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# **Vacuum Oil BOA Remediation West River Wall Segment 2 Project Update**

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**Hybrid Public Meeting No. 1  
(In-Person & Zoom Webinar)**

**Lightfoot R-Center  
271 Flint Street**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

City of Rochester  
Department of Environmental Services  
Bureau of Architecture & Engineering  
Landscape Architecture Division  
AND  
Department of Environmental Quality

**ROC THE RIVERWAY**  
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# Introduction

## Format of this Meeting – In-Person and Virtual

- **Attendance:**
  - In-person attendees please sign in on the Attendance sheet at the room entrance
  - Virtual meeting participants please use the “chat” feature to provide your name and email
- **Questions:** Virtual meeting participants will be muted during the presentation. At the end of the presentation:
  - In-person attendees will be able to visit stations in the room to view project display boards, ask questions, and continue the discussion with the project team members.
  - Links to the project web pages have been copied and pasted into the meeting chat. Virtual meeting participants can follow the links to view the presentation and display boards virtually and submit any feedback and questions directly to the Project Manager(s).
- **Audio/Video Recording:** This presentation will be recorded. All attendees consent to the audio and video recording of this meeting for project documentation purposes.

# Agenda



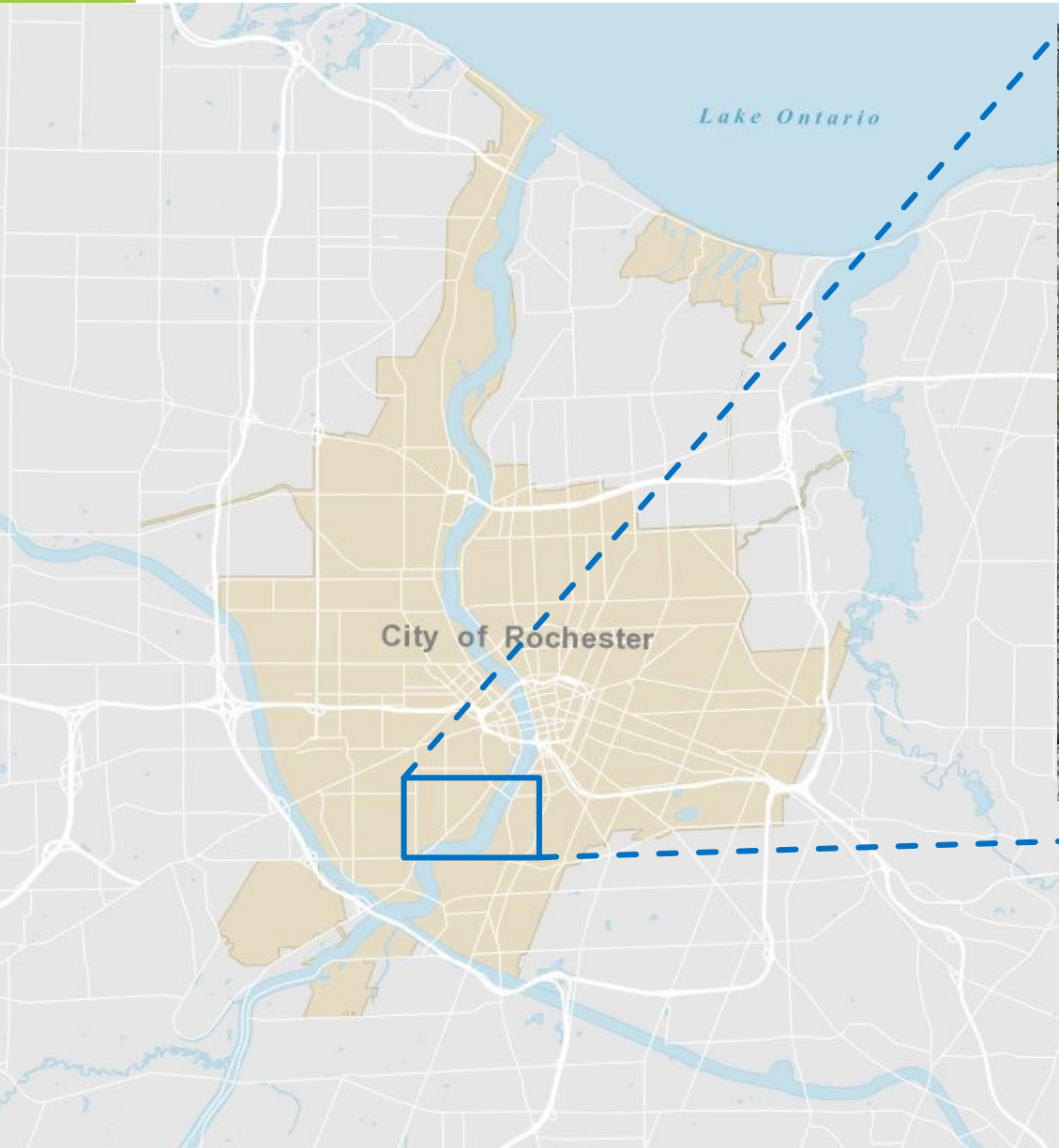
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- **Overall Project Orientation**
- **Project History**
- **Project Objectives – Restore the Shore**
- **Environmental Remediation**
- **Restore the Shore / West River Wall Segment 2**
- **Project Timelines**
- **More Information & Continued Discussion**

