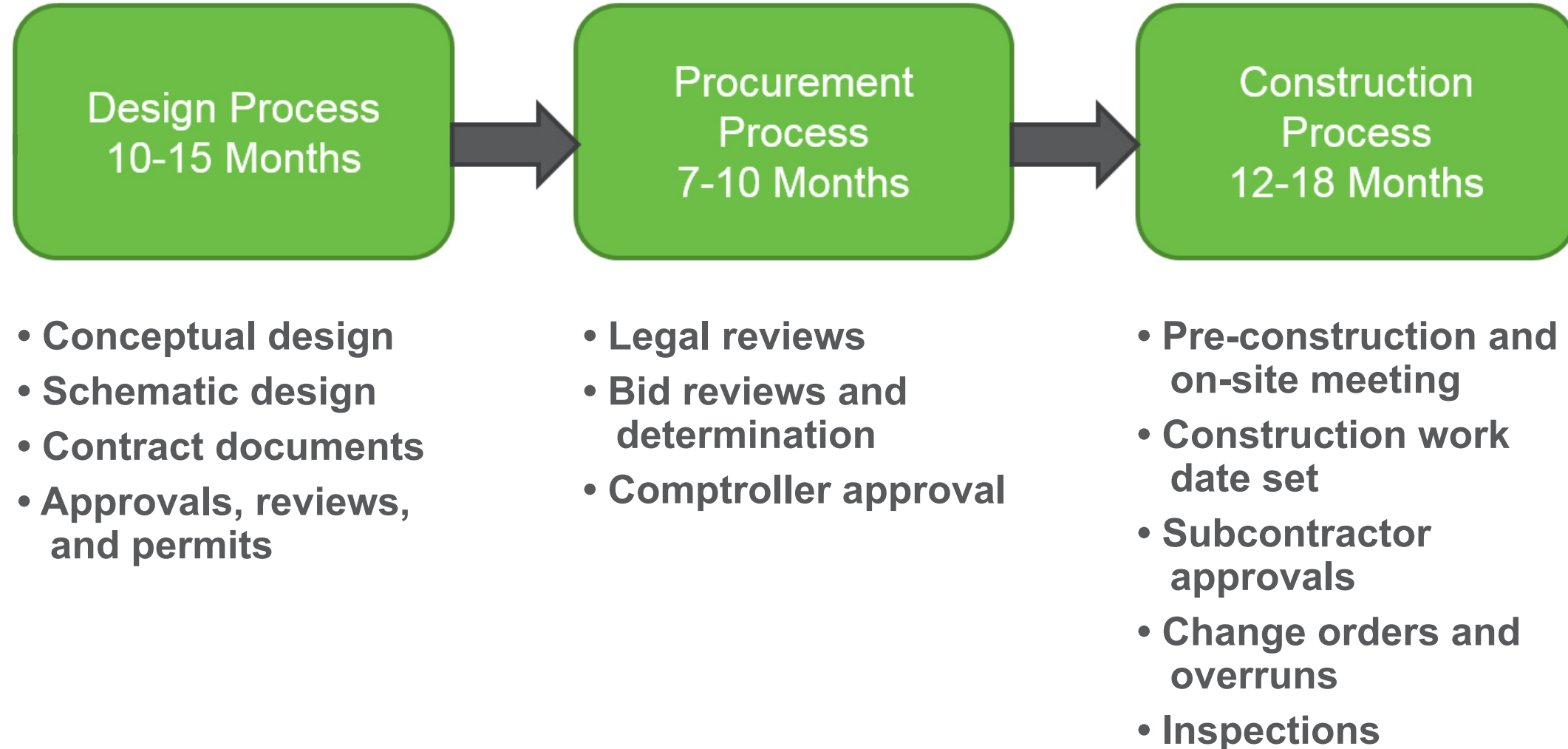
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