

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).

Timeline

Fall 2025	Project Kickoff
January 13, 2026 -January 14, 2026	Community Workshop #1 Understanding community needs along the Green Line
Winter 2026	Community Survey Opens
Spring 2026	Community Workshop #2 Provide your feedback on potential designs.
Summer 2026	Community Workshop #3 Presentation of final design proposal based on community feedback.
2026-2028	Design
2028	Begin Construction

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

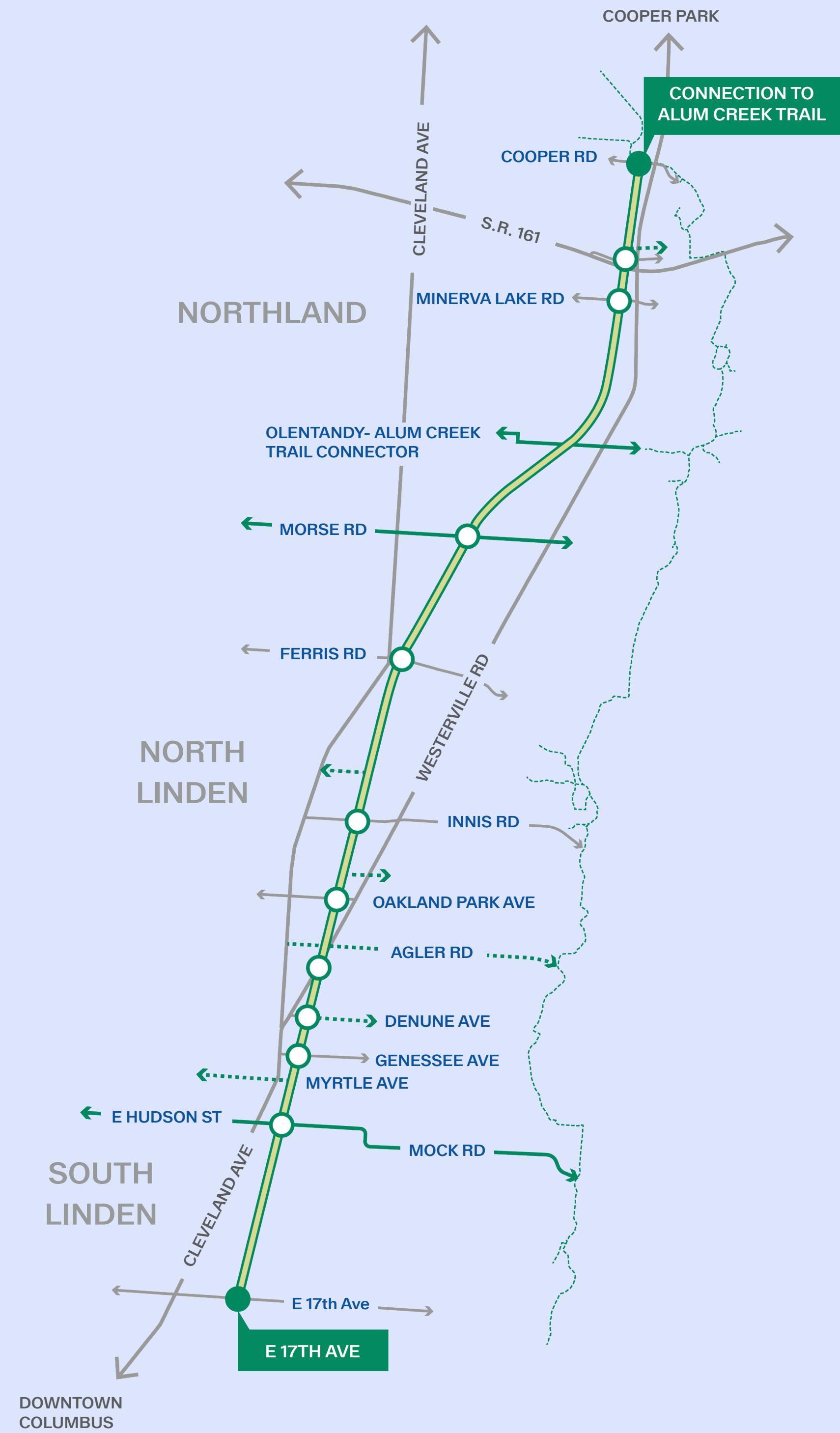


Restitch Neighbors
creating new spaces for gathering and community



Reflect Residents
in stories and spaces along the Linden Green Line

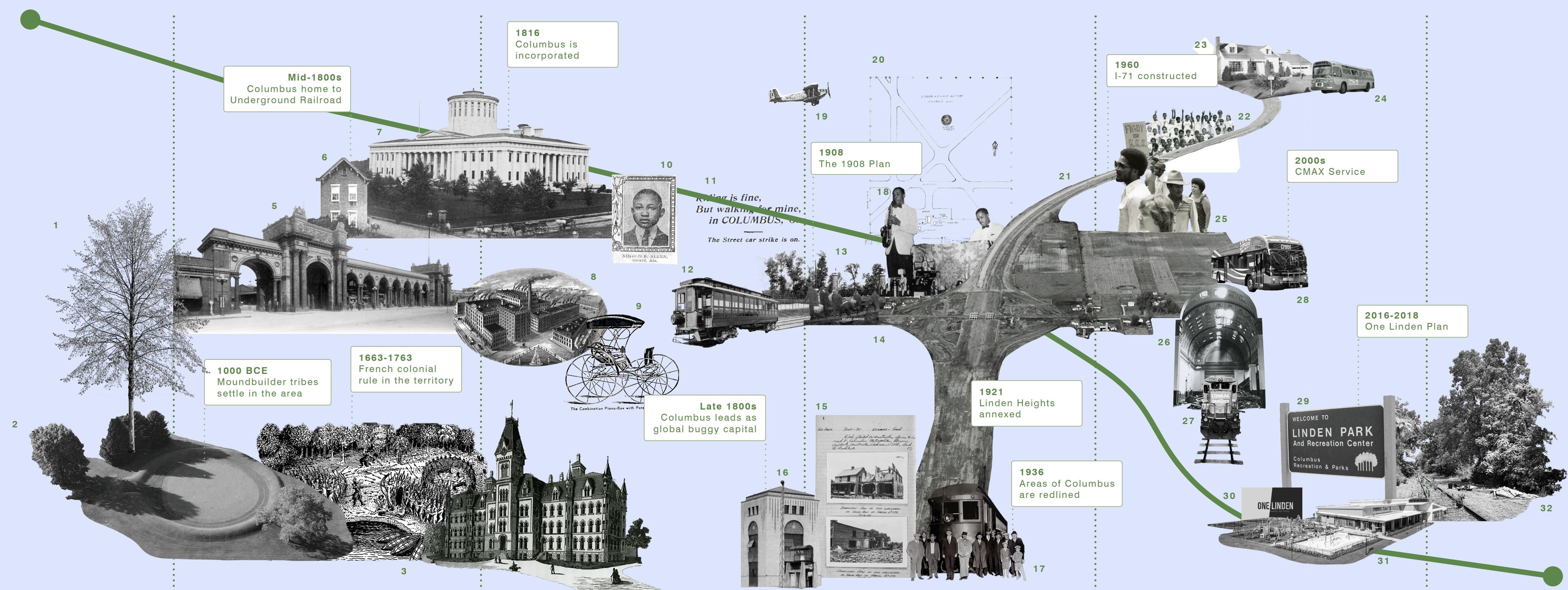
