



Welcome to...

Linden Green Line

Open House #1

What is the Linden Green Line?

Project Summary

The Linden Green Line is a 58-acre linear park that aims to connect neighborhoods and nature while generating new social, recreational and economic benefits.

The Linden Green Line will follow 7 miles of former rail corridor spanning the Linden and Northland neighborhoods. Today’s abandoned rail corridor will be transformed into publicly accessible spaces for walking, biking and recreation.

Now entering the design phase, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and WXY architecture + urban design (WXY) are leading an inclusive, participatory process that invites residents, business owners and community groups to help shape the future of the Linden Green Line.

The development of the Linden Green Line is made possible through funding from the City of Columbus, a federal BUILD grant, and LinkUS funds from the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA).

Project Goals



Safe Transportation
options for pedestrians and bicyclists



Reimagined Infrastructure
catalyzing community development through open space and community amenities



Connect People to Nature
from planting native species to capturing stormwater



Restitch Neighbors
creating new spaces for gathering and community

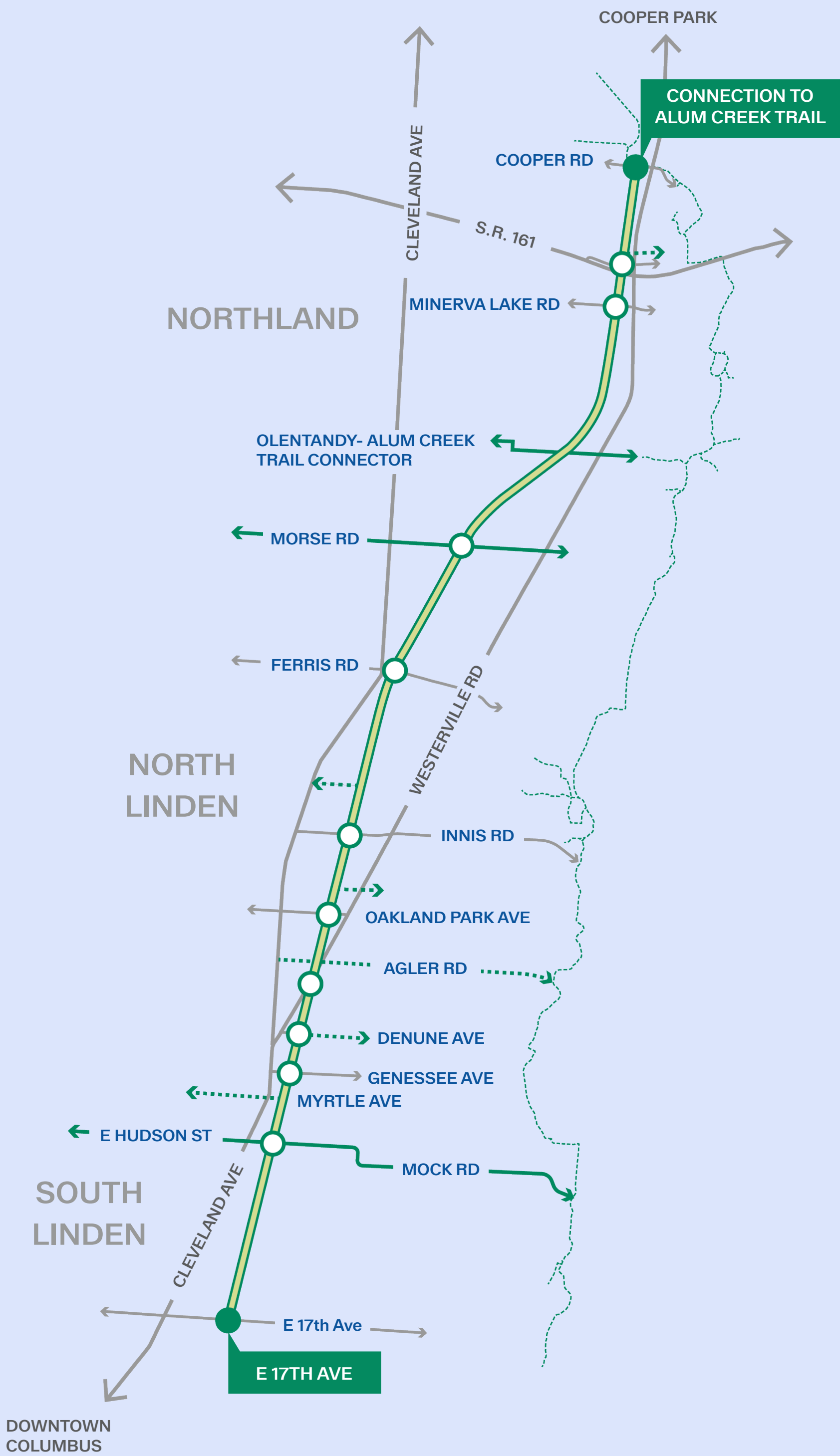


Reflect Residents
in stories and spaces along the Linden Green Line

Timeline

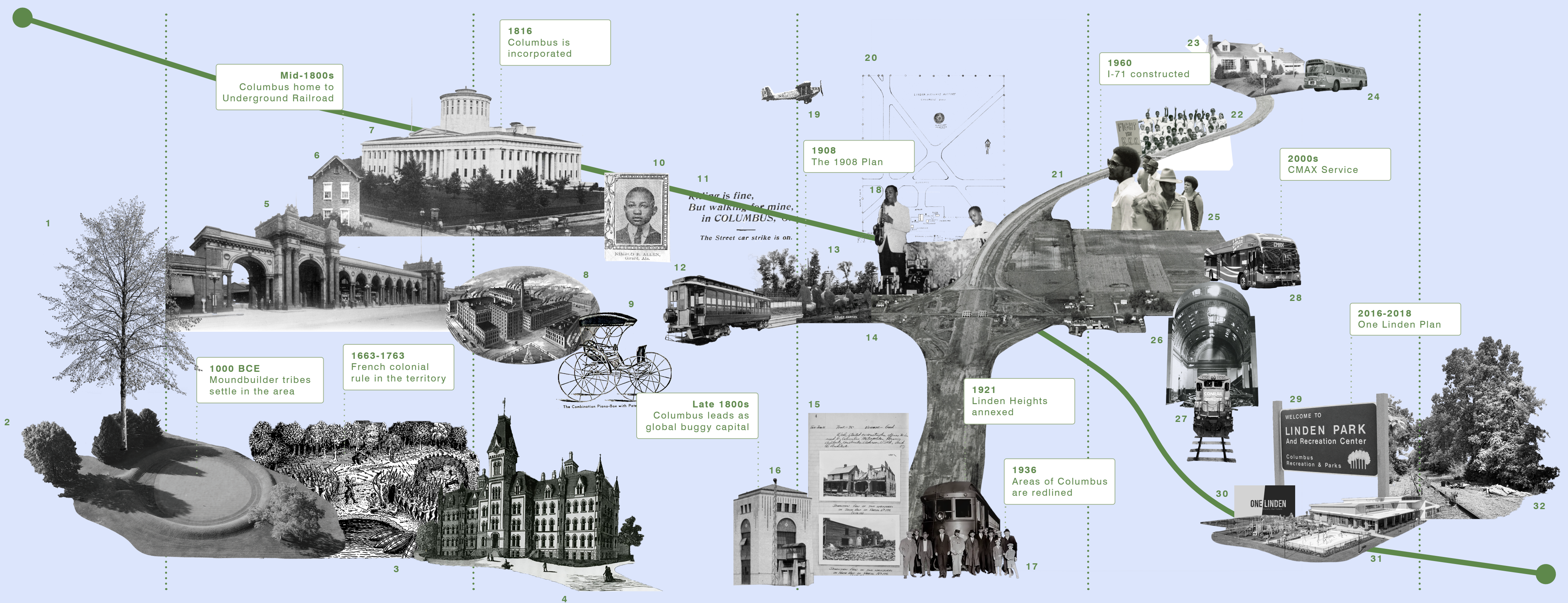


Project Area



Linden Green Line: Then and Now

Historical Timeline



8000 BCE Natural Systems

- 1. Tilia cordata (Littleleaf Linden)
- 2. Newark Mound
- 3. Samuel de Champlain's Defeat of the Iroquois at Lake Champlain, c. 1609
- 4. Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College (later the Ohio State University), c. 1870
- 5. Union Station, c. 1890
- 6. Underground Railroad Stop (Zenus Jackson House)
- 7. Ohio Statehouse, c. 1890

