

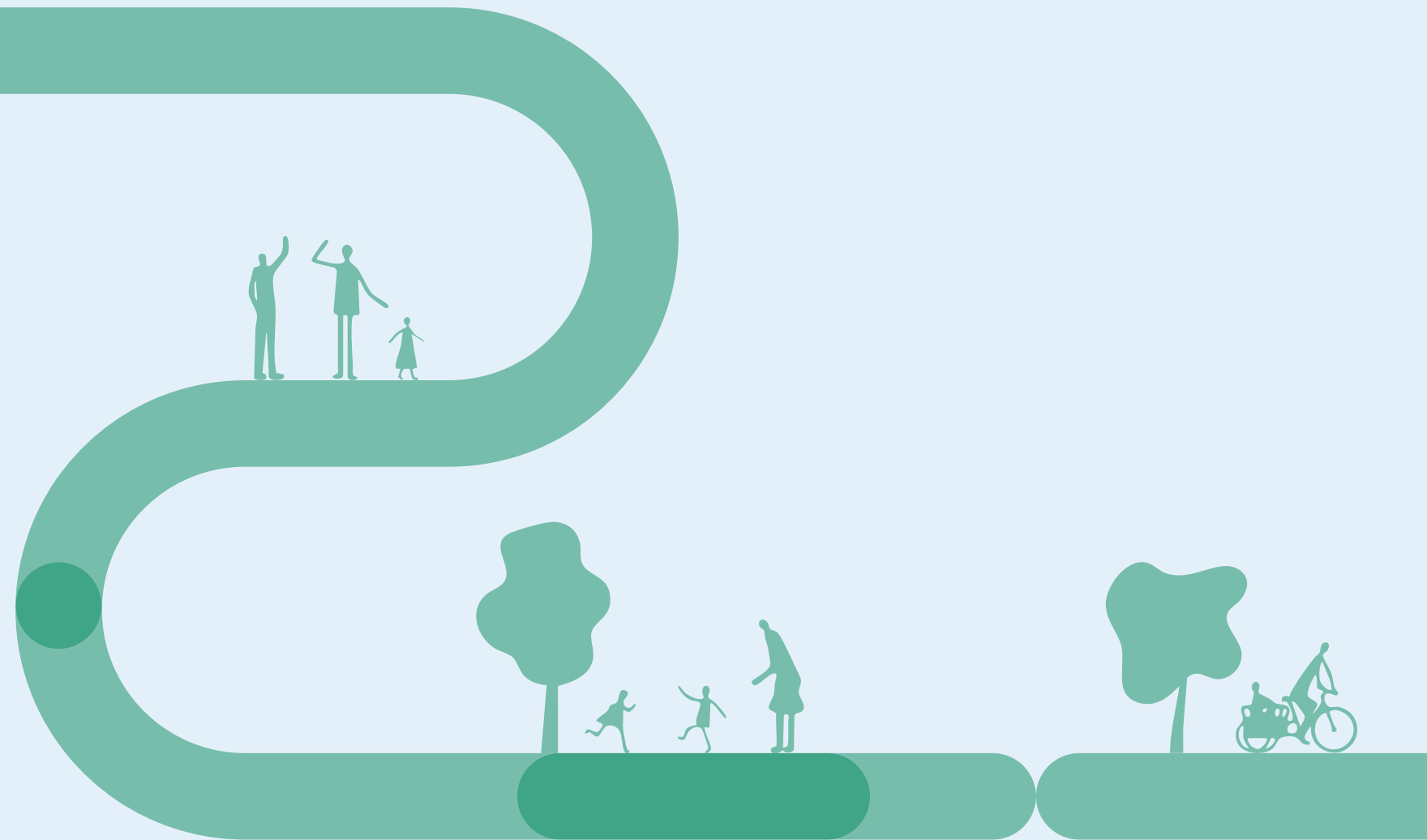
Linden Green Line

Community Cookout

June 17, 2026



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What's the Linden Green Line?

The **Linden Green Line** is a 58-acre **linear park** & multimodal active transportation corridor

that will connect communities & ecosystems while generating new social & economic benefits along its **7 miles**.

The goals of the Linden Green Line include...

Safer Mobility



Safe mobility options for pedestrians, joggers, cyclists, and other trail users.

Reimagining Infrastructure



Reimagined infrastructures that catalyze community development, open space, and amenities.

Access to Nature



Access to nature, from native woodlands to pollinator gardens and constructed wetlands.

Connecting Neighbors



Connect Neighbors by creating new spaces for gathering and community.

Reflecting Residents

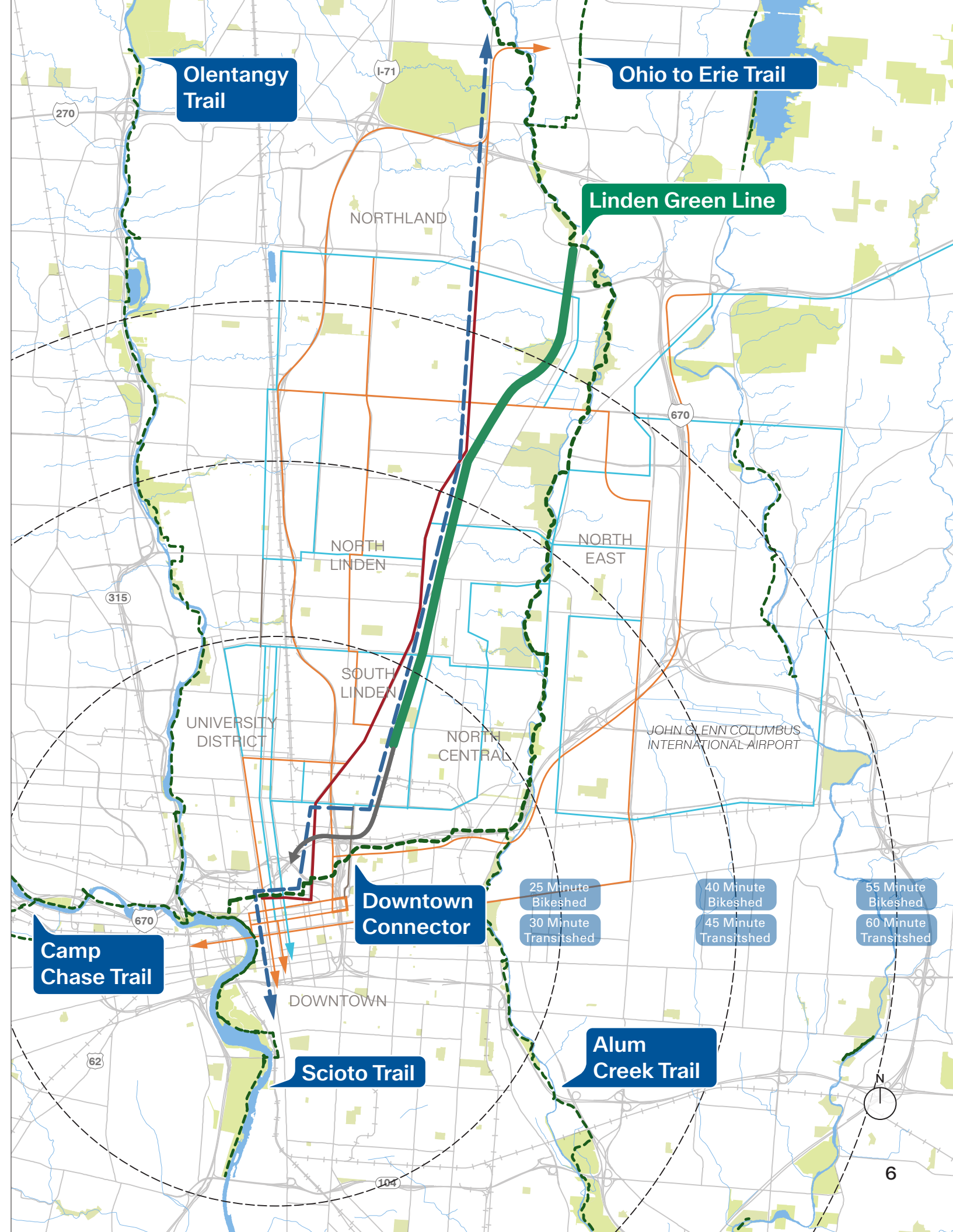


Reflect residents in stories and spaces along the Linden Green Line.

The **Linden Green Line** is just 1 mile north of Downtown Columbus, giving it the potential to be a **high-impact multimodal connector** that expands regional mobility networks & supports local growth.

LEGEND

- Existing Greenway
- Standard COTA Bus Route
- Frequent COTA Bus Route
- CMAx Bus Route
- Proposed LinkUS Bus Corridor



The **Linden Green Line** will create new spaces & connections for the **130,000+** residents & dozens of community resources within 1 mile of the corridor.



What's the Linden Green Line?

Project Vision

Local Assets & Destinations

- Parks**

 - 1 Windsor Park
 - 2 Maloney Park
 - 3 Mock Park
 - 4 Joan Park
 - 5 Linden Park
 - 6 Mifflin Park
 - 7 Champions Golf Course
 - 8 Parkridge Park
 - 9 Tanager Woods Parkland
 - 10 Kilbourne Run Sports Park
 - 11 Castro Park
 - 12 Cooper Park
- Community Centers & Libraries**

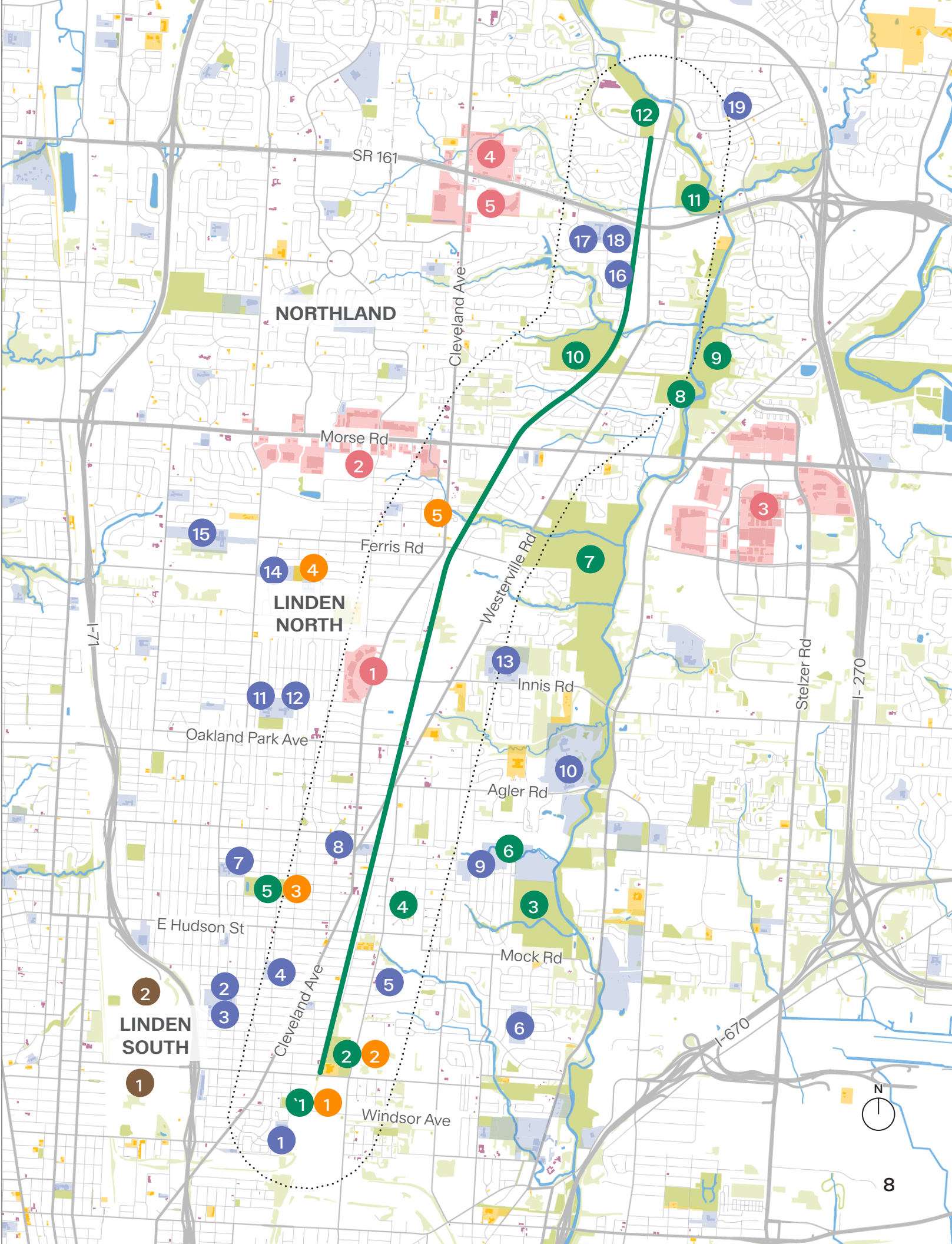
 - 1 Douglas Community Center
 - 2 St. Stephen's Community House
 - 3 Linden Community Center
 - 4 Fedderson Community Center
 - 5 Northern Lights Library
- Schools**

 - 1 Windsor STEM Academy
 - 2 Hamilton STEM Academy
 - 3 Linmoor Education Center
 - 4 Linden Mckinley High School
- Schools**

 - 5 Duxberry Park Elem. School
 - 6 South Mifflin STEM Academy
 - 7 Columbus Alternative High School
 - 8 Linden STEM Academy
 - 9 East Linden Elem. School
 - 10 KIPP Academy
 - 11 Medina Middle School
 - 12 HUY/AG Bell Elem School
 - 13 Innis Elem. School
 - 14 Columbus Spanish Immersion School
 - 15 Columbus North International School
 - 16 Minerva France Elem. School
 - 17 Hawthorne Elem. School
 - 18 Minerva Park Middle School
 - 19 Huber Ridge Elem. School
- Employment Centers**

 - 1 Northern Lights Shopping Center
 - 2 Morse Road Retail Hub
 - 3 Easton
 - 4 Columbus Sq Shopping Center
 - 5 Northland Plaza Shopping Center
- Cultural Centers**

 - 1 Ohio State Fairground
 - 2 Ohio History Center



02

What We Heard

The engagement process is designed to reach & connect with a diverse array of stakeholders...

Long-term Residents

Business Owners

Youth Leaders

New Americans



Photograph from Open House 1 in January 2026. Courtesy EDGE Landscape Architecture, Urban Design & Planning.

You've shared your insights through...

3
Open House
Events

host participants in the Linden and Northland communities.

6
In-Depth
Interviews

with community stakeholders, city workers, and faith leaders.

328
Online Survey
Respondents

voted, commented, and shared their insights on priorities.

200+
Open House
Participants

showed up across our three Open House events from October to April.

65
Focus Group
Participants

gathered in smaller groups to share targeted insights on priorities and needs.



We've also spread the word through...

182

Flyers

shared at in-person events and through digital venues.

6

Community Events

where our team members tabled and connected with the local community.

289

Email Subscribers

signed up to receive regular updates on the Linden Green Line project.

400+

Connections

reached through tabling and community events.



Have you seen us around town?

Photograph of an installed lawn sign, 2026.

The Linden Green Line is focused on including...

Access to Nature



More opportunities to spend time in nature, both actively and passively.

Multimodal Connectivity



More pedestrian and multimodal infrastructure to support safer connections with existing movement networks.

Educational Spaces



More spaces and opportunities dedicated to nature education and youth-focused programs.

Places for Rest



Comfortable and accessible places to rest including ample shade and seating.

Expanded Food Access



More spaces for farmers markets, community gardens, food trucks, or other food concessions throughout the project.

Some community priorities are longer-term goals...

Partnership & Programming



We heard... external partners and programs are critical to support long-term local engagement.

We are... building a roster of partners while working with CRPD to streamline how and where organizations can connect.

Stewardship & Maintenance



We heard... neighbors want to feel a sense of ownership through collective stewardship of the trail.

We are... coordinating and exploring the groundwork for collaborative maintenance with existing entities.

Bathrooms & Water Fountains



We heard... there's a desire for more access to facilities like public bathrooms and water fountains on-trail.

We are... working to route additional utilities for water fountains at Focus Areas, while supporting future improvements.

Designing for Safety



We heard... that safety is a major concern and lighting is a near-universal priority.

We are... incorporating industry-trusted design strategies that prioritize both personal and pedestrian safety (e.g., CPTED).

The Linden Green Line goes beyond a traditional design project...

Inclusive Economic Development Framework

A framework to better understand development potential of adjacent sites and identify neighborhood-specific strategies to anticipate impacts of trail development.

Public Art Opportunities

Identifying themes, sites, and other possibilities for an on-trail public art program that reflects local history, priorities, and lived experiences

Transportation Analysis

Documentation and analysis of last-mile connection opportunities (e.g., location of routes and transfer points, key pedestrian access routes, planned or existing on-street bikeways, trails, etc.)