Project Area



Linden Green Line

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

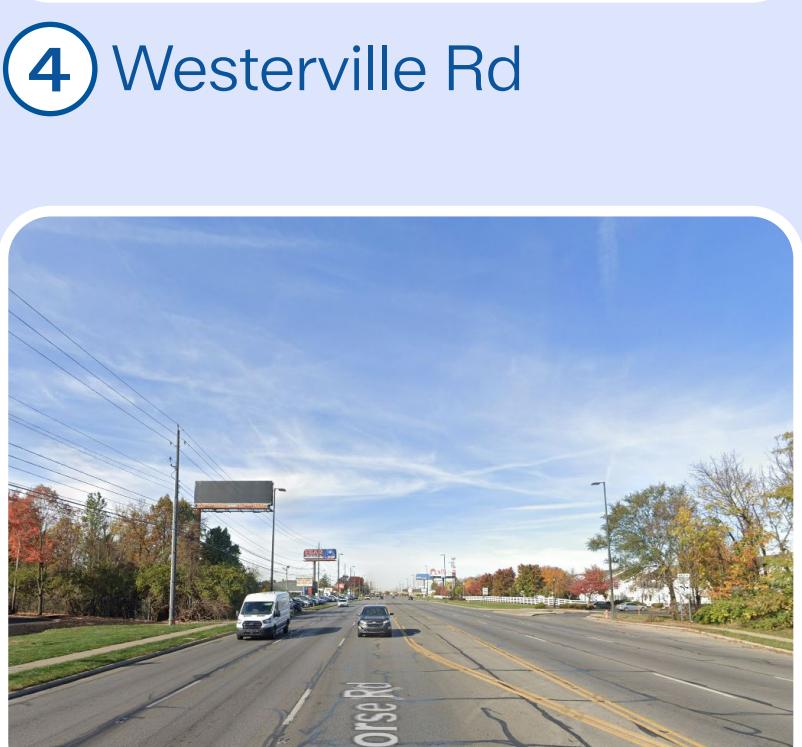
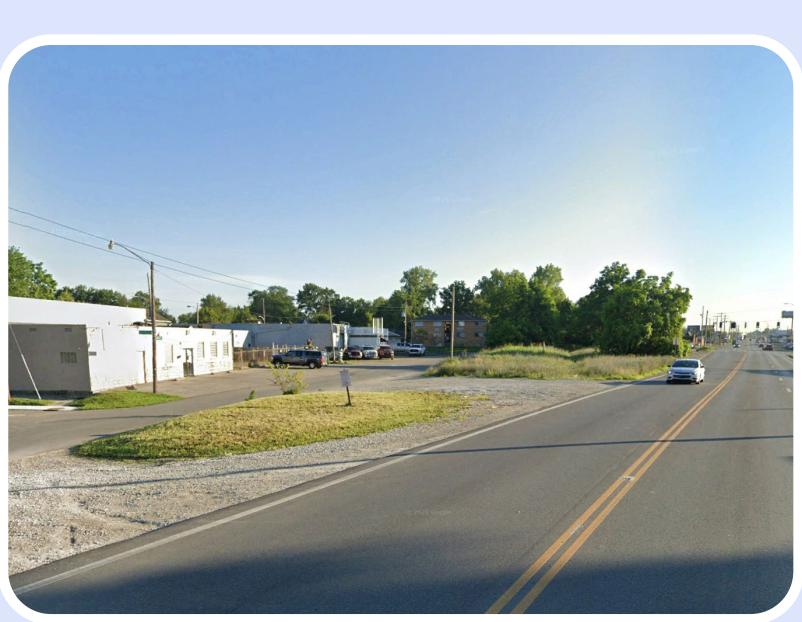
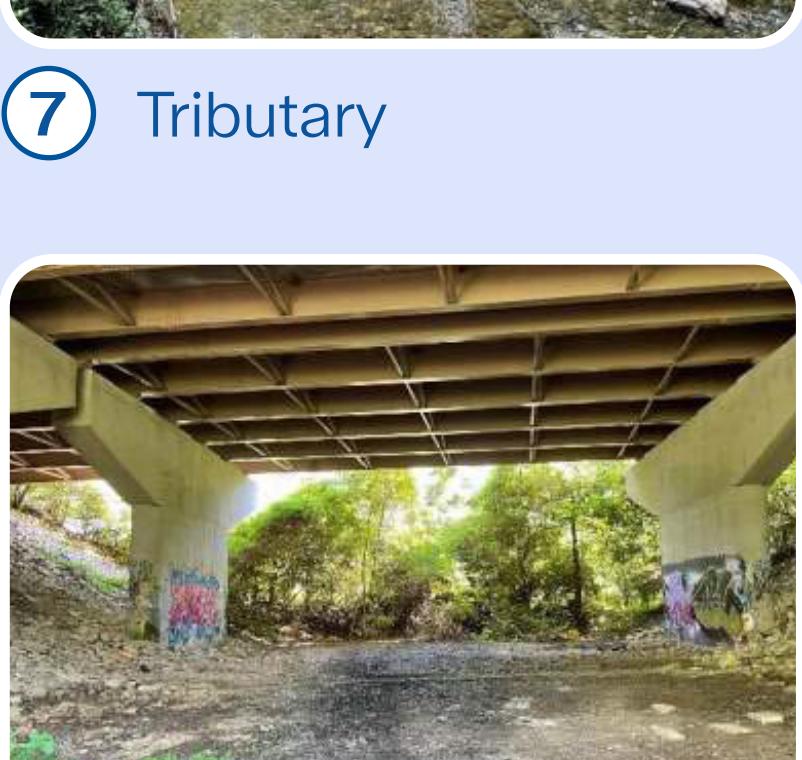
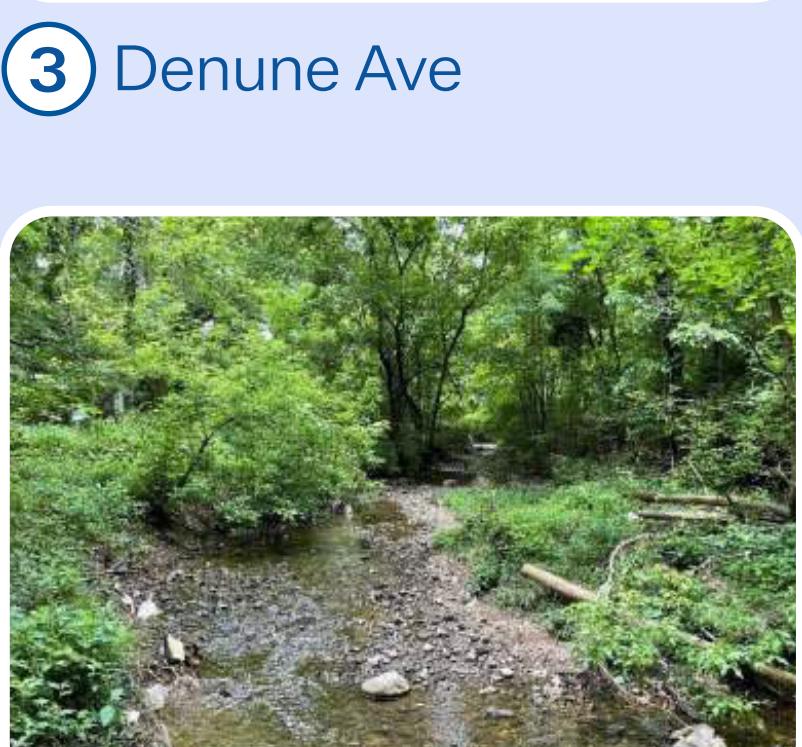
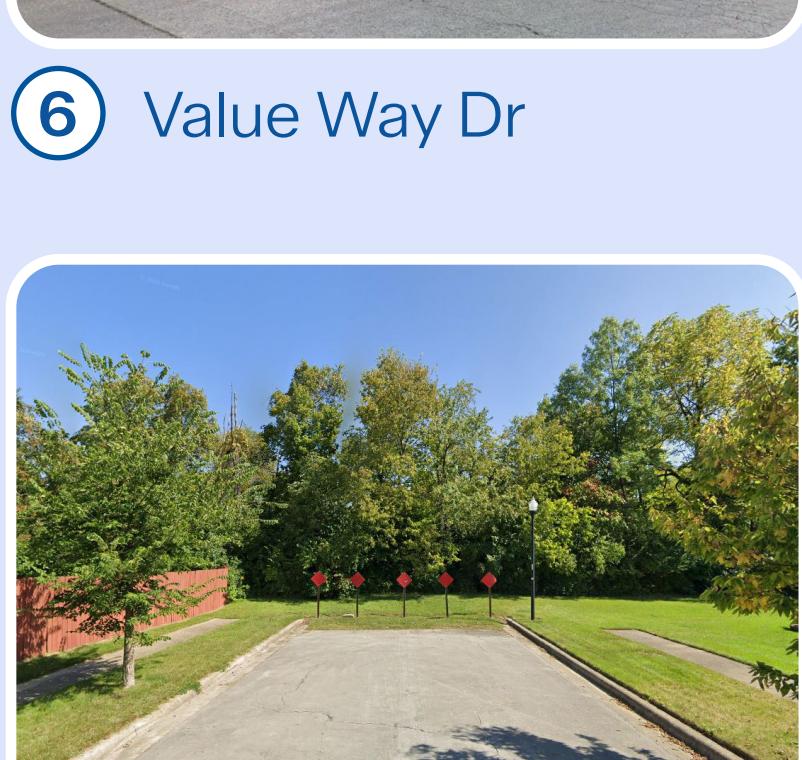
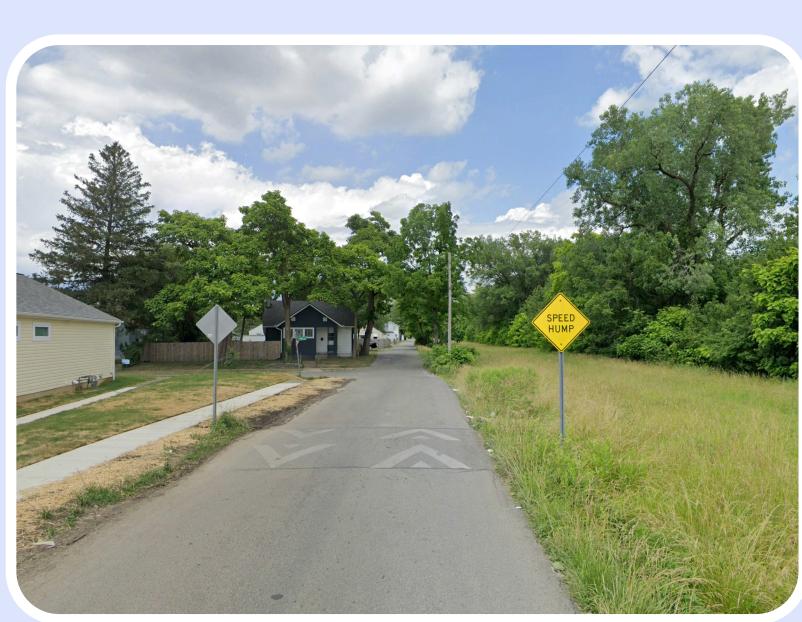
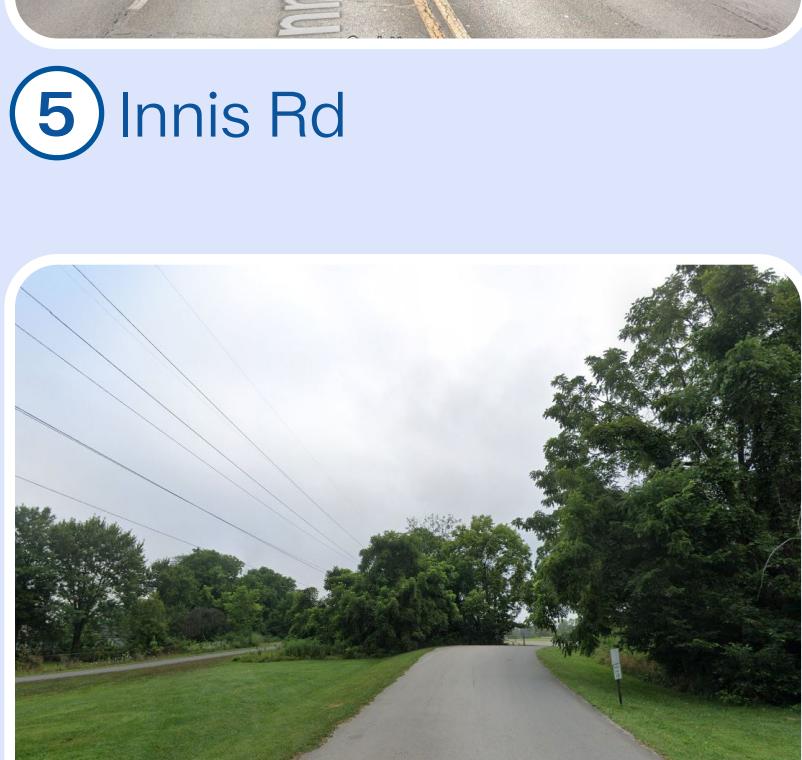
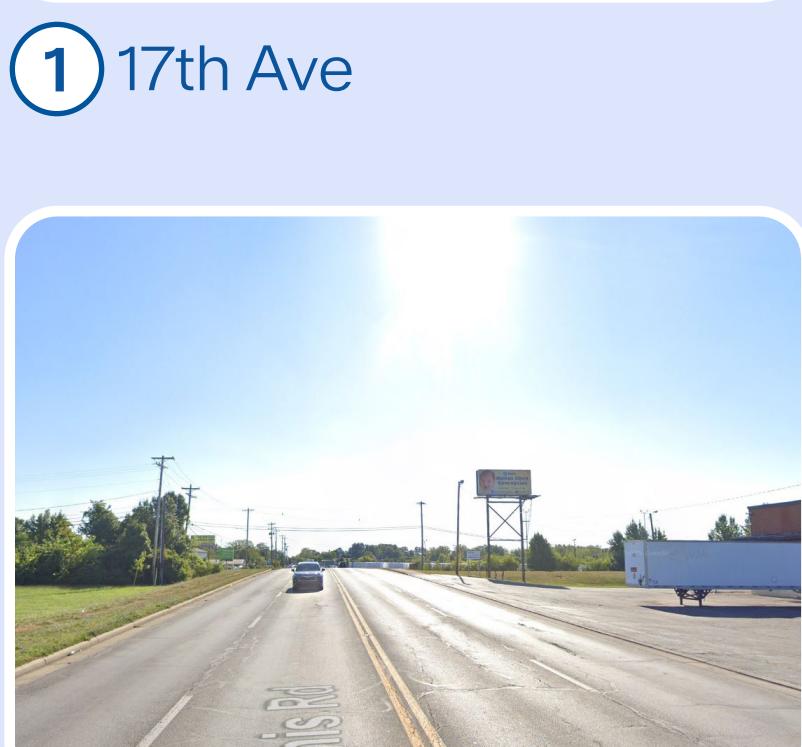
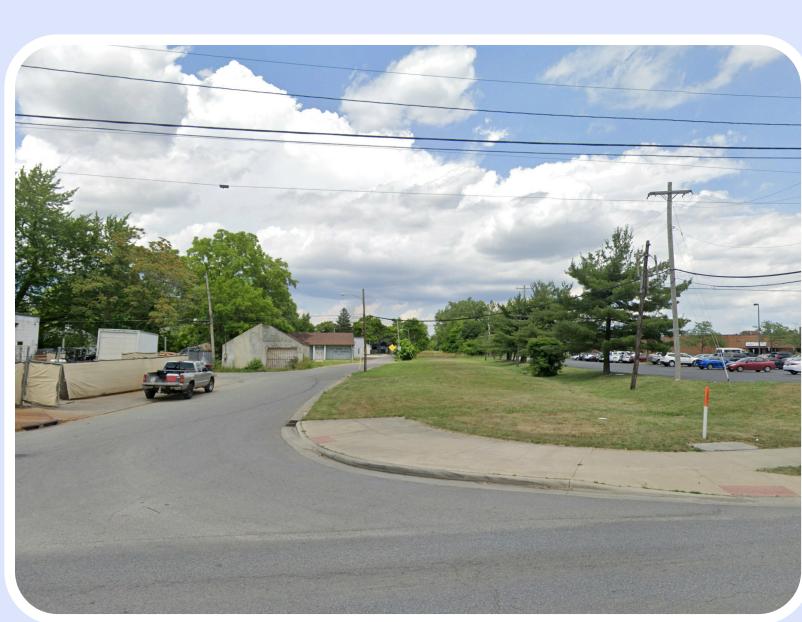
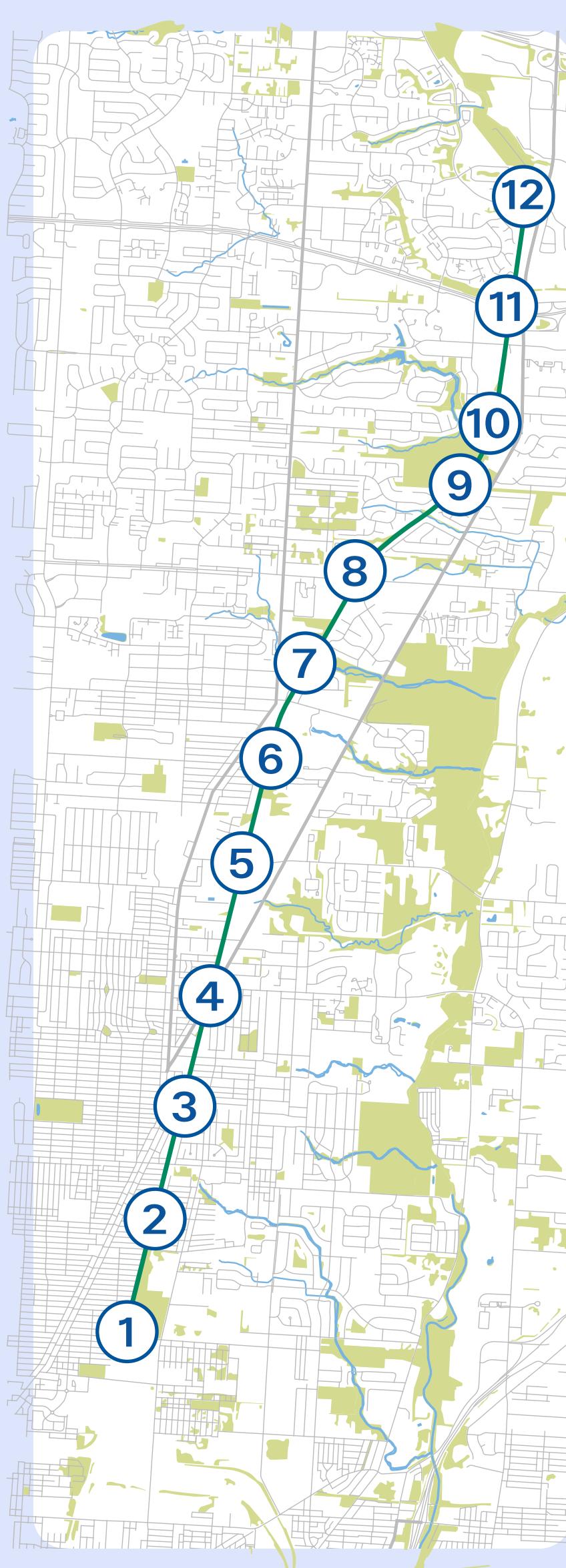
22. Students at Windsor Community Center, 1969
23. Single-Family home in Minerva Park, c. 1950s
24. Model Cities Bus, 1970
25. KKK Protestors, 1977
26. Demolition of Union Station (Interior), 1976
27. Conrail Train
28. COTA CMAX Bus