# Overall Project Orientation



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# Project History

**Pre-European settlement:** Iroquois/Haudenosaunee land

**Pre-1862:** pastoral grazing area for livestock

**1840-1850s:** Genesee Valley Canal

**1850-1862:** Genesee Valley Railroad

**1862:** Fitz-John Porter Campground

Training and embarkation point for Union forces

**1866:** Vacuum Oil begins operation on Mansion St

**1866-1878:** Expansion onto riverside properties

**1879:** Standard Oil acquires controlling interest

**1890:** Vacuum Oil begins operations in Olean

**1935:** Operations cease at Vacuum Oil site

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Cottage St

Riverview Pl

Exchange St

Flint St

Violetta St

VACUUM OIL COMPANY  
 MAP OF  
 ROCHESTER WORKS  
 SCALE 30 FT. = 1 IN.  
 ROCHESTER N.Y.

KEY  
 CITY OF ROCHESTER PLANS  
 VACUUM OIL CO. PLANS  
 MAPLE VAULTS

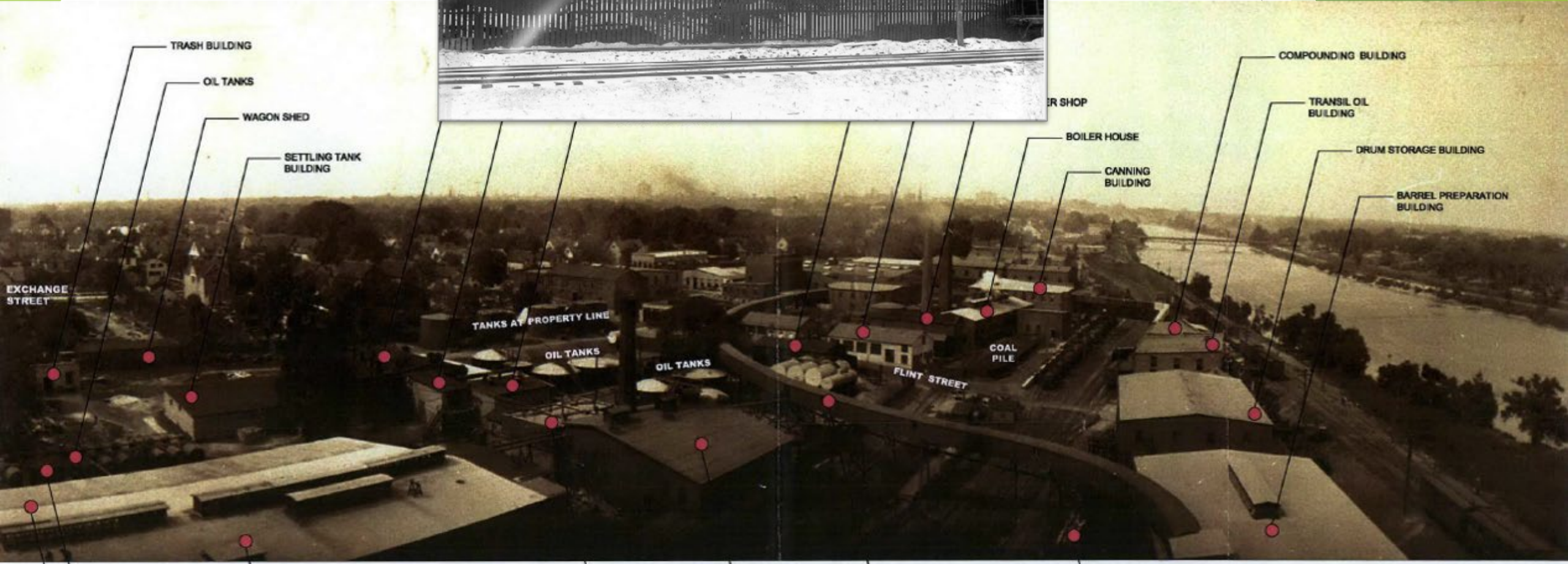
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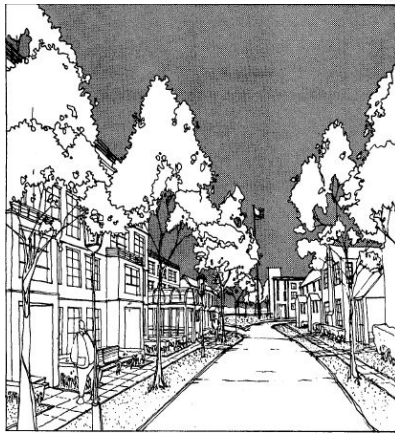
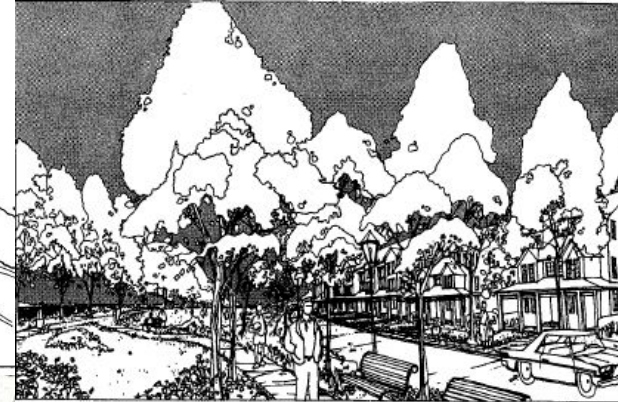
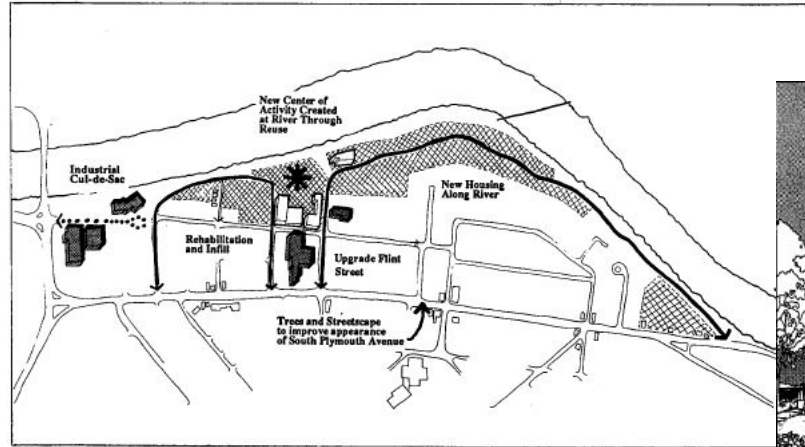
## Genesee River South Corridor Land Use & Development Plan