Eco-Restoration Opportunities

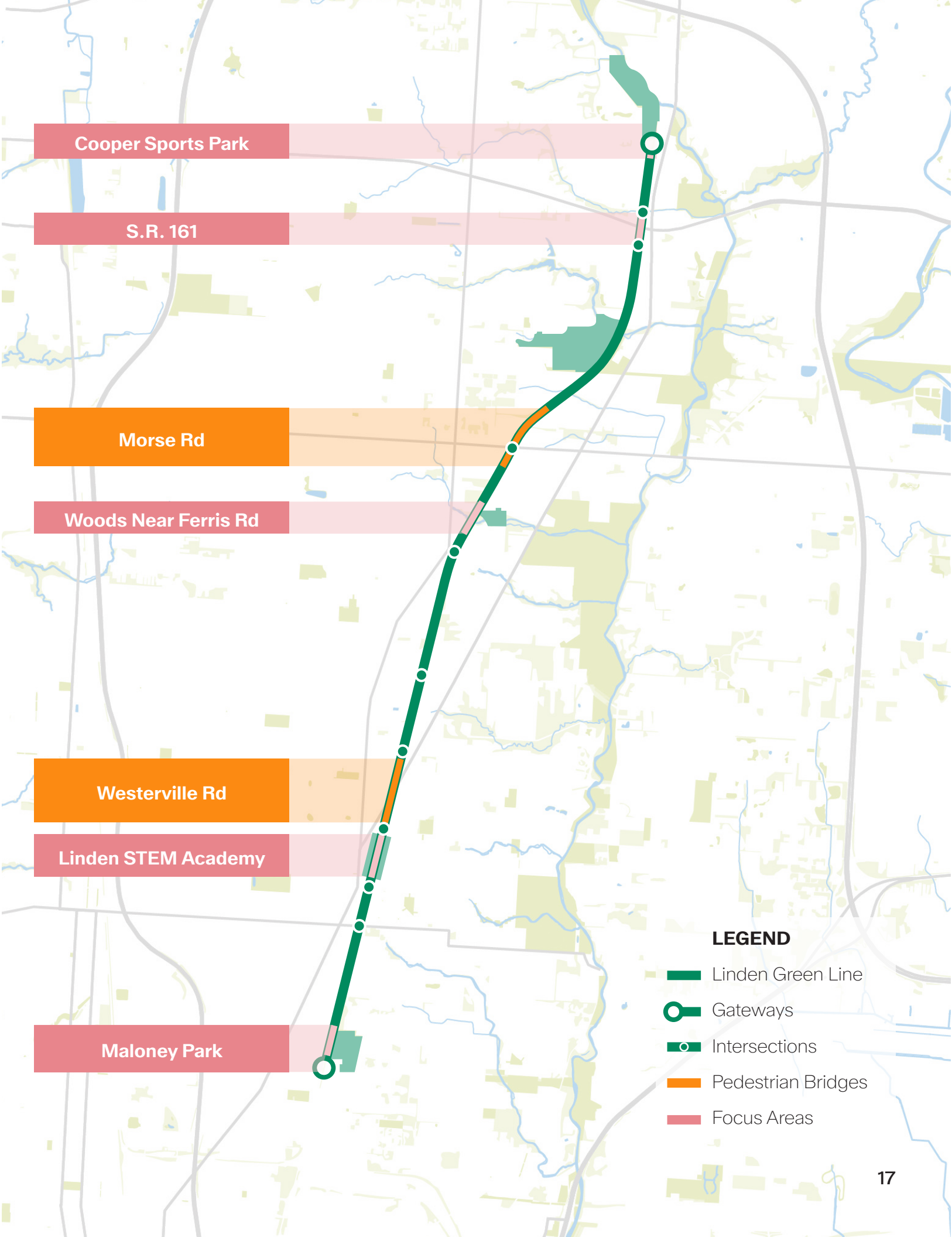
Identifying areas of special concern along the corridor and helping to set standards for sustainable trail development and landscaping.



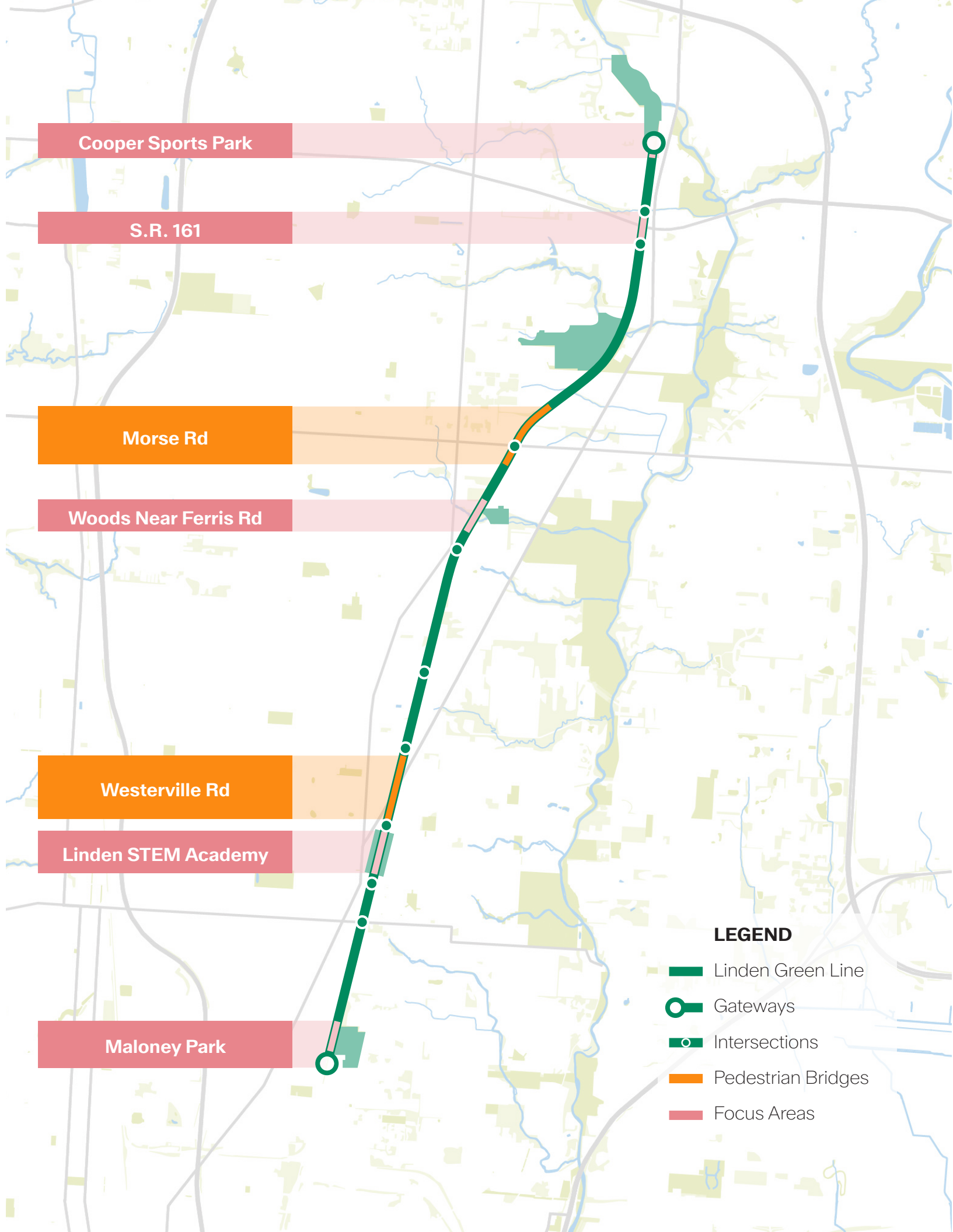
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Trail Framework

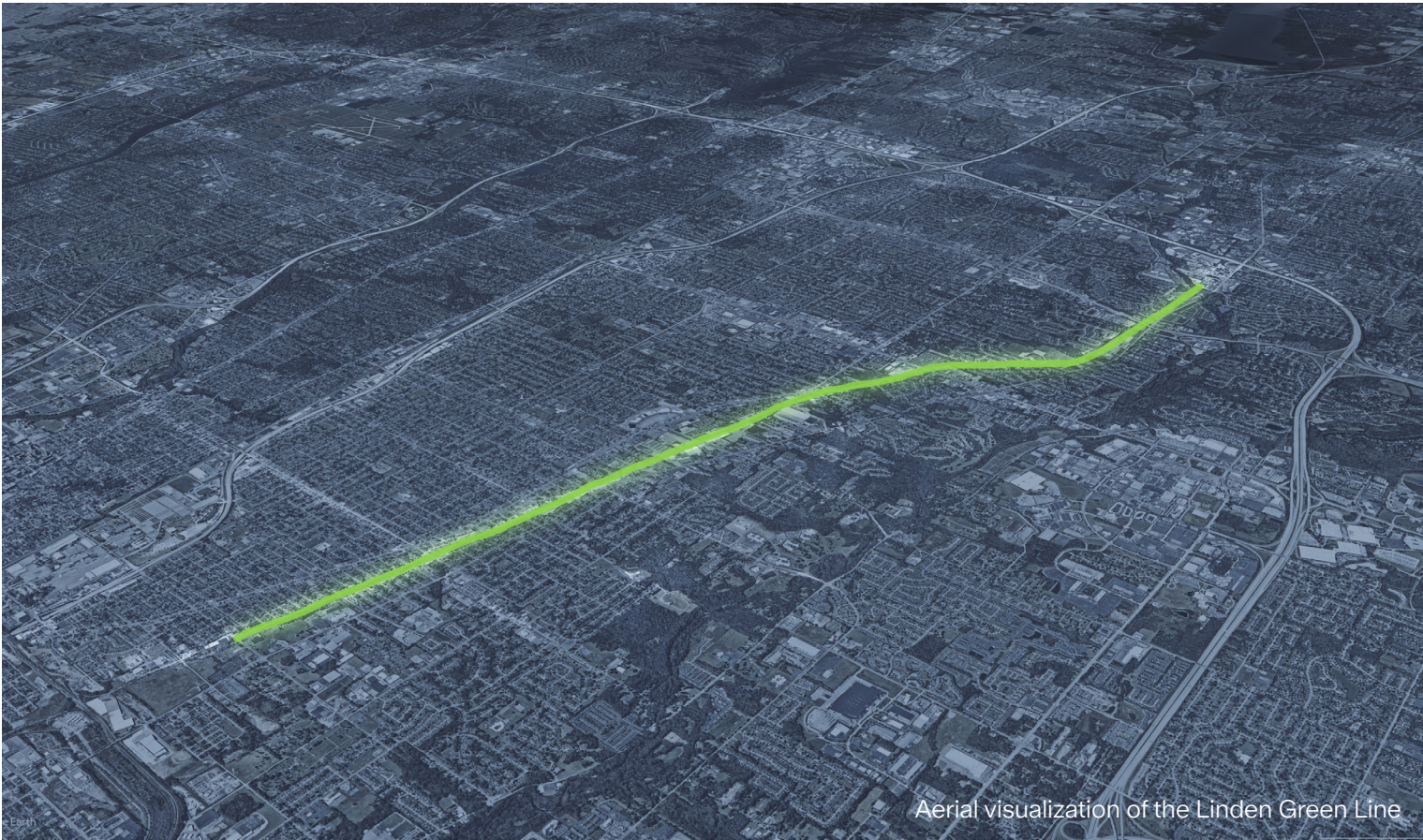
Your future
Linden Green Line
will create & connect
new public places in
Linden & Northland.



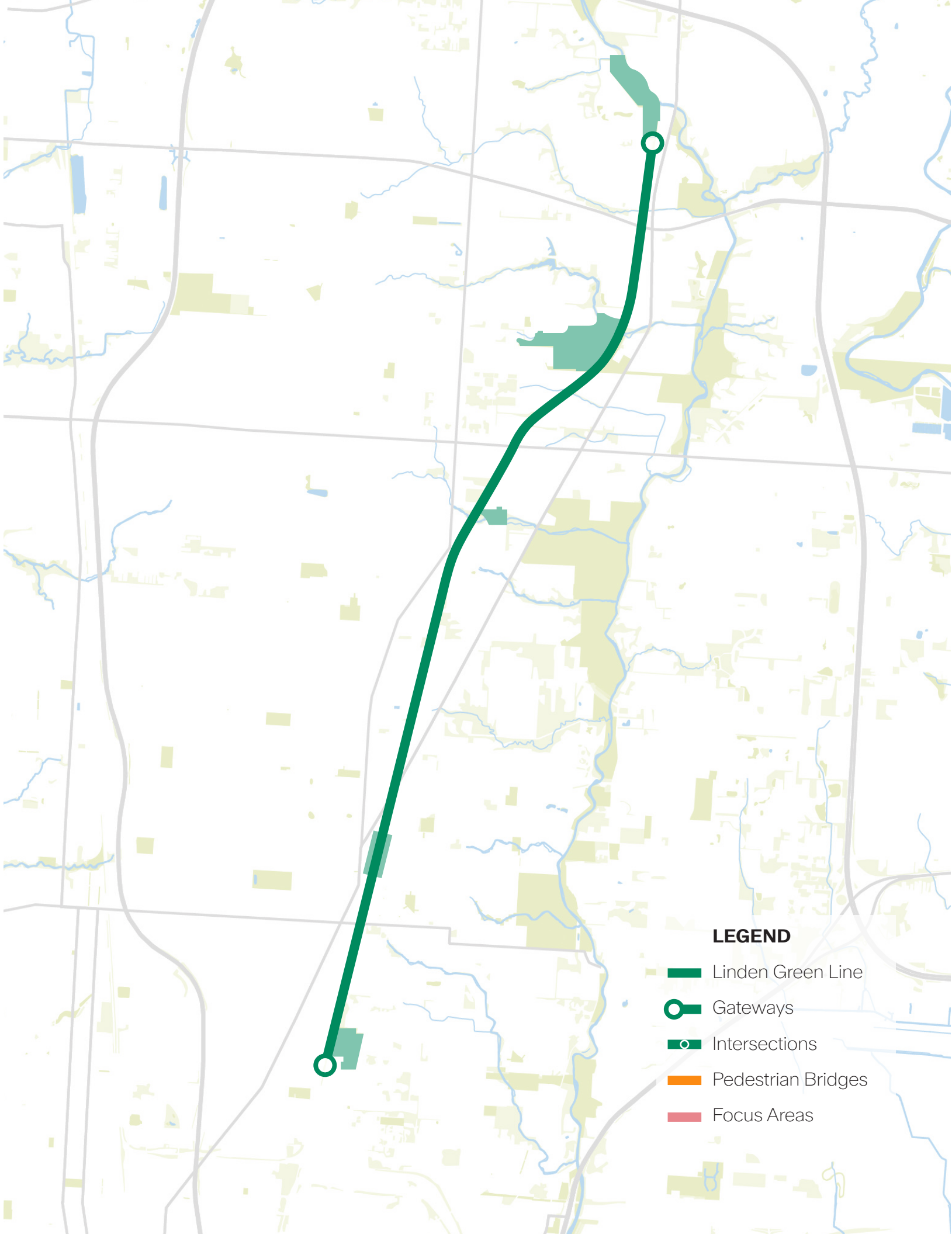
The Linden Green Line is made of many parts...



The Trail is a 7-mile former rail corridor will better & more safely connect communities.



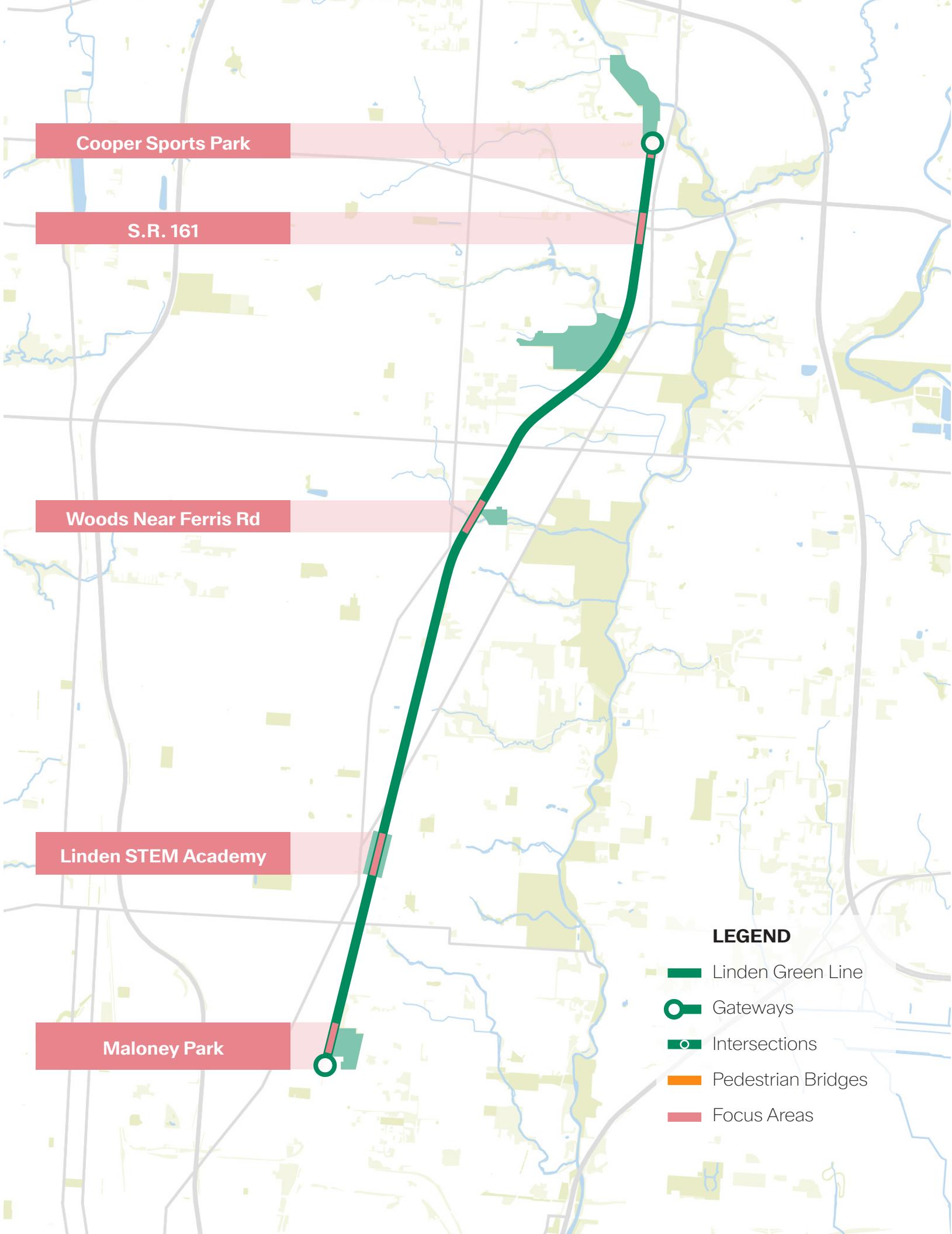
Aerial visualization of the Linden Green Line