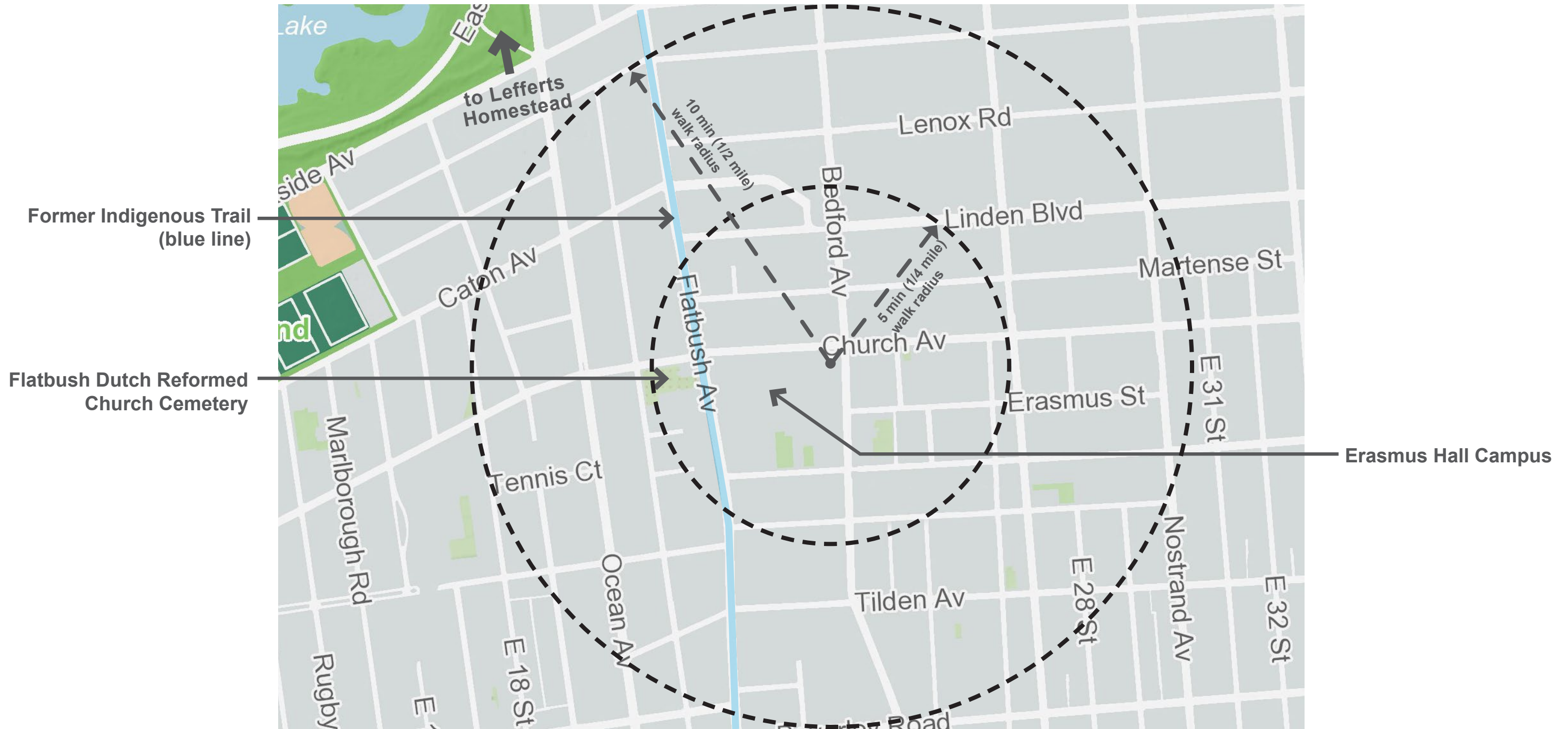
# Typical Project Timeline

