

Rain Reclaim

A Joint Program of Pittsburgh Water and the City of Pittsburgh

Lincoln-Lemington Community Consensus Group
and Lincoln Lemington Collaborative Meeting
10/4/25





Agenda:

- Rain Reclaim Program Goals and Overview
- Potential Site Review
- Group Discussion
- Prioritization Activity
- Next Steps

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Program Overview and Goals



Dornbush Green Infrastructure Project (before construction),
Upstream Pittsburgh

Partnership between City,
Pittsburgh Water, and WaterNow Alliance

Framework for cooperative projects
between the City and Pittsburgh Water

Implement stormwater infrastructure and
community amenities on vacant lots

Pilot focused in Negley Run Watershed



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Program Overview and Goals



Dornbush Green Infrastructure Project (after construction),
Upstream Pittsburgh

Goals:

- **Stormwater Management:** Reduce flooding, basement backups, and CSOs
- **Community Benefit:** Create usable green space for residents and manage vacant land
- **Building Resilience:** Develop organizational relationships for continued collaboration



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Today's Goals



June 26th Rain Reclaim Community Meeting at The Kingsley Association

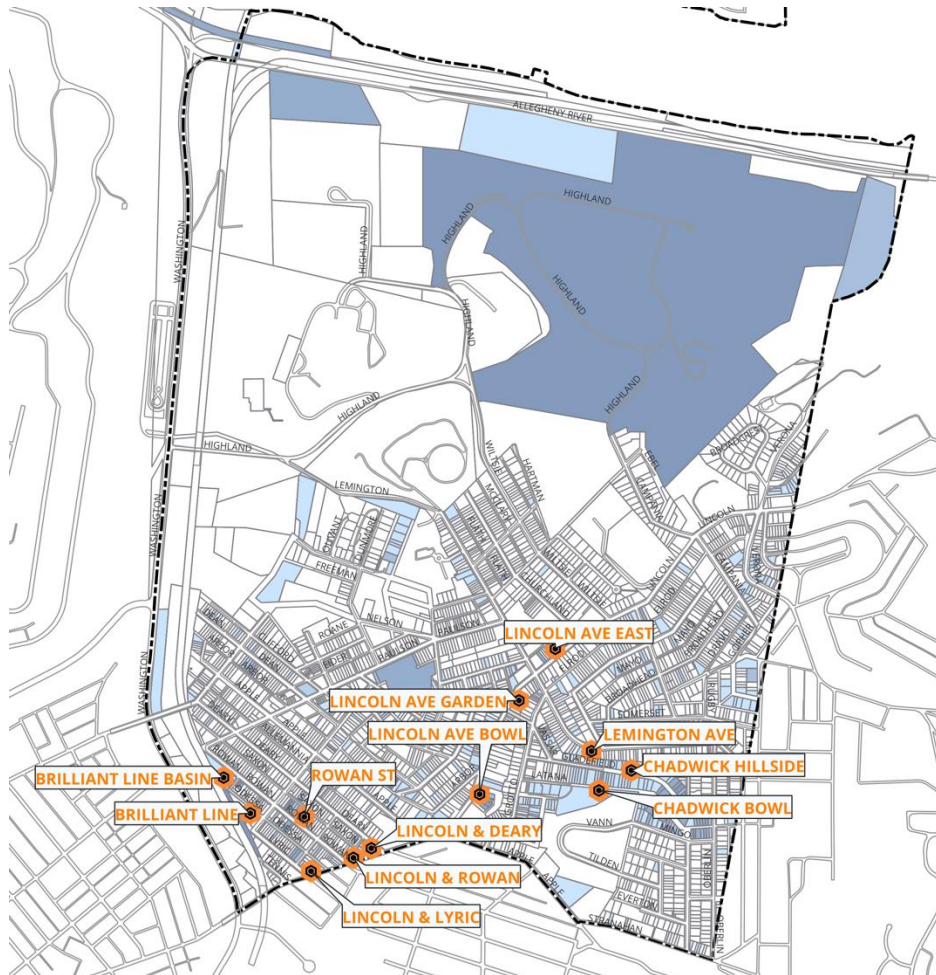
Goals:

- **Share:** Present site selection analysis and proposed GSI sites.
- **Feedback:** Hear from you all about the potential GSI sites.
- **Collaborate:** Identify any gaps in our process and clarify the next steps to continue our work together.

Questions?