Prepared under the joint sponsorship of the  
City of Rochester  
University of Rochester  
County of Monroe

Lane, Frenchman and Associates

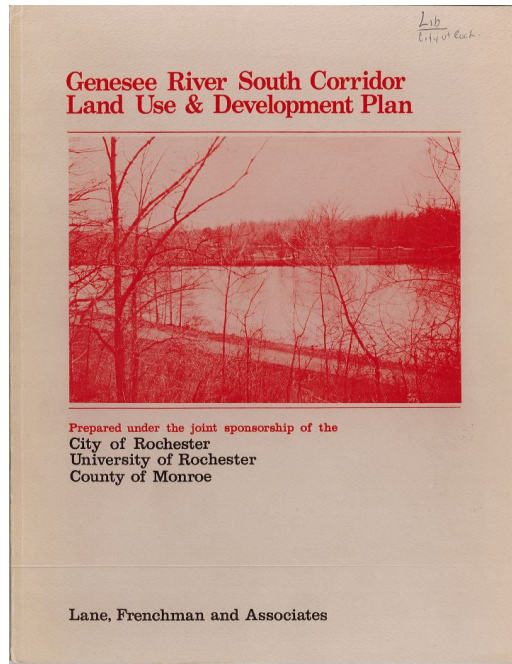
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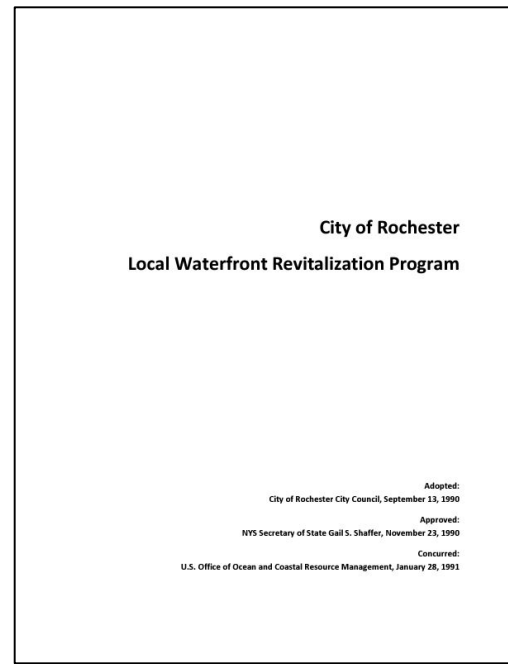
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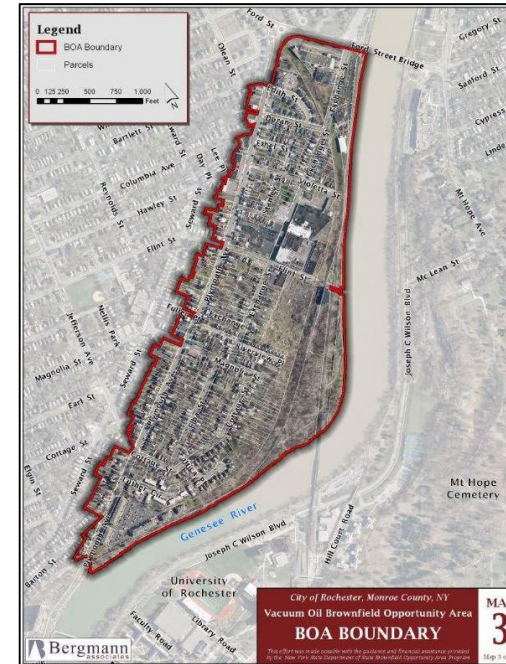
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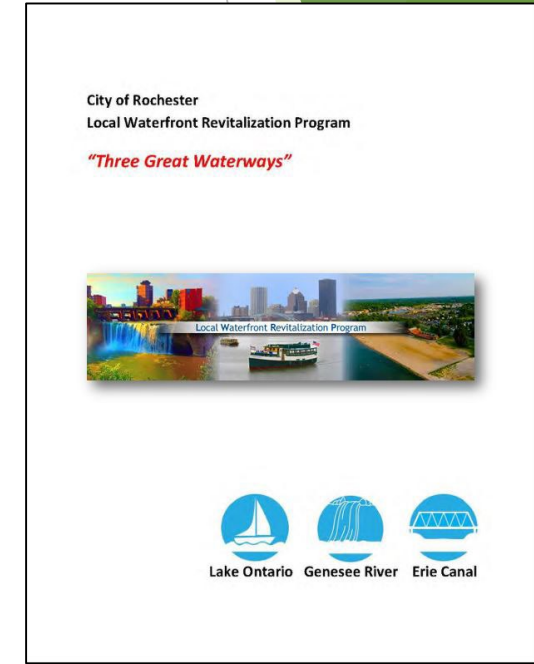
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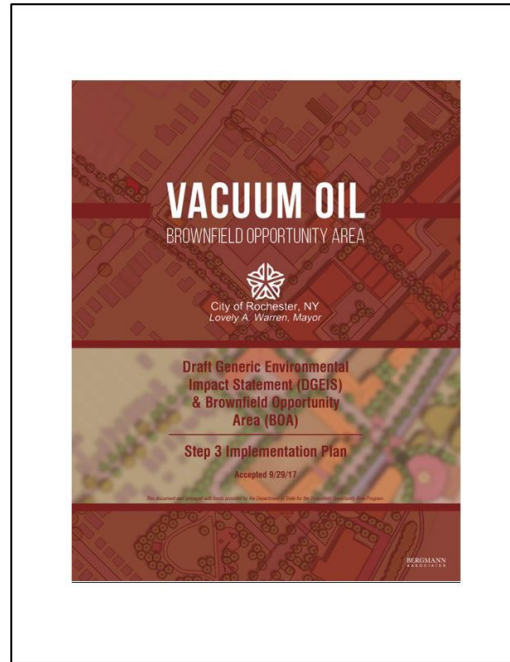