The timeline for a capital project is between 29-43 months.

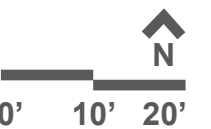


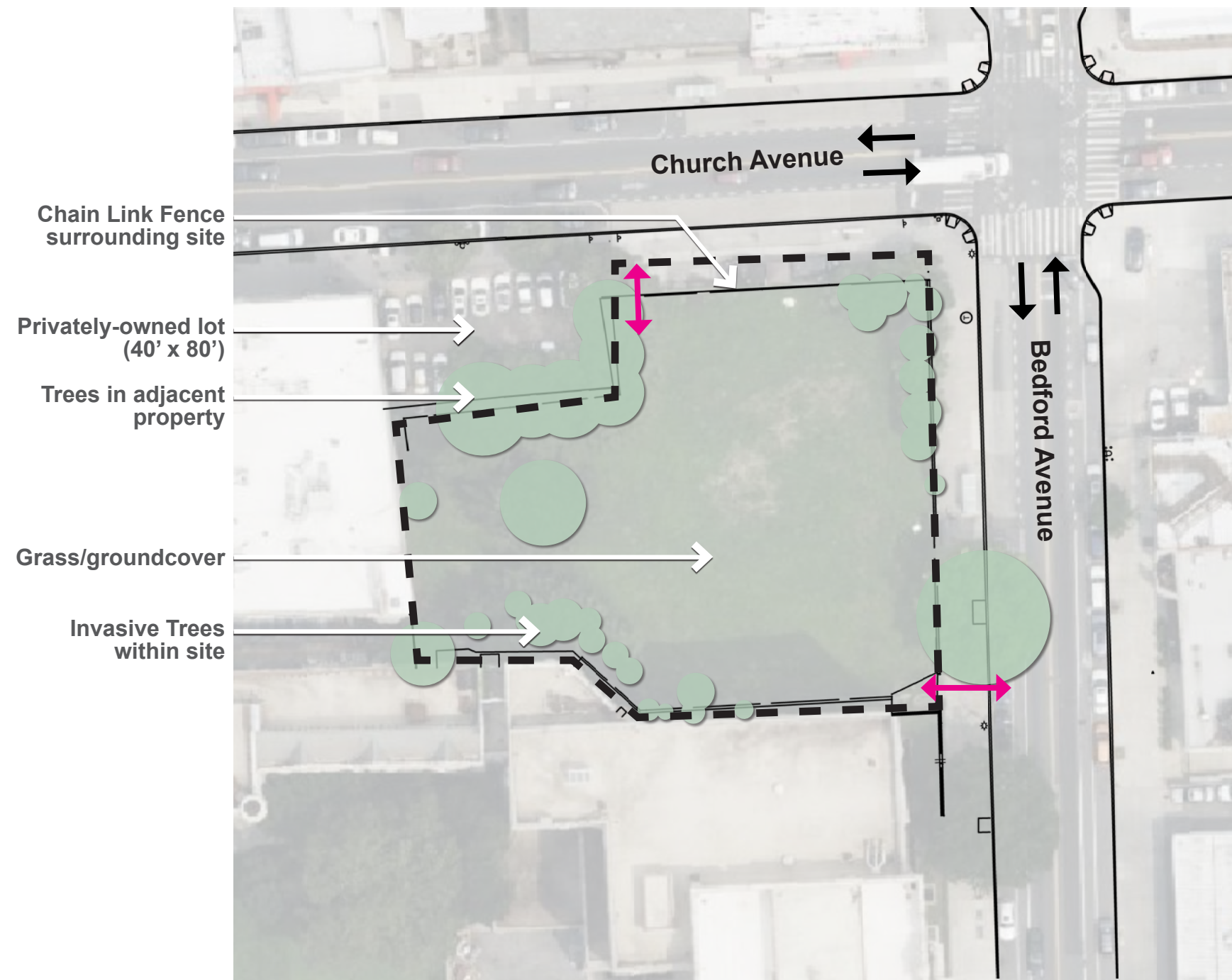


Flatbush African Burial Ground Park



## Flatbush African Burial Ground