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

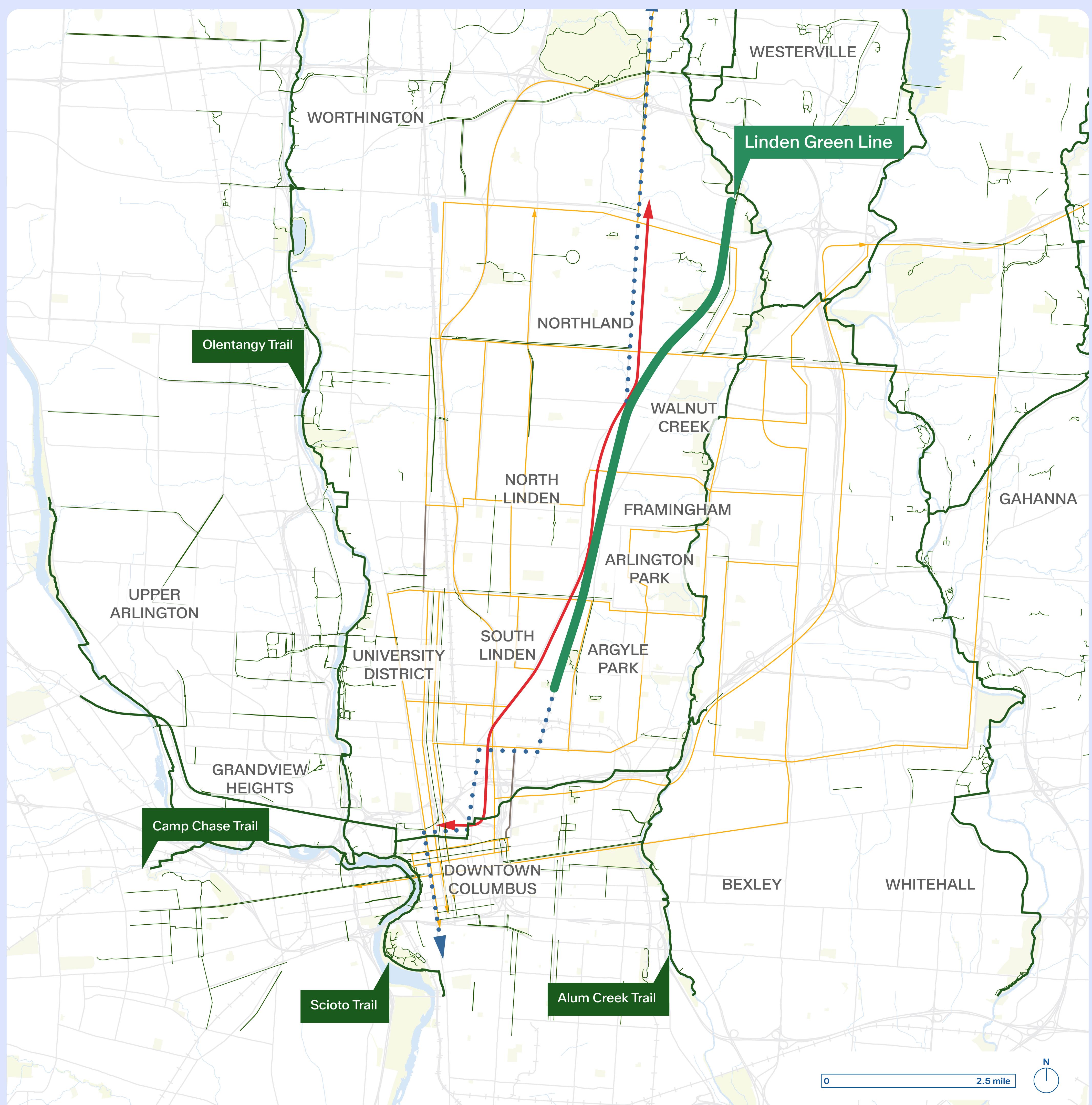
The Linden Green Line Today



Linden Green Line

Connecting Columbus

Regional Mobility Systems and the Linden Green Line



Legend

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

The Linden Green Line is proposed to connect...

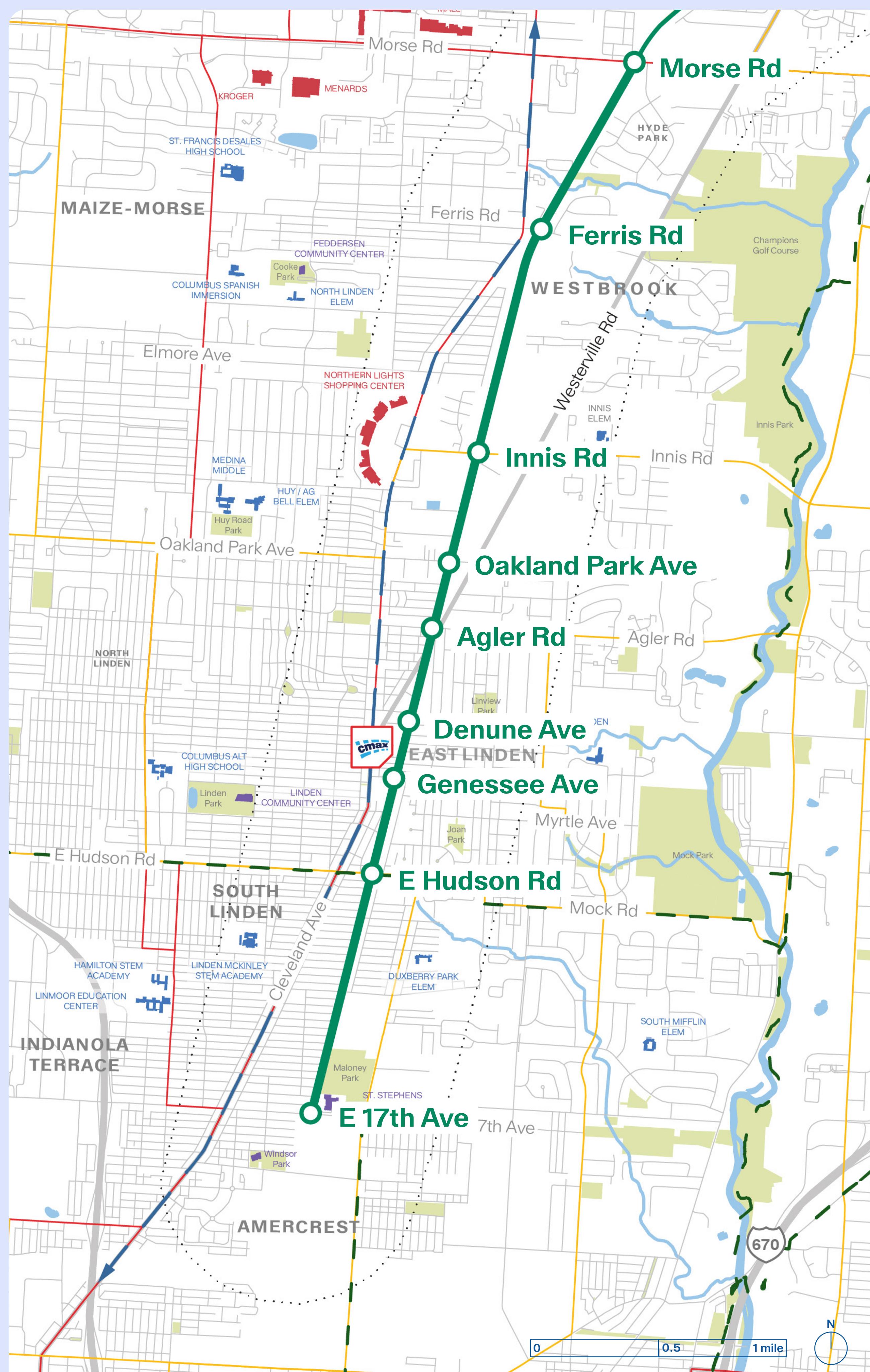
19 Schools
3,000 Businesses

13 Neighborhoods
4 Community Centers

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The Linden Neighborhood

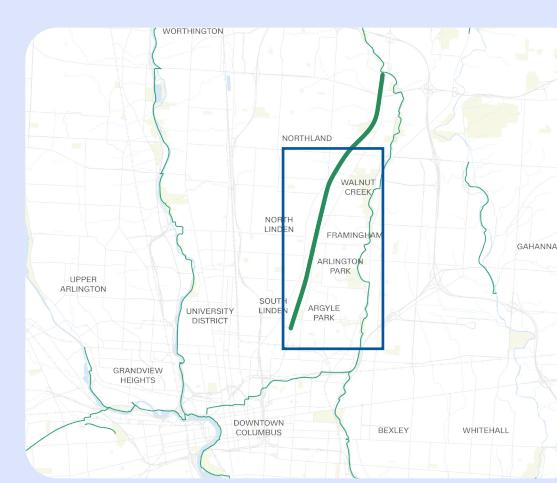
Connecting people to community amenities and destinations



Legend

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

- Frequent Bus Routes
- Standard Bus Routes
- Trail Network
- Future LINK US Bus Routes
- CMAX