1800s Native American Trail Networks

- 8. Columbus Buggy Company, 1885
- 9. Combination Piano-Box Buggy with Canopy Top
- 10. Portrait of Nimrod Booker Allen, 1903
- 11. 1910 Streetcar Strike slogan
- 12. Westerville Streetcar, c. 1900
- 13. Green Line tracks at Minerva Park Entrance, c. 1900
- 14. Flood Relief Parties, 1913

Early 1900s Railway Expansion

- 15. Notes from the construction of Poindexter Village, 1930
- 16. Port Columbus Airport Terminal Building, 1930
- 17. Last interurban passenger rail ride, 1930
- 18. Players at the Cadillac Club, c. 1950
- 19. Airplane from Port Columbus Airport Postcard, c. 1930
- 20. Linden Airport Blueprint, 1929
- 21. Northward view of I-71 Construction at SR-161, c. 1960

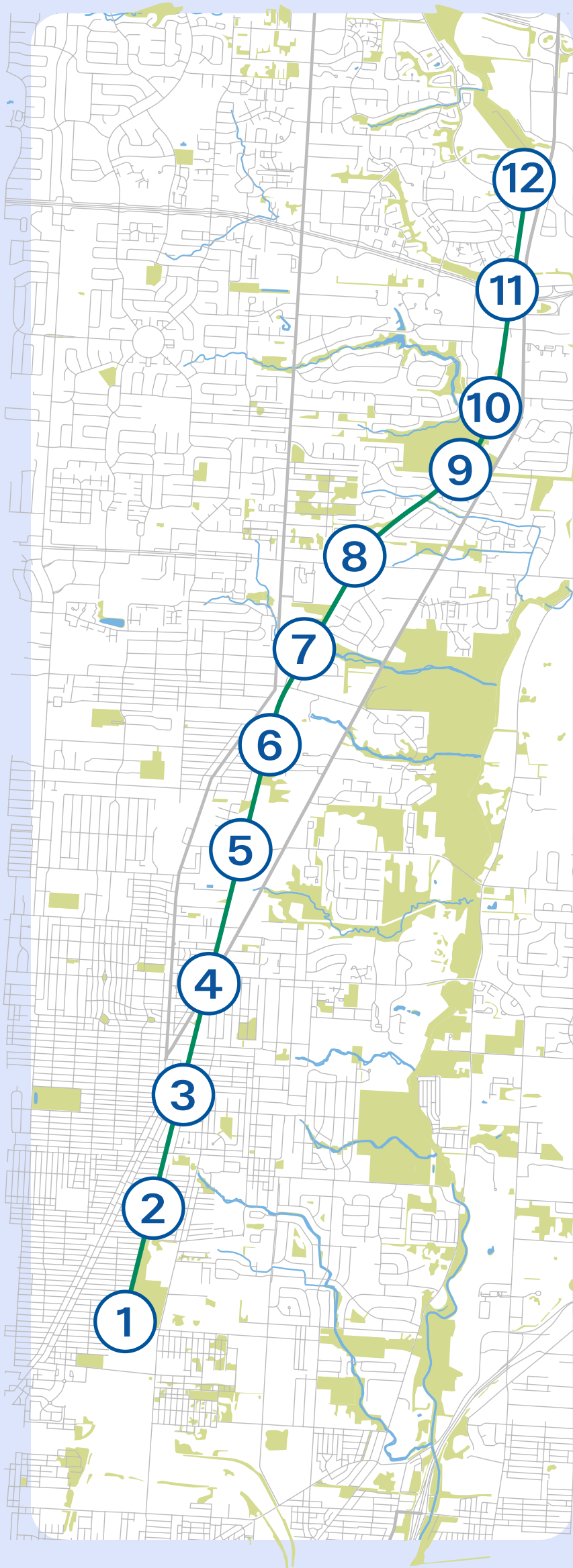
1960s to 1970s Urban Renewal and Highway Construction

- 22. Students at Windsor Community Center, 1969
- 23. Single-Family home in Minerva Park, c. 1950s
- 24. Model Cities Bus, 1970
- 25. KKK Protestors, 1977
- 26. Demolition of Union Station (Interior), 1976
- 27. Conrail Train
- 28. COTA CMAX Bus

2020s Greenway Network Expansion

- 29. Linden Park and Recreation Center sign
- 30. One Linden Plan, 2018
- 31. Linden Community Center designed by Moody Nolan, 2018
- 32. Linden Green Line Existing Conditions, c. 2020