Park | Neighborhood Context





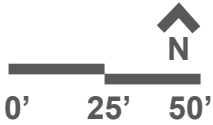
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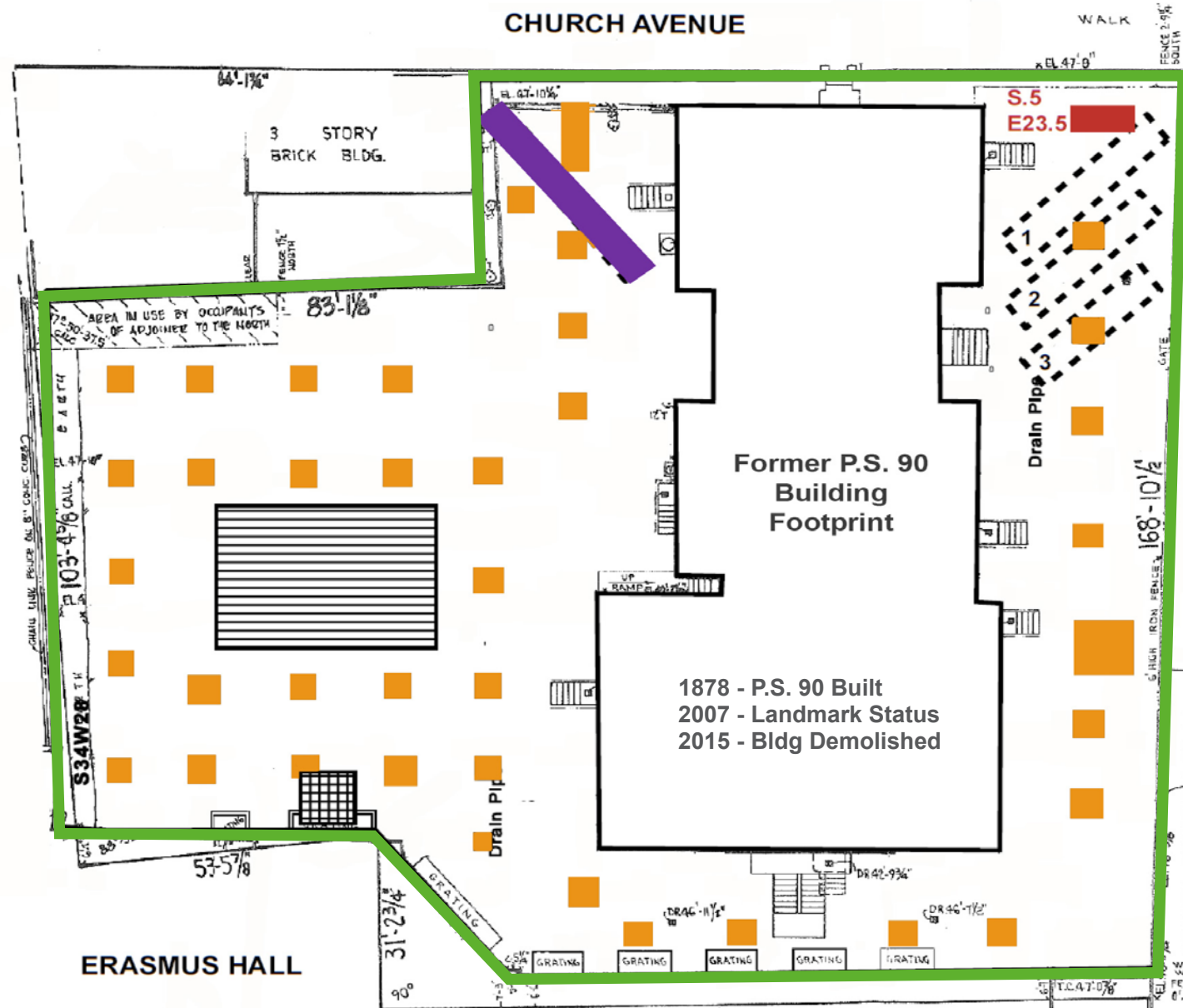
- Park Boundary
- Existing Entrance
- Tree
- Traffic