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

15 Schools
281 Businesses

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



Linden
8% of total commuters are non-car commuters



Columbus
6% of total commuters are non-car commuters

Public Transit Bike Walk

There are too many traffic related injuries and fatalities

North and South Linden Traffic and Safety (2021-24)

from Vision Zero Columbus Crash Data

142

Crashes involving Bikes or Pedestrians

18

Traffic-related Fatalities

86

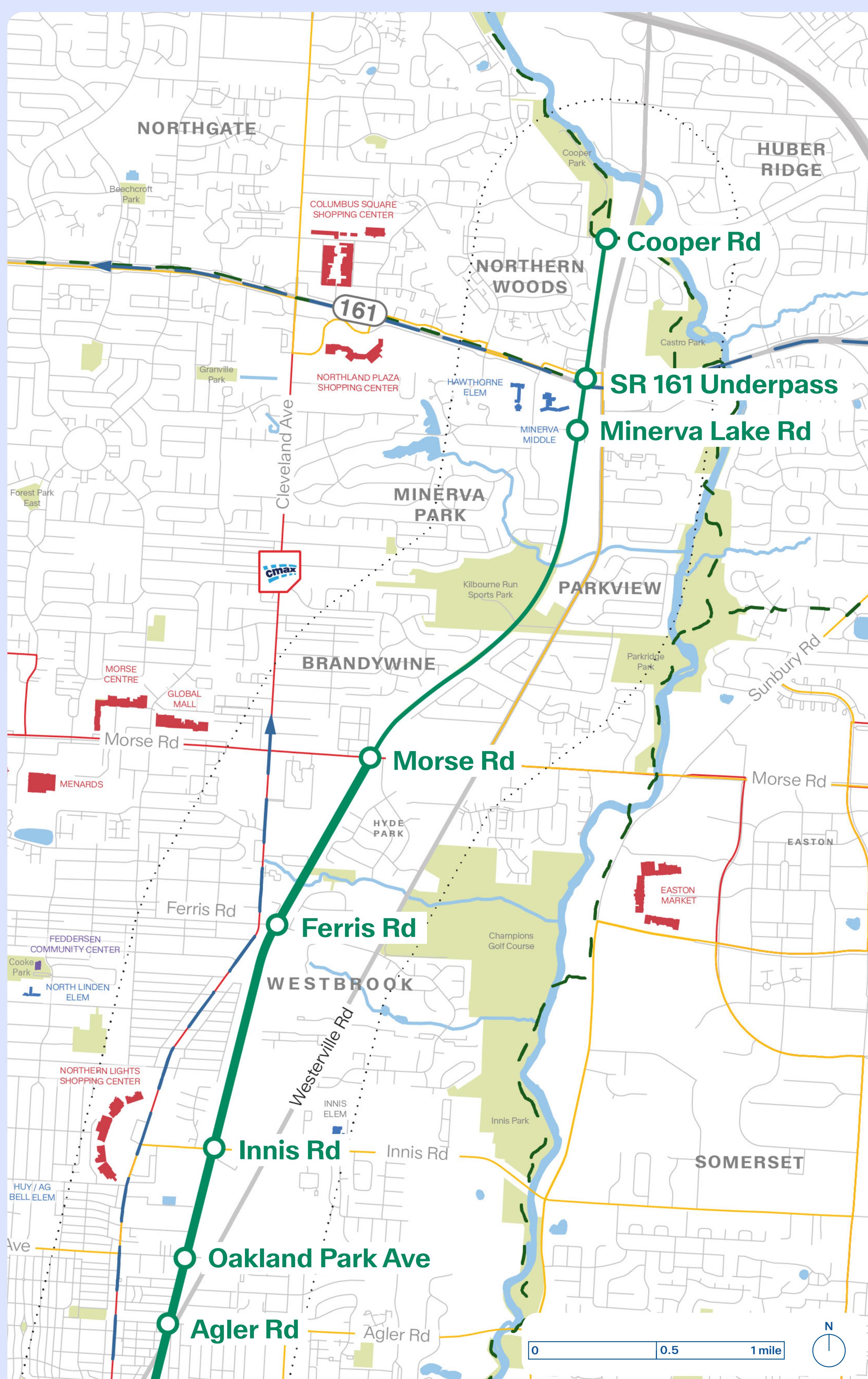
Traffic-related Serious Injuries

57 Places of Worship
4 Community Centers

Linden Green Line

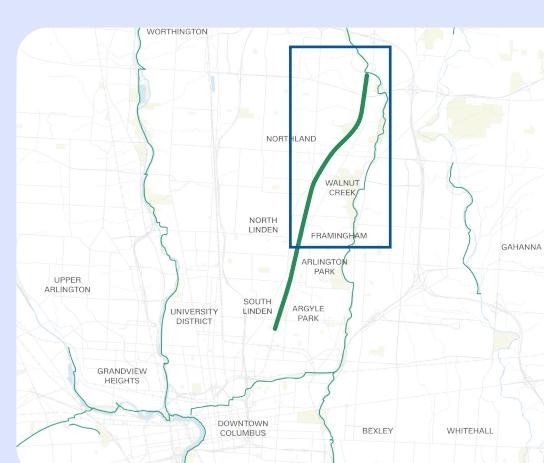
The Northland Neighborhood

Connecting people to community amenities and destinations



Legend

- Linden Green Line
- Access Points
- Retail Centers
- Schools
- Community Centers
- .25 Mile Buffer
- Frequent Bus Routes
- Standard Bus Routes
- Trail Network
- Future LINK US Bus Routes
- CMAX



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

4
Schools

78
Businesses

7
Places of Worship

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



Northland
5% of total commuters are non-car commuters



Columbus
6% of total commuters are non-car commuters

There are too many traffic related injuries and fatalities

Northland Traffic and Safety (2021-24)

from Vision Zero Columbus Crash Data

229 Crashes involving Bikes or Pedestrians
30 Traffic-related Fatalities
118 Traffic-related Serious Injuries

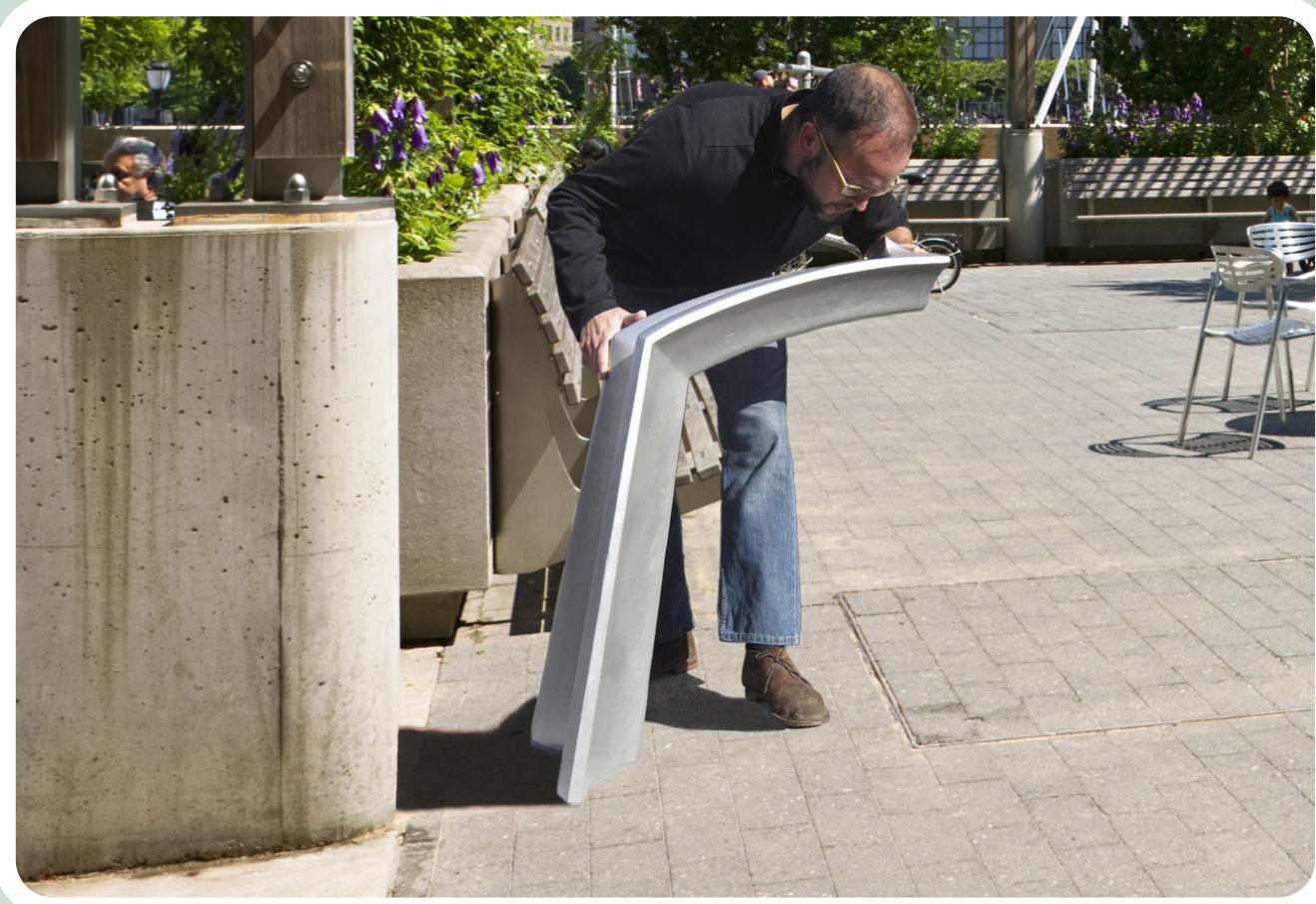
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The Linden Green Line would ideally include...

Choose your top 3!



