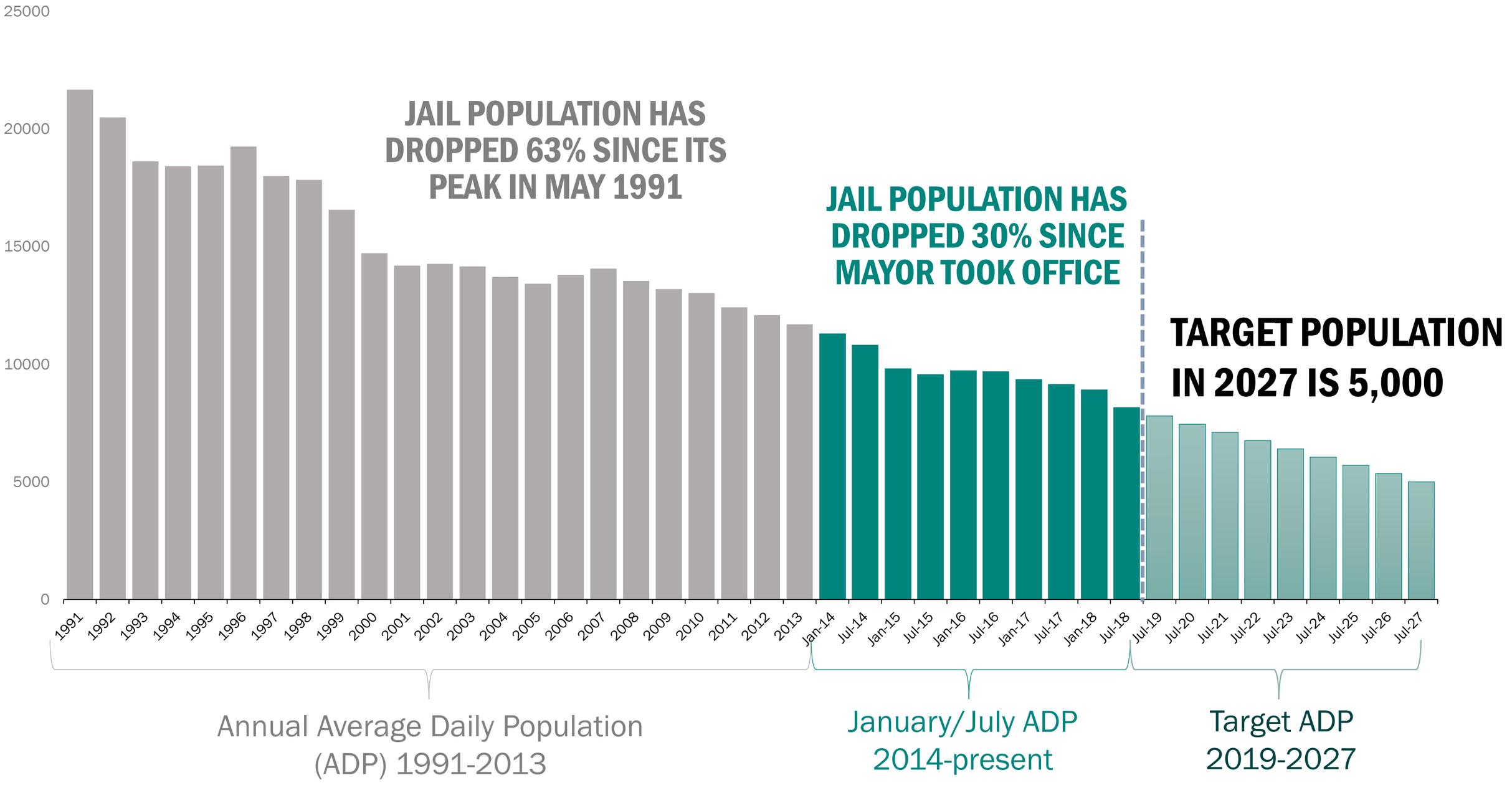
BEYOND RIKERS

TOWARDS A BOROUGH-BASED JAIL SYSTEM

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REDUCING THE SIZE OF NYC'S JAIL POPULATION

CLOSING RIKERS



THE MORAL IMPERATIVE

WHY WE ARE CLOSING JAILS ON RIKERS

- The facilities are not up to modern standards with design and philosophy from another era
- Visiting loved ones is difficult—even prohibitive
- Rikers' location can lead to delays in resolving cases, potentially resulting in longer stays in jail
- Recidivism and violence reduction efforts limited by Rikers' design and location





GOALS FOR NEW BOROUGH-BASED JAILS



Rehabilitative facilities designed to improve health, educational, and social outcomes

House people closer to their families and home communities

Provide greater access to social services and community service providers

Fewer families impacted by the criminal justice system



Close outdated and poorly designed jails on Rikers Island

Improve lines of sight and safety using a more modern layout

Reduce violence with new procedures, smaller units and better monitoring

Provide quality programming to reduce recidivism



Reduce unnecessary case delays which expand jail population and length of stay

Decrease housing and transportation costs through more efficient facilities and transportation routes as well as a smaller jail population

Streamline transfers between jail and courthouses

Improve attorney and service provider access to clients

PROCESS: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

INPUTS INTO VISION OF BOROUGH-BASED JAILS TO DATE

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

comprised of community leaders to develop a list of recommendations regarding community investment and improve neighborhood integration of the facilities.