The Linden Green Line Today



1 17th Ave



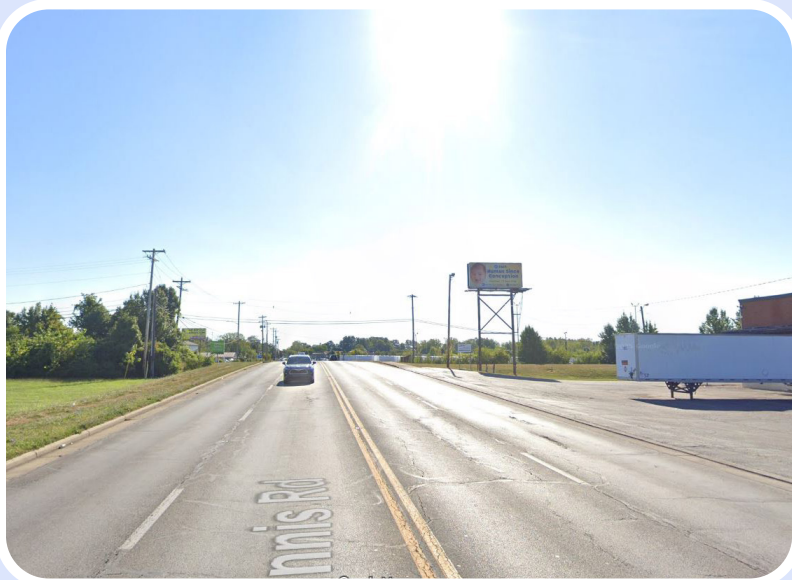
2 Billiter Blvd



3 Denune Ave



4 Westerville Rd



5 Innis Rd



6 Value Way Dr



7 Tributary



8 Morse Rd



9 Kilbourne Run Park



10 Elite St



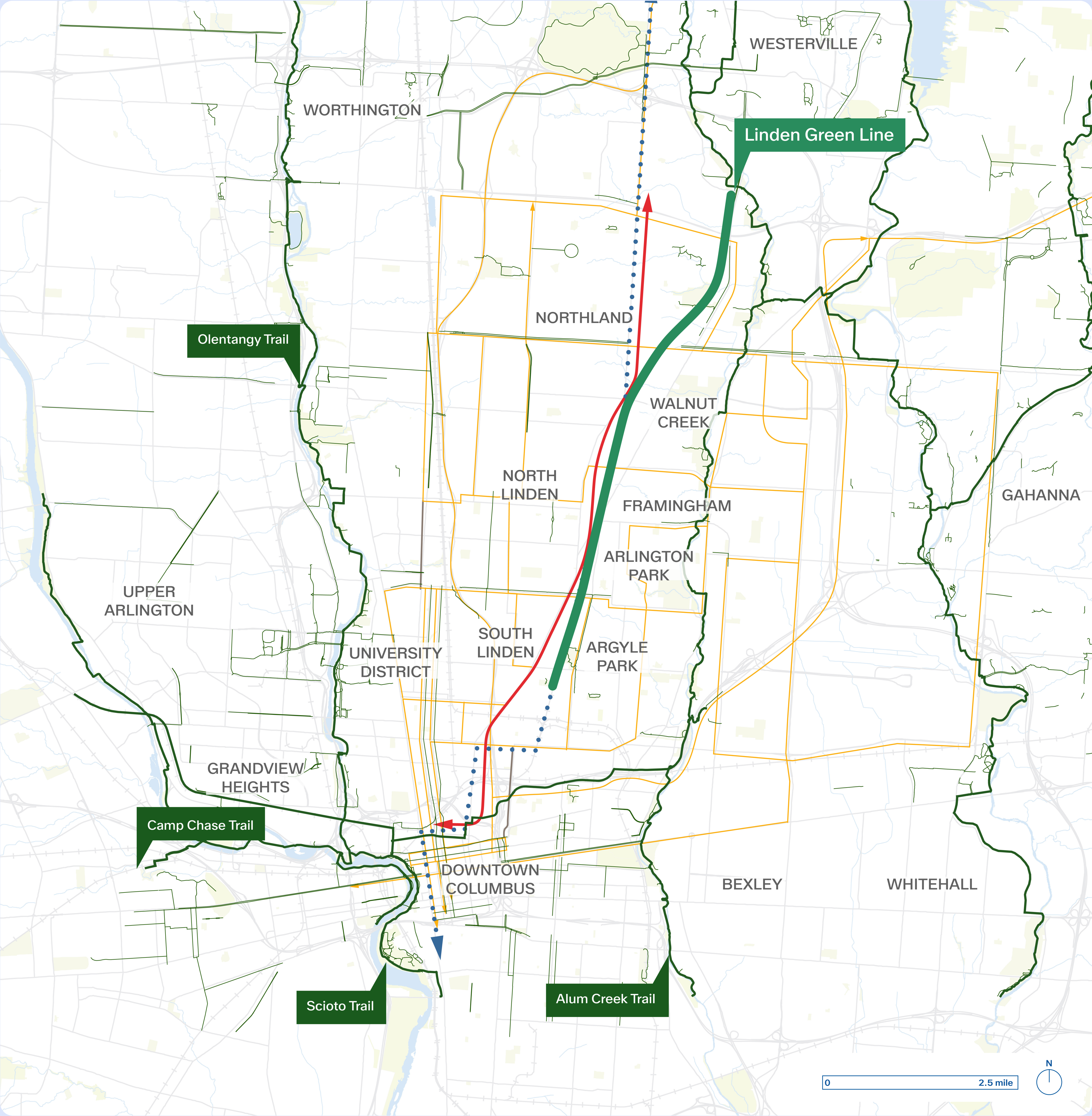
11 SR 161 Underpass



12 Cooper Park

Connecting Columbus

Regional Mobility Systems and the Linden Green Line



Legend

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| Linden Green Line | | Frequent Bus Routes | |
| Trail Network | | Standard Bus Routes | |
| Bike Route Network | | Future LINK US Bus Routes | |

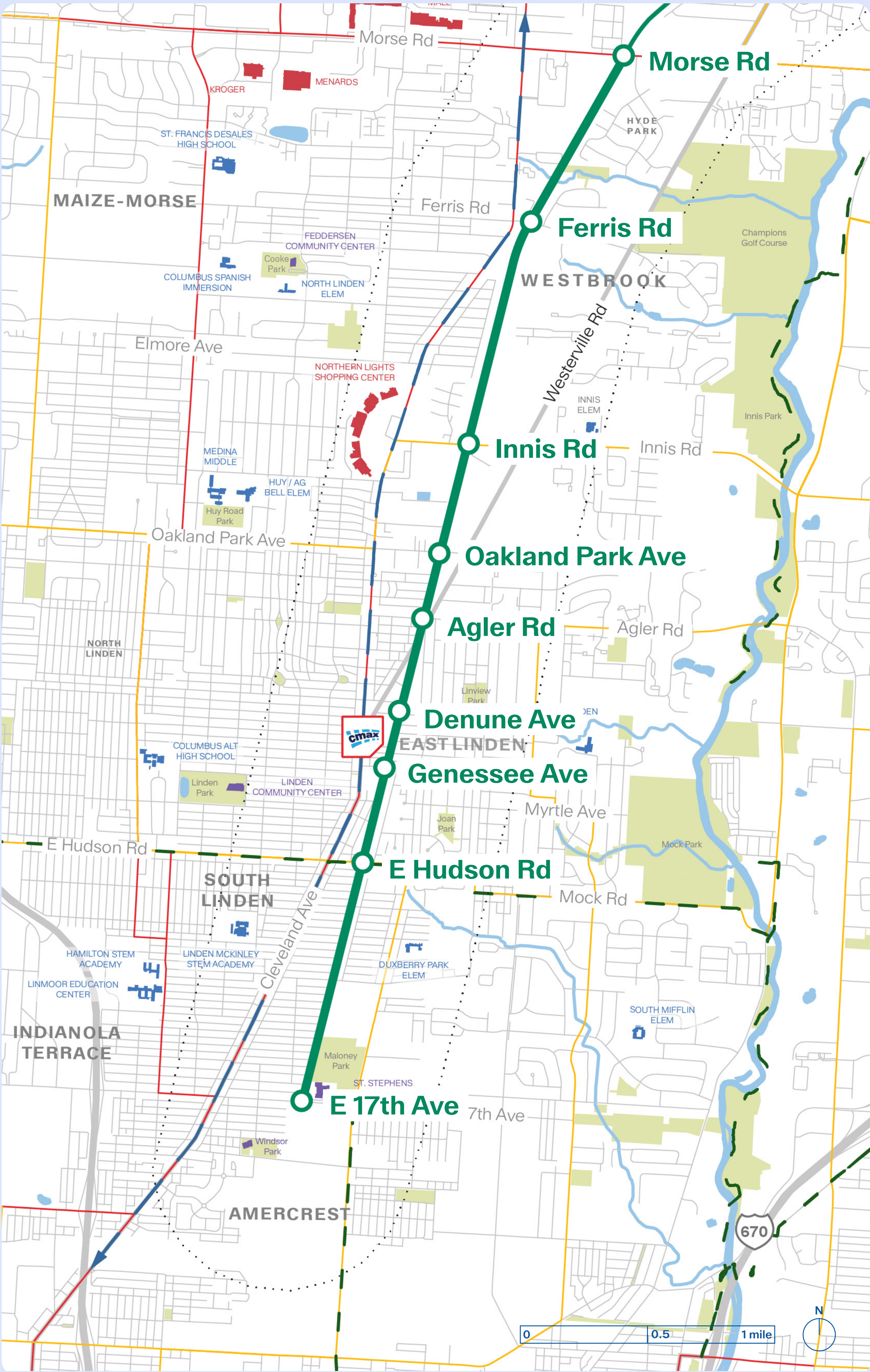
The Linden Green Line is proposed to connect...