Active Recreation Areas
St. Paul, Minnesota



Water Fountains
Manhattan, New York



Shade Structures
Lynwood, California



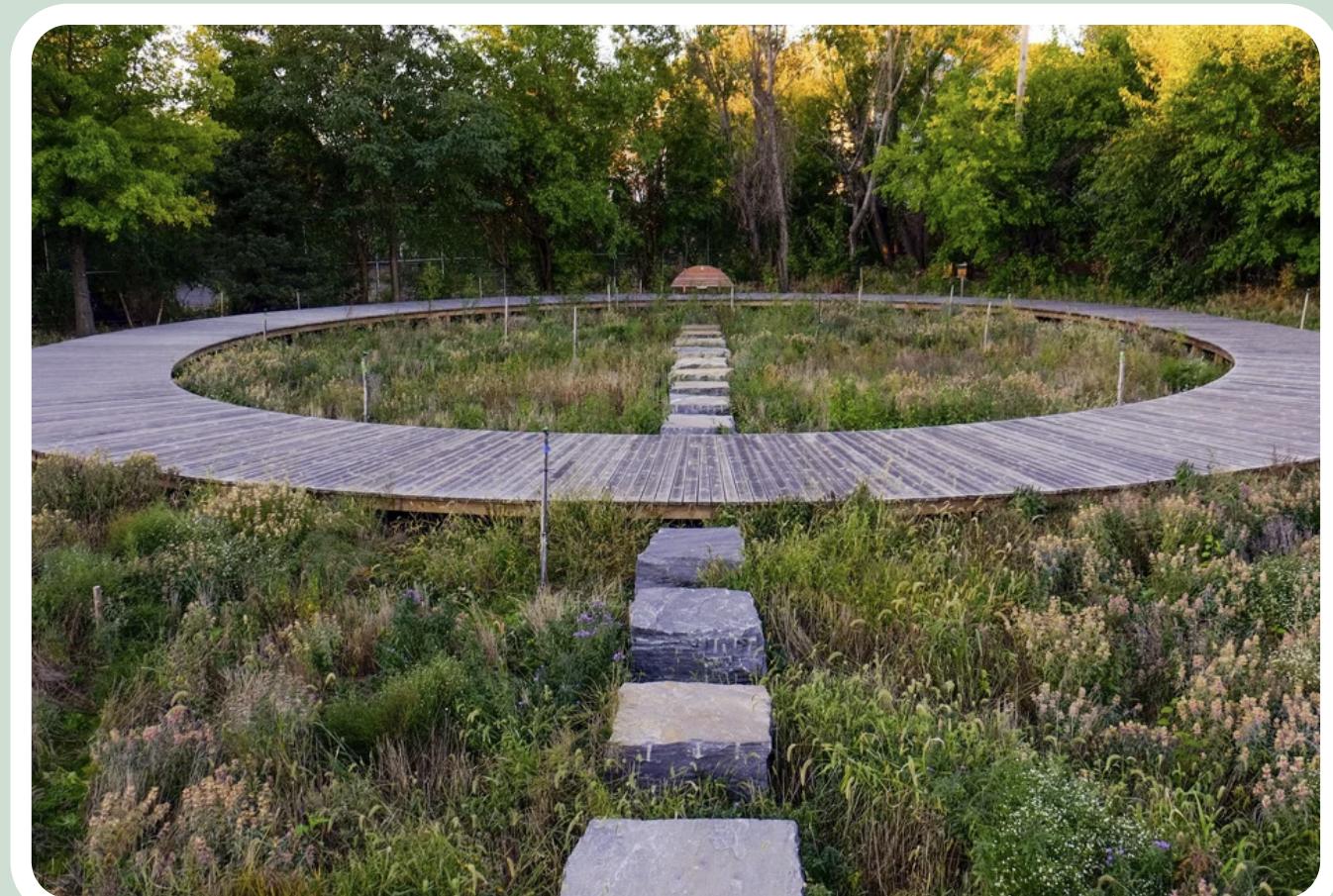
Public Art
Columbus, Ohio



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



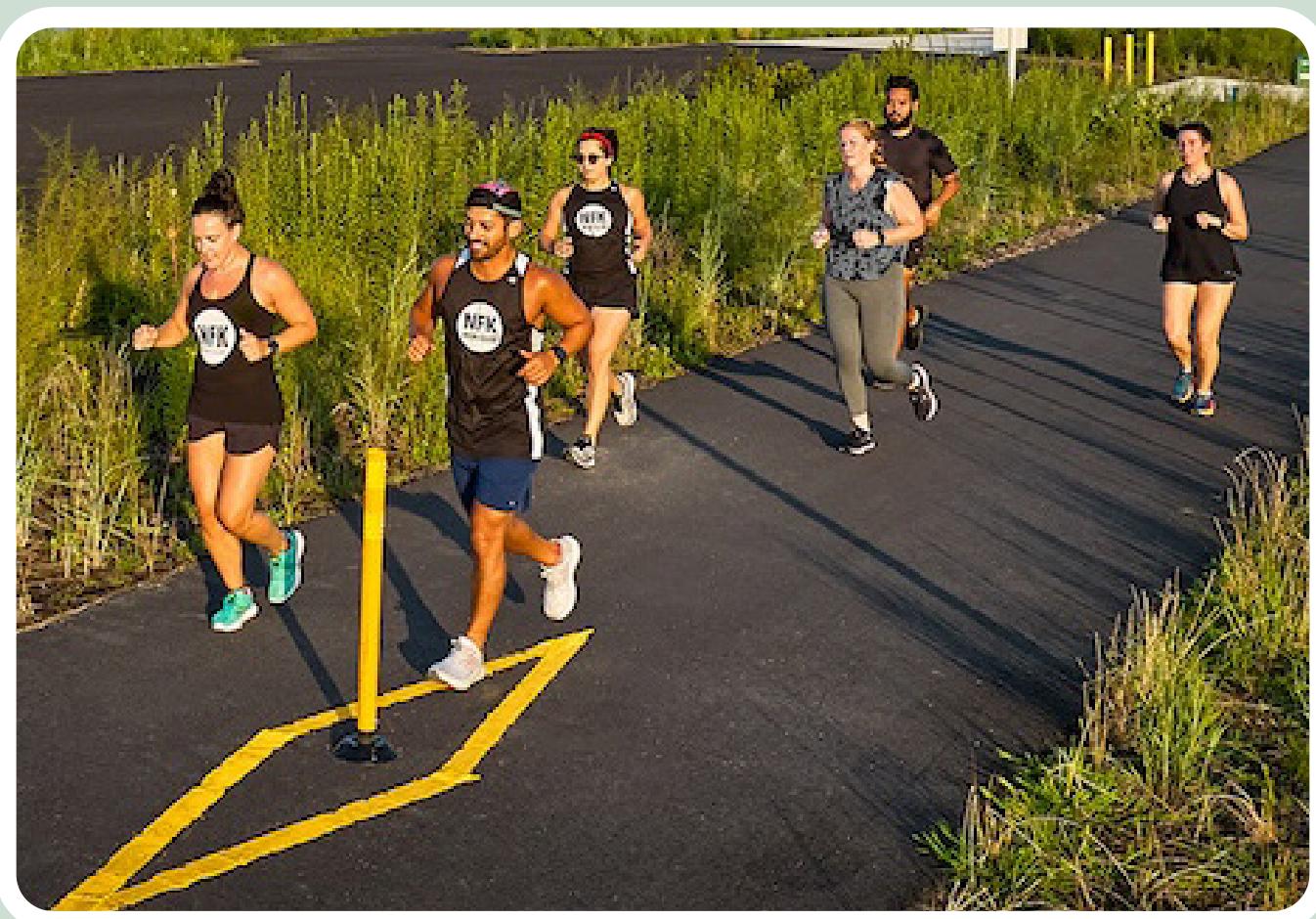
Outdoor Fitness
New Orleans, Louisiana



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.

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I would feel safer with...