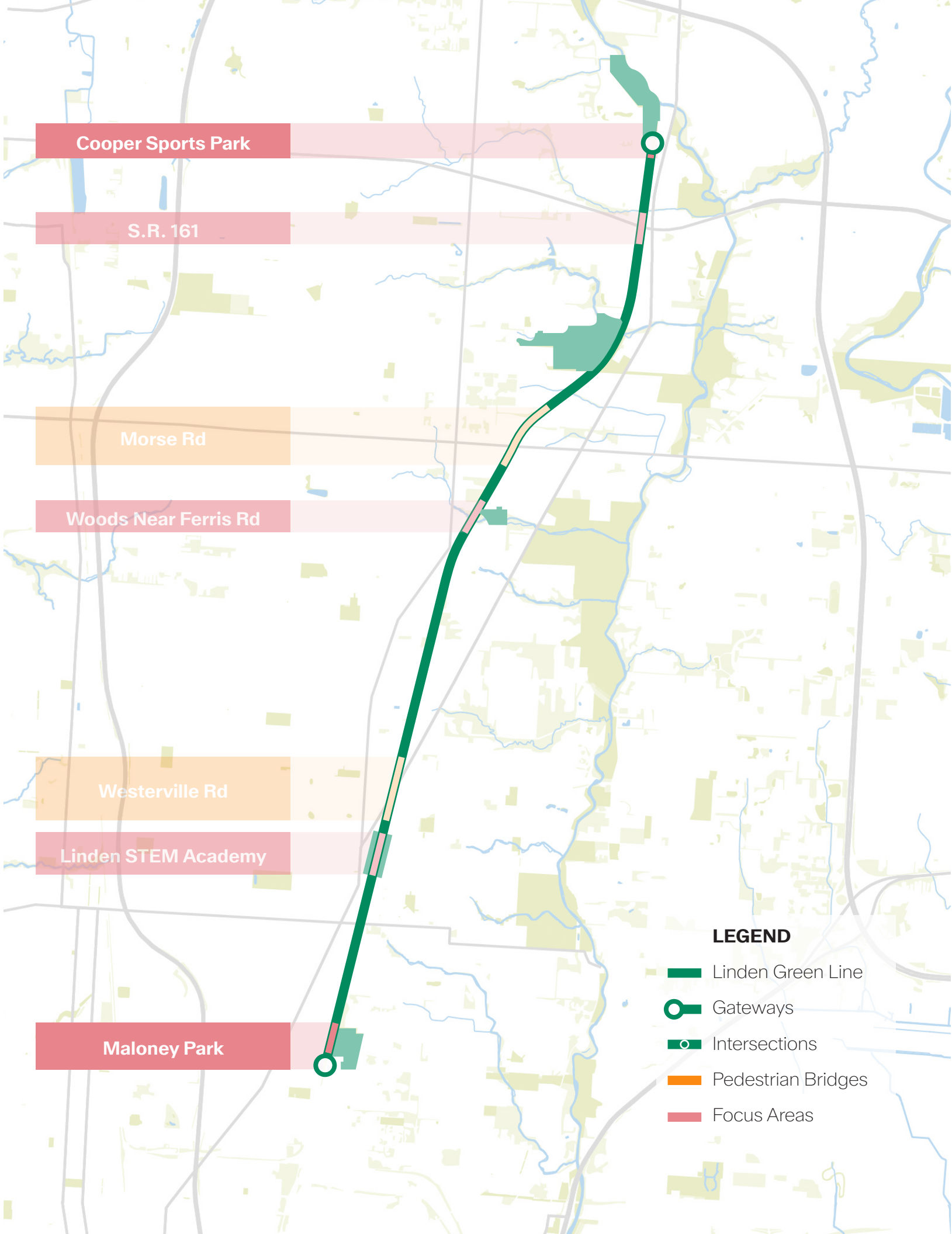
Focus Areas are places along the corridor with expanded amenities or identity.



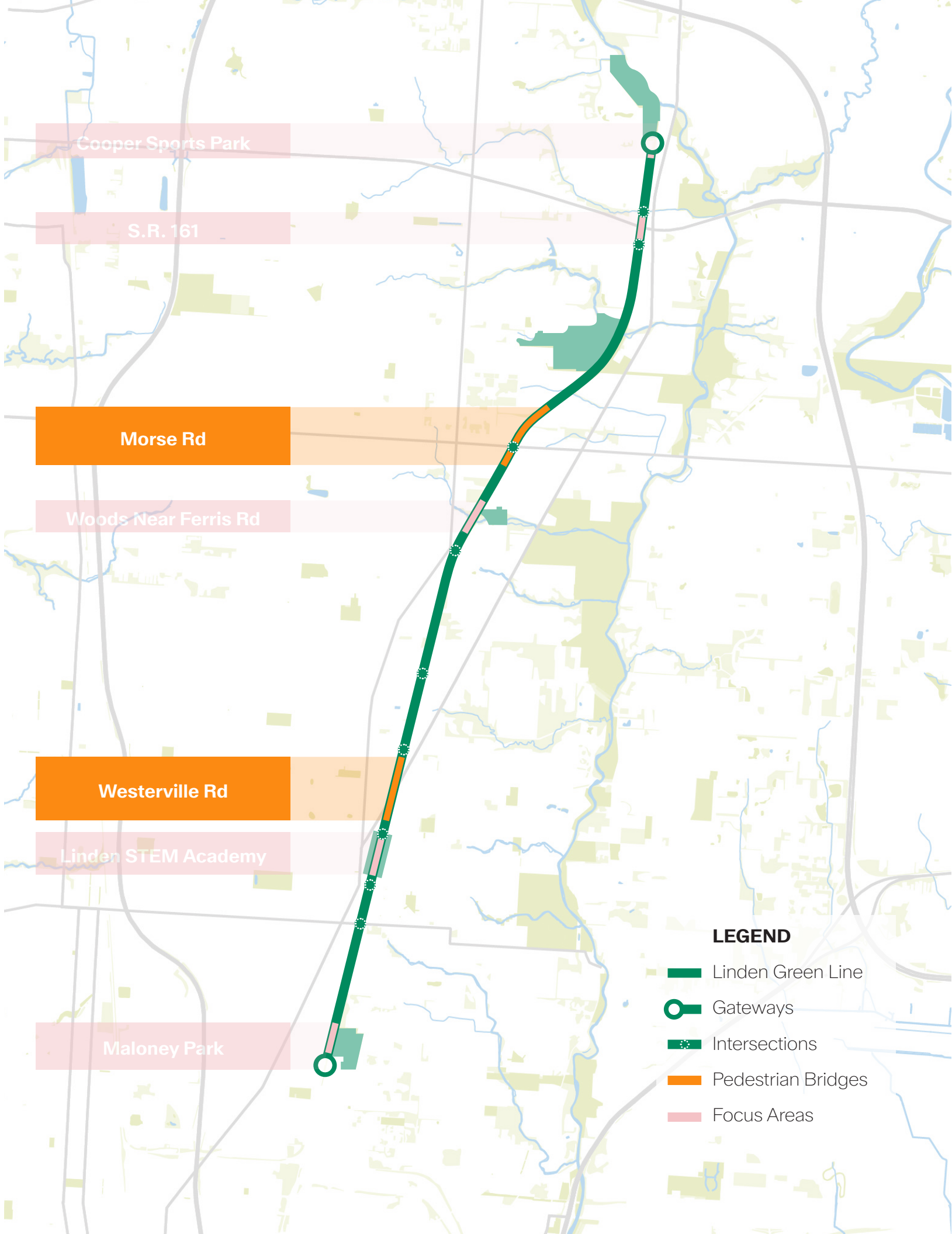
Visualization of Skate Route 161 (the underpass at S.R. 161)



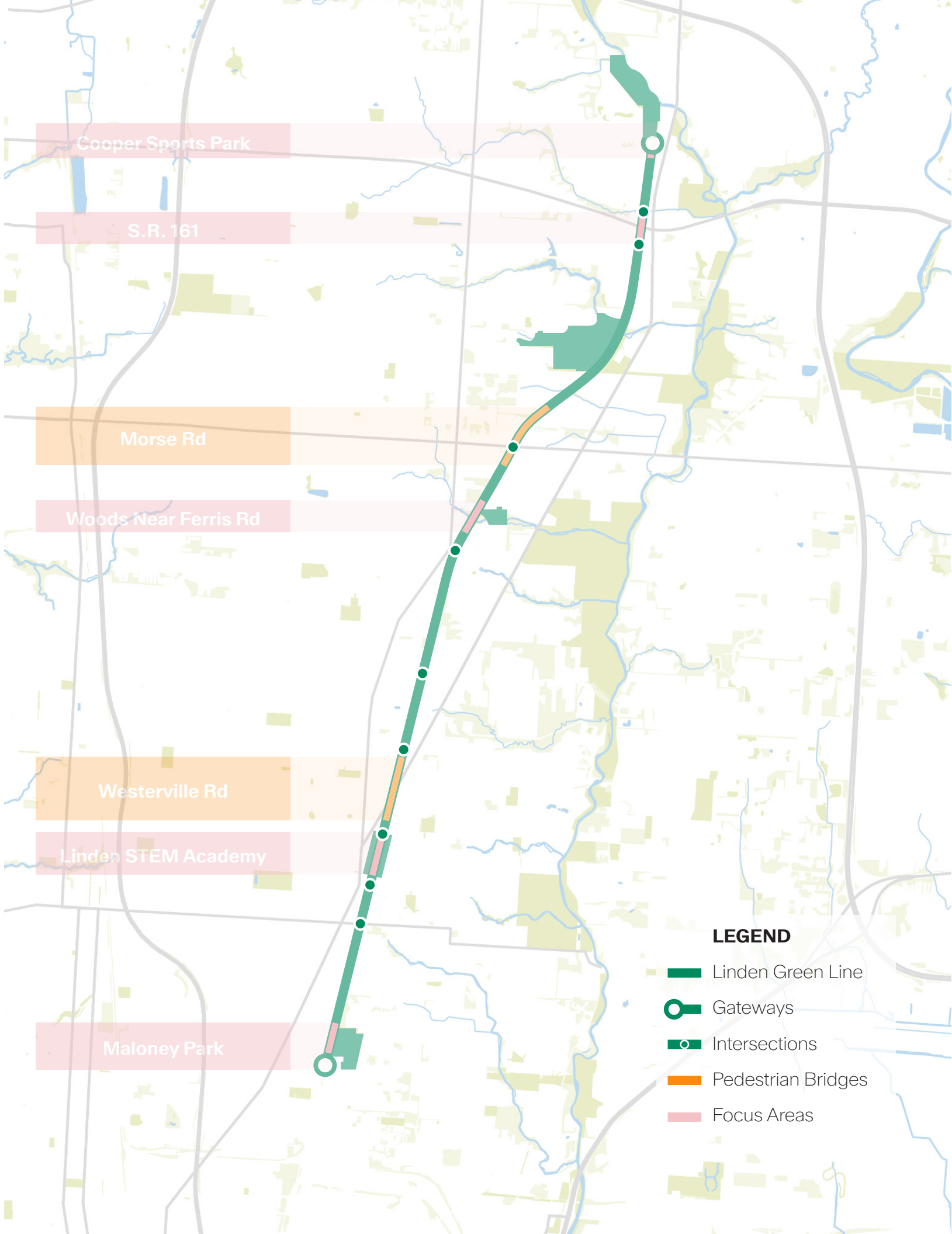
Gateways host plazas that welcome users & create new public places for nearby residents.



Pedestrian Bridges are reserved for high-traffic intersections along the corridor to facilitate safer multimodal movement.



Intersections, where the corridor crosses a road at-grade, are connections strongly focused on safety, visibility & trail access.



04

Trail Experience

Engagement insights
drawn from hundreds
of comments & votes
helped develop a
theme to shape the
experience on
the trail...



The Linden Green Line is a trail that prioritizes places for community play, fitness & access to nature.



playscapes



gathering spaces

outdoor connections



rest and recovery



active recreation



safer cycling



access to nature

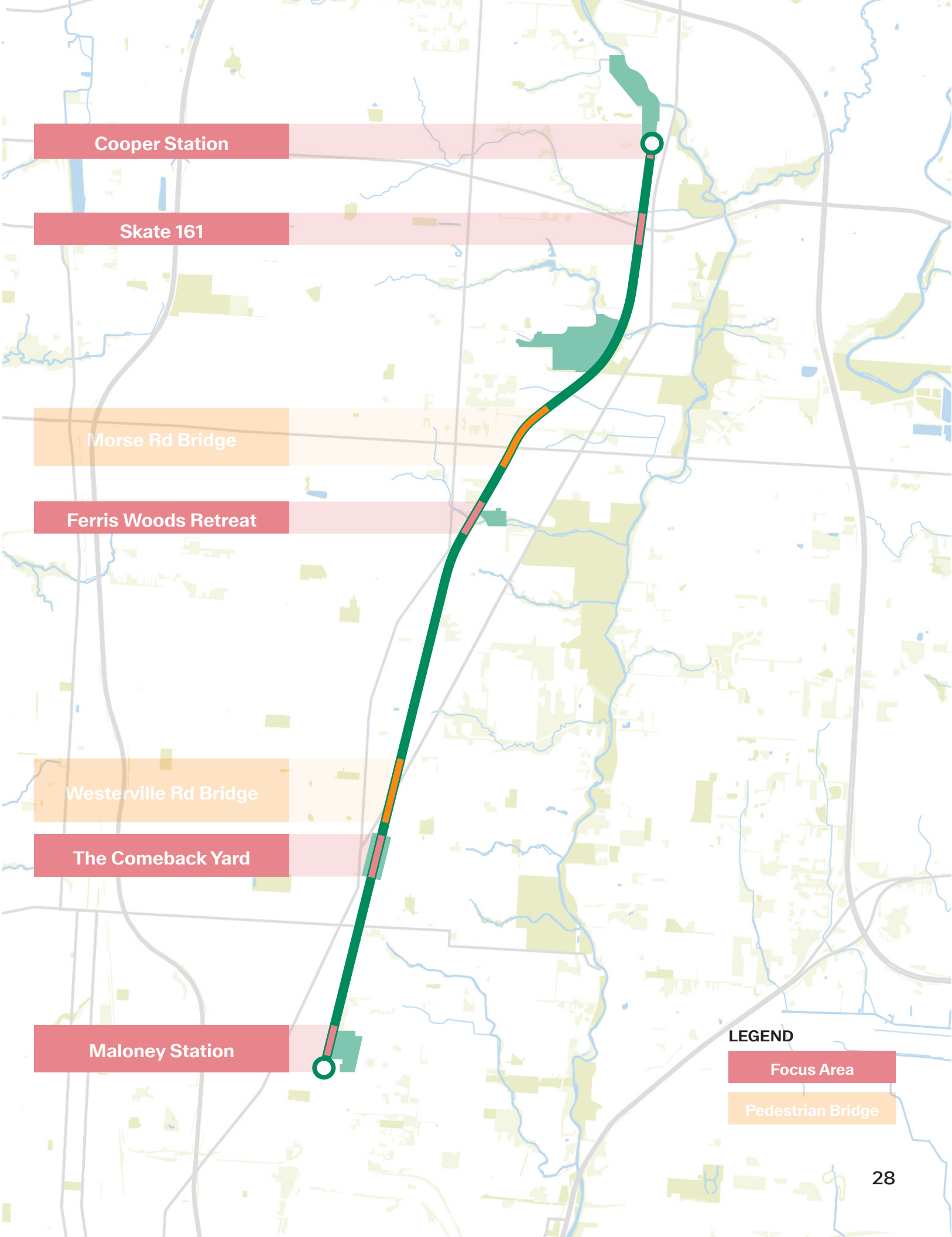


local ecosystems

Focus Areas

A trail linking 5 Focus Areas from Linden to Northland...

Focus Areas are places along the corridor with expanded features, programming, or identity.