19 Schools
3,000 Businesses

13 Neighborhoods
4 Community Centers

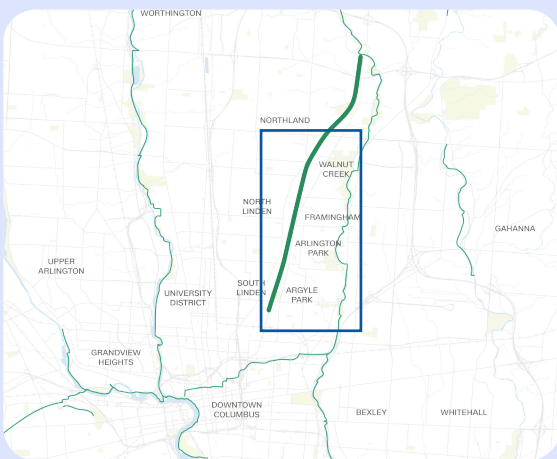
The Linden Neighborhood

Connecting people to community amenities and destinations



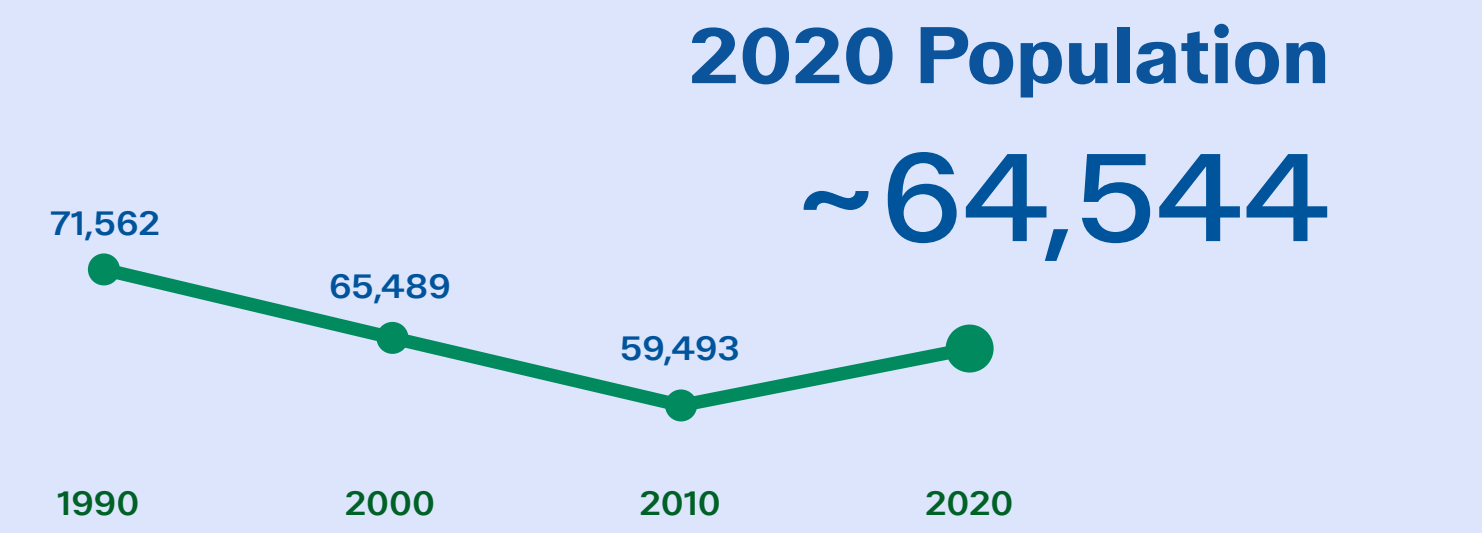
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- Linden Green Line
- Access Points
- Retail Centers
- Schools
- Community Centers
- .25 Mile Buffer
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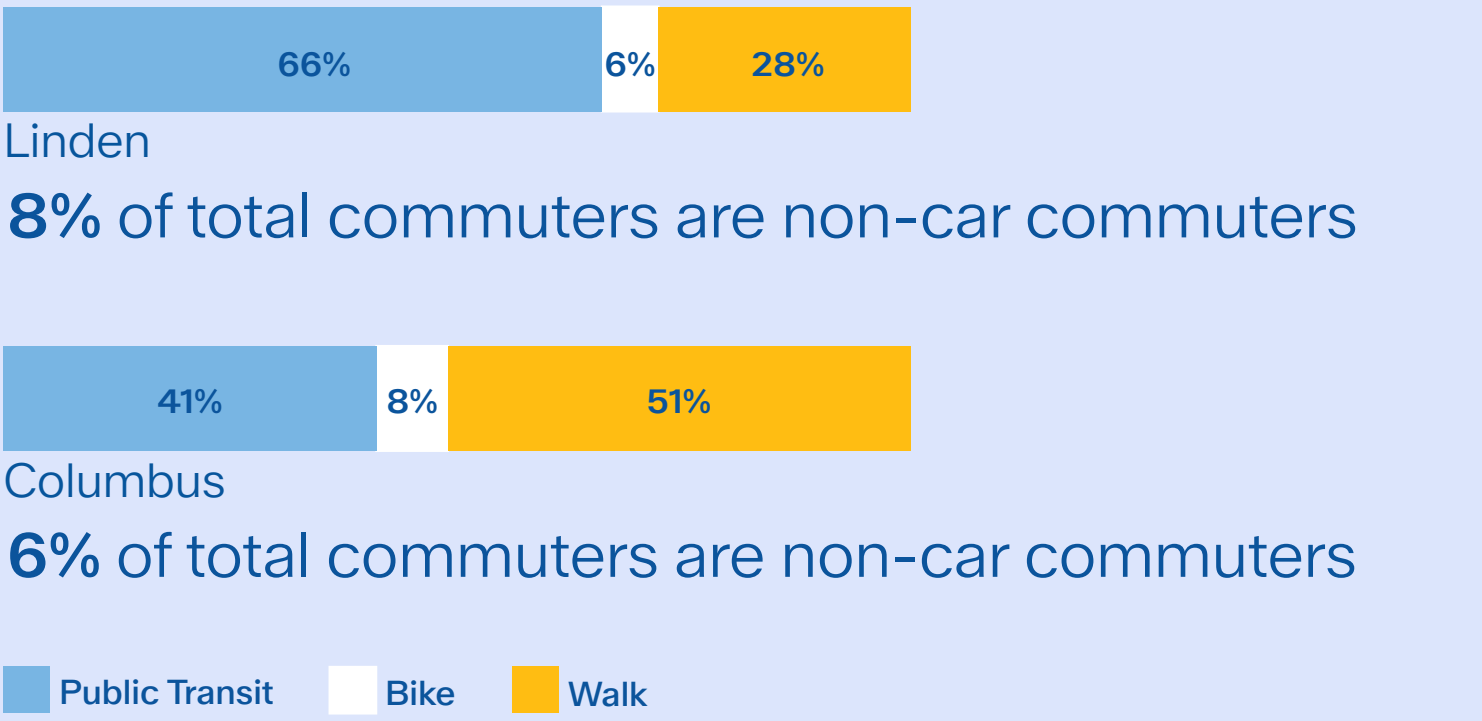
Linden Facts

After two decades of decline, Linden’s population is on the rebound

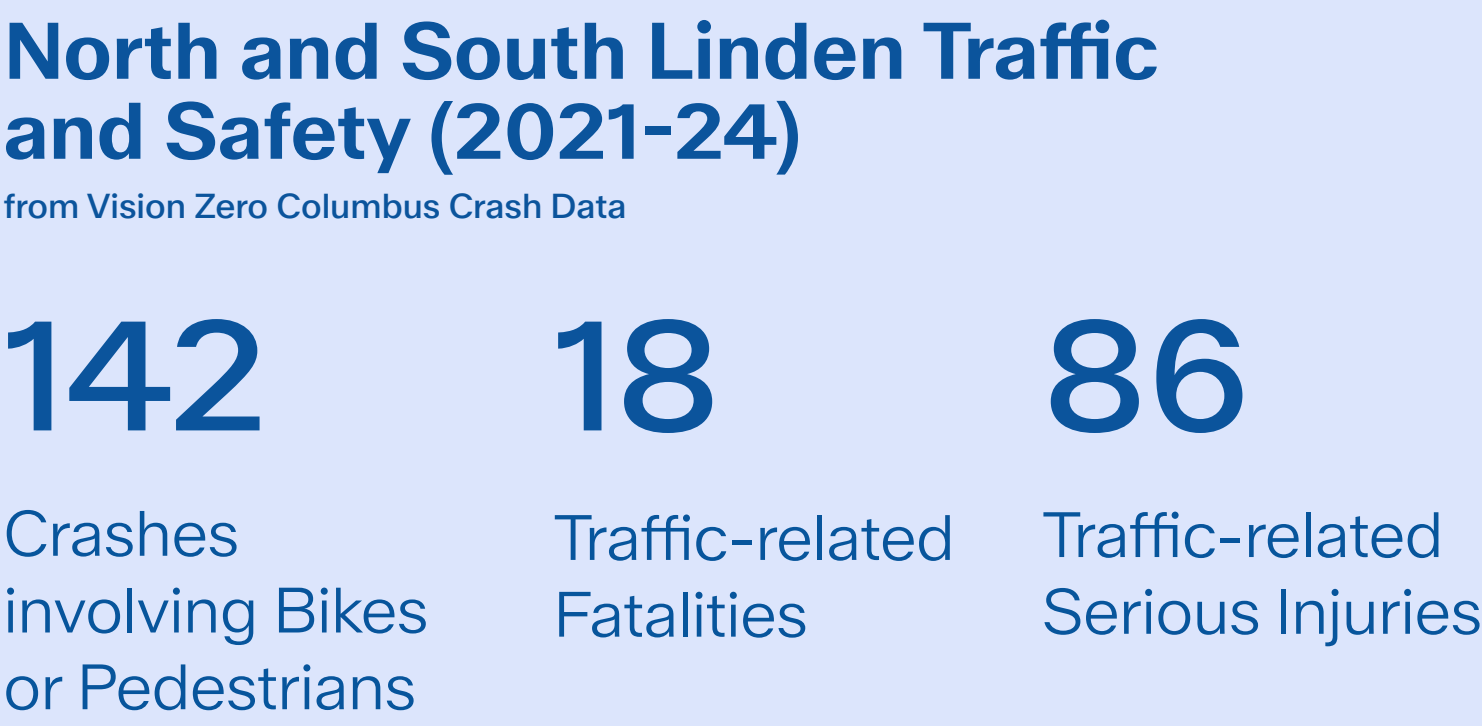


Linden has a higher percentage of transit, bike, and pedestrian commuters than Columbus as a whole