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Site Selection and Analysis

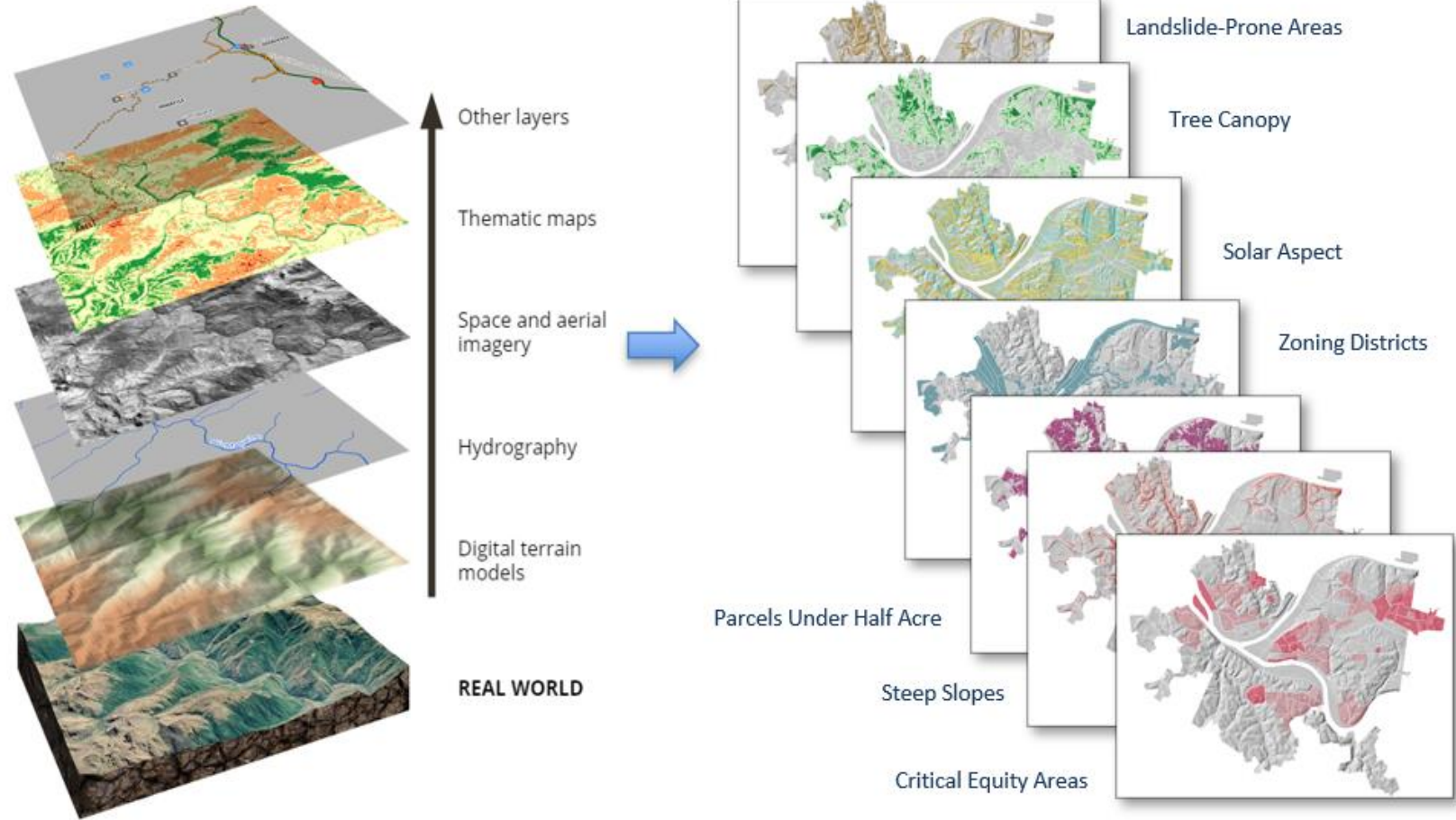
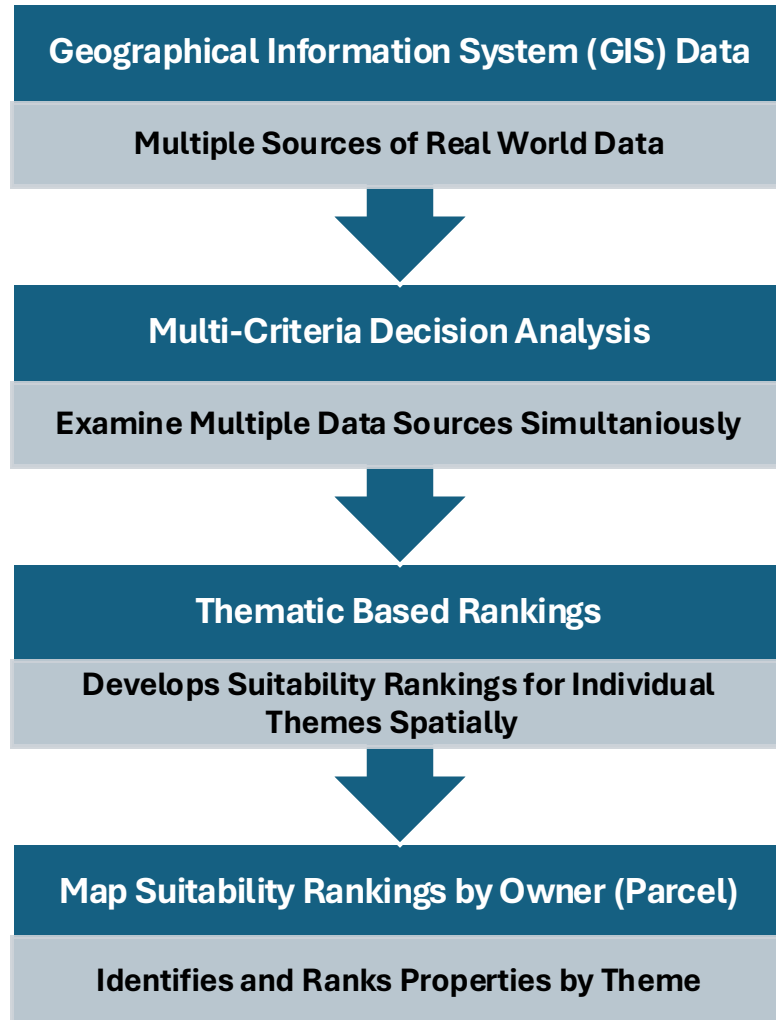