Cooper Station



Ferris Woods Retreat



Maloney Station

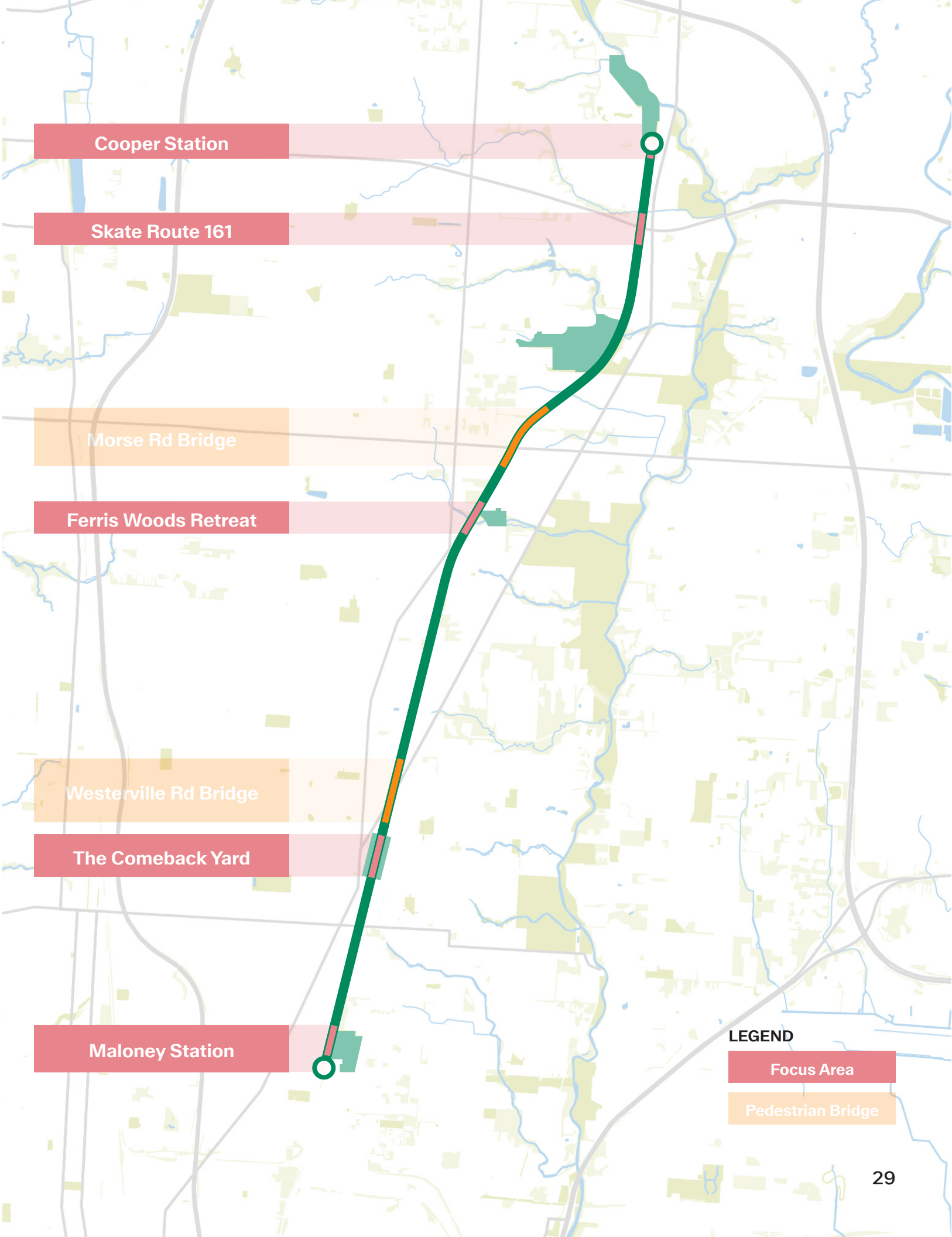


Overview

Skate Route 161



The Comeback Yard



Maloney Station

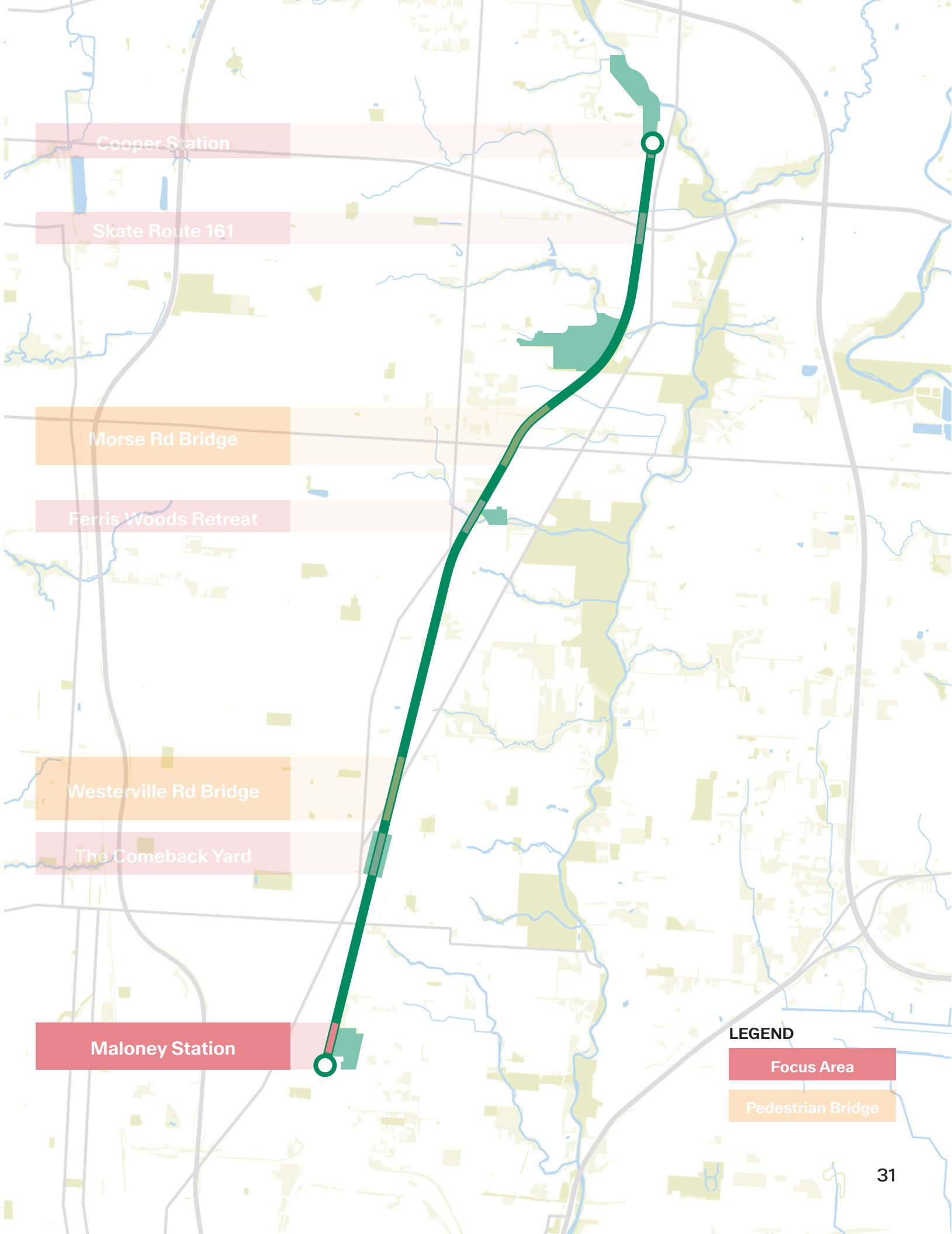
Maloney Park

Maloney Station

Maloney Park



Linden Green Line



Maloney Station

Welcoming plaza & verdant southern gateway



purposeful paving



histories on display



pocket parks



playful public realm



interactive blue infrastructure



Existing Conditions



View of Southern Terminus



View of Billiter Blvd, Looking North



LEGEND

- Linden Green Line Trail Route
- One-sided Neighborhood Connection
- Two-sided Neighborhood Connection
- Shared Use Path
- Street Crossing
- Structure

Proposed



- ① Welcome Wall and Wayfinding
- ② Story-infused Shade Structure
- ③ Loungers
- ④ Social Seating
- ⑤ Bike Parking
- ⑥ Public Art
- ⑦ Neighborhood Connections
- ⑧ Native Meadow Planting

Future Vision







Story-infused Shade Structure

Loungers

Public Art



Welcome Wall and Wayfinding

Trash Receptacle

Story-infused Shade Structure

Native Meadow Planting

Social Seating

The Comeback Yard

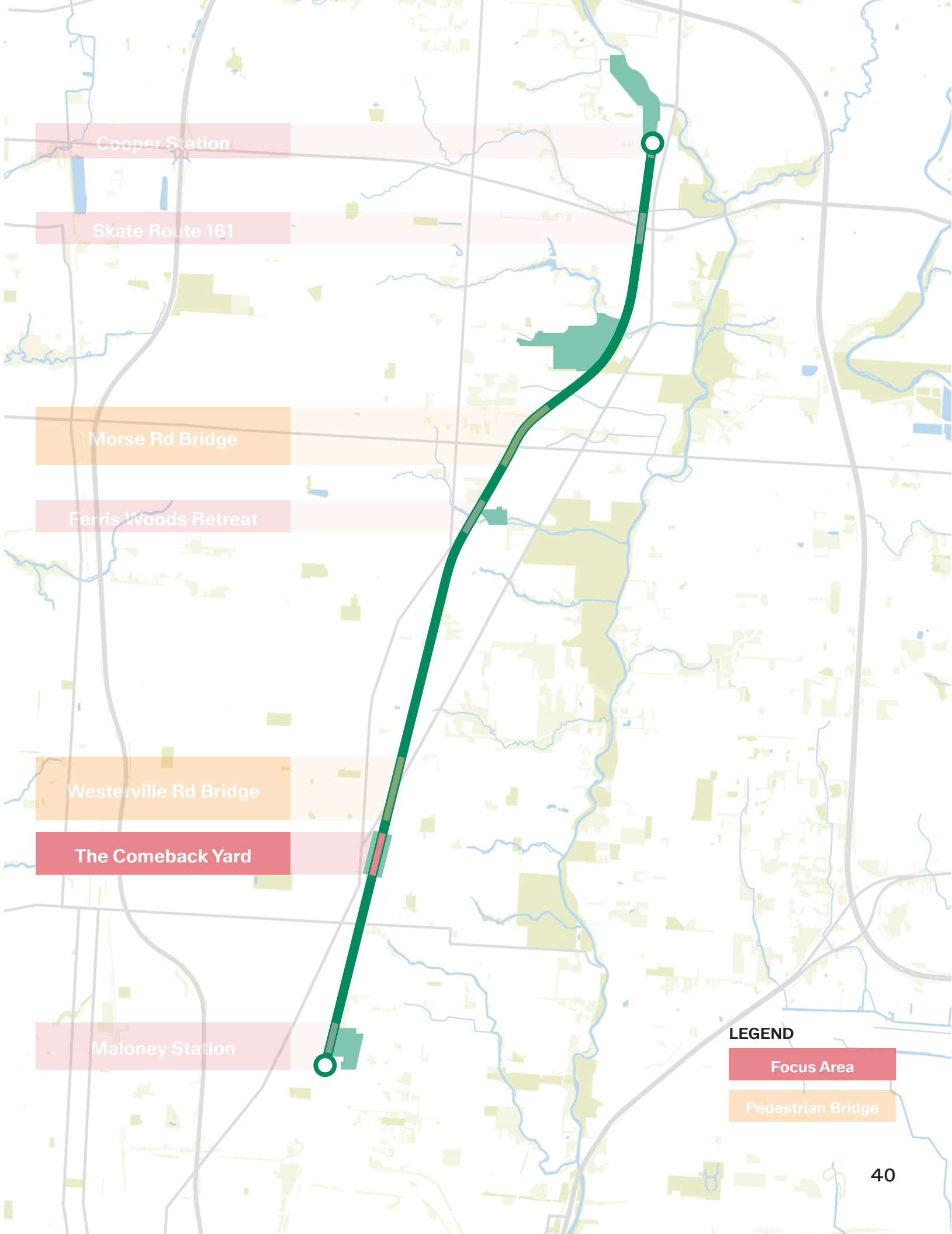
Linden STEM Academy

The Comeback Yard

Linden STEM Academy



Linden Green Line



The Comeback Yard

Accessible places to celebrate the joy of movement



homage to local sports stars



fitness prompts



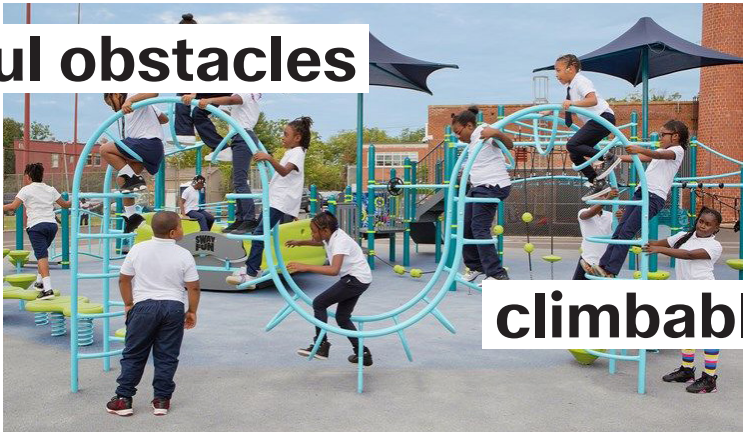
athletic follies



floor games



playful obstacles



climbable structures



Existing Conditions



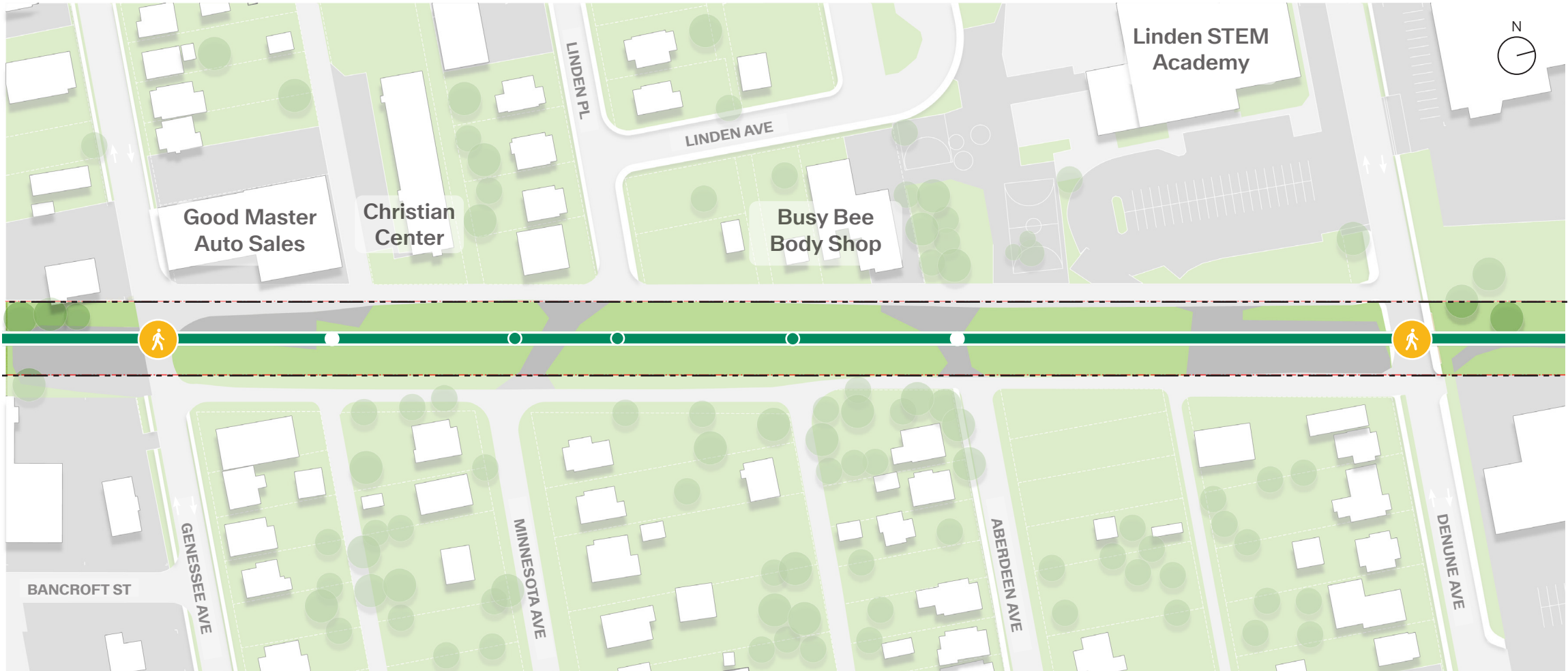
View from Denune Ave to Linden STEM Academy