MEETINGS WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

local Councilmembers, DA's and Courts, Board of Correction and community organizations

Conducted numerous focus groups and community meetings

JUSTICE IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

Design principles for the new facilities were developed by a team of experts, advocates and practitioners









PROGRAM

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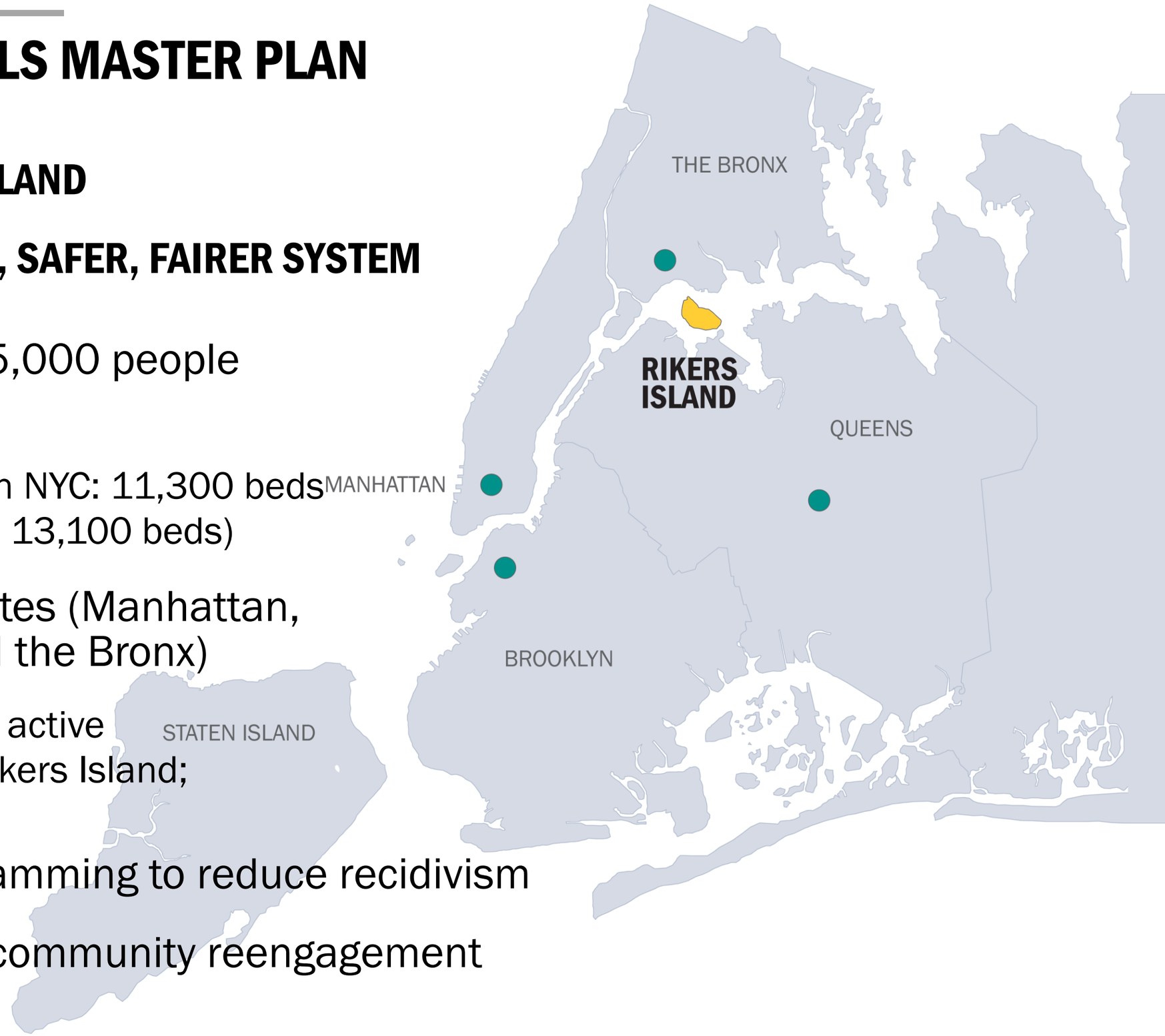
BOROUGH-BASED JAILS MASTER PLAN

PROGRAM SUMMARY

CLOSE JAILS ON RIKERS ISLAND

REPLACE WITH A SMALLER, SAFER, FAIRER SYSTEM THAT WILL HAVE:

- Housing for a total of 5,000 people (requires 5,750 beds)
  - Current jail capacity in NYC: 11,300 beds (pre-GMDC closure: ~ 13,100 beds)
- Four borough-based sites (Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx)
  - Currently NYC has 11 active jails (8 facilities on Rikers Island; 3 borough facilities)
- Evidence-based programming to reduce recidivism
- Focus on reentry and community reengagement