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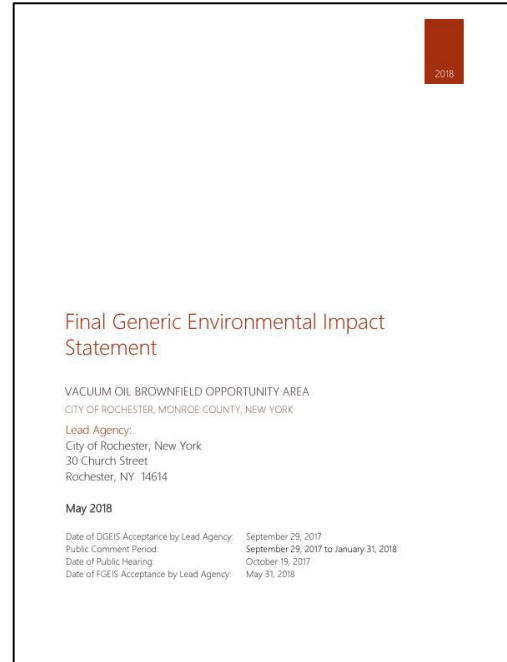
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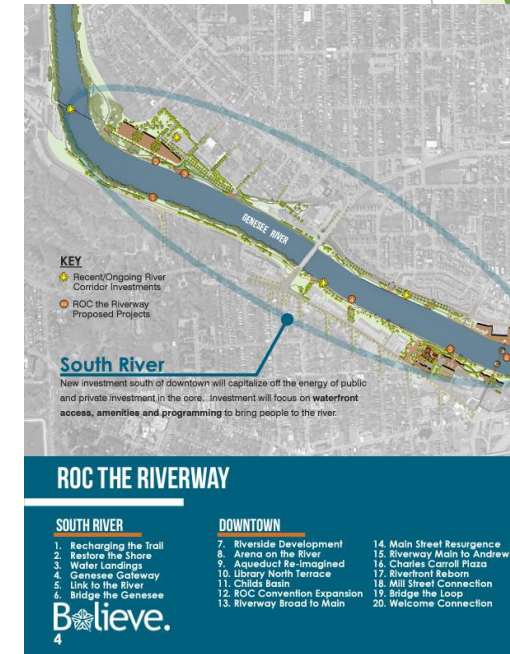
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ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS PLANNERS