Types of Sites:

- Activating Commercial Districts
- Expanding Existing Parks
- Creating New Pocket Parks

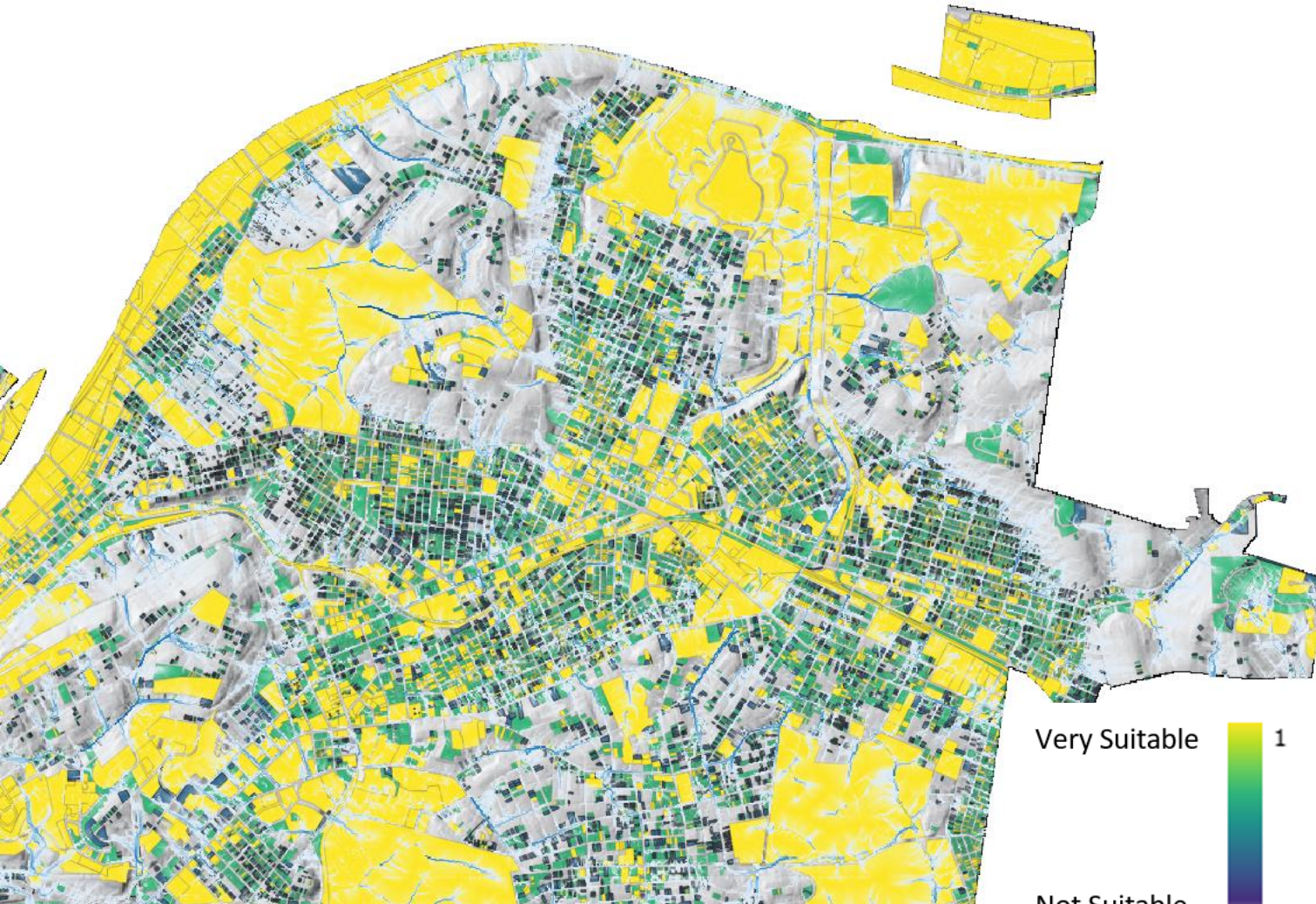
Vacant Lot Strategies

Planning & Analysis Methodology



Vacant Lot Strategies

Stormwater Management



Very Suitable 1
Not Suitable 0

Data Analysis Layers

Hydrologic
Flow
Accumulation

Soil Hydrology

Slopes

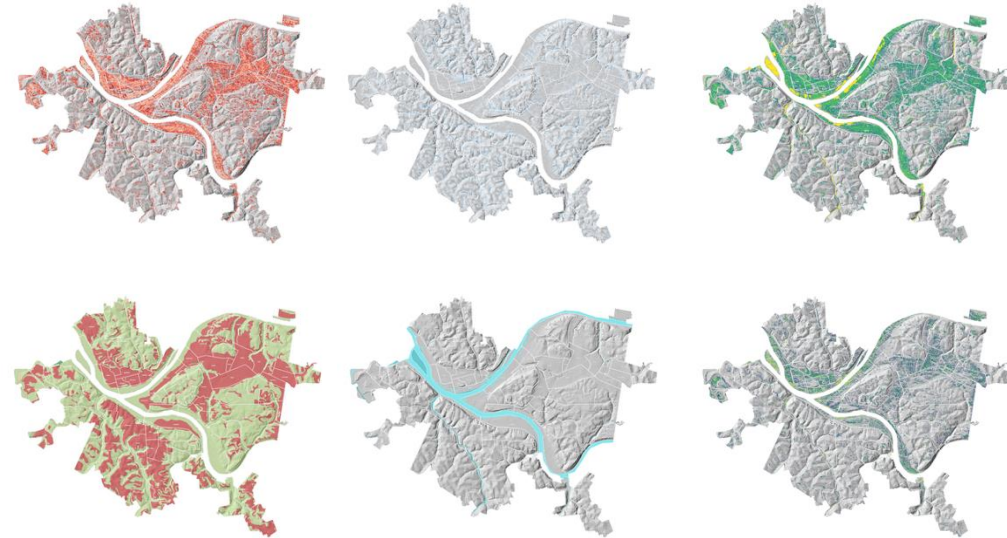
Tree Canopy