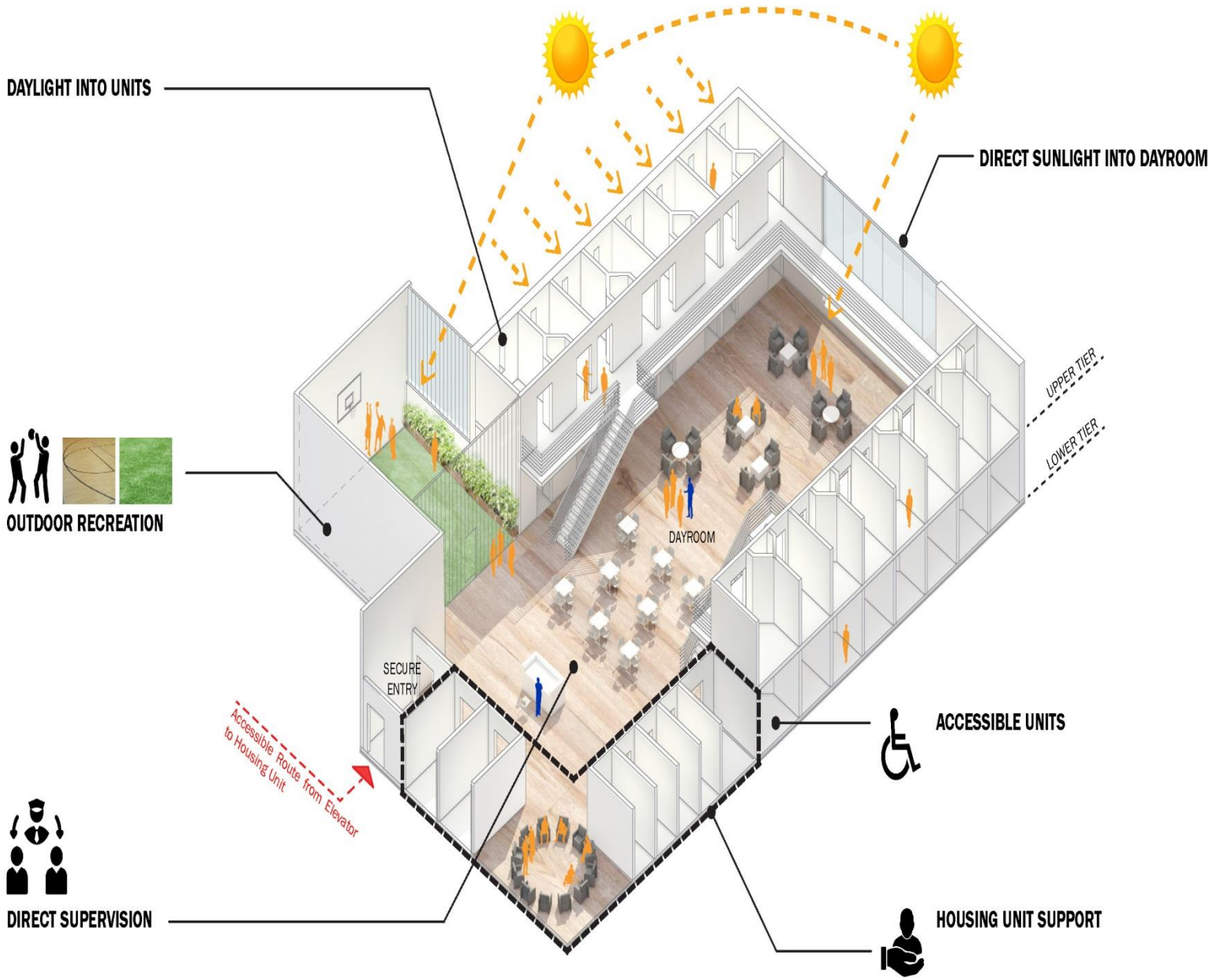


DESIGNING A WELCOMING LOBBY

CULTURE CHANGE



IMPROVING THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE EXPERIENCE



SAFE AND EFFICIENT FACILITY

Smaller units to **increase safety and maximize tailored programming opportunities**



COMPLEMENT THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD

- Include space for community programming
- Active street level frontage to support local development
- Community-influenced exterior design

PROGRAM CHANGES AND HEIGHT REDUCTIONS

RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

PROGRAM CHANGES

- Reduced inefficiency rate from 20% to 15%, removing 250 beds system wide
- Removed arraignment court from the Bronx facility
- Women centralized in Queens facility with their own intake and visitation spaces

HEIGHT REDUCTIONS*

Borough	Reduced Maximum Allowable Height (DEIS)
MN	450’ (↓ 45’)
BK	395’ (↓ 35’)
BX	245’ (↓ 30’)
QN	270’ (↓ 40’)

*Height reductions calculated from the maximum allowable height in the Draft Scope of Work

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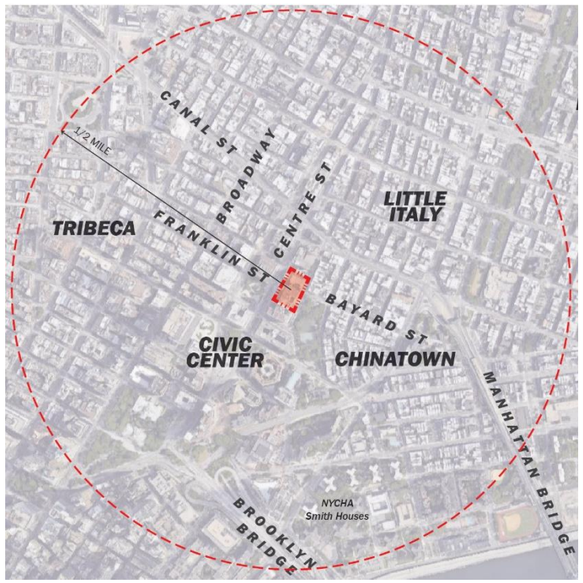
PROCESS: SITE SELECTION

SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

- Close to Courthouse
- City-owned property
- Transit-Accessible
- Sufficient site area



BOROUGH-BASED JAIL SYSTEM PROPOSED LOCATIONS



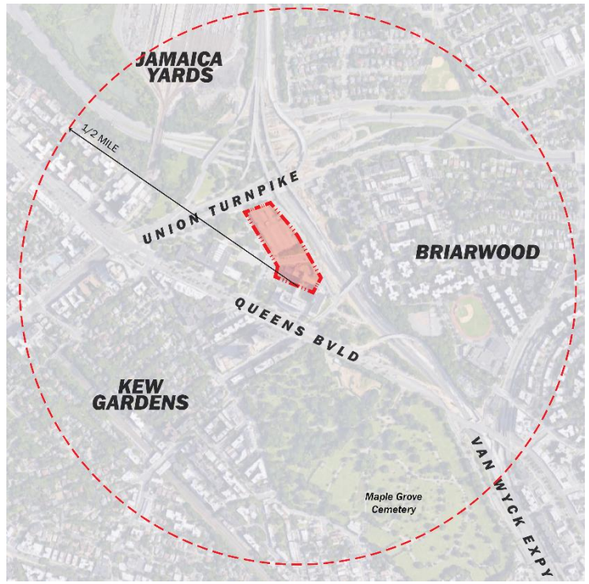
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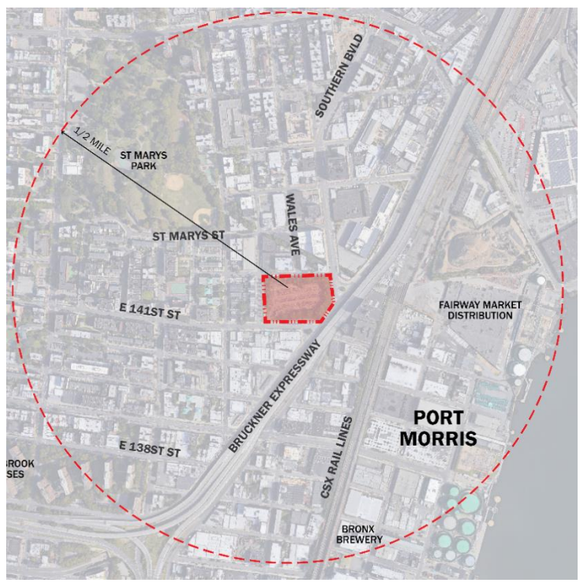
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QUEENS

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THE BRONX

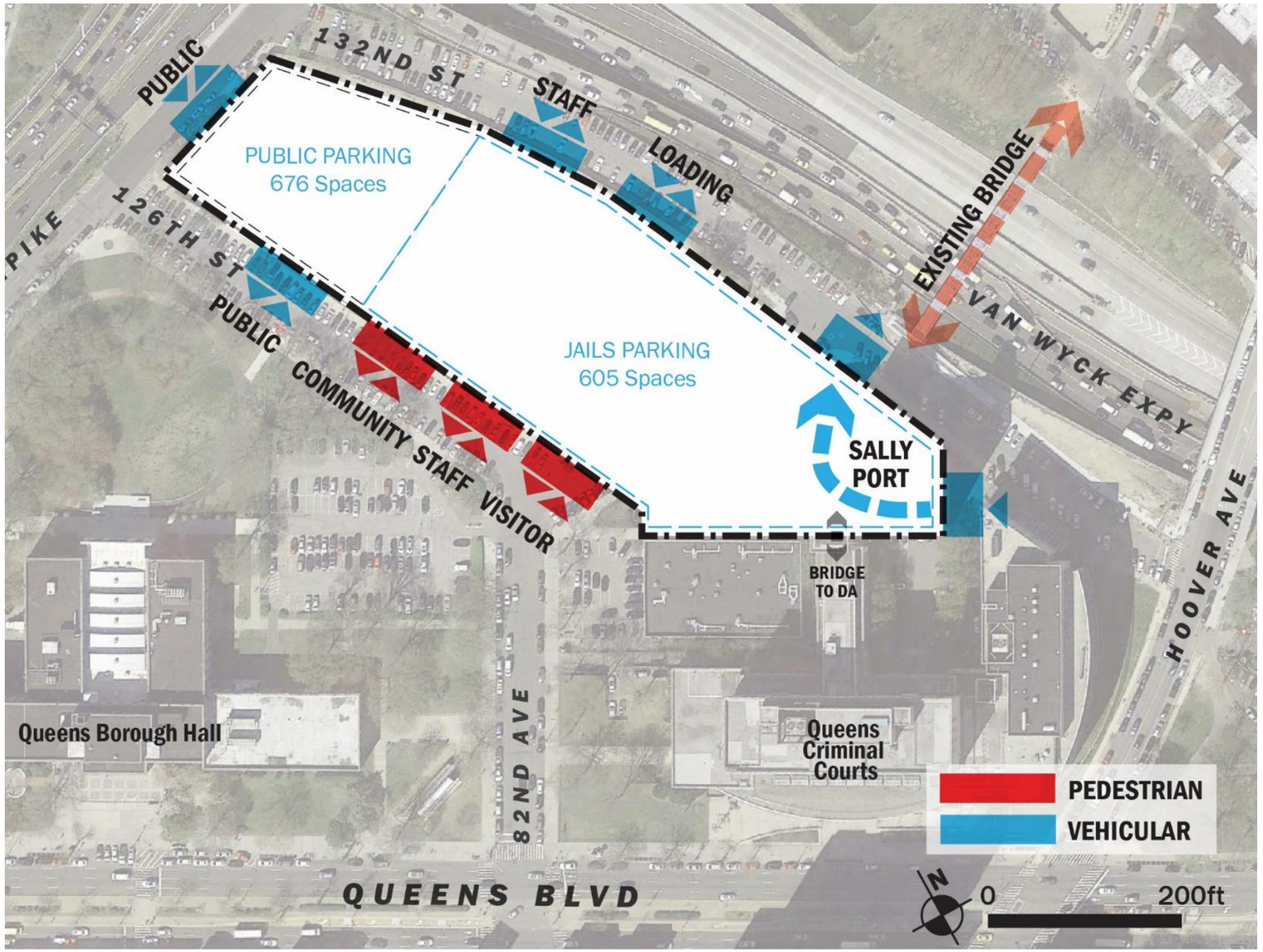
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QUEENS SITE