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



Lighting



Raised Crossings



Emergency Contact Points



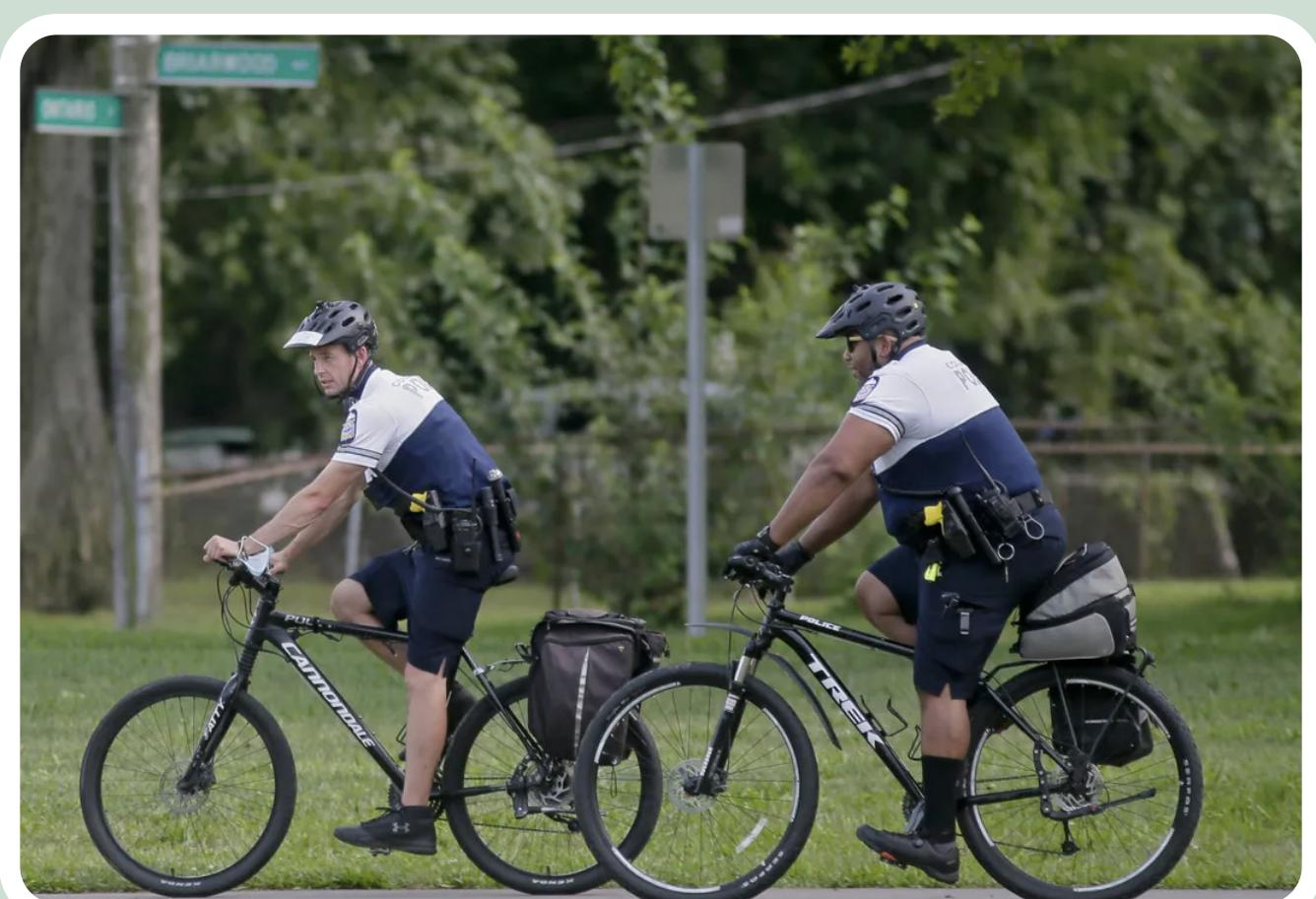
Signage and Wayfinding



Multilingual Signage and Wayfinding



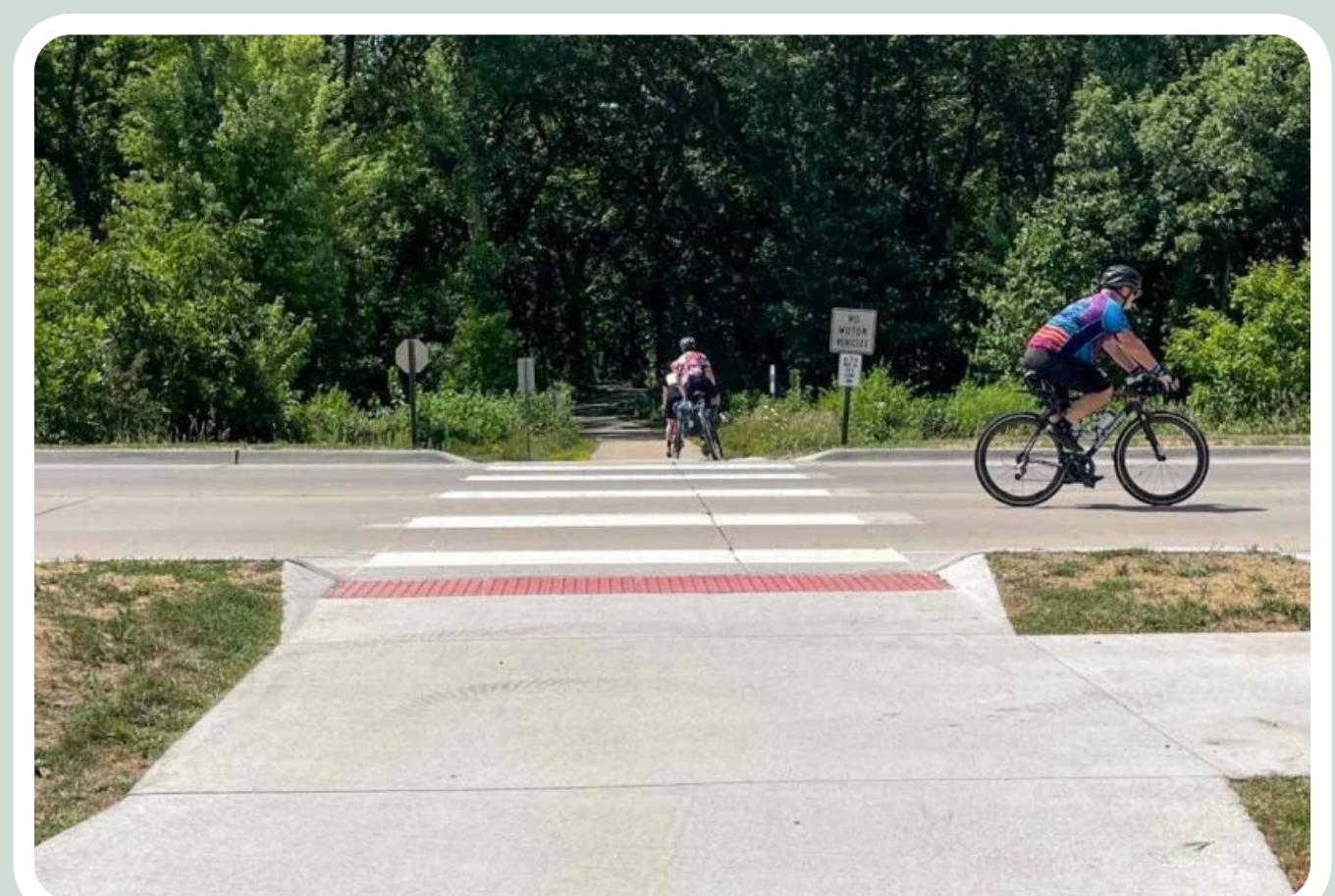
Fencing and/or Screening



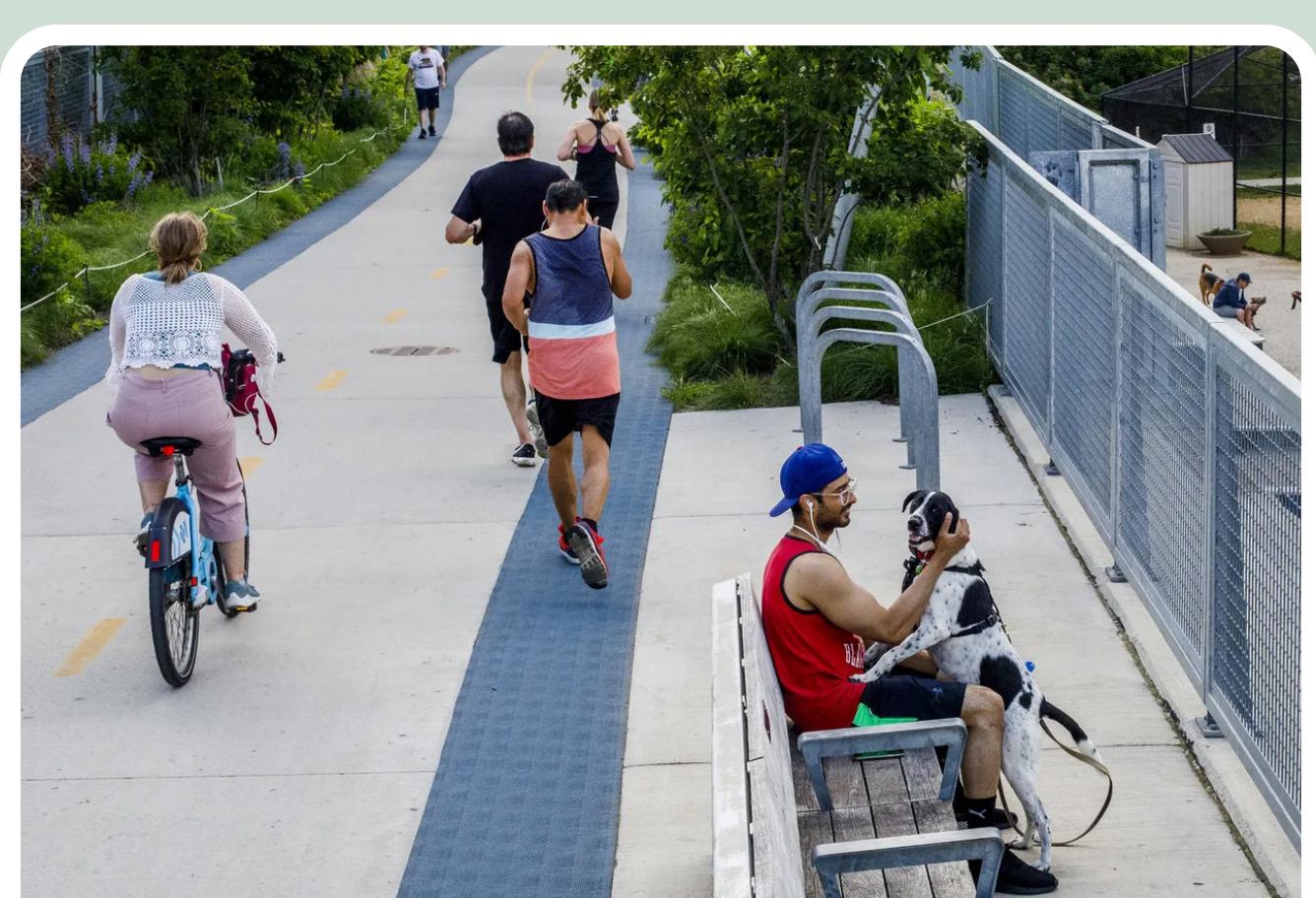
Regular Police Patrol



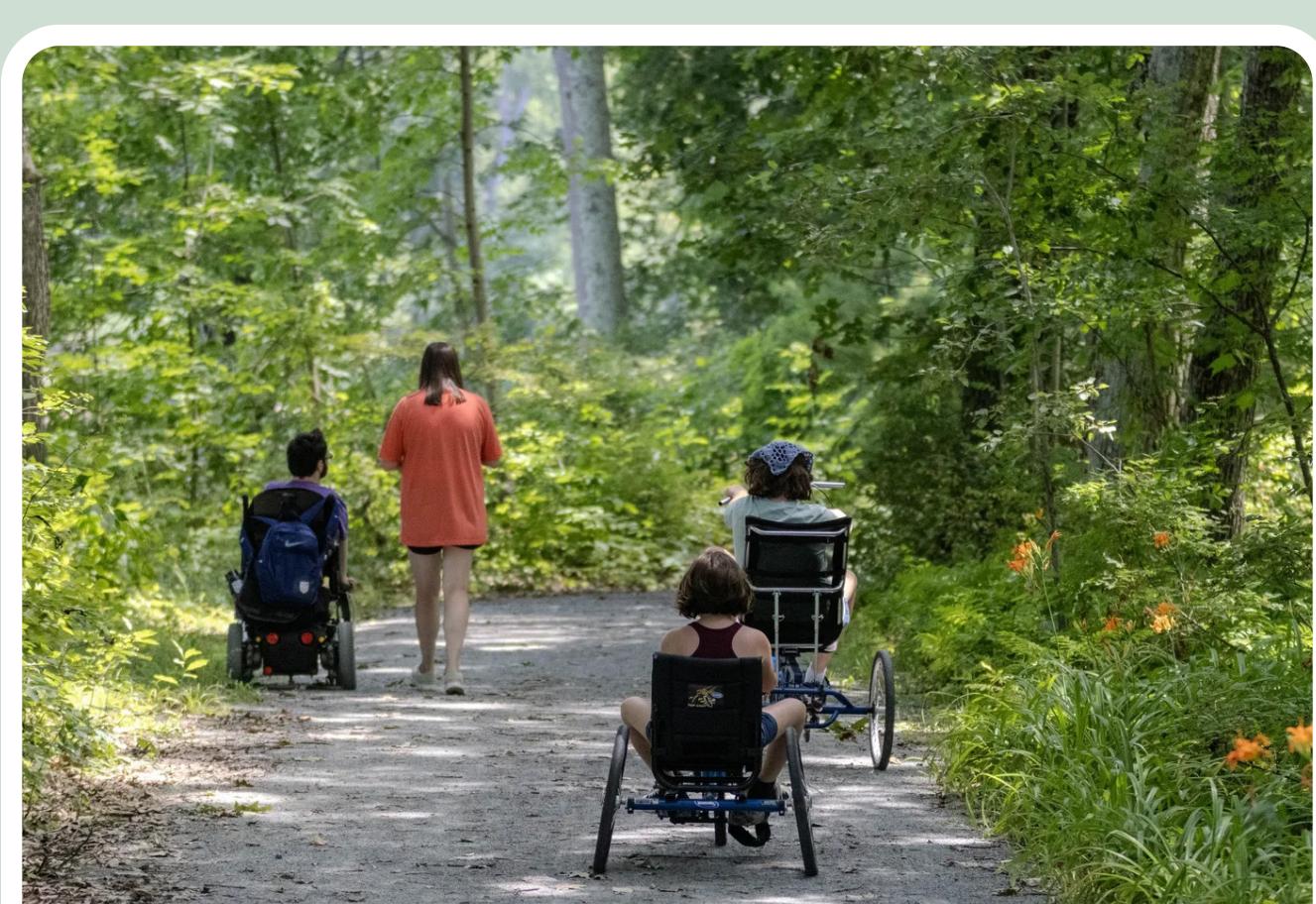
Community Presence



Clear Lines of Sight



Places to Sit or Rest



Universal Accessibility



Dedicated Youth Spaces

What else helps you feel safe? Add more here.

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I would use the Linden Green Line to...

Place one dot for each statement.

I walk...



I run...



I bike...



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

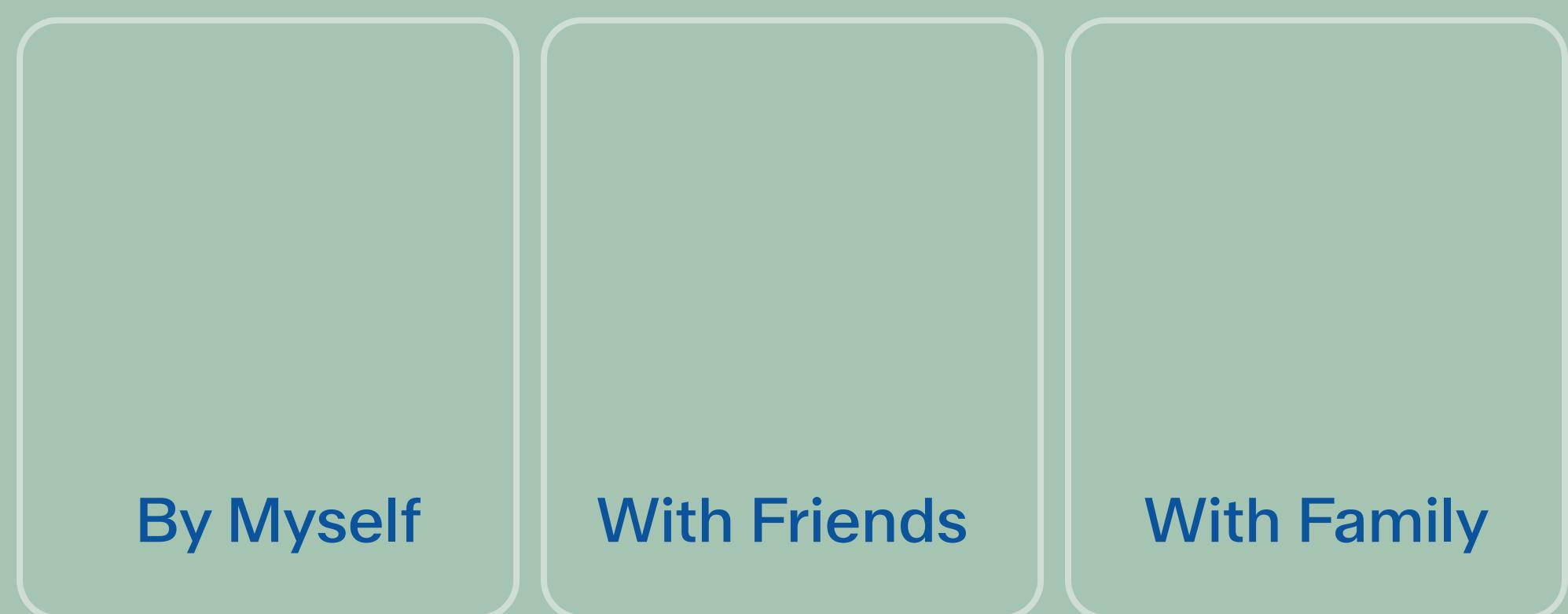


I take the bus...



Choose all options that apply.

I would visit the Linden Green Line...



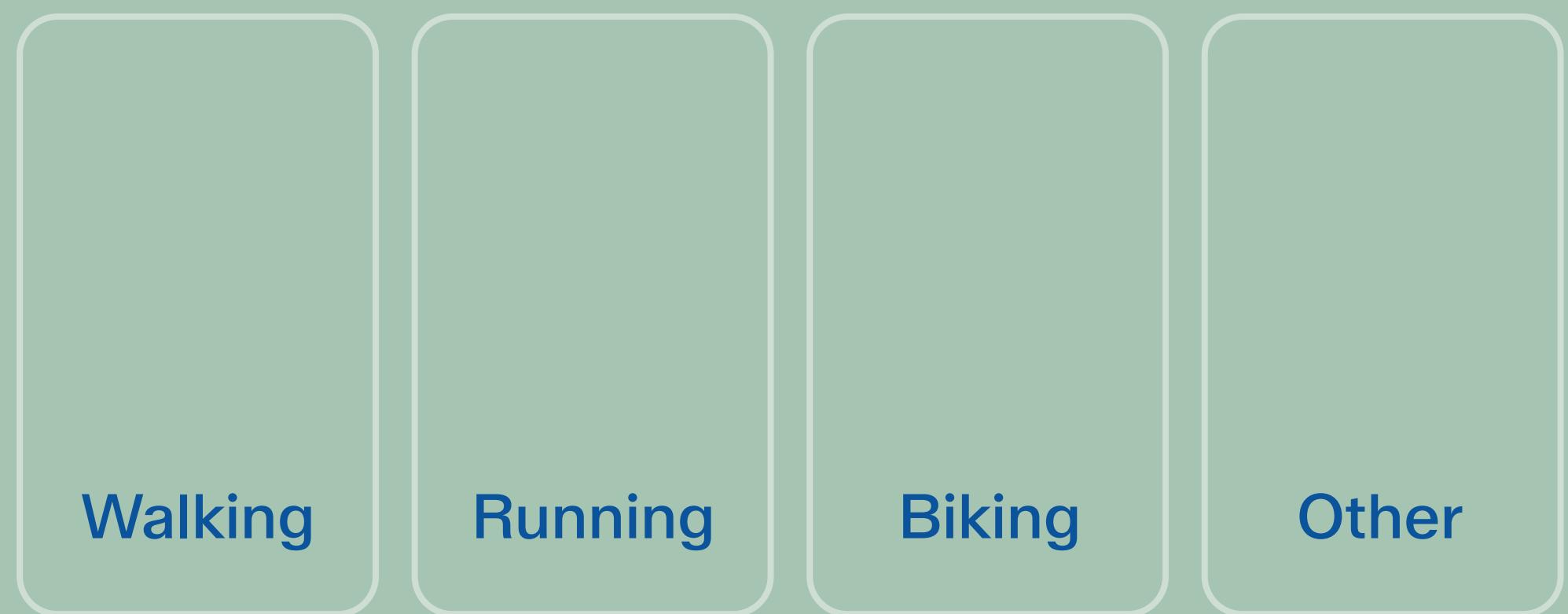
I would most often visit during...



I would use the Linden Green Line for...