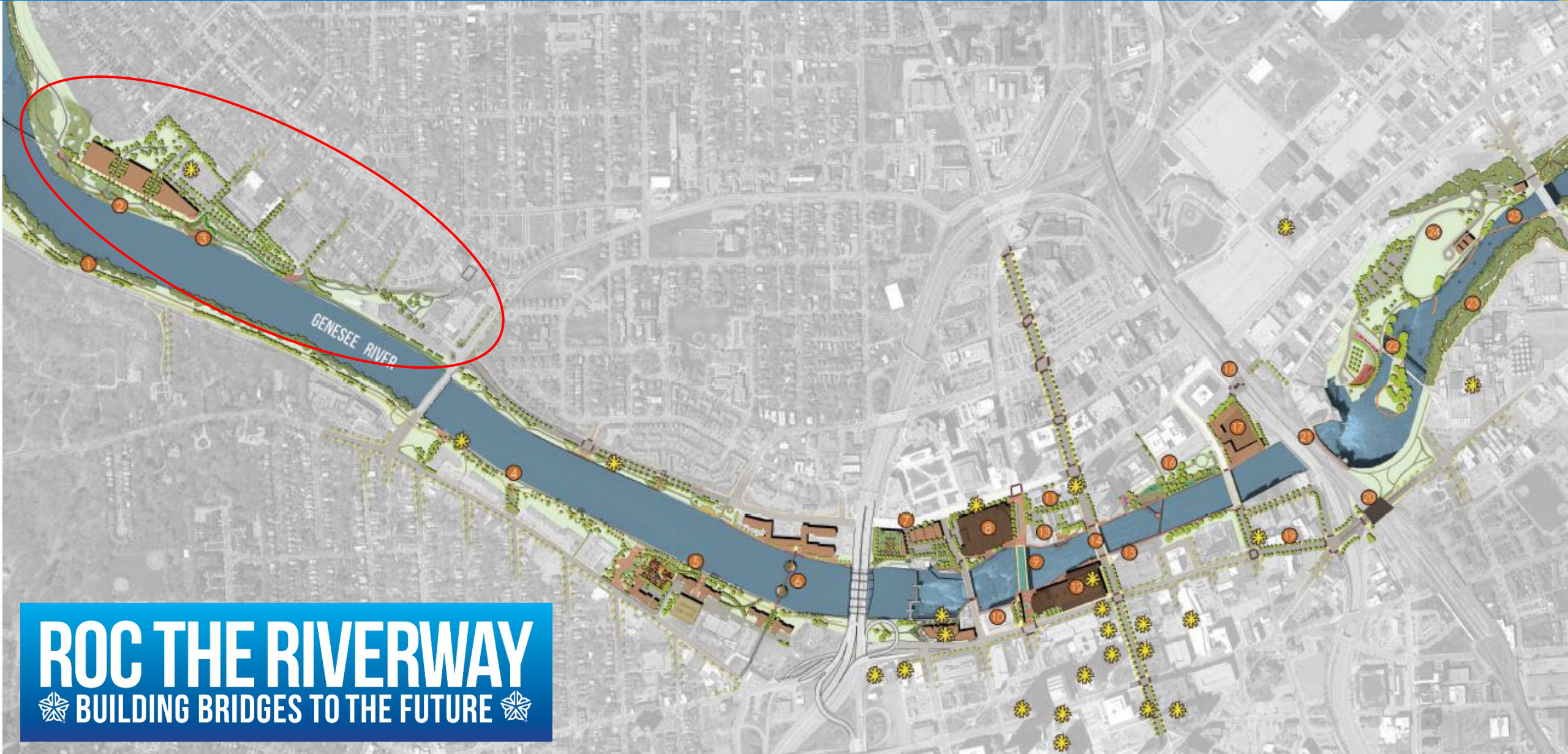
Vacuum Oil BOA  
Park and Open Space Plan  
MAP 2

2018-2019

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# Project Objectives – Restore the Shore

This project will advance environmental and economic justice for a historically underserved community by:

- Removing hazardous contamination from a long-abandoned and blighted oil refinery site
- Restoring flood protection to the Plymouth-Exchange (PLEX) neighborhood
- Fostering economic opportunity by preparing properties for redevelopment
- Constructing trails and other amenities to reconnect PLEX and the broader community with the riverfront



# Environmental Remediation

NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM (BCP)  
ECL ARTICLE 27 / TITLE 14

09/2013

Section I. Requestor Information

NAME: City of Rochester  
ADDRESS: City Hall, 30 Church Street  
CITY/TOWN: Rochester ZIP CODE: 14614  
PHONE: (585) 428-6649 FAX: (585) 428-8010 EMAIL: BlondJ@CityOfRochester.Gov

Is the requester authorized to conduct business in New York State (NYS)?  
 No  
 Yes  
 If the requester is a Corporation, LLC, LLP or other entity requesting authorization from the NYS Department of State to conduct business in NYS, the requester's name must appear, exactly as given above, in the NYS Department of State's Corporation & Business Entity Database. A provision of entity information from the database must be obtained in NYC with the application, or otherwise, for the application to be submitted to the business in NYS.  
 \*Individuals that will be conducting BCP documents, as well as their employers, must be registered under Section 15 of Article 22B, Title 14, Environmental Conservation Law, Environmental Conservation Law, and New York State Education Law. Documents that are not properly certified will not be approved under the BCP.

NAME OF REQUESTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Joseph J. Biundillo  
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CITY/TOWN: Rochester ZIP CODE: 14614  
PHONE: (585) 428-6649 FAX: (585) 428-8010 EMAIL: BlondJ@CityOfRochester.Gov

NAME OF REQUESTOR'S CONSULTANT: O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc.  
ADDRESS: 400 Andrews Street, Harro East Building, Suite 710  
CITY/TOWN: Rochester ZIP CODE: 14604  
PHONE: (585) 296-7709 FAX: (585) 263-2889 EMAIL: Kevin.Ignaszak@OBG.com

NAME OF REQUESTOR'S ATTORNEY: Harter, Secrest & Emery, LLP  
ADDRESS: 1600 Bausch & Lomb Place  
CITY/TOWN: Rochester ZIP CODE: 14604-2711  
PHONE: (585) 231-1194 FAX: (585) 232-2152 EMAIL: PStyvestri@HSELaw.com

THE REQUESTOR MUST CERTIFY THAT HE/IS/IS EITHER A PARTICIPANT OR VOLUNTEER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECL 27-1403 (1) BY CHECKING ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW:

PARTICIPANT  
A requester who either 1) was the owner of the site at the time of the disposal of hazardous waste or discharge of petroleum or 2) is otherwise a person responsible for the contamination, unless the liability arises solely as a result of ownership, operation of, or involvement with the site subsequent to the disposal of hazardous waste or discharge of petroleum.