View from Genessee Ave looking North



View of Linden Green Line from unnamed alley



Proposed

Project References



Future Vision

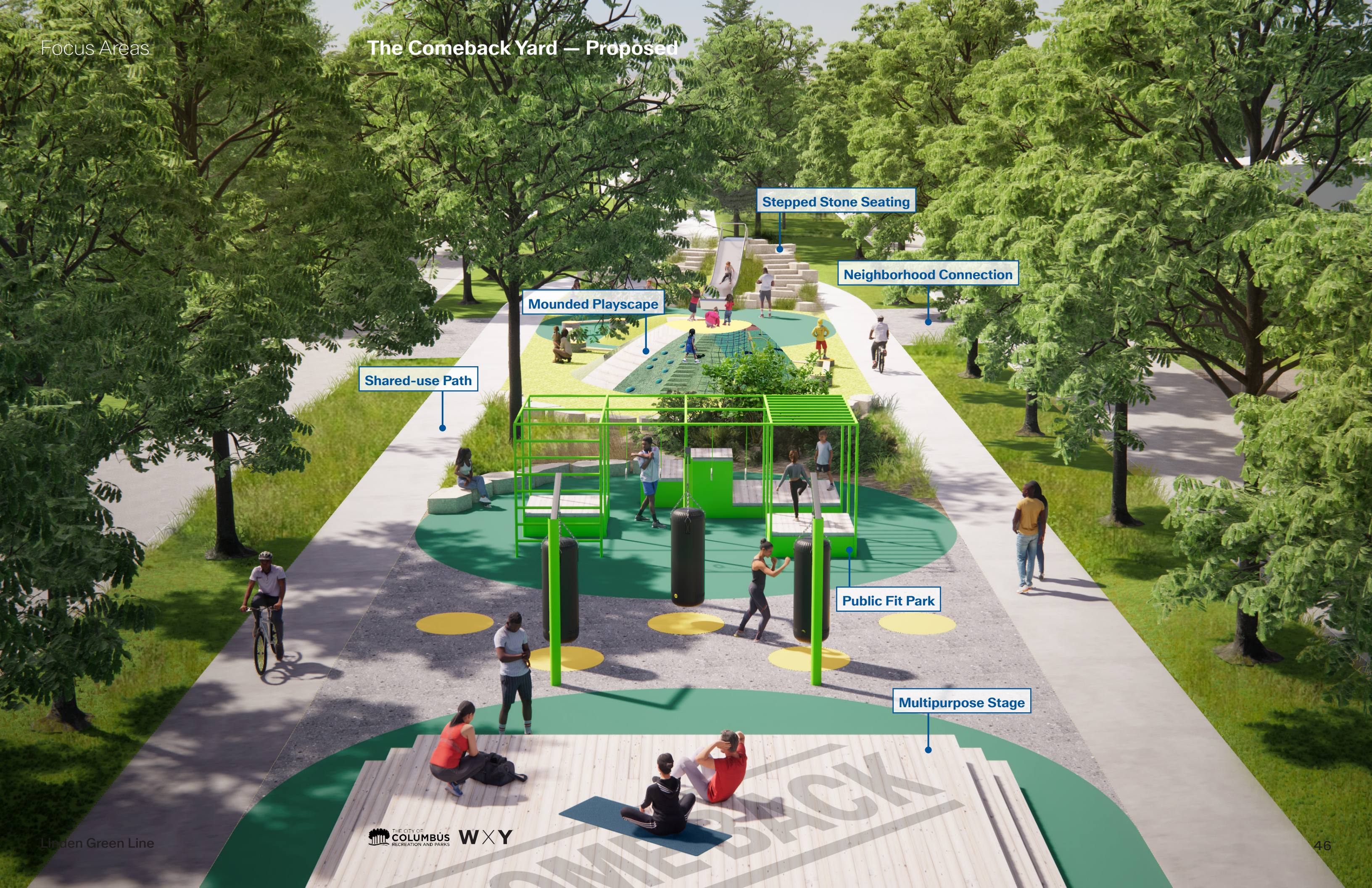
Project References



The Comeback Yard — Existing



The Comeback Yard — Proposed



Stepped Stone Seating

Neighborhood Connection

Mounded Playscape

Shared-use Path

Public Fit Park

Multipurpose Stage

Ferris Woods Retreat

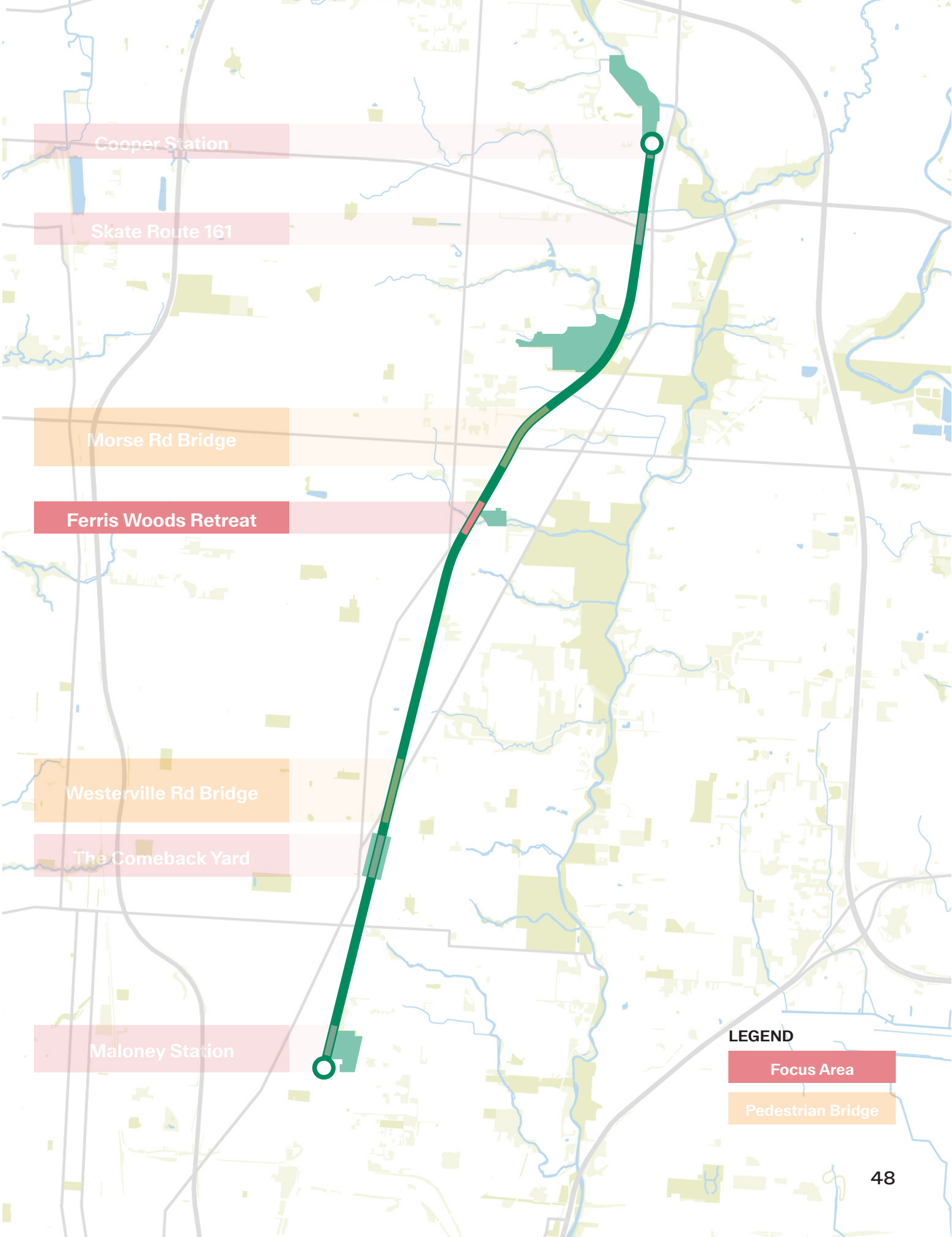
Woods Near Ferris Rd

Ferris Woods Retreat

Woods near Ferris Rd



Linden Green Line

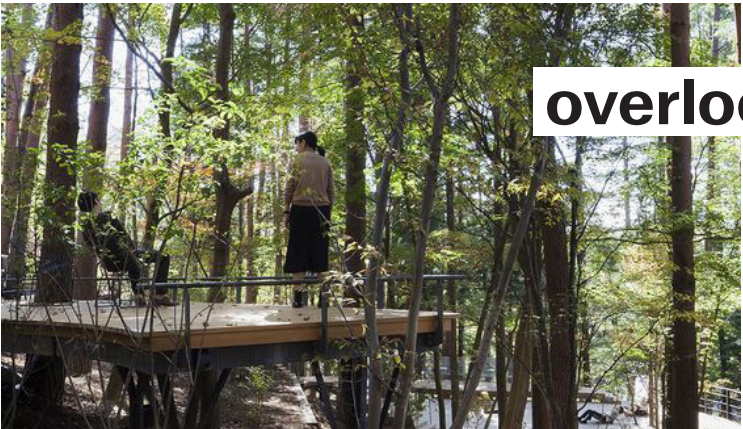


Ferris Woods Retreat

Quieter moments to connect with nature



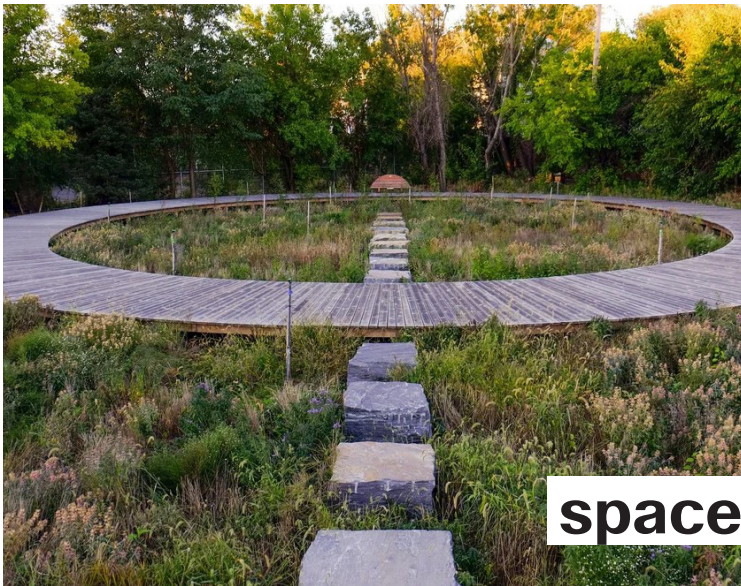
nature walking path



overlooks



sloped play spaces



space for reflection



natural materials



woodland playscapes

Existing Conditions



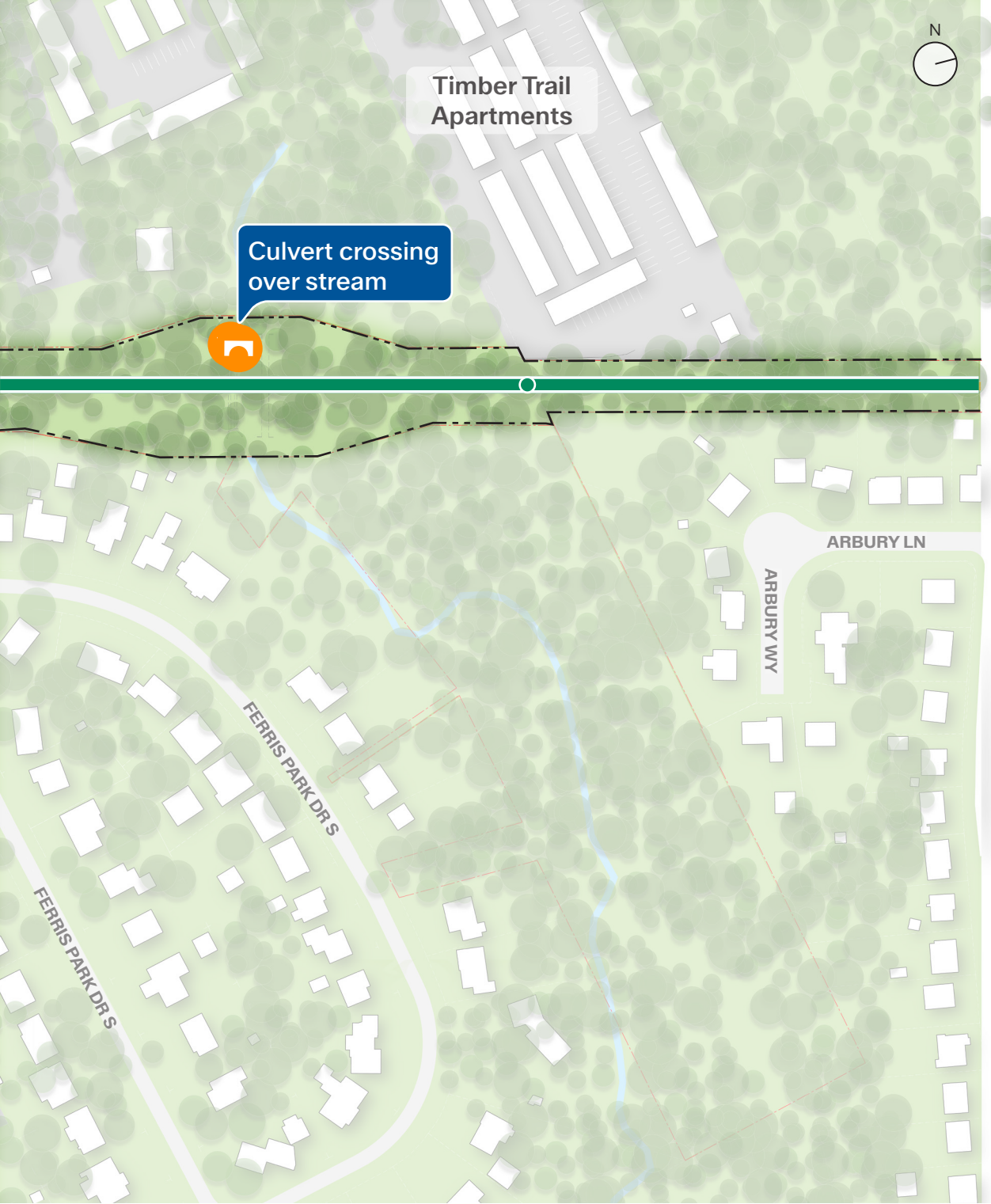
View of the trail corridor through Ferris Woods



Existing culvert



View of existing creek



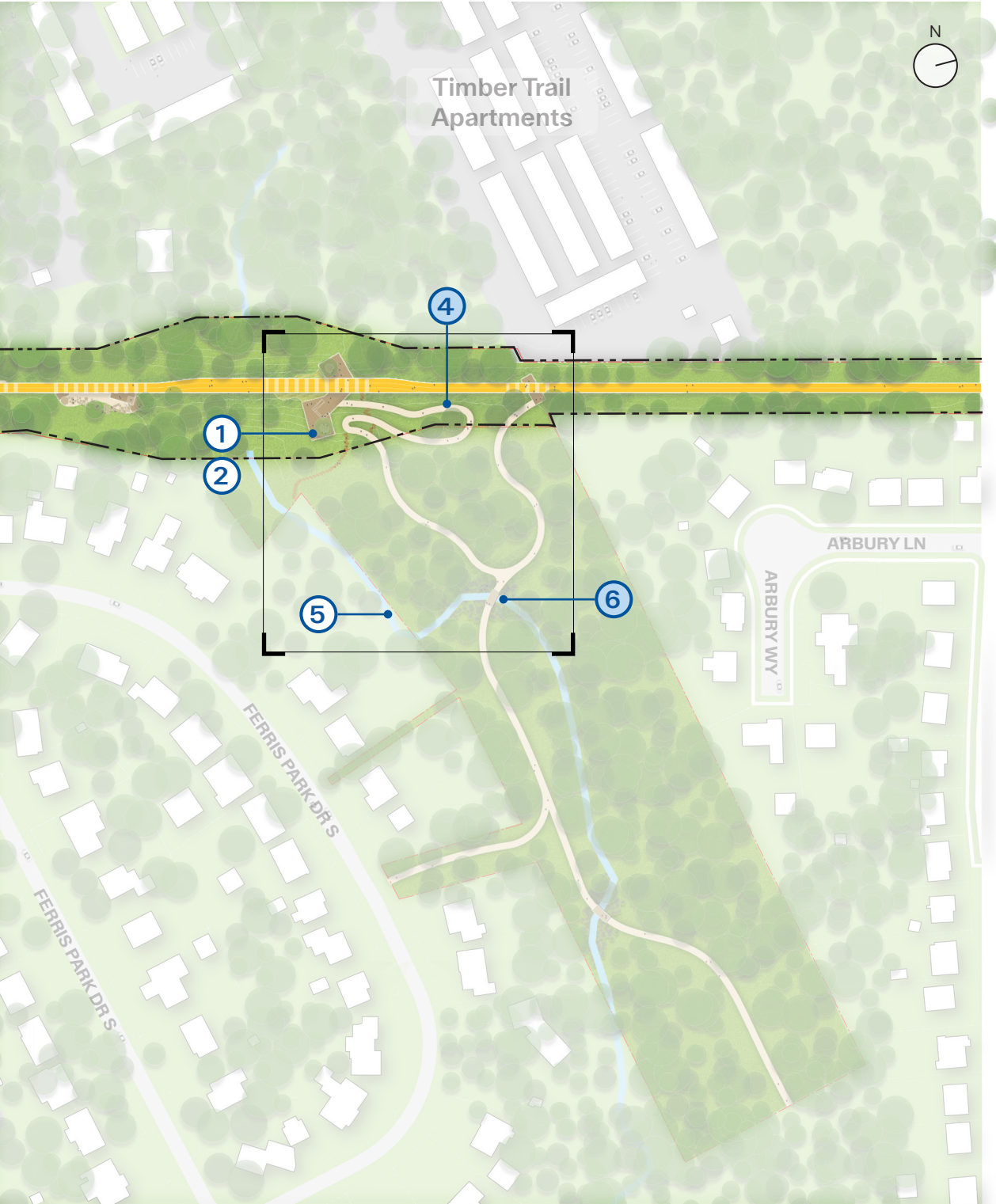
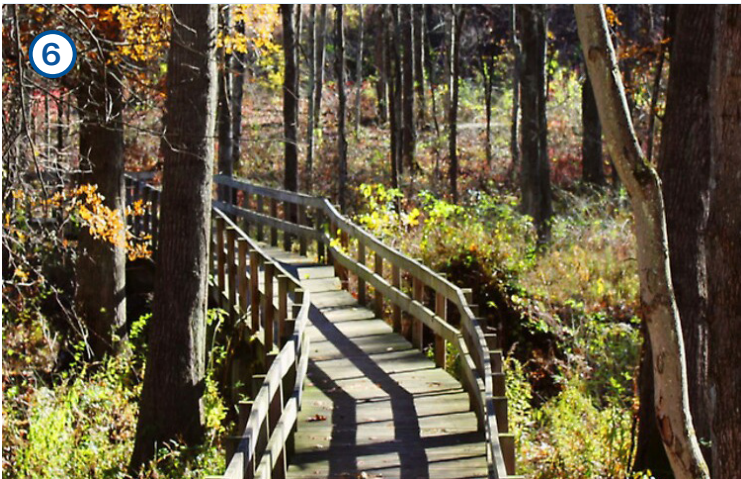
- LEGEND**
- Linden Green Line Trail Route
 - One-sided Neighborhood Connection
 - Two-sided Neighborhood Connection

Proposed

Project References



Future Vision



- ① Overlook
- ② Forest Sensory Stations
- ③ Lumber Stair Path to Creek Access *
- ④ Switchback Trail to Creek Access *
- ⑤ Existing Creek
- ⑥ Creek Bridge *

* Not in current scope of project.
Part of a longer term vision.