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

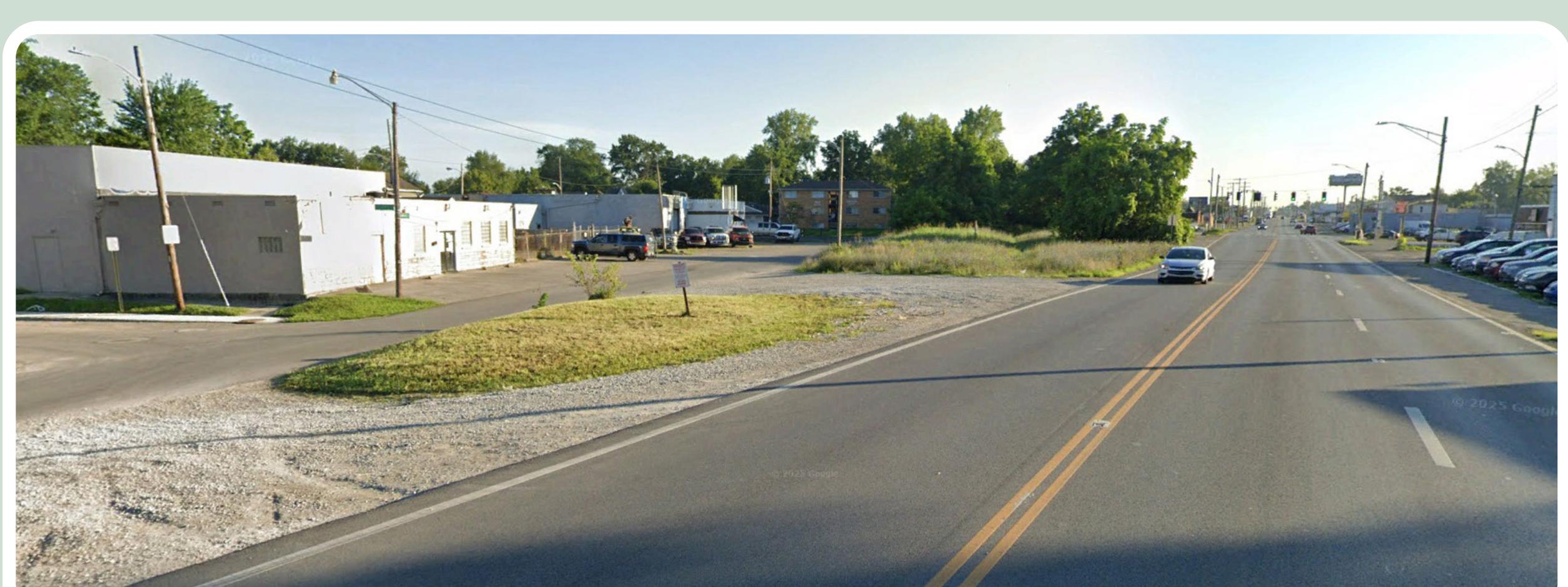
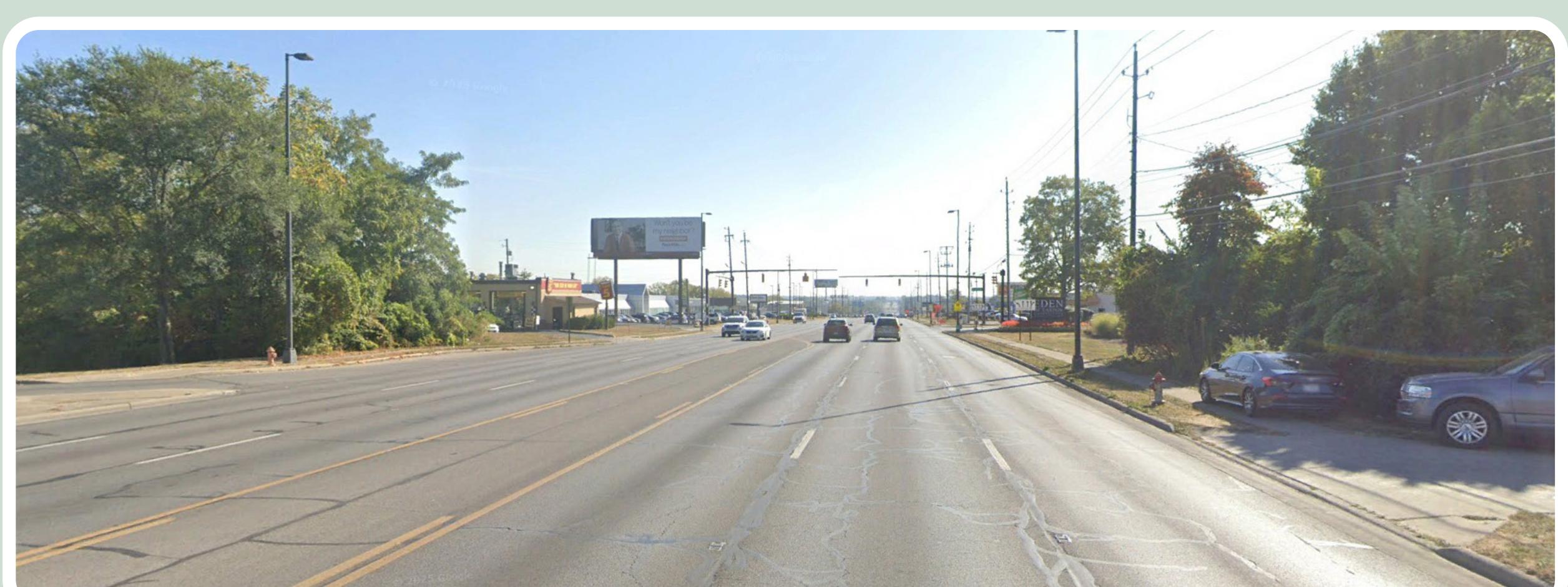
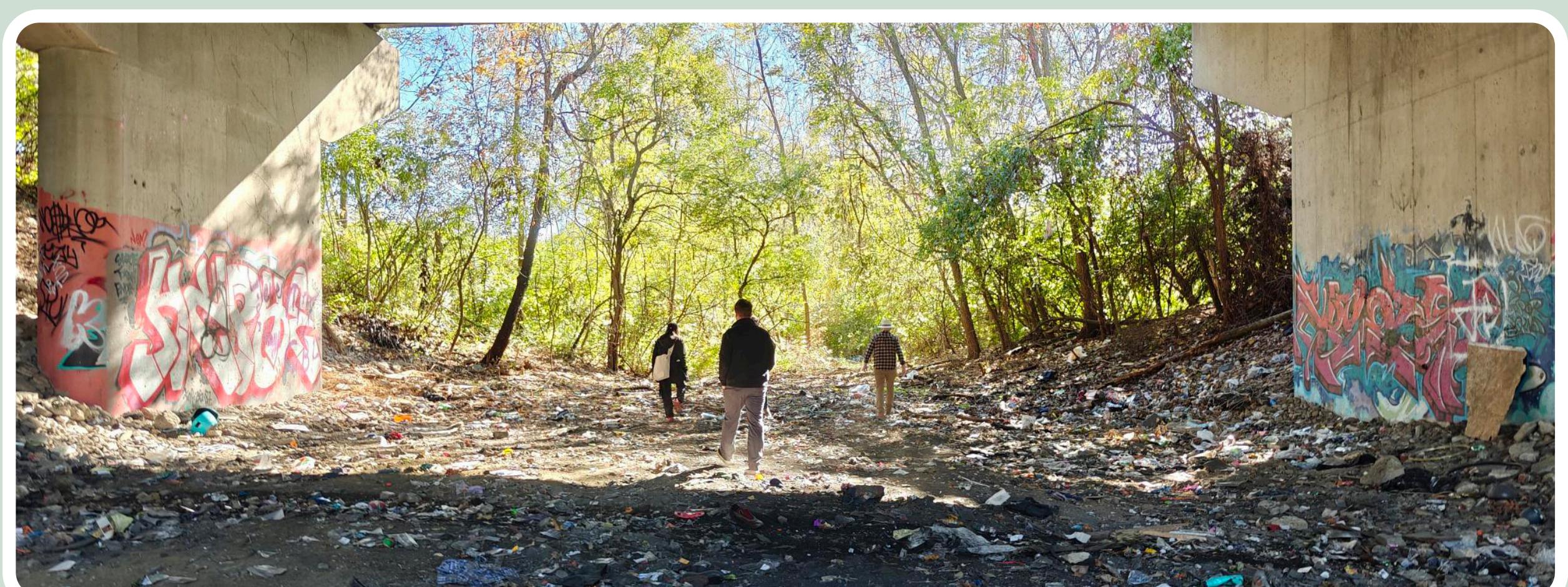
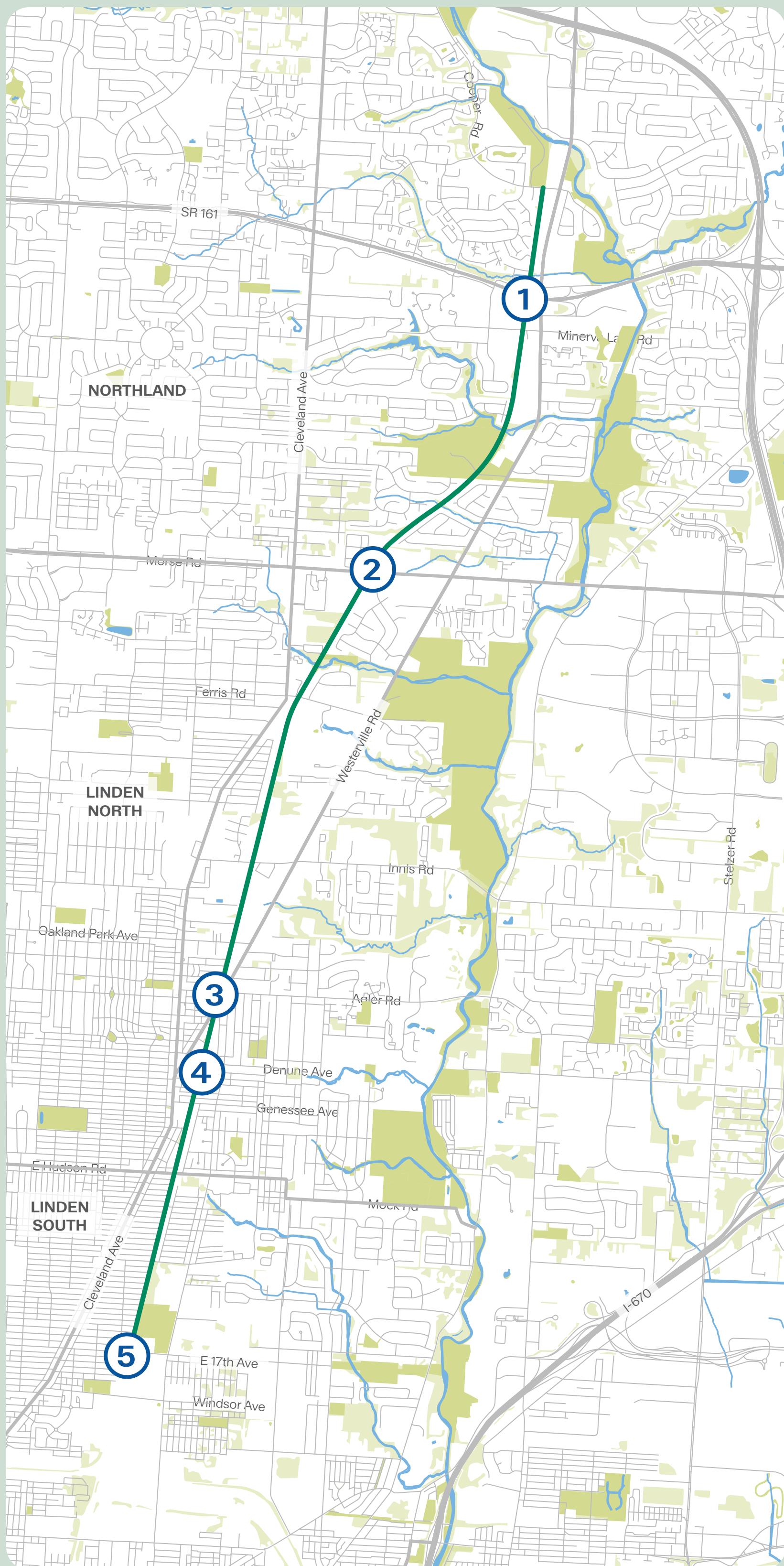


I recharge...



Imagine what could happen here.

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



Have other ideas?
Share them here.

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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.