Solar Aspect

Floodplains

Wetlands

Parcels



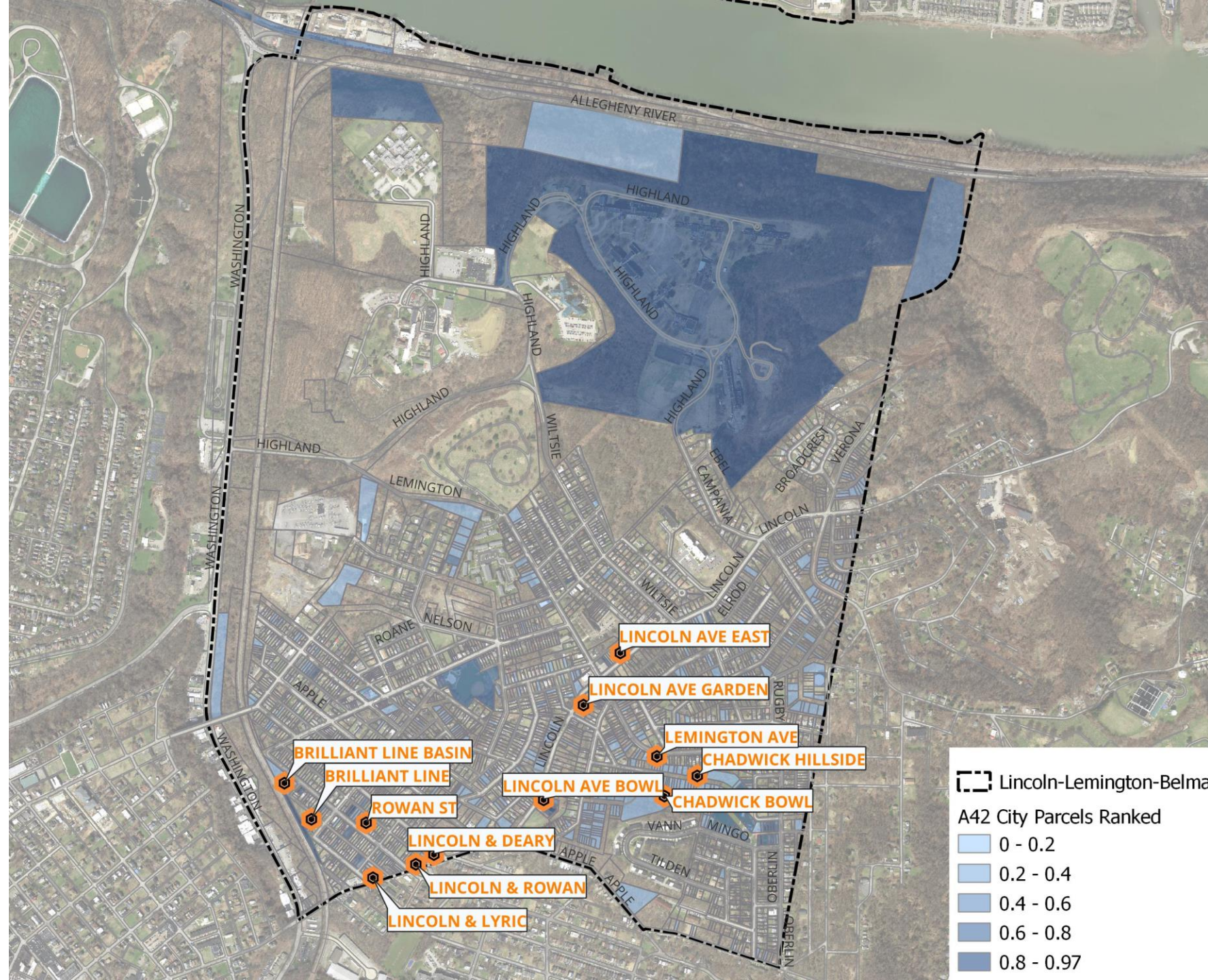
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Sites Overview

- Twelve (12) Potential Sites
- Focused on Residential Southern Half of the Neighborhood
- Three (3) General Types of Sites
 - Commercial Corridor Activation
 - Pocket Parklets
 - Existing Park Expansion
- Wide Range of Impact Areas & Opportunities