Non- Car Commuter Mode Share



There are too many traffic related injuries and fatalities



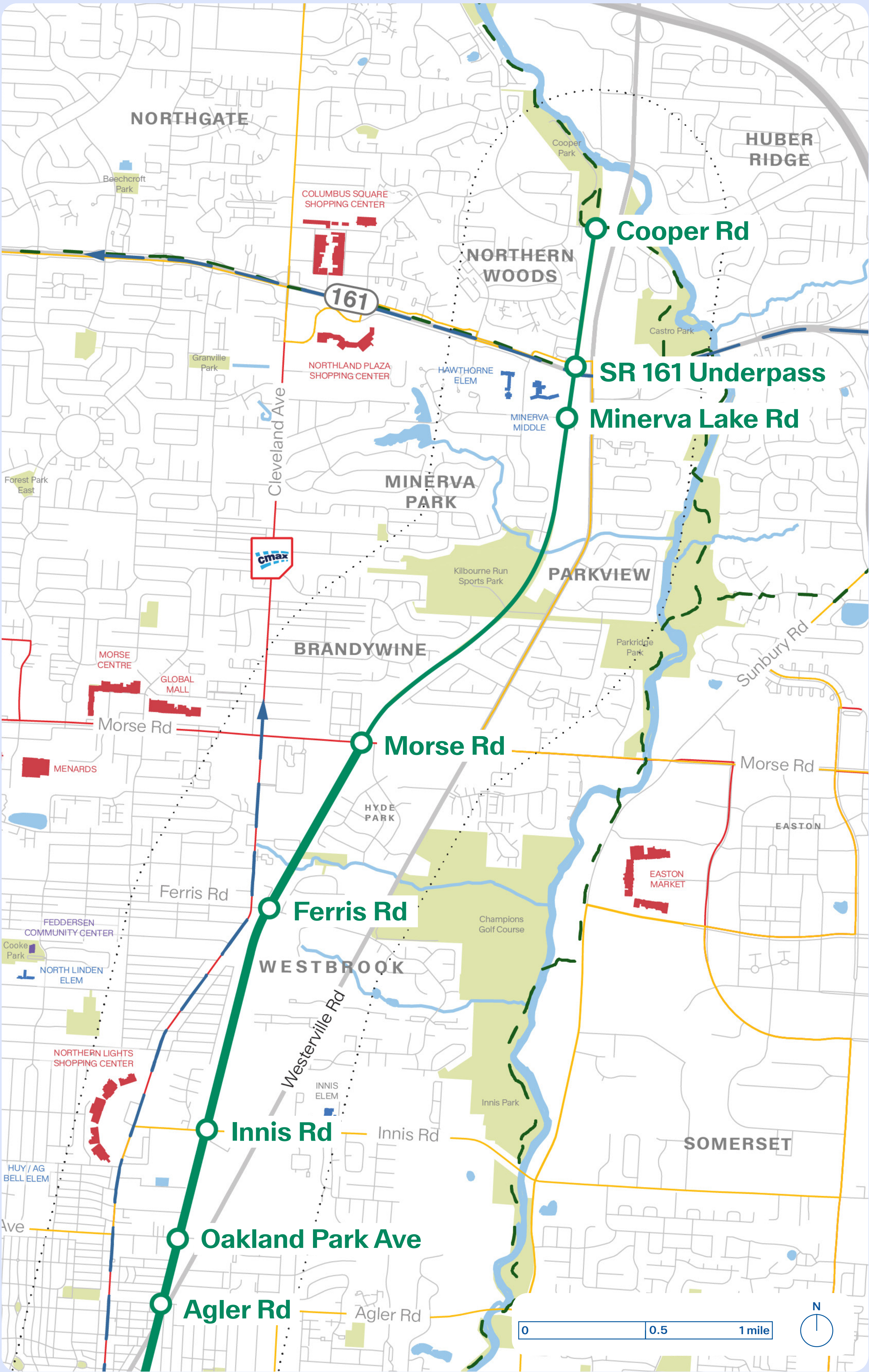
Within a 10 minute walk of the Linden Green Line in Linden there are...

15 Schools
281 Businesses

57 Places of Worship
4 Community Centers

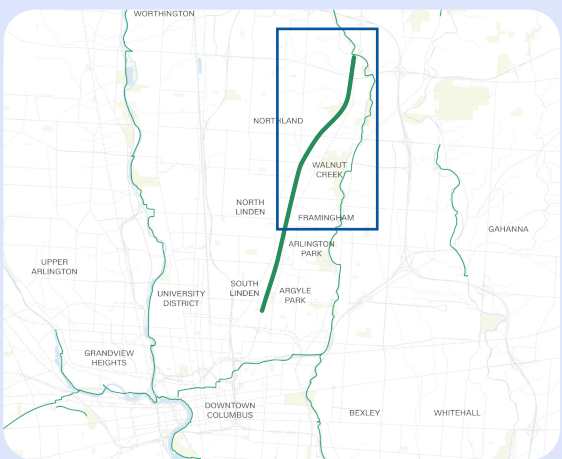
The Northland Neighborhood

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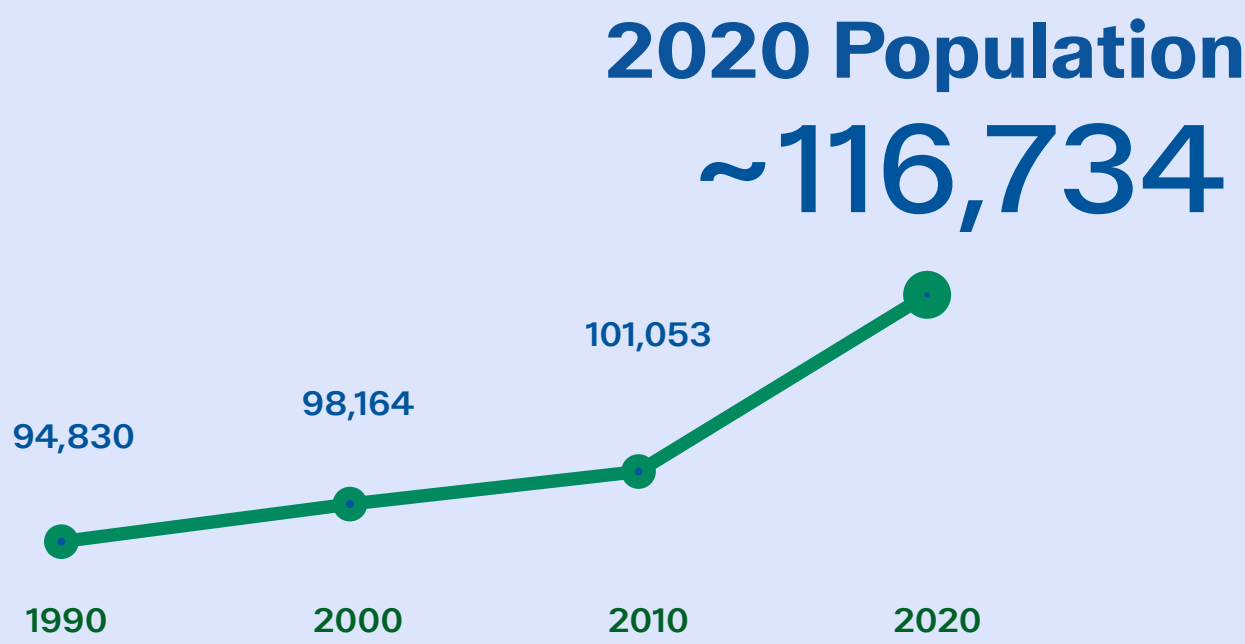
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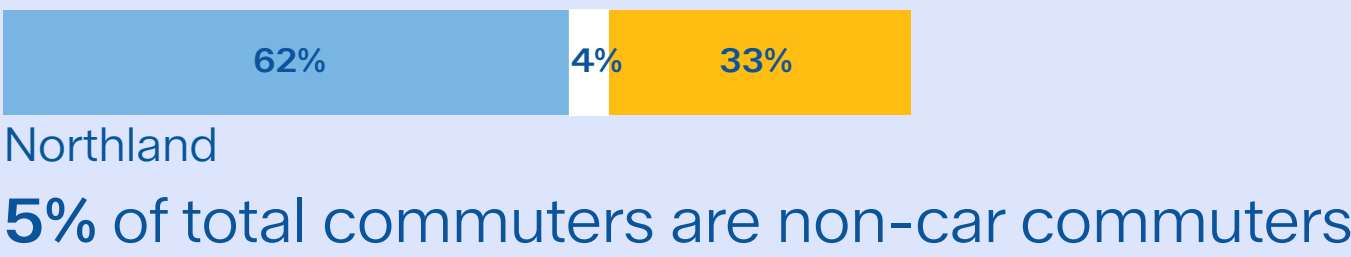
Northland Facts