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QUEENS: 126-02 82ND AVENUE

ACCESS DIAGRAM AND PROGRAM SUMMARY



PROGRAM SUMMARY

USE	SF
Housing	875,000
Support	233,000
Specialized Medical Annex	125,000
Community Facilities	25,000
TOTAL	1,258,000

BEDS	1,437
HEIGHT	270’
ACCESSORY PARKING	605 spaces
NEW PUBLIC PARKING LOT (replacement for municipal lot)	676 spaces

QUEENS: 126-02 82ND AVENUE

ILLUSTRATIVE GROUND-LEVEL RENDERING



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ULURP ACTIONS

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ULURP ACTIONS

CITYWIDE AND BOROUGH-SPECIFIC ACTIONS

'Systemwide' Actions

Site Selection for Borough-Based Jails

Text Amendment to create Borough-Based Jail System special permit

Bronx

Special Permit

- *FAR*
- *Other Bulk*
- *Acc Parking*
- *Acc Loading*

Mixed-Use Site

Zoning Map Change

Text - MX and MIH

HPD Disposition

Brooklyn

Special Permit

- *FAR*
- *Other Bulk*
- *Acc Parking*
- *Acc Loading*
- *Ground Floor Use*

City Map Change

Manhattan

Special Permit

- *FAR*
- *Other Bulk*
- *Acc Loading*

City Map Change

Acquisition

Queens

Special Permit

- *FAR*
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- *Acc Loading*
- *Public Parking*