VOLUNTEER  
A requester other than a participant, including a requester whose liability arises solely as a result of ownership, operation of or involvement with the site subsequent to the disposal of hazardous waste or discharge of petroleum.

NOTE: By checking this box, the requester certifies that he/she has exercised appropriate care with respect to the hazardous waste found at the facility by taking reasonable steps to: (a) stop any continuing discharge; (b) prevent any threatened future release; and (c) prevent or limit human, environmental, or natural resource exposure to any previously released hazardous waste.

Requester Relationship to Property (check one):  
 Previous Owner  Current Owner  Potential Future Purchaser  Other

If requester is not the site owner, requester will have access to the property throughout the BCP project.  Yes  No  
 Proof of site access must be submitted for non-owners.

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**FIGURE 1**

**LEGEND**

- FORMER VACUUM OIL REFINERY SITE AREA (71 4000)
- CITY-OWNED PARCEL (15 8000)

**NOTES:**

- TAX PARCELS PROVIDED BY MONROE COUNTY DATE: MARCH 2016
- PARCEL OWNERSHIP VERIFIED THROUGH THE CITY OF ROCHESTER PROPERTY INFORMATION WEBSITE ON MAY 11, 2016 (City: www.cityofrochester.gov/gis)
- AERIAL IMAGERY PROVIDED BY NYS GIS CLEARINGHOUSE, DATED SPRING 2012
- 1325 S PLYMOUTH AVENUE WAS FORMERLY IDENTIFIED AS 1315 S PLYMOUTH AVENUE AND TAX PARCEL 135.25-1-18.054.

**BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM APPLICATION  
CITY OF ROCHESTER  
PORTION OF FORMER VACUUM OIL REFINERY  
1 AND 13 COTTAGE STREET,  
100 RIVERVIEW PLACE, 102 VIOLETTA STREET, AND  
PORTION OF 1320 S PLYMOUTH AVENUE ROCHESTER,  
NEW YORK**

**SITE LOCATION**


0 125 250 500  
Feet

APRIL 2016  
(1582 474)

**O'BRIEN & GERE**

**DECISION DOCUMENT**

Portion of Former Vacuum Oil Refinery  
Brownfield Cleanup Program  
Rochester, Monroe County  
Site No. C828190  
September 2023



**Department of Environmental Conservation**

Prepared by  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

2014

2023

# Environmental Remediation



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## LEGEND

- FORMER VACUUM OIL REFINERY (APPROXIMATE)
  - BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM SITE LIMITS (APPROXIMATELY 15.4 ACRES)
  - 2 FOOT VEGETATED COVER (12.6 AC)
  - ASPHALT COVER (1 AC)
- APPROXIMATE OVERBURDEN THICKNESS (FT) FOR TARGETED EXCAVATION (APPROXIMATELY 1.1 AC, 22,300 CUBIC YARDS)**
- TARGETED EXCAVATION, 11' - 20'
  - TARGETED EXCAVATION, UP TO 21'

## Notes

Additional soil may be excavated and disposed off-site based on presence of odors/staining, as encountered, during remedial actions and site redevelopment activities. For the purpose of developing the RAAR, an additional 20 percent by volume soil (approximately 4,500 cubic yards) was assumed for excavation and off-site disposal.



## BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM REMEDIAL ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS REPORT

**PORTION OF FORMER VACUUM OIL REFINERY**  
13, 31, 49, 69, AND 75 COTTAGE STREET; 100 RIVERVIEW PLACE; AND PORTIONS OF 1 COTTAGE STREET; 10 FLINT STREET; 102 VIOLETTA STREET; AND 1320 S. PLYMOUTH AVENUE  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

## FIGURE 5 ALTERNATIVE - 2

JUNE 2023

RAMBOLL AMERICAS  
ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, INC.  
A RAMBOLL COMPANY