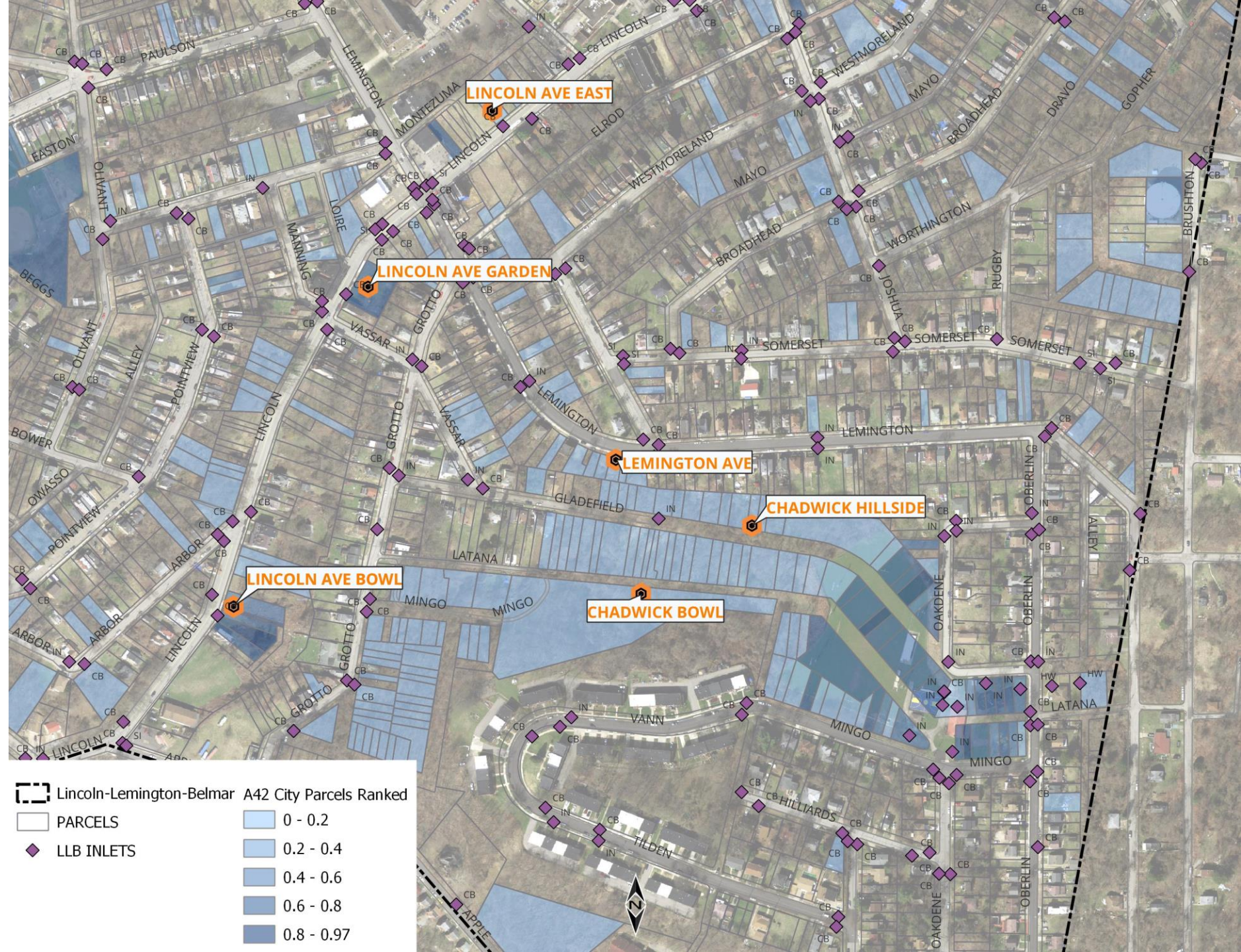
Sites - West

- Commercial Corridor West
 - Lincoln & Lyric
 - Lincoln & Rowan
 - Lincoln & Deary
- Pocket Parklets
 - Rowan Street
 - Brilliant Line Gateway
 - Brilliant Line Basin



Sites - East

- Commercial Corridor East
 - Lincoln Bowl
 - Lincoln Garden
 - Lincoln Basin
- Existing Park Expansion
 - Chadwick Hillside
 - Chadwick Bowl
 - Lemington Ave



Commercial Corridor West

Lincoln & Lyric

PROS

- Neighborhood Gateway
- Bus Stop Integration
- Pedestrian Safety Opportunity
- Potential for Networked Sites
- History of Sewer Backups

CONS

- Small Site
- Adjacent Structures
- May Require Subsurface GSI



Commercial Corridor West

Lincoln & Rowan

PROS

- Visibility
- Flat Site
- Multiple Contiguous Lots
- Situated for Surface GSI
- Easy ROW Capture
- Potential for Networked Sites
- History of Sewer Backups