City Map Change

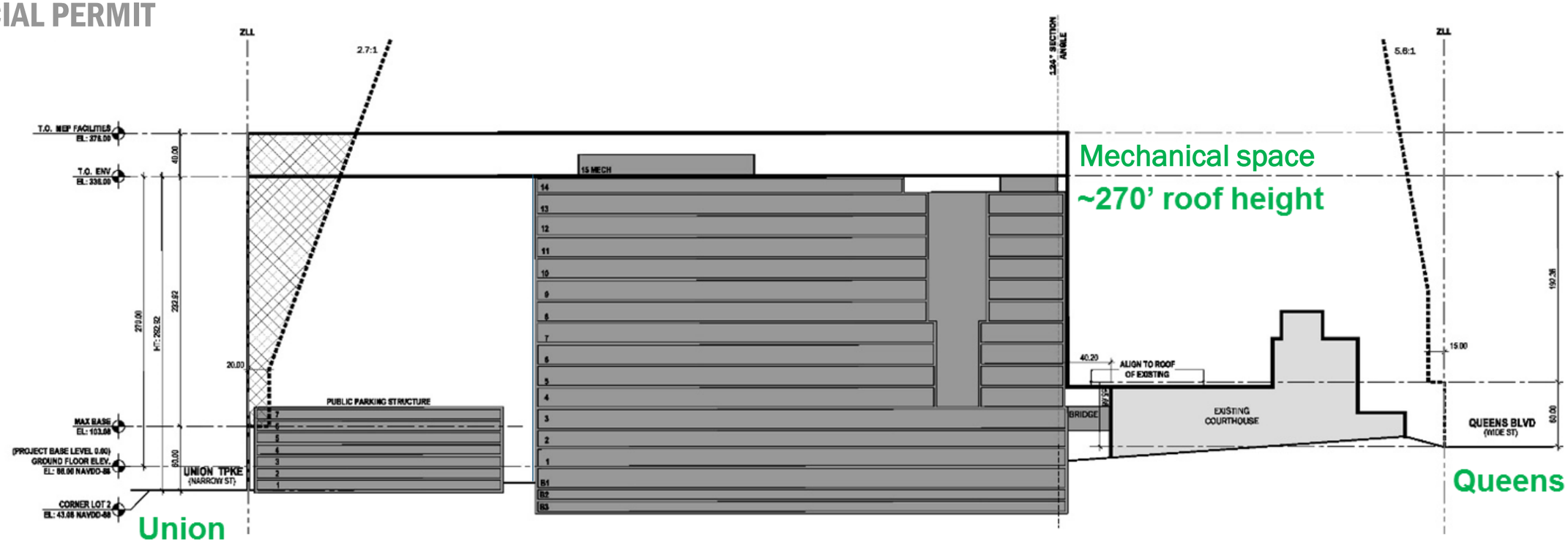
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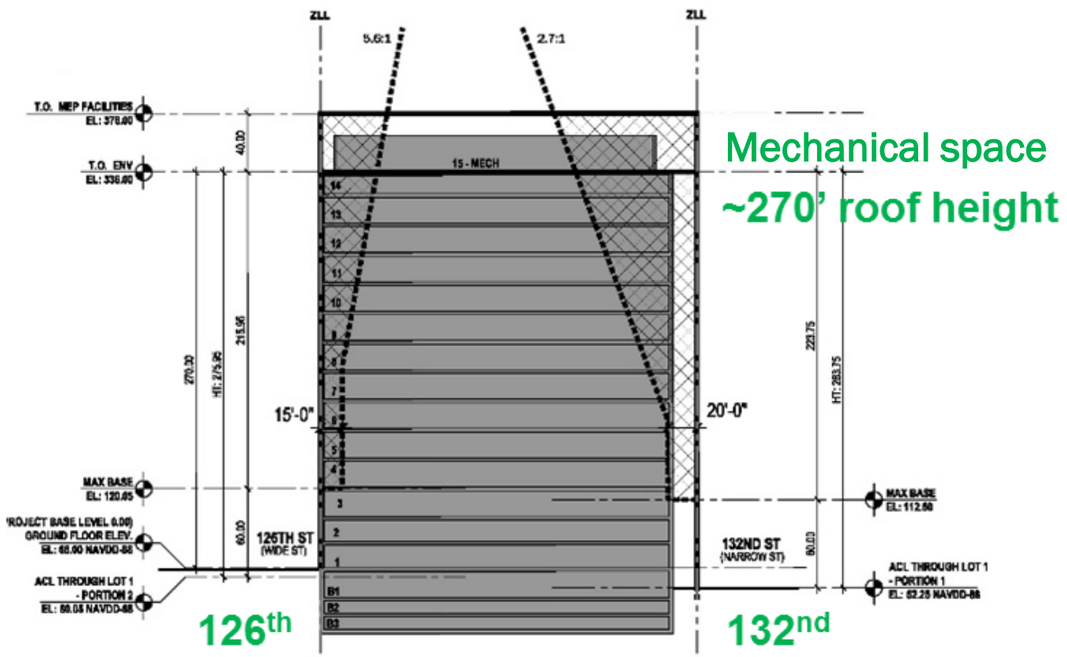
SPECIAL PERMIT

	Underlying C4-4	Proposed Special Permit
Commercial FAR	3.4	4.63
Height and Setback	Sky Exposure Plane	~270’ max roof height
Acc. Parking	150 spaces permitted	605 spaces provided
Loading	4 berths required	2 berths provided
Public Parking	150 spaces permitted	676 spaces provided