The Northland population has grown 23% since 1990



Northland has a lower percentage of transit, bike, and pedestrian commuters than Columbus as a whole

Non- Car Commuter Mode Share



Public Transit Bike Walk

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Northland Traffic and Safety (2021-24)

from Vision Zero Columbus Crash Data



Within a 10 minute walk of the Linden Green Line in Northland there are...



The Linden Green Line would ideally include...

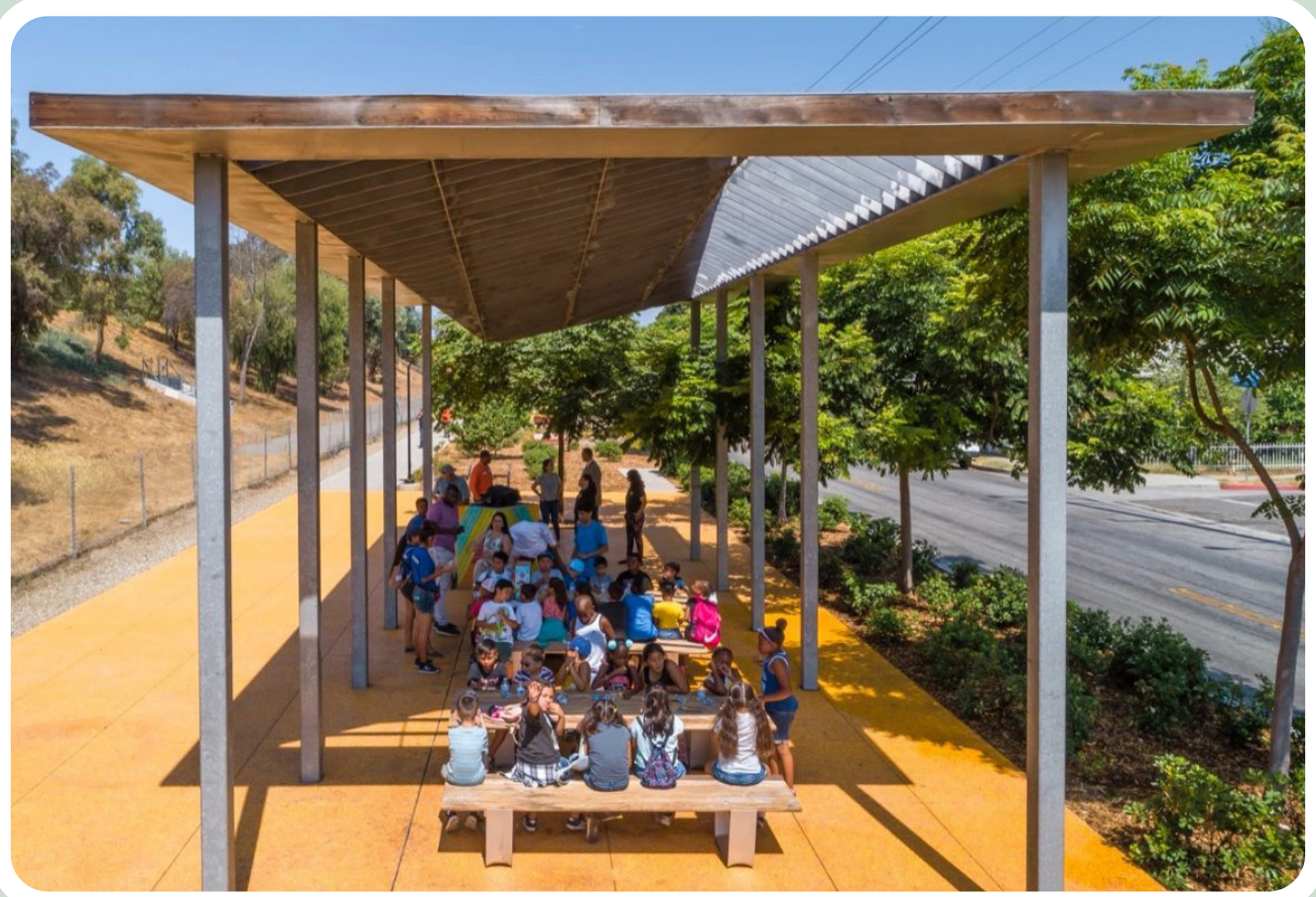
Choose your top 3!