PROJECT: 194267137 | DATE: 06/2023 | DESIGNER: 550016



# Environmental Remediation

**Winter 2024-2025:** Mobilization & Tree Clearing

**2025:** Remediation

**2026:** Remediation, Backfill, Stabilization

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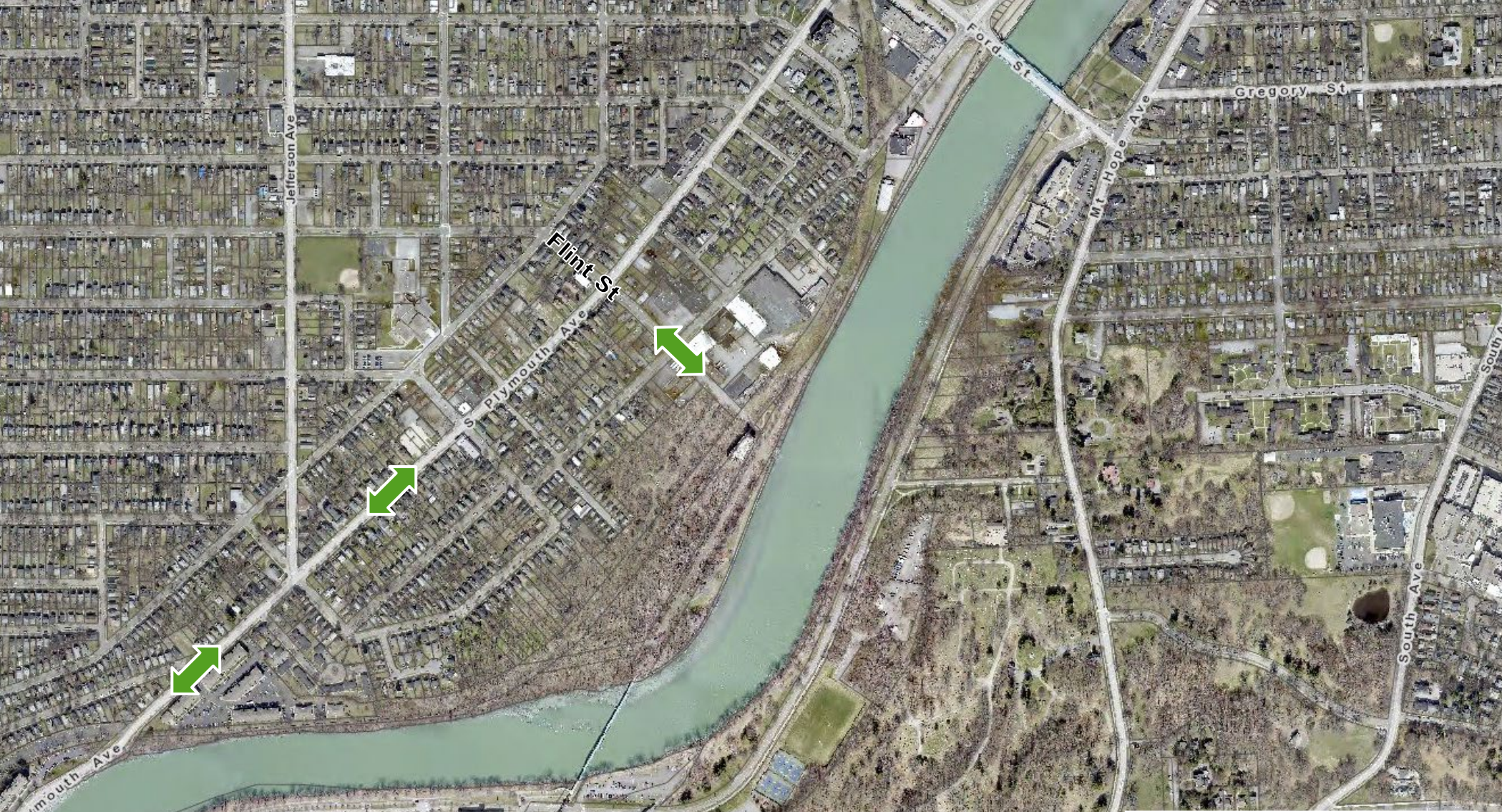
What to expect:

- Truck traffic
- Noise from construction vehicles
- Tree clearing to perform excavations & clean cover
- Trail closures and detours

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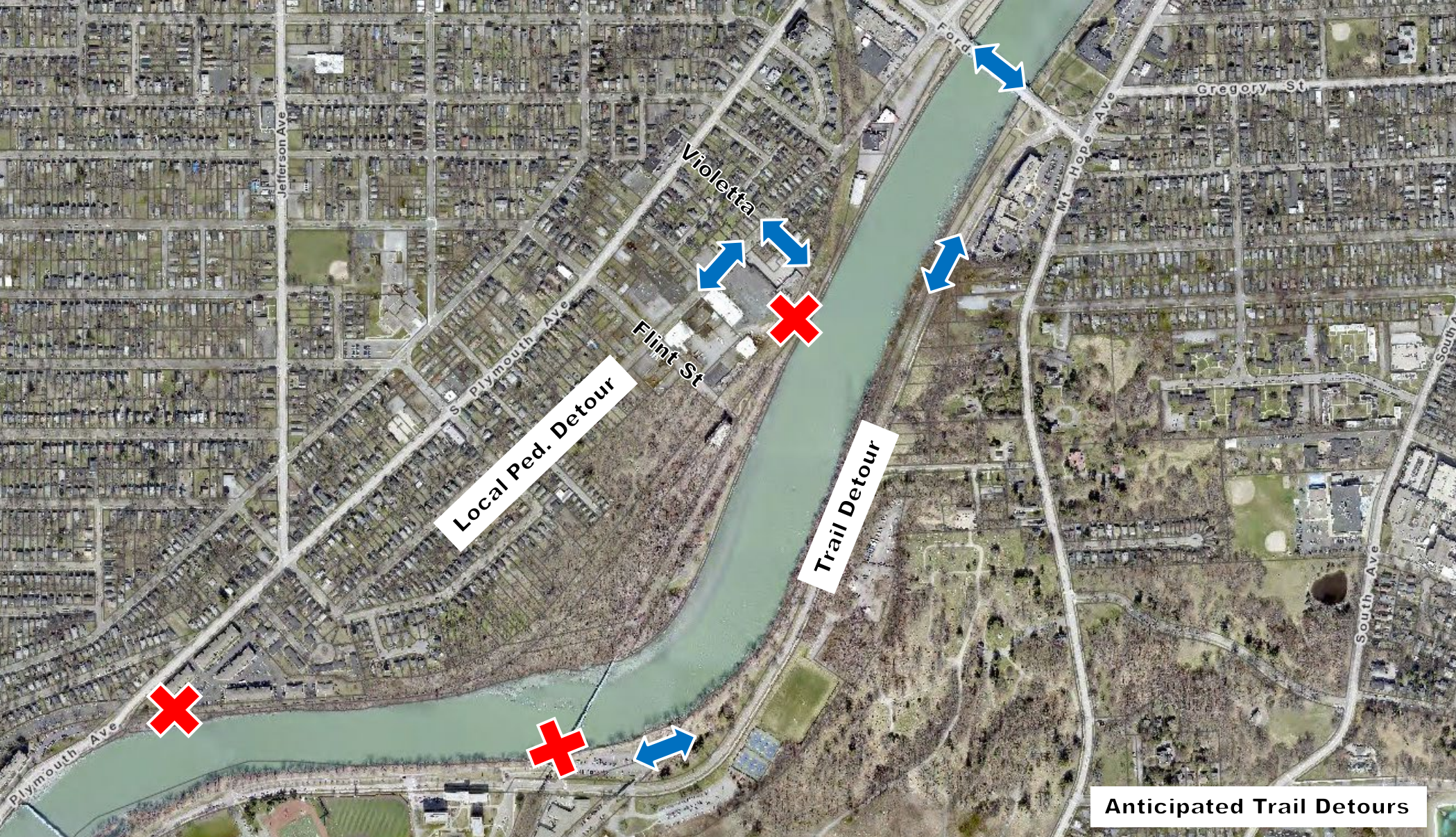