Focus Areas

Ferris Woods Retreat — Existing



Ferris Woods Retreat — Proposed



Forest Sensory Station

Existing Creek

Forest Sensory Station

Creek Overlook

Trash Receptacle

Safety Railing

Social Seating

Accessible Ramp

Forest Sensory Station

Skate 161

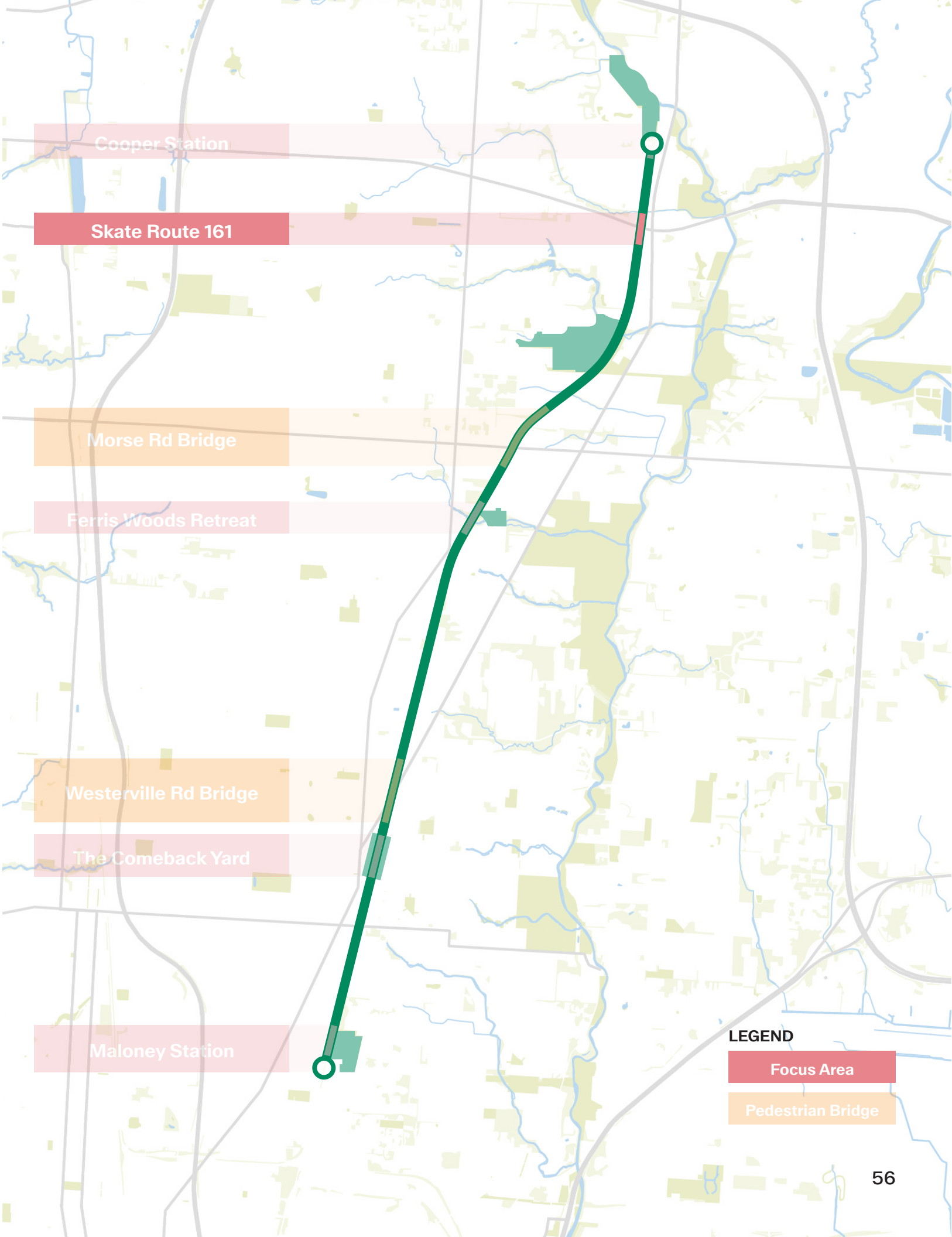
State Route 161

Skate Route 161

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Linden Green Line



Skate 161

Reinventing infrastructure as a place for play



destination skate park



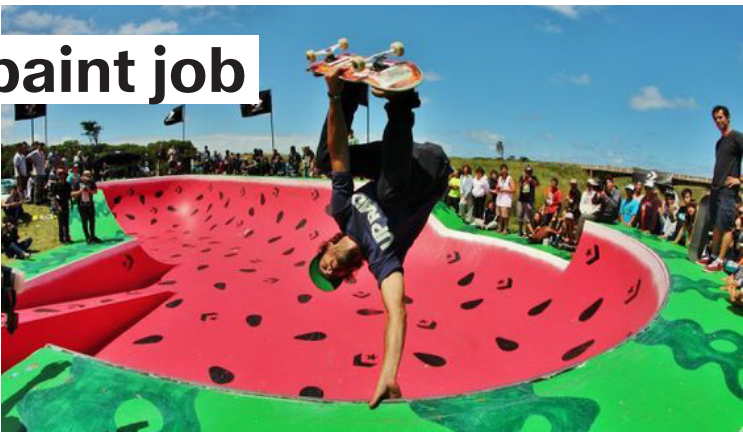
Bouldering



playful paint job



whimsical skate space



colorful activations



Existing Conditions



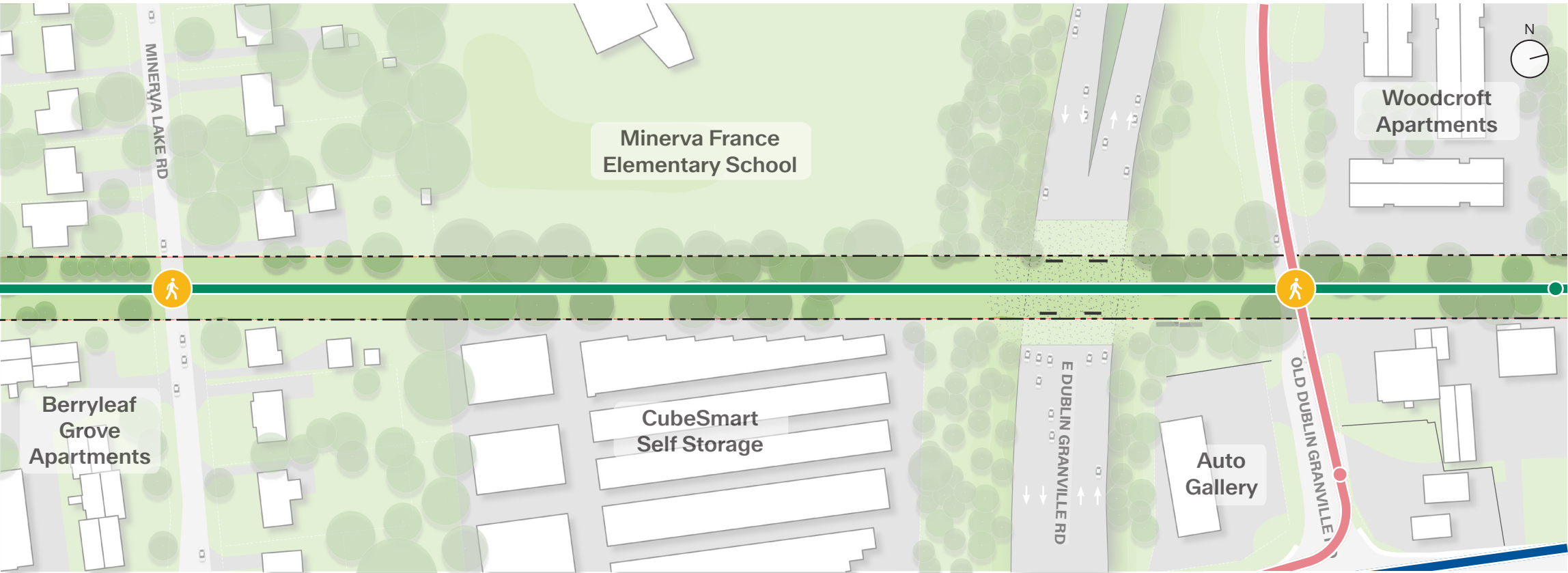
SR 161 underpass



Minerva Park Middle School



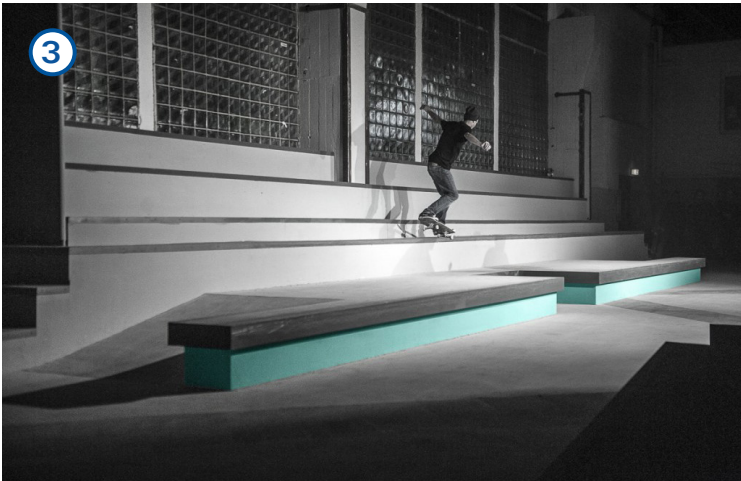
Looking north from Minerva Lake Rd



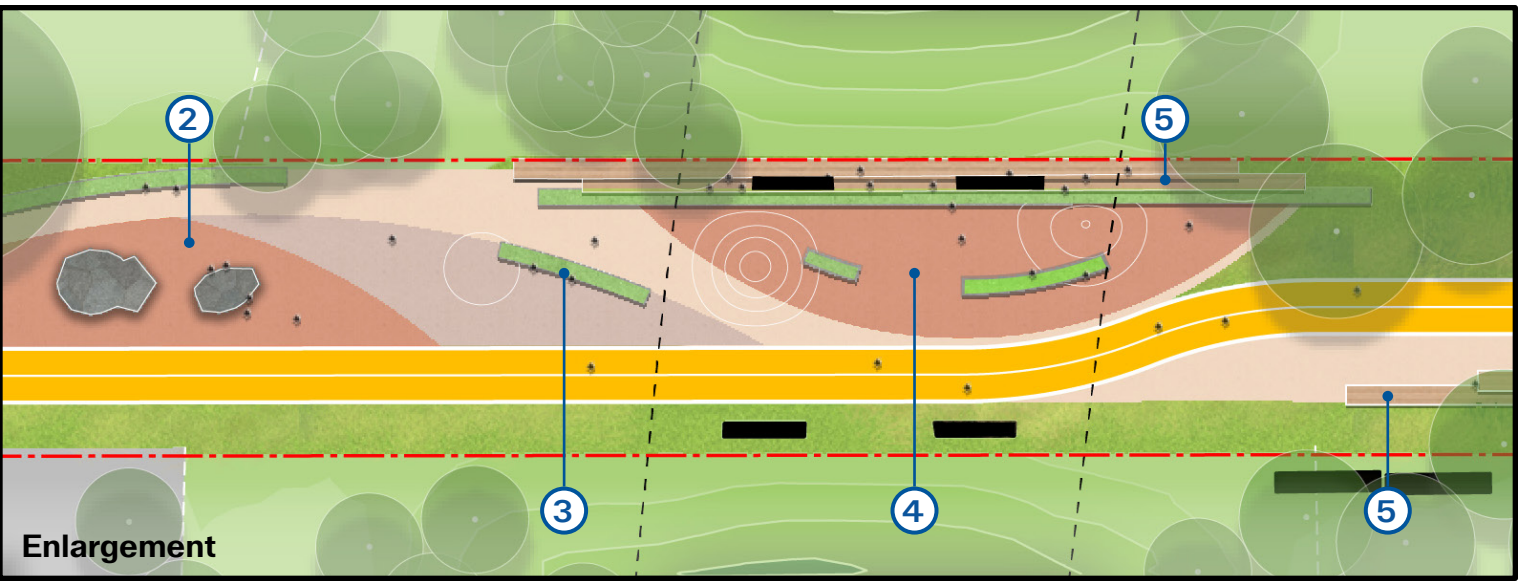
LEGEND

-  Linden Green Line Trail Route
-  Street Crossing
-  Bus Route
-  Bus Stop
-  Standard Bike Path

Project References



Proposed



- ① Swales
- ② Climbing Boulders
- ③ Skateable Seating
- ④ Skate Plaza
- ⑤ Social Seating
- ⑥ Plaza