ULURP ACTIONS

SPECIAL PERMIT





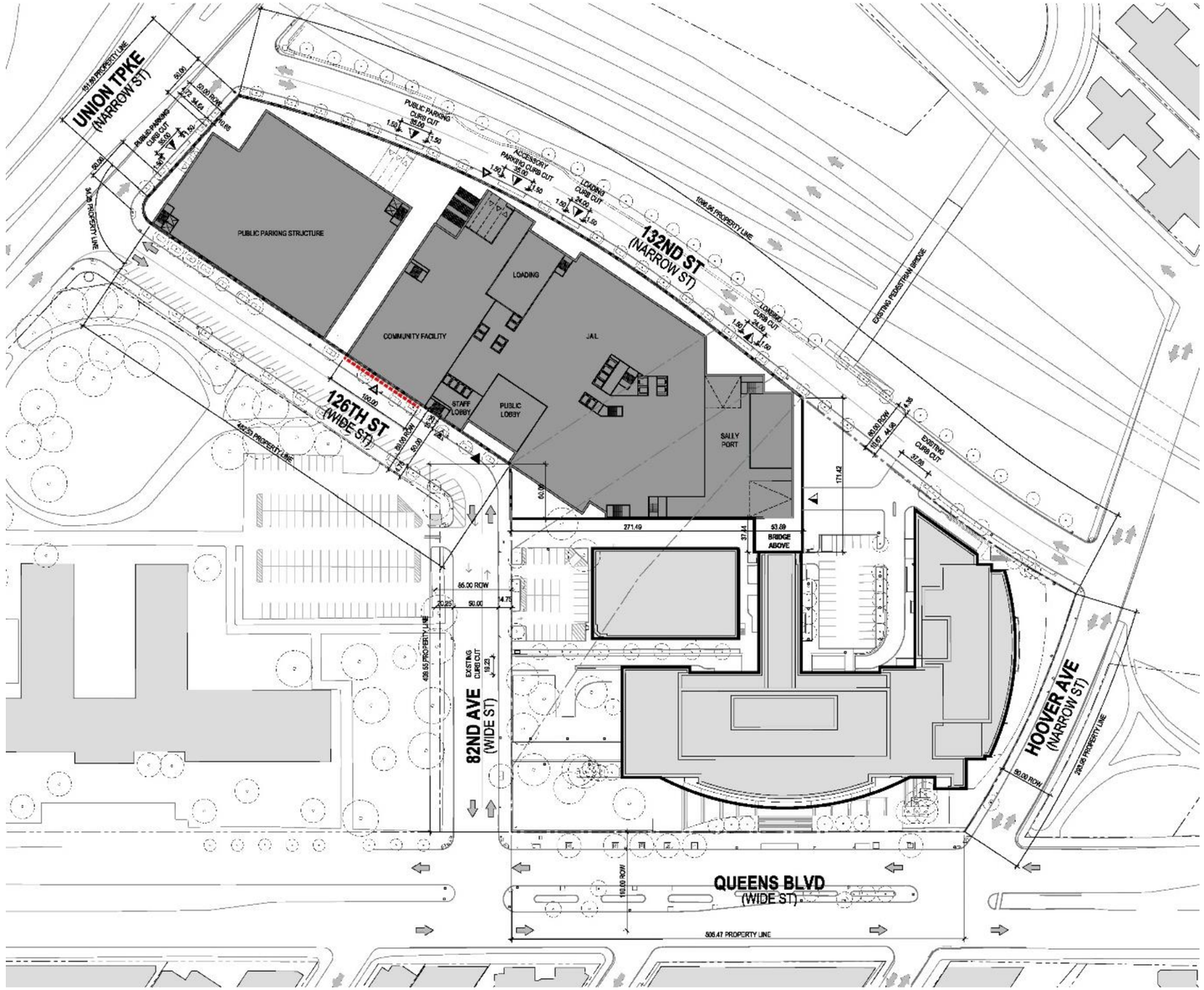
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SPECIAL PERMIT

Special permit allows the following ground floor uses:

- Public Entrances
- Retail/Community Space
- Parking/Loading
- Staff Entrances

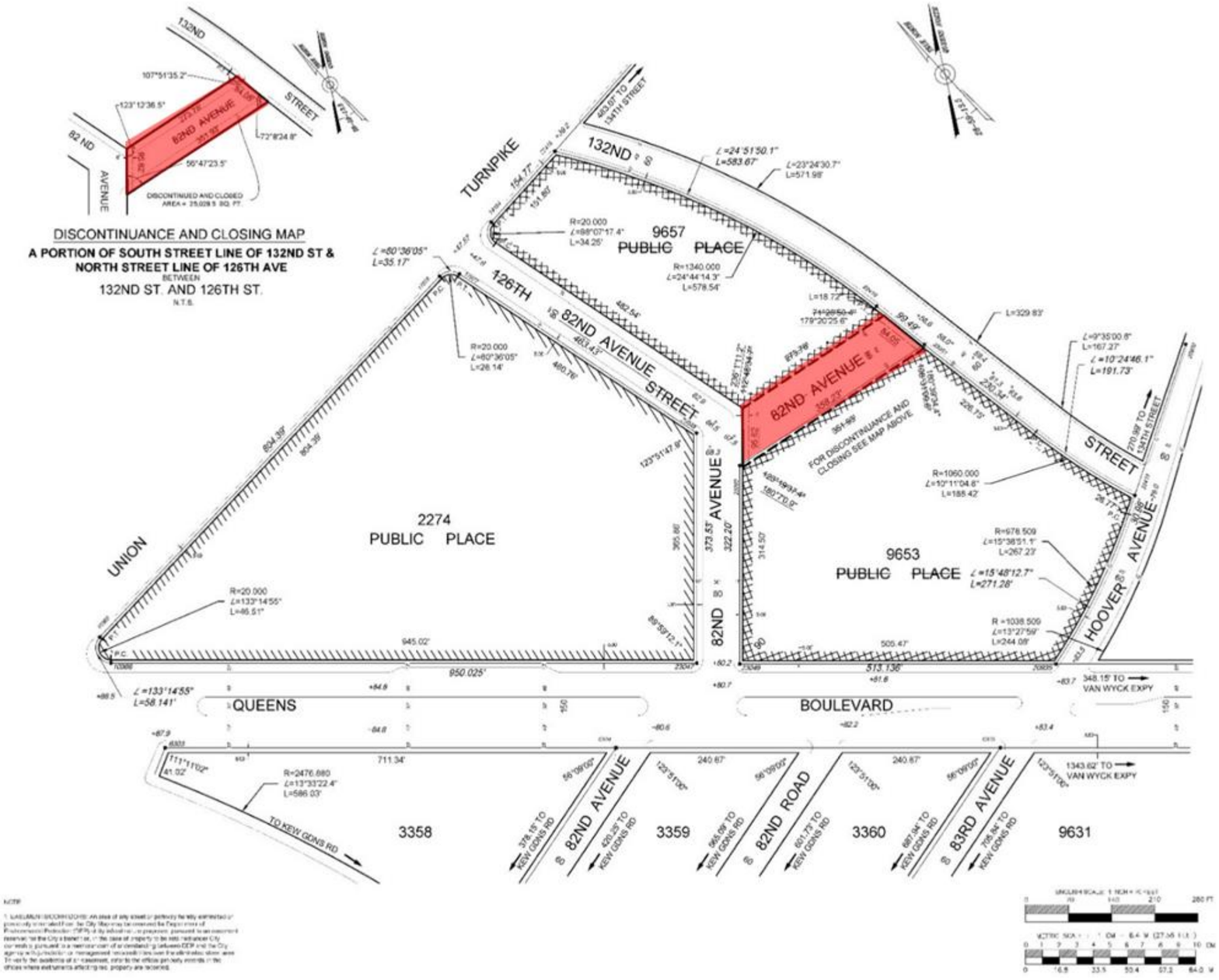
(Would include design standards for curb cuts and retail/community space)