Anticipated Truck Traffic

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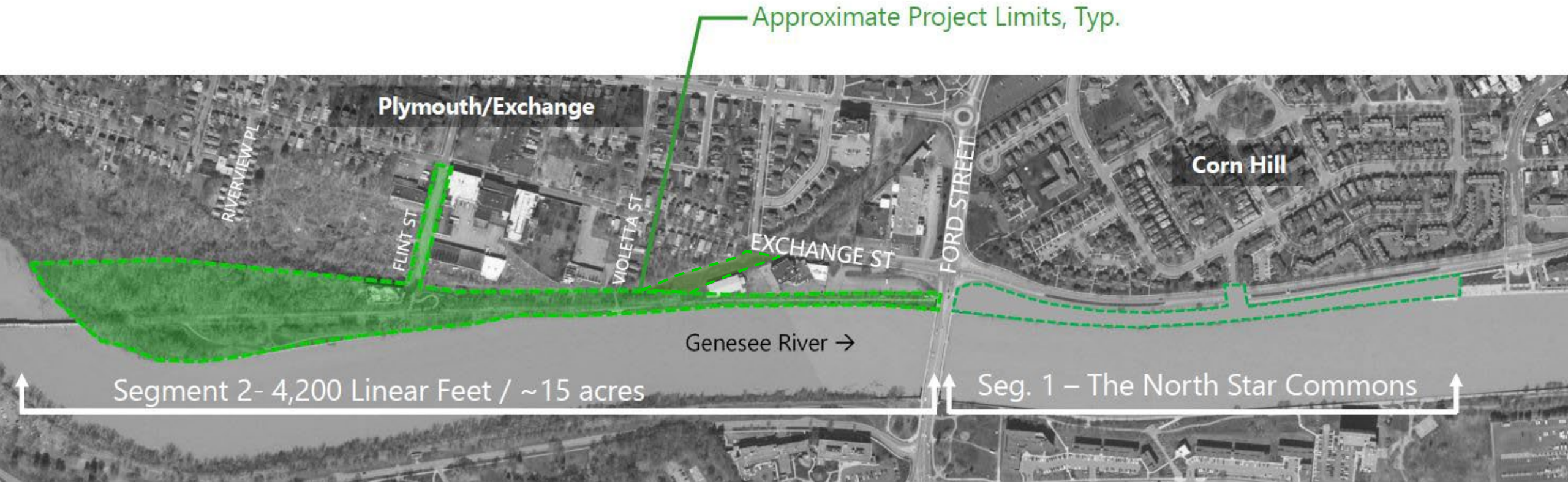


Local Ped. Detour

Trail Detour

Anticipated Trail Detours

# West River Wall Segment 2



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## Project Team



Engineering  
& Design

## Funding Sources



Department  
of State

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Reconstructed Trails

Flint Street Plaza with hardscape, seating, and ADA accessible hand carry boat launch

FLINT ST. PRIVATELY OWNED

New Trail

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# Project Timelines



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**Timeline of Vacuum Oil Projects**

	2024				2025				2026				2027				2028				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<b>Environmental Remediation</b>	ENGINEERING & DESIGN			MOBILIZATION		CONSTRUCTION															
<b>West River Wall Segment 2</b>					ENGINEERING & DESIGN				BID & AWARD		CONSTRUCTION										

= Next Public Meeting for West River Wall

Private Development: Construction could begin after remediation is complete

# Let's continue the discussion...

## **IN PERSON:**

- To view project boards, ask questions and provide feedback to the project team, please visit the stations in the back of the room.
- Comments can be discussed directly with design team members or submitted on comment sheets provided.

## **VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS:**

- Please visit the links on the next page to view the presentation materials virtually. The webpages provide direct email links to the project managers to provide feedback and leave questions for the project team.
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- *Comments may be submitted up to two weeks after the meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>*

***Thank you for your time!***

# For More Information...

## Vacuum Oil BOA Remediation

[www.cityofrochester.gov/VacuumOilCleanup](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/VacuumOilCleanup)

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## West River Wall Segment 2

[www.cityofrochester.gov/WestRiverWall2](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/WestRiverWall2)

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