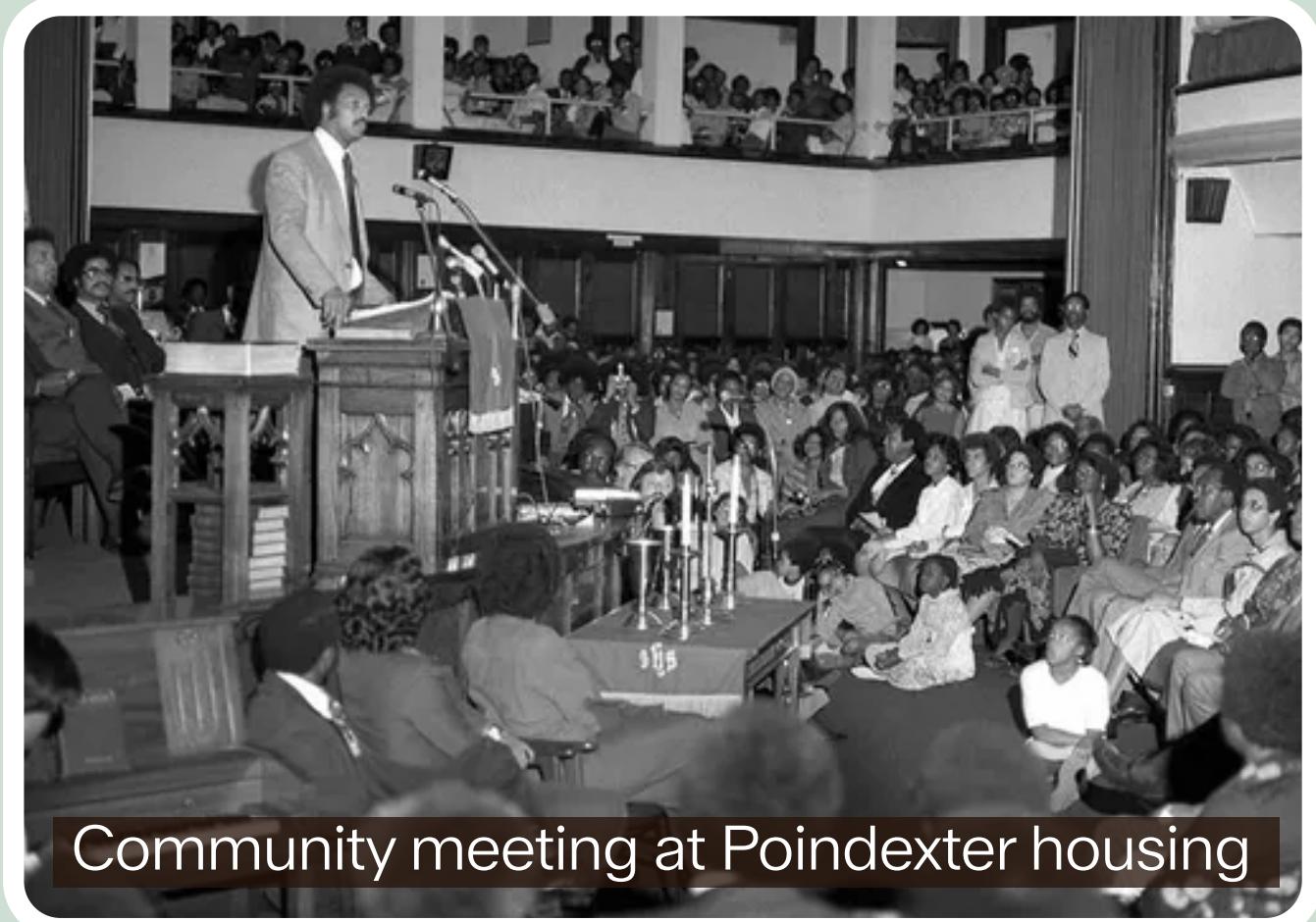
Place your card here!



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What stories should the Linden Green Line tell?

Choose three types of stories you would like to see.



Community meeting at Poindexter housing

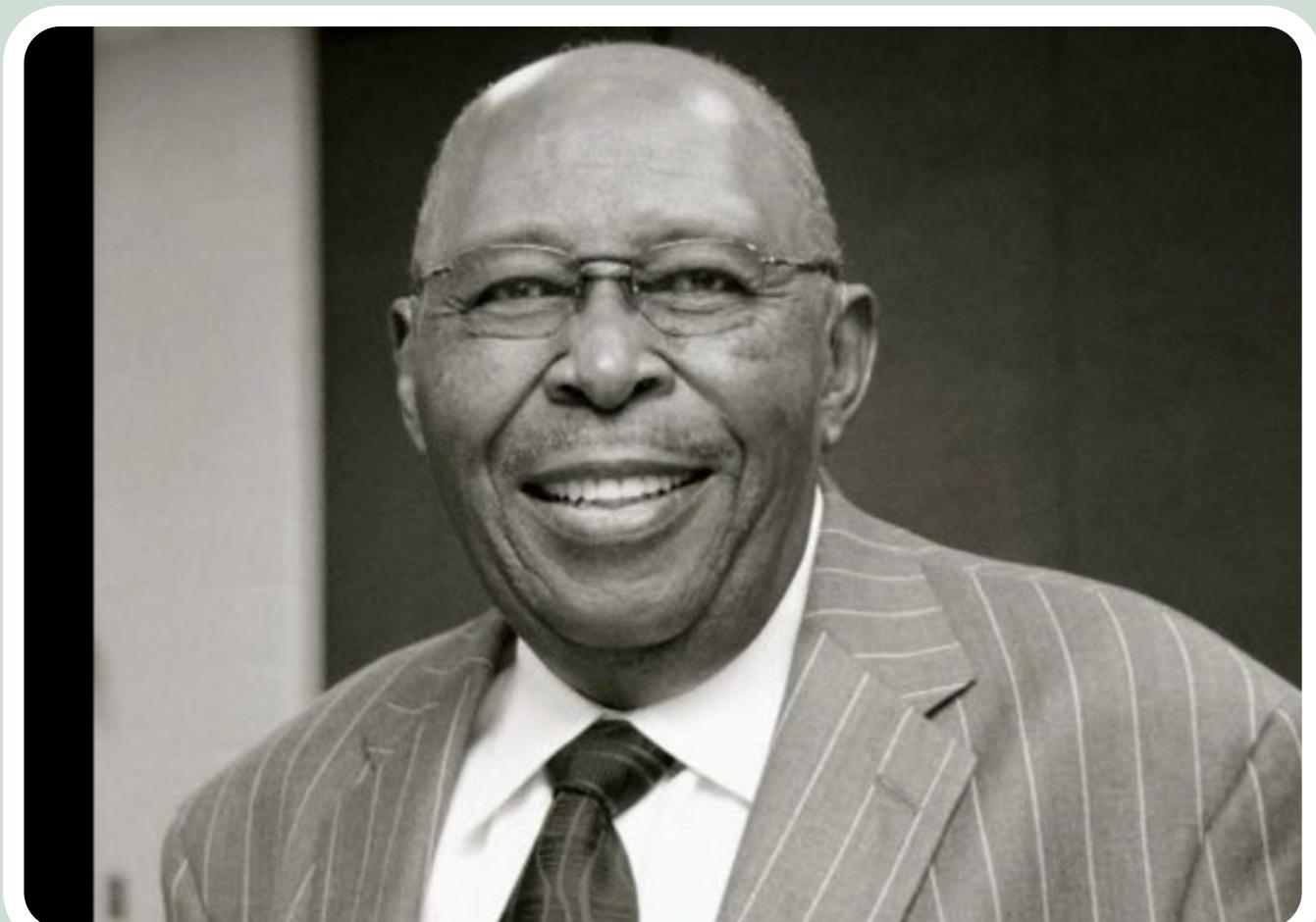
Local African American History



Columbus Regional History



Cultural Knowledge from
New American Communities



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



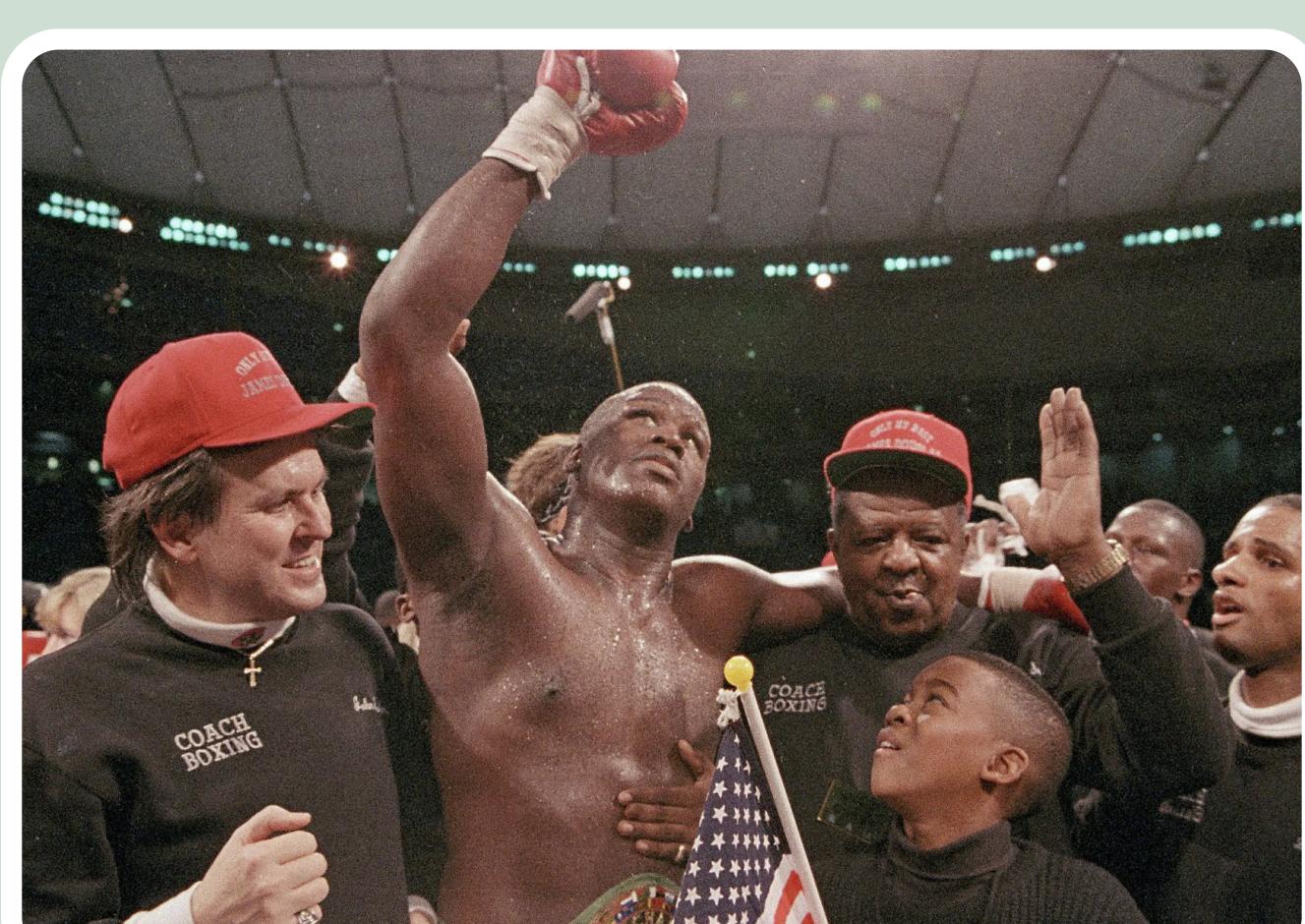
Community Leaders



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



Local Veteran History

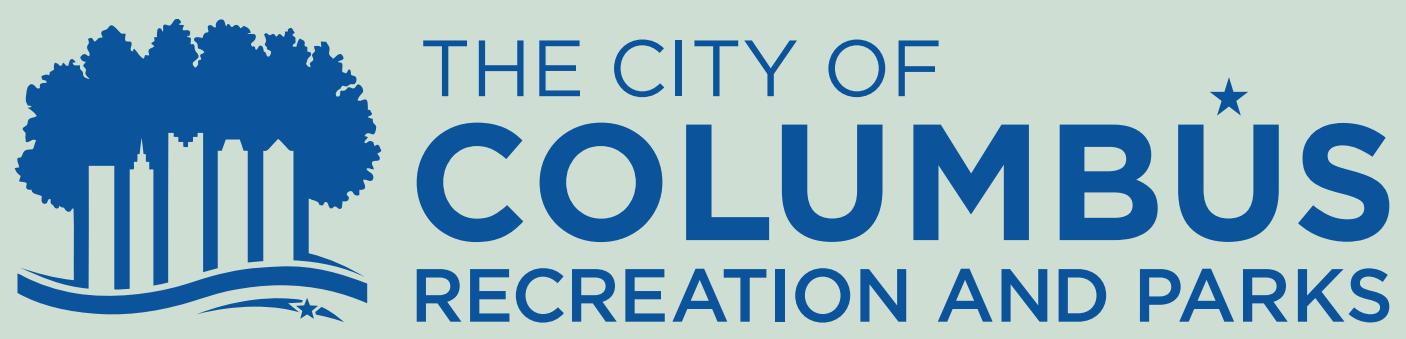


Local Celebrities
or Well-Known Figures



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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