CONS

- Prime for Redevelopment



Commercial Corridor West

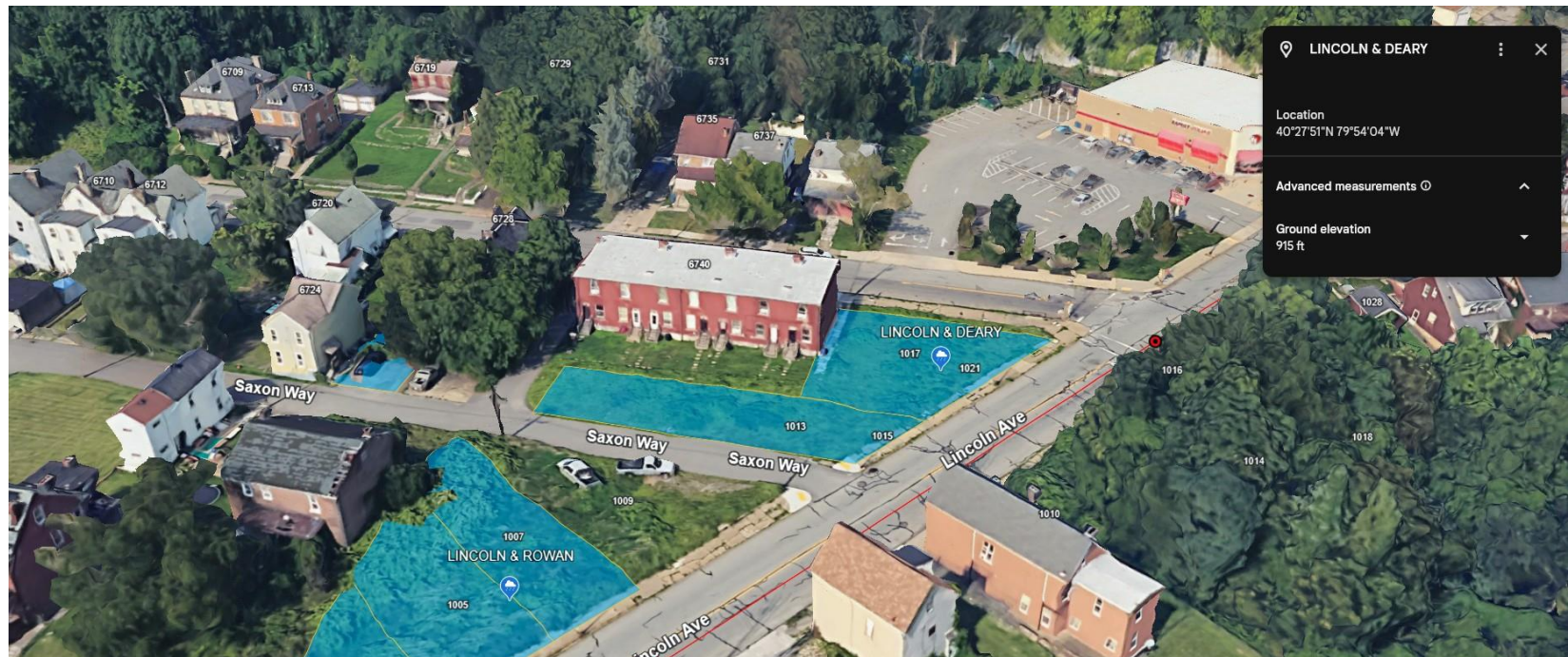
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Commercial Corridor East

Lincoln Bowl

PROS

- Situated for Surface GSI
- Easy ROW Capture
- Upgradient of Known Flood Area
- Bus Stop Integration
- Multiple Lots

CONS

- Limited Drainage Area
- Steeply Sloped
- Existing Trees



Commercial Corridor East

Lincoln Garden

PROS

- Visibility
- Flat Site
- Situated for Surface GSI
- Upgradient of Known Flood Area
- Multiple Contiguous Lots

CONS

- Limited Drainage Area
- Could Temporarily Disturb Existing Gardens



Commercial Corridor East

Lincoln East

PROS

- Visibility
- Existing Low Point
- Situated for Surface GSI
- Easy ROW Capture
- Upgradient of Known Flood Area
- Potential for Expanded Capture

CONS

- Prime for Redevelopment
- Single Lot(s)



Pocket Parklets

Rowan Street

PROS

- Large Flat Site
- Multiple Contiguous Lots
- Situated for Large Scale Surface GSI
- Potential for Expanded Capture

CONS

- Limited Drainage Area
- Limited Visibility



Pocket Parklets