**Legend**

- 1855 Mapped Burial Ground
- Unmapped Burial Ground



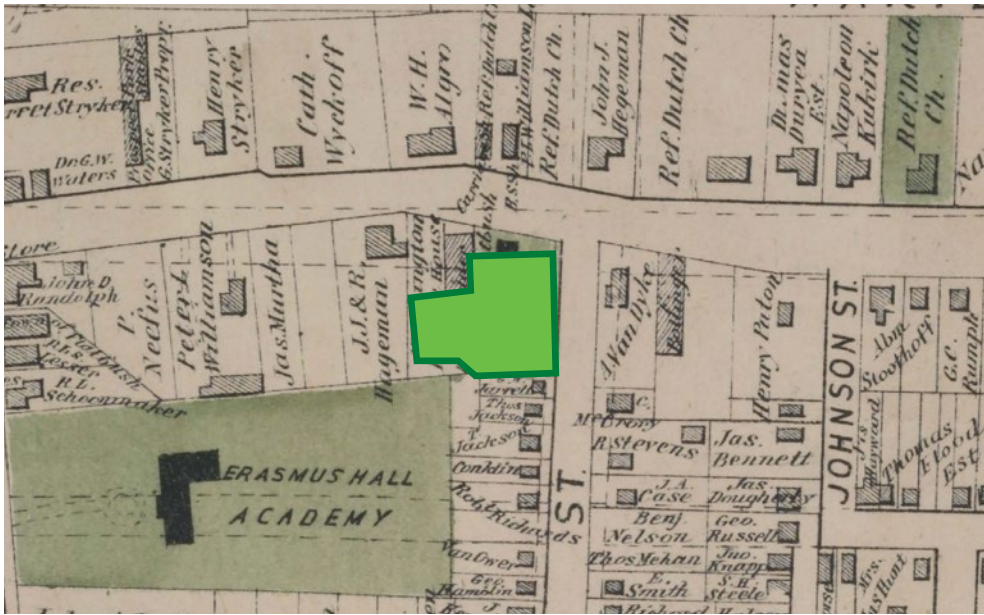


- ### Legend
- Project Limit Line
  - Shovel Test Pit
  - Machine Excavated Trenches
  - ca. 1905 Water Closet
  - Brick Lined Privy Shaft
  - Trench with Jaw Bone
  - Test Pit with Tooth

# Historical Context



The Flatbush School in Brooklyn, ca. 1878



Beers Map 1873

**DIED,**

The 23d Inst. in the village of Flatbush, (L. I.) in the house of her last master, Lawrence Voorhes, a negro woman named Eve, aged near 110 years. She was born in the beginning of the last Century, in the afore-said vilage, and for more than 80 years lived under the roof of her third master, Lawrence Ditmas. She was a woman of strong intellectual capacity, and enjoyed an almost uninterrupted health, till within eight days of her departure. Such were her active powers, that she was seldom known to be unemployed, even in the most advanced period of her life. Her ordinary occupation during the summer months was, by her own choice, the dressing of a garden spot, and in this employment, in which she much delighted, she was still engaged the last summer of her life. Her behaviour was modest and unassuming, and her disposition naturally lively and chearful, excepting some slight rheumatic afflictions, she had none of the infirmities usually attending old age.—She had the perfect use of all her senses 'till the last. On Sunday evening her remains were piously interred in the African burying ground of the village of Flatbush, attended by a great concourse of the, people of colour.