Creative Lighting

Painted Mural

Climbing Boulders

Social Seating

Skate Plaza

Skateable Seating

Cooper Station

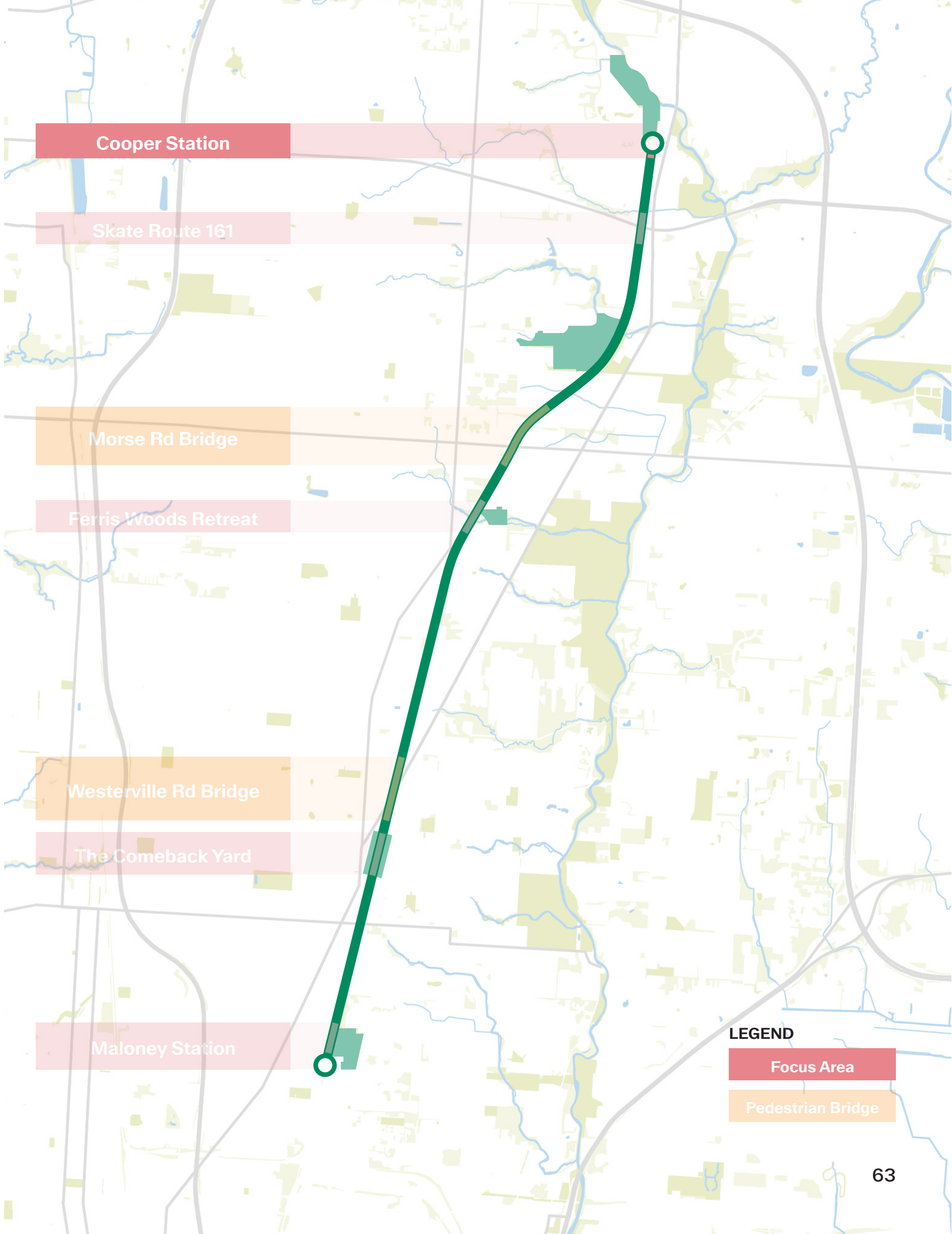
Cooper Sports Park

Cooper Station

Cooper Sports Park



Linden Green Line



Cooper Station

Bookend plaza, trail connector & northern gateway



public art



navigating topography



pollinator gardens



stormwater infrastructure



gateway plaza



Existing Conditions



Cooper Sports Park



Alum Creek Trail at Cooper Sports Park



Looking west from Cooper Rd



Proposed

Project References



Future Vision

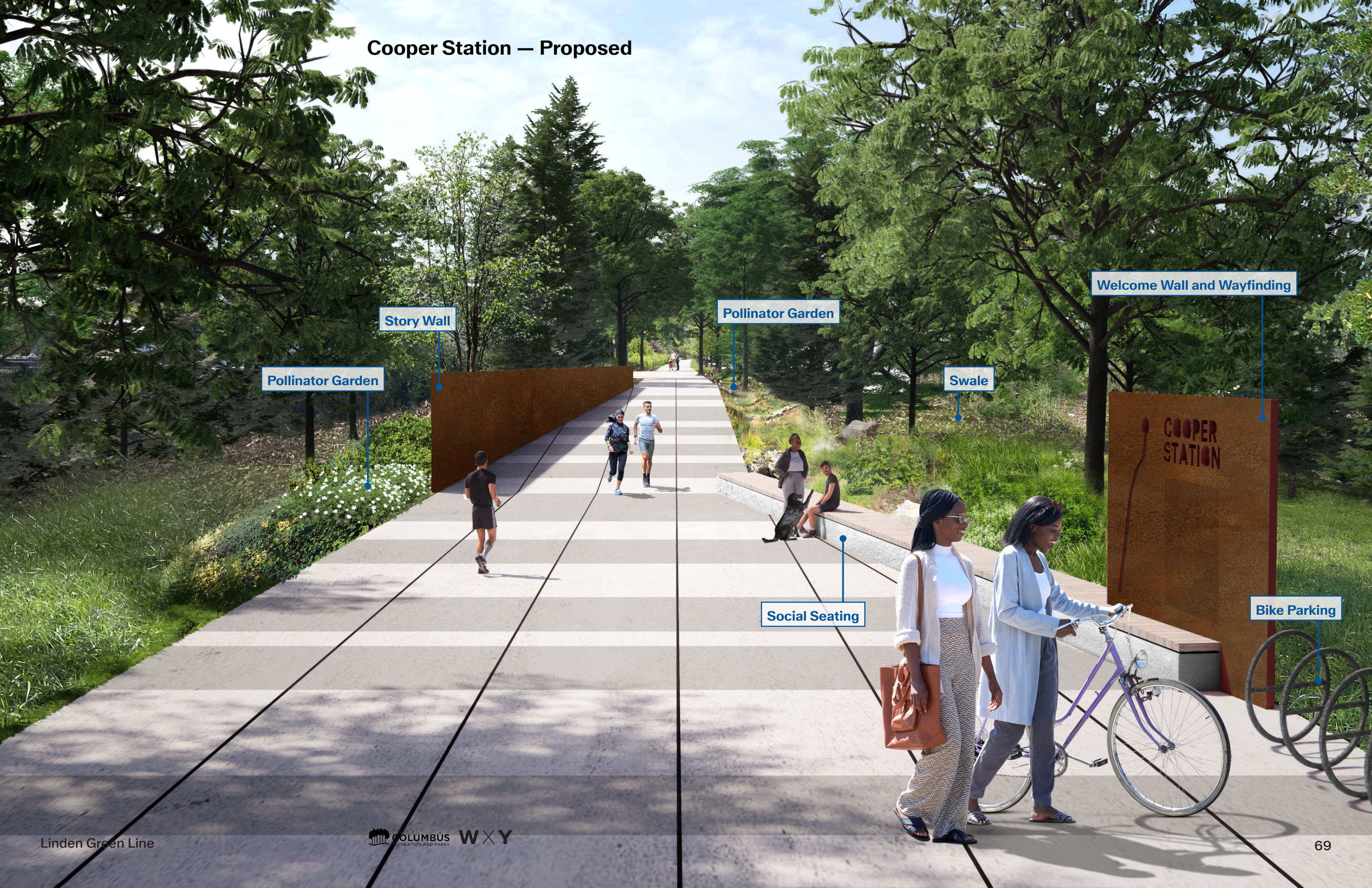
Project References



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Cooper Station — Proposed



Pollinator Garden

Story Wall

Pollinator Garden

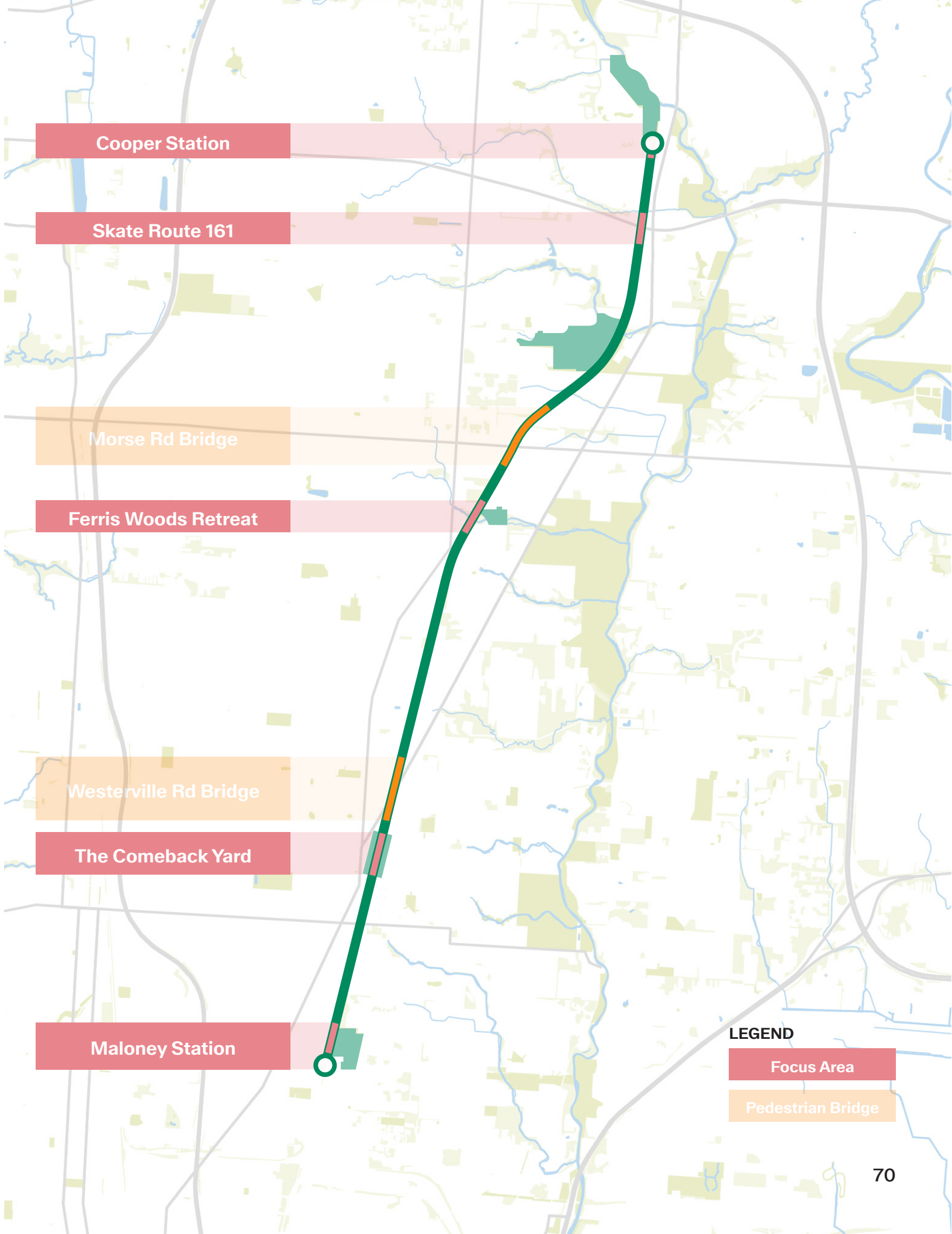
Swale

Welcome Wall and Wayfinding

Social Seating

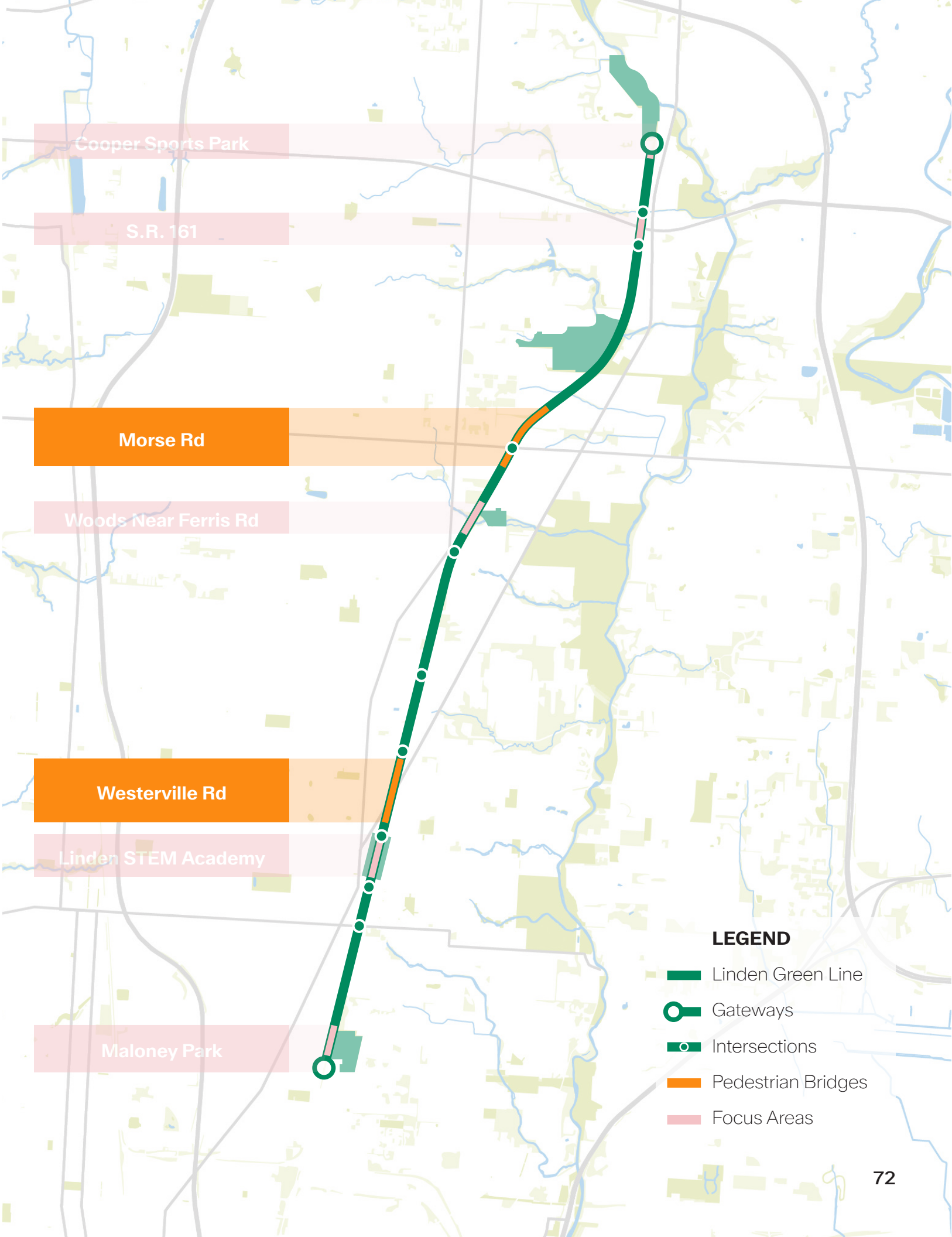
Bike Parking

Focus Areas to connect, enrich & invigorate.



Intersections & Bridges

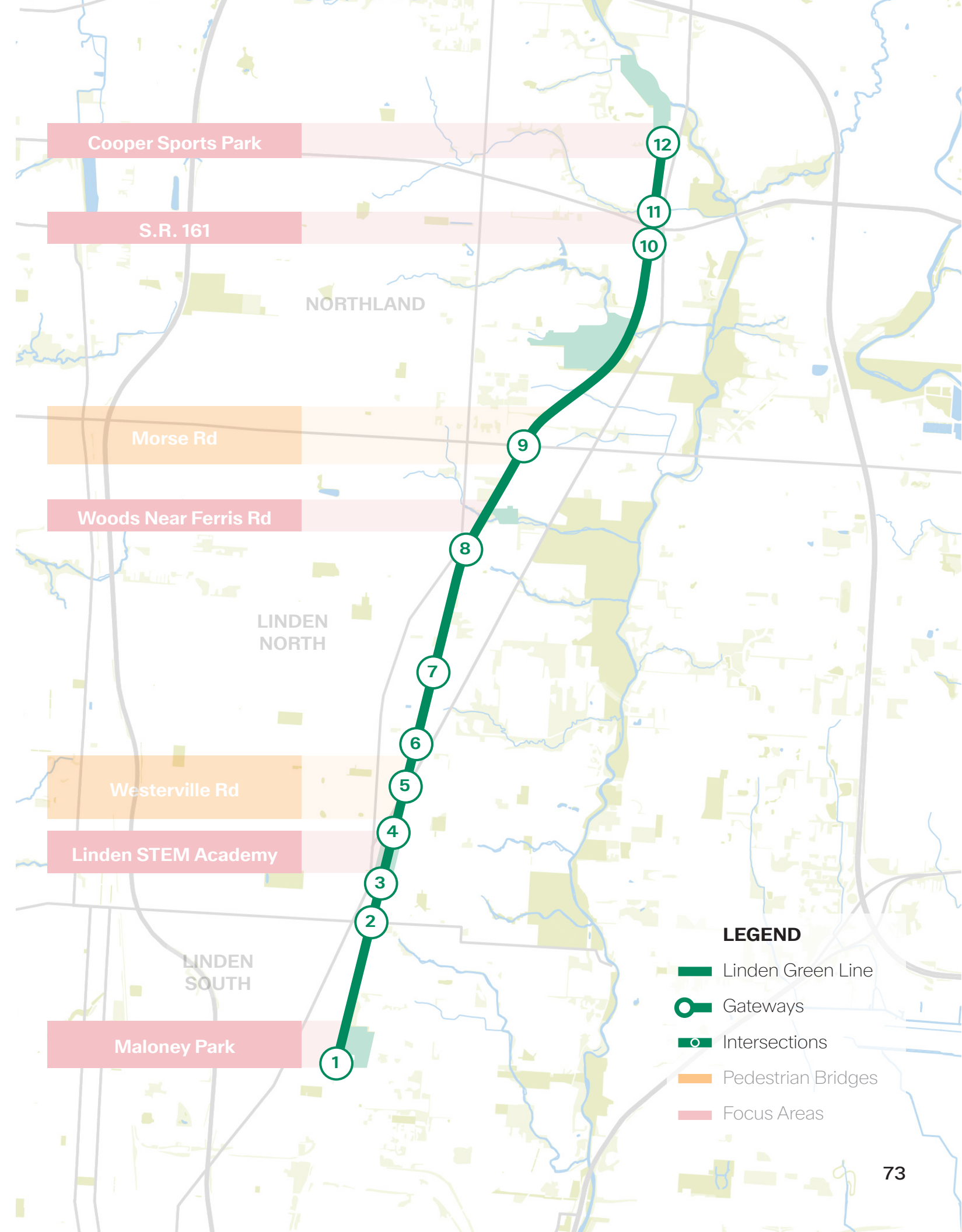
The Linden Green Line will have new & safer ways to move around Linden & Northland for pedestrians & cyclists.



The trail will address 12 intersections...

These are places where the Linden Green Line crosses a roadway.

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| ① E 17th Ave | ⑦ Innis Rd |
| ② E Hudson St | ⑧ Ferris Rd |
| ③ Genessee Ave | ⑨ Morse Rd |
| ④ Denune Ave | ⑩ Minerva Lake Rd |
| ⑤ Westerville Rd | ⑪ Old Dublin Granville Rd |
| ⑥ Oakland Park Ave | ⑫ Cooper Rd |



Several strategies can be implement to prioritize safe, accessible, and comfortable crossings for all users.

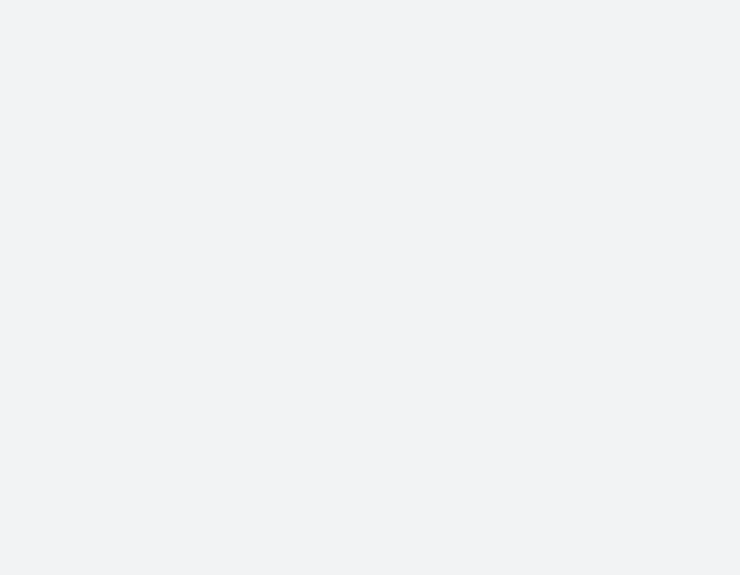
Reduce Vehicle
Speeds

Enhance Visibility
and Security

Ensure Equitable
Access

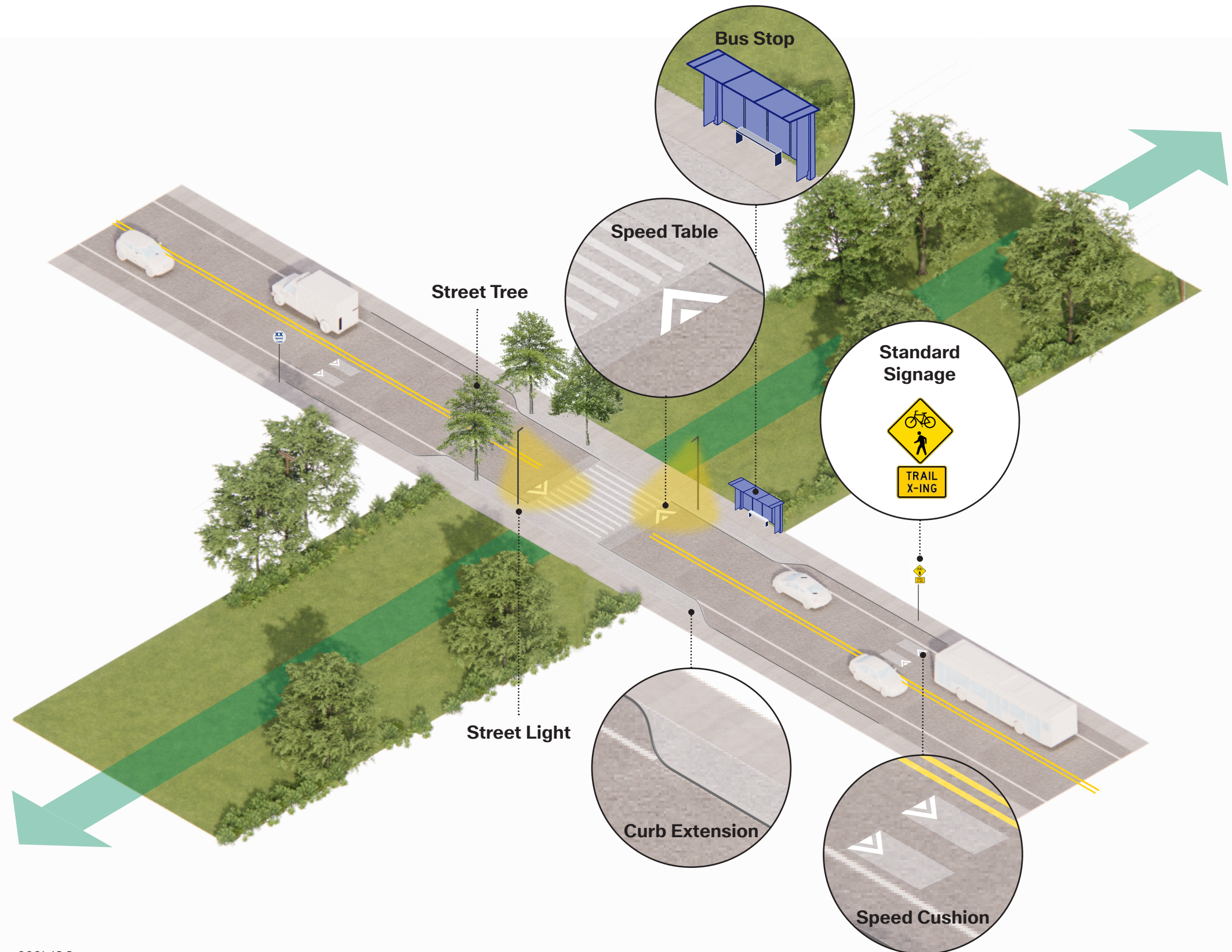
Support
High-Quality
Transit Service

Resilient, Inclusive
Public Realm



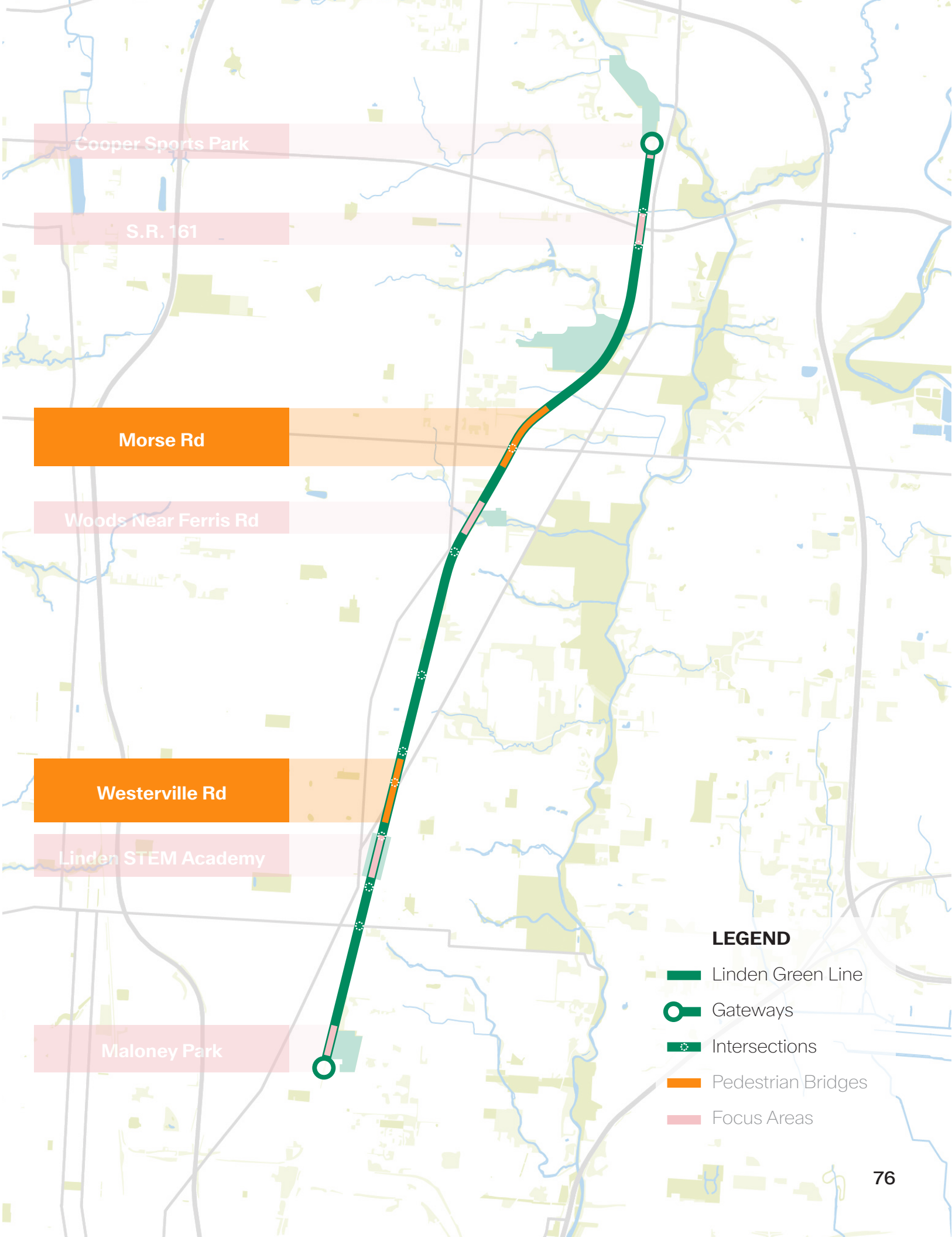
Intersection Design Elements

- Physical Measures
- Visual Measures
- Illumination
- Transit Integration
- Markings and Signings



Including new Pedestrian Bridges...

Bridges along the corridor will enable safer passage across some of the areas most high-traffic roads.



Pedestrian Bridges are a safer way for multimodal travelers to move.



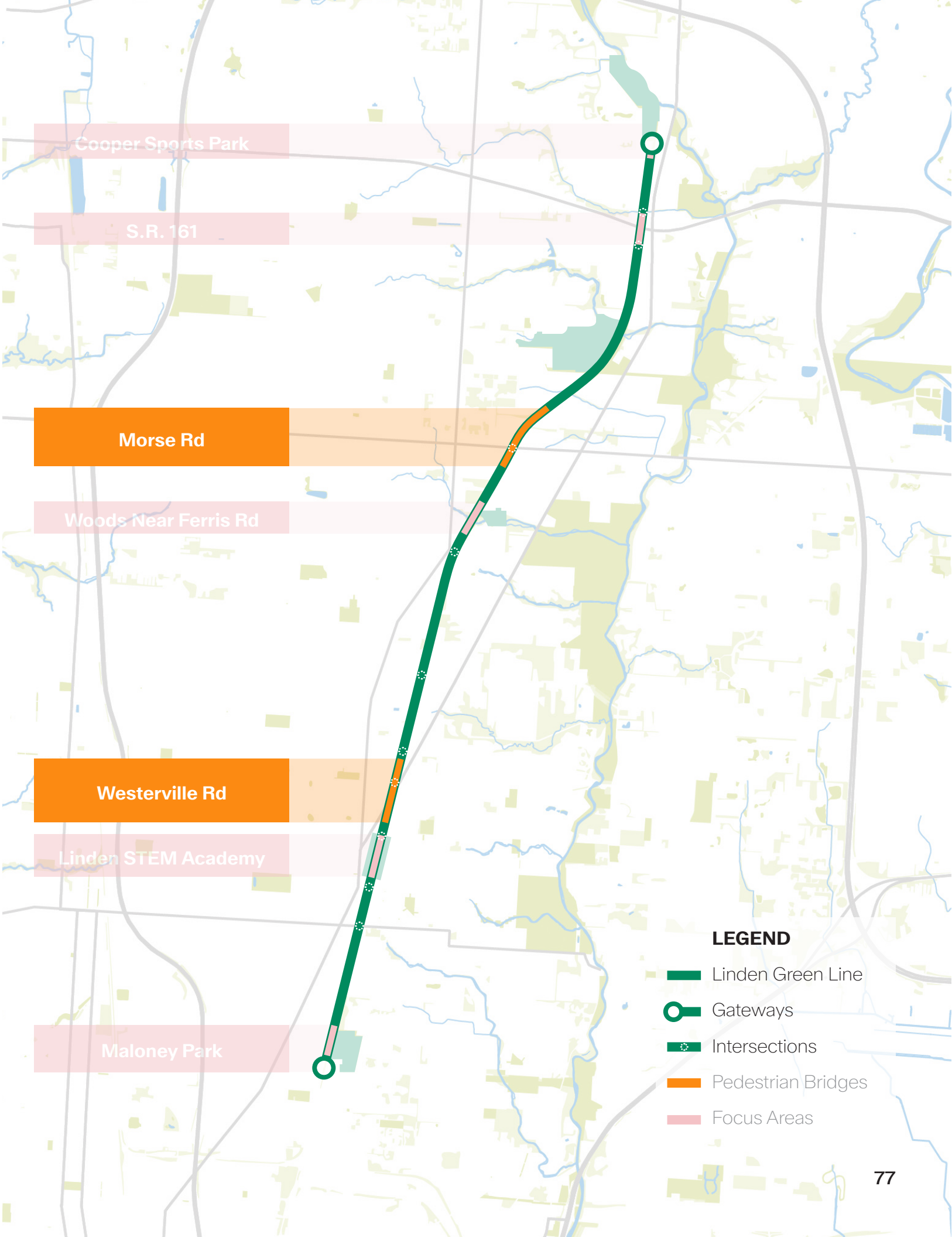
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Toronto, ON, Canada



Monon Trail Bridge, Indianapolis, IN



Creative Lighting

Lighting

Public Art

Native Planting

Interpretive Signage

Wayfinding

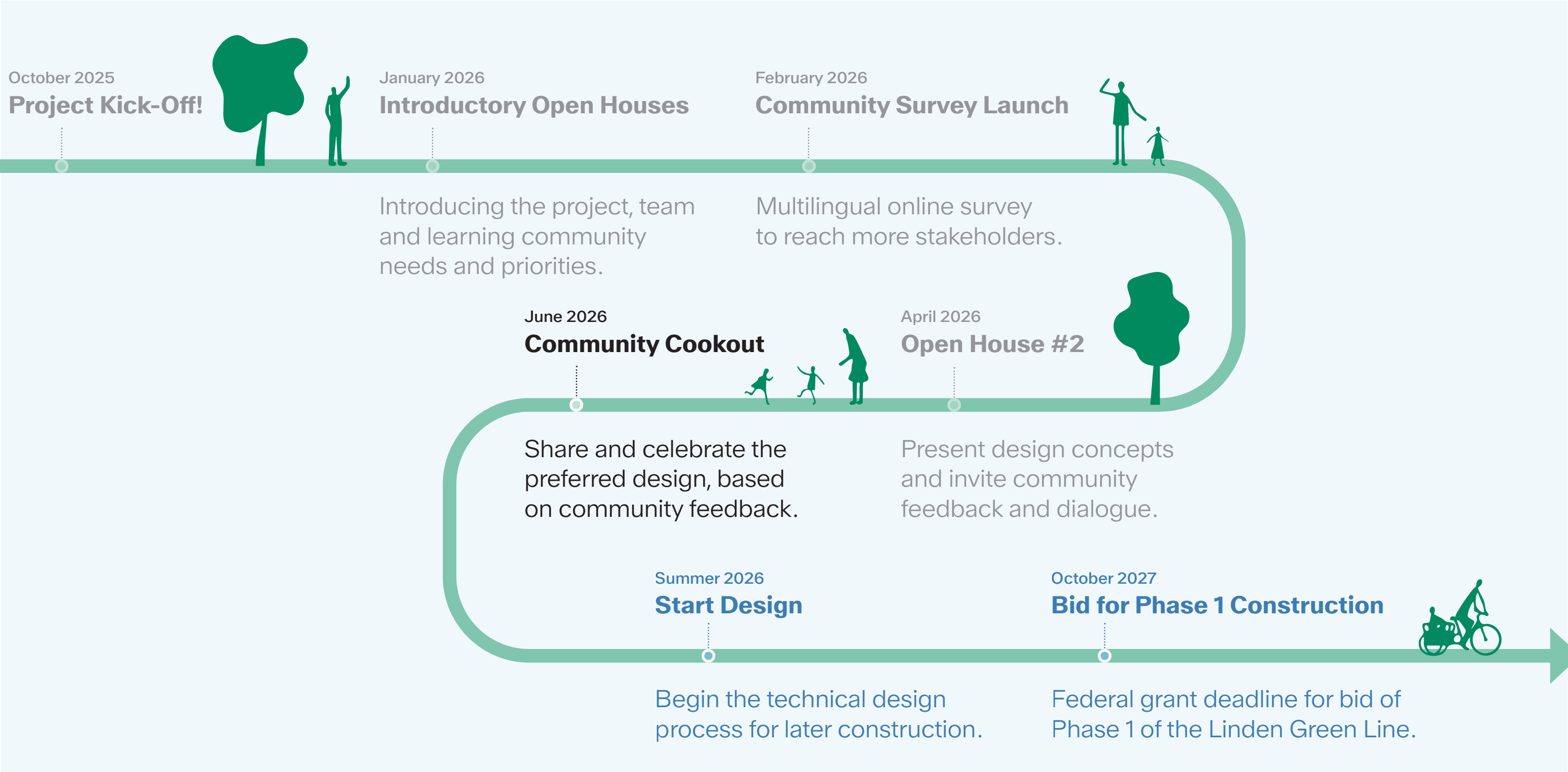
Social Seating

Social Seating

05

What's Next

Work for the Linden Green Line doesn't end here...



Some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What happens next?

WXY architecture + urban design will lead a multidisciplinary team in developing design details through October 2027.

What's in Phase 1? Where will the Linden Green Line start?

Phase 1 construction includes both Linden and Northland. This approach maximizes access to predominantly residential adjacencies and reduced impact on existing access to roadways, parks, and trails.

When will construction for Phase 1 begin?

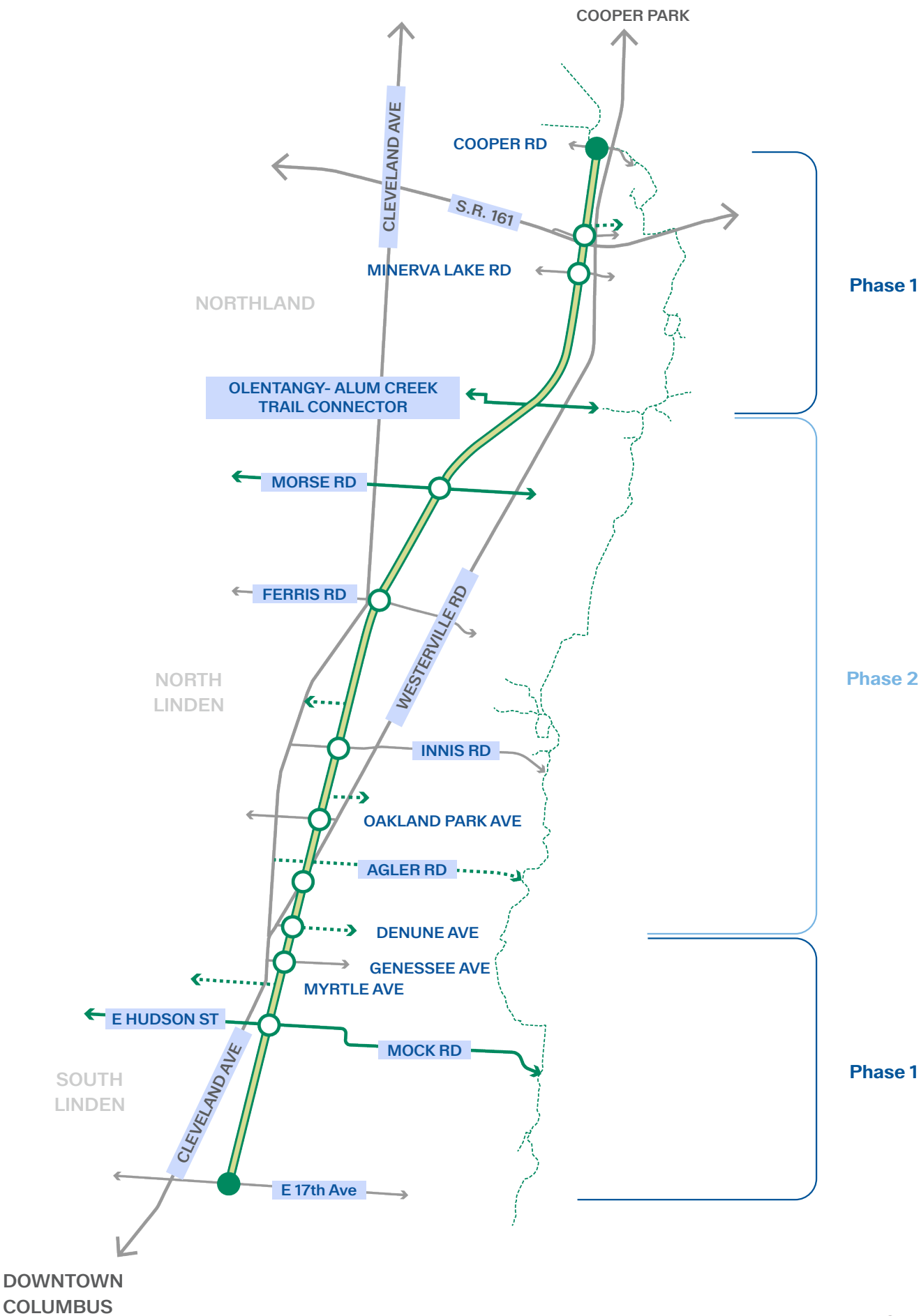
Phase 1 construction is anticipated to begin in late 2027 or early 2028.

What's in Phase 2?

Phase 2 will include pedestrian bridge construction, which requires a longer design timeline and more complex coordination.

Who is paying for this?

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).



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Receive updates?

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