ULURP ACTION

CITY MAP CHANGE

City Map Change would demap 82nd Avenue so that it could be incorporated into the Queens proposed project area



LOOKING AHEAD

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ULURP/CEQR PROCESS

PUBLIC REVIEW NEXT STEPS

CITY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (CEQR)

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (ULURP)

PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS

PREPARATION OF DEIS

PREPARATION OF FEIS

ISSUE DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK FOR DEIS

CLOSE OF SCOPING COMMENT PERIOD

ISSUE FINAL SCOPE OF WORK

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

ISSUE DEIS & INITIATE ULURP

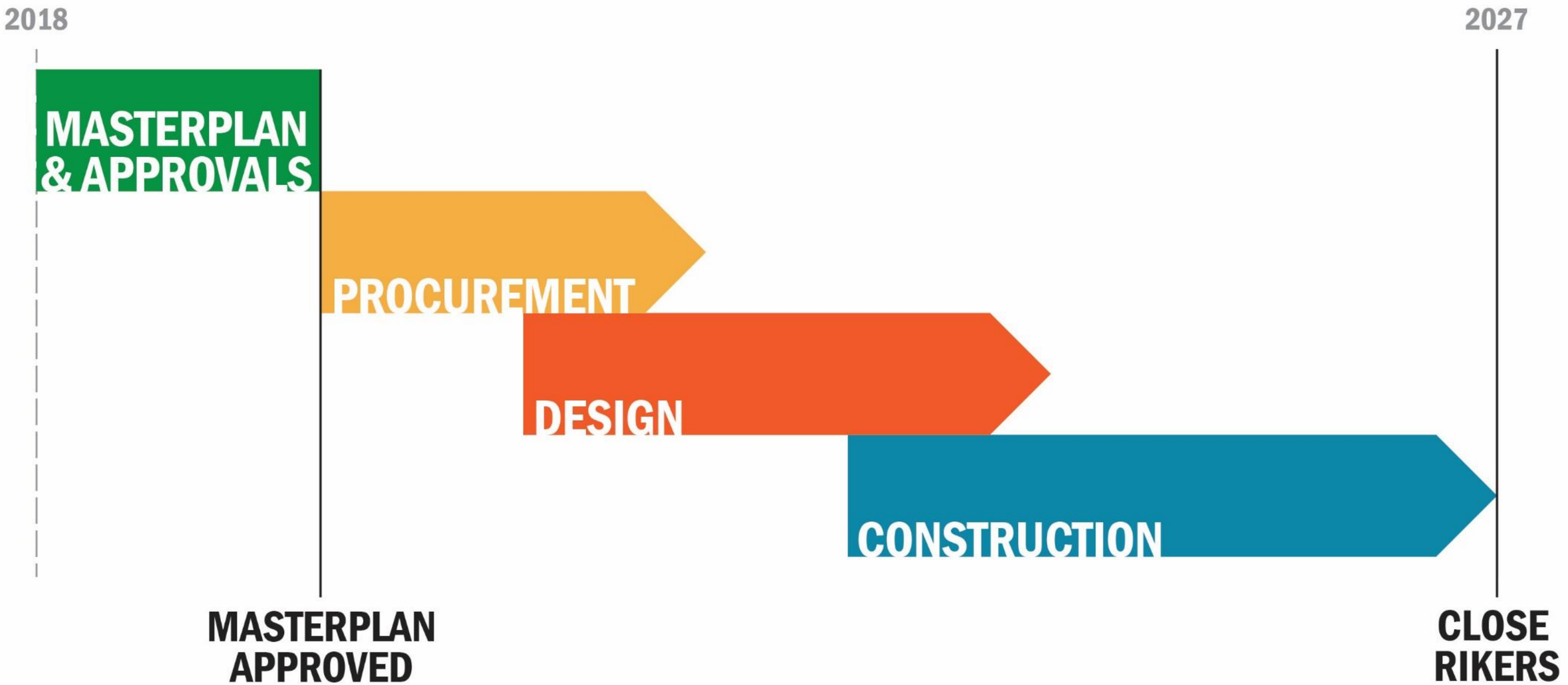
60 days	30 days	60 days	50 days
COMMUNITY BOARD	BOROUGH PRESIDENT	CITY PLANNING COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING	PUBLIC HEARING	PUBLIC HEARING	PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUE FEIS

○ Public Meeting/Engagement Opportunity

PROCESS: SCHEDULE TO CLOSING JAILS

TIMELINE FOR THE BOROUGH-BASED JAIL SYSTEM



THANK YOU

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