Eve's 1810 obituary from *The Long Island Star*

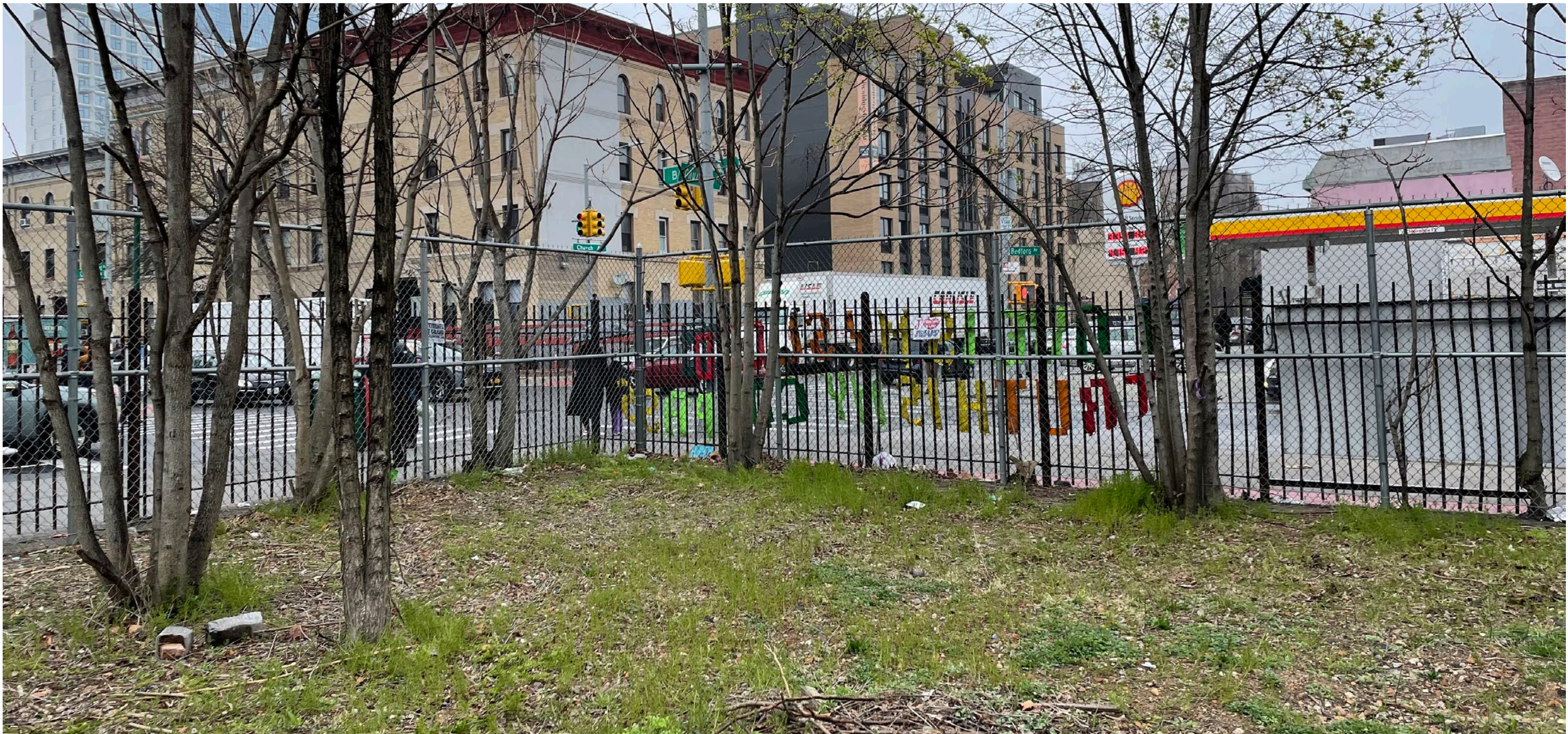












# Things We Think About in All Projects





Heat Mitigation



Managing Stormwater



# Tree Preservation

# Accessibility & Inclusive Design



# Seating Areas





Spaces for Gathering



Green Spaces



Sankofa Park's Proposed Green Spaces



# Community Feedback

Please use the Raise Hand or Chat tools to share feedback.

# More to say? Questions?

- **Online Comments**

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/input>

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