Active Recreation Areas
St. Paul, Minnesota



Water Fountains
Manhattan, New York



Shade Structures
Lynwood, California



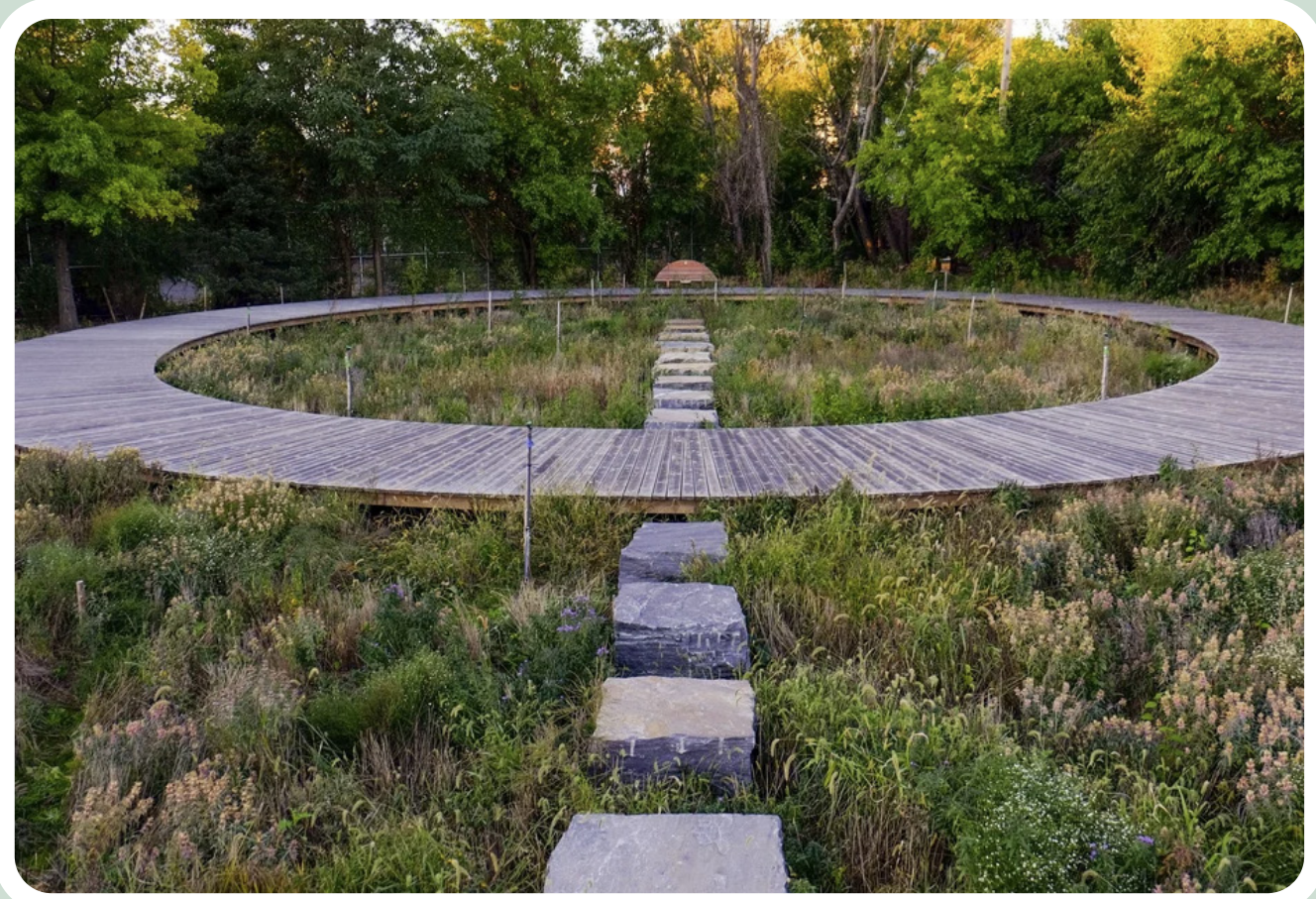
Public Art
Columbus, Ohio



Multimodal Crossings
Indianapolis, Indiana



Farmers Markets
Columbus, Ohio



Quiet places for reflection
Brooklyn, New York



Places to Hang Out
Denver, Colorado



Community Gardens
Lynwood, California



Plant and Nature Education
Columbus, Ohio



Bike Lessons
New Orleans, Louisiana



Community News Board
Batavia Township, Ohio

Do you have any other ideas? Please share here.

The Linden Green Line would ideally include...

Choose your top 3!



Adventure Play
Plain City, Ohio



Playground
Brunswick, Ohio



Nature Play
Cincinnati, Ohio



Places to Learn
Detroit, Michigan



Outdoor Fitness
New Orleans, Louisiana



Places to Gather
Memphis, Tennessee



Places to Eat
Cincinnati, Ohio



Jogging Trails
Norfolk, Virginia



Community Events and Programs
Columbus, Ohio



Seasonal Events
New Orleans, Louisiana



Places to Sit
Cincinnati, Ohio



Nature Paths
Logan, Ohio

Do you have any other ideas? Please share here.

I would feel safer with...

Choose the top 3 features that would help you feel safe and welcome!



Lighting



Raised Crossings



Emergency
Contact Points



Signage
and Wayfinding



Multilingual Signage
and Wayfinding



Fencing
and/or Screening



Regular Police Patrol



Community Presence



Clear Lines of Sight



Places to Sit or Rest



Universal Accessibility



Dedicated Youth Spaces

What else helps you feel safe? Add more here.

I would use the Linden Green Line to...

Place one dot for each statement.

Choose all options that apply.

I walk...

Not at AllFor Fun or ExerciseTo get to Work or School

I would visit the Linden Green Line...

By MyselfWith FriendsWith Family

I run...

Not at AllFor Fun or ExerciseTo get to Work or School

I would most often visit during...

Day timeDay timeEveningEveningWeekdaysWeekends

I bike...

Not at AllFor Fun or ExerciseTo get to Work or School

I would use the Linden Green Line for...

Fun or ExerciseGetting to PlacesHanging Out

I ride a scooter, skateboard, or other micro-mobility vehicle...

Not at AllFor Fun or ExerciseTo get to Work or School

I would get around the Linden Green Line by...

WalkingRunningBikingOther

I take the bus...

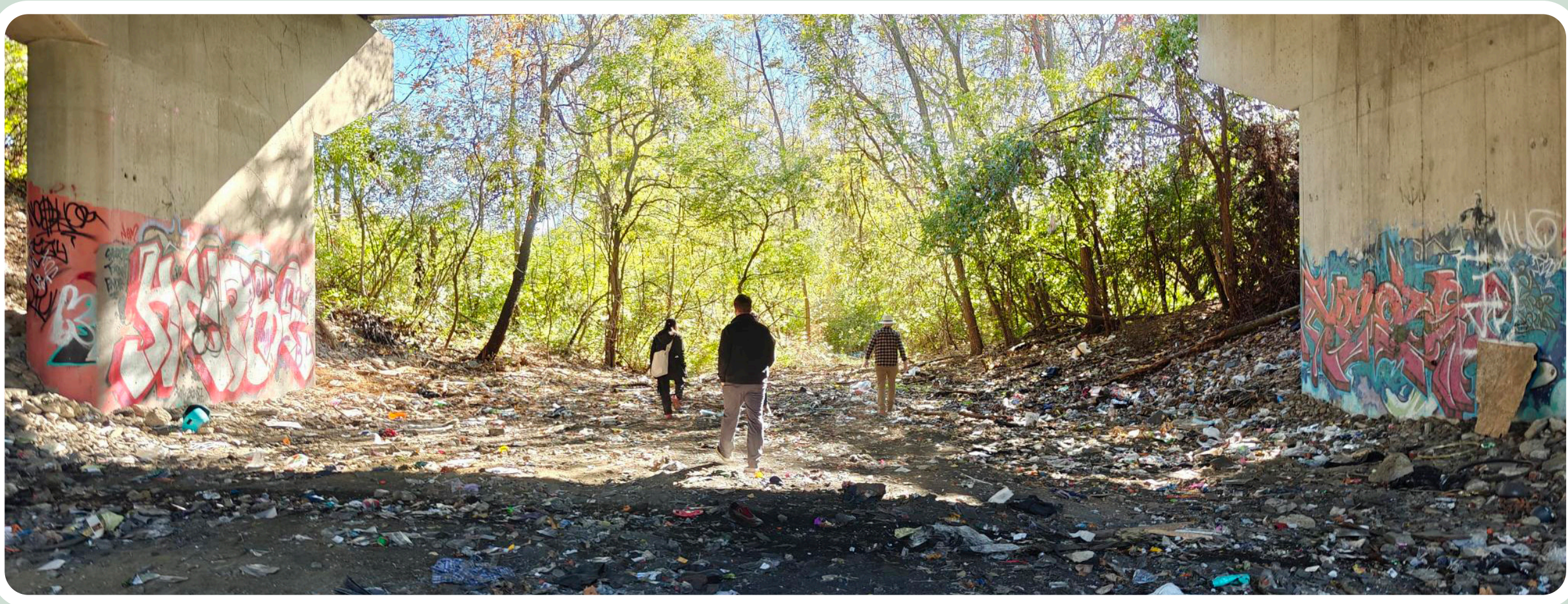
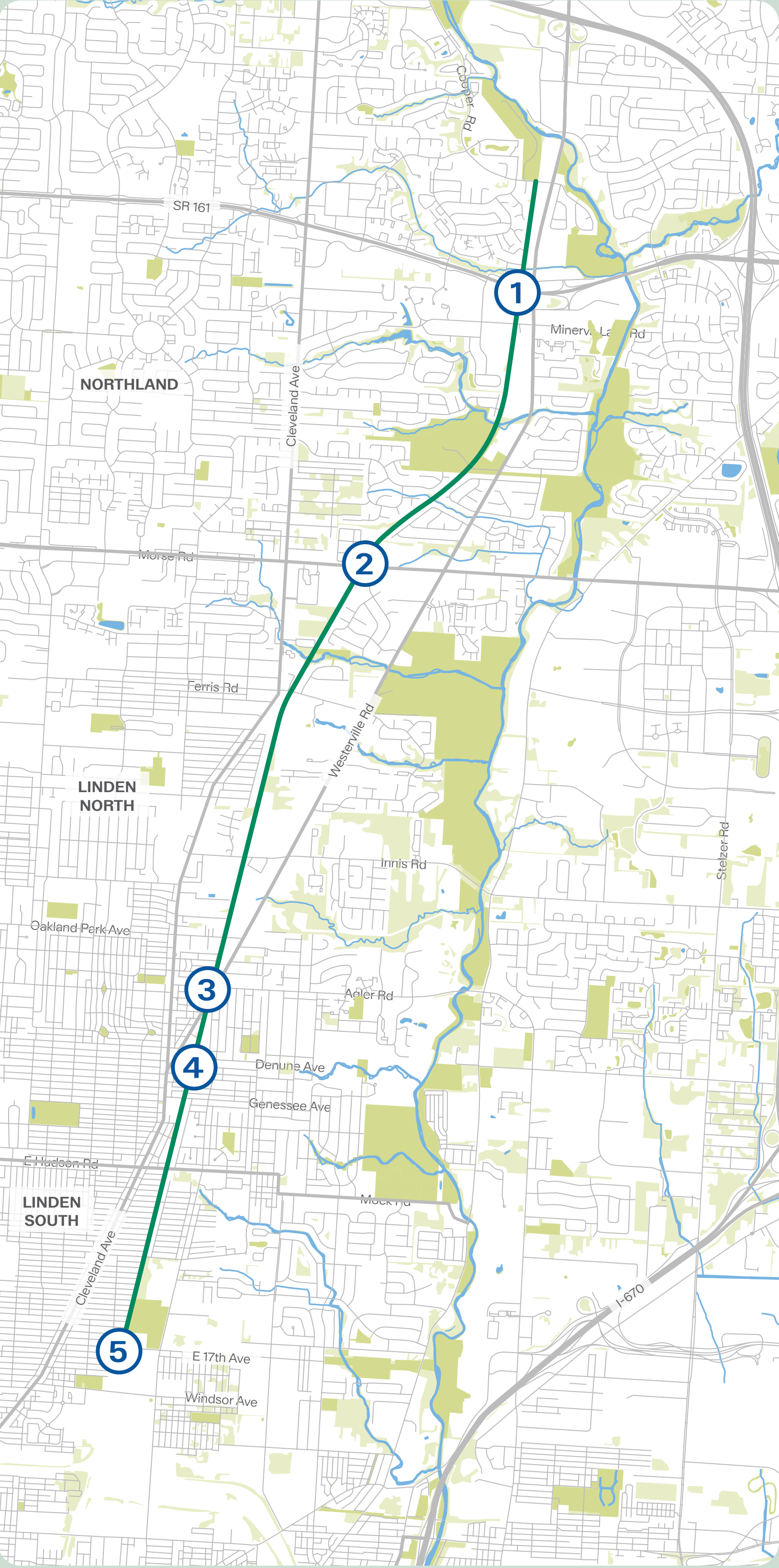
Not at AllSome DaysEvery Day

I recharge...

At HomeIn ParksIn other Spaces

Imagine what could happen here.

Share your vision for these major intersections! Post your ideas below about amenities, crossings or other improvements.



① SR 161 Underpass



② Morse Rd



③ Westerville Rd - At Agler Road



④ Denune Ave (Linden STEM Academy)



⑤ 17th Ave/ St. Stephens

Have other ideas?
Share them here.

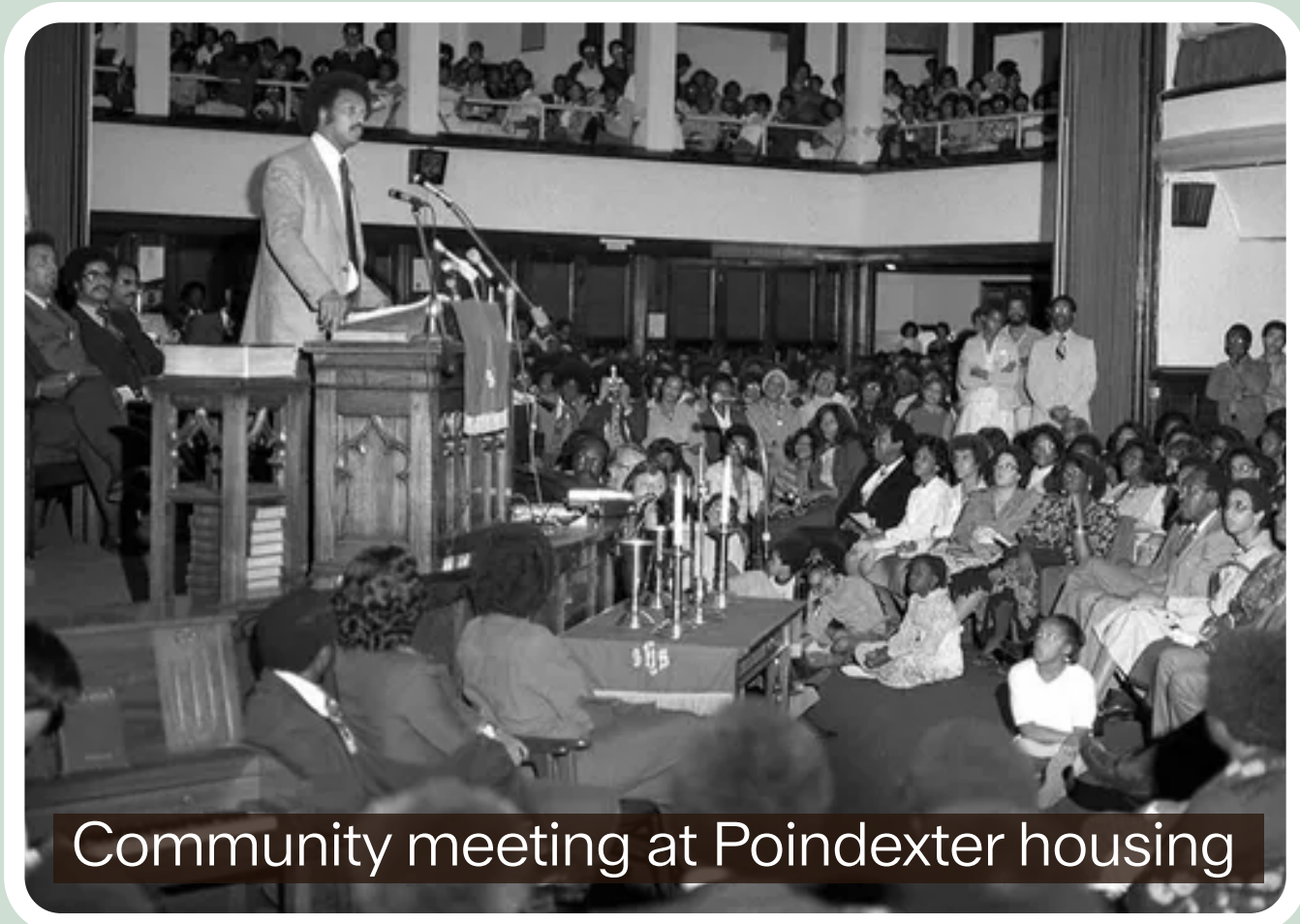
The Linden Green Line can be...

Draw an idea for what the Linden Green Line will be, then draw a line to connect your idea to the ideas of other residents.

Place your card here!

What stories should the Linden Green Line tell?

Choose three types of stories you would like to see.



Local African American History



Columbus Regional History



Cultural Knowledge from New American Communities



Past Community Leaders
(Ex. Clarence Lumpkin , etc.)



Community Leaders



Youth Excellence
(Ex. sports teams, service work, etc.)



Local Veteran History



Local Celebrities
or Well-Known Figures



Local Underground
Railroad History

Shout out someone you'd like to celebrate, or share an important story from your community.



Thank you for coming!



*Look out for Open House #2
this spring to stay involved
with the Linden Green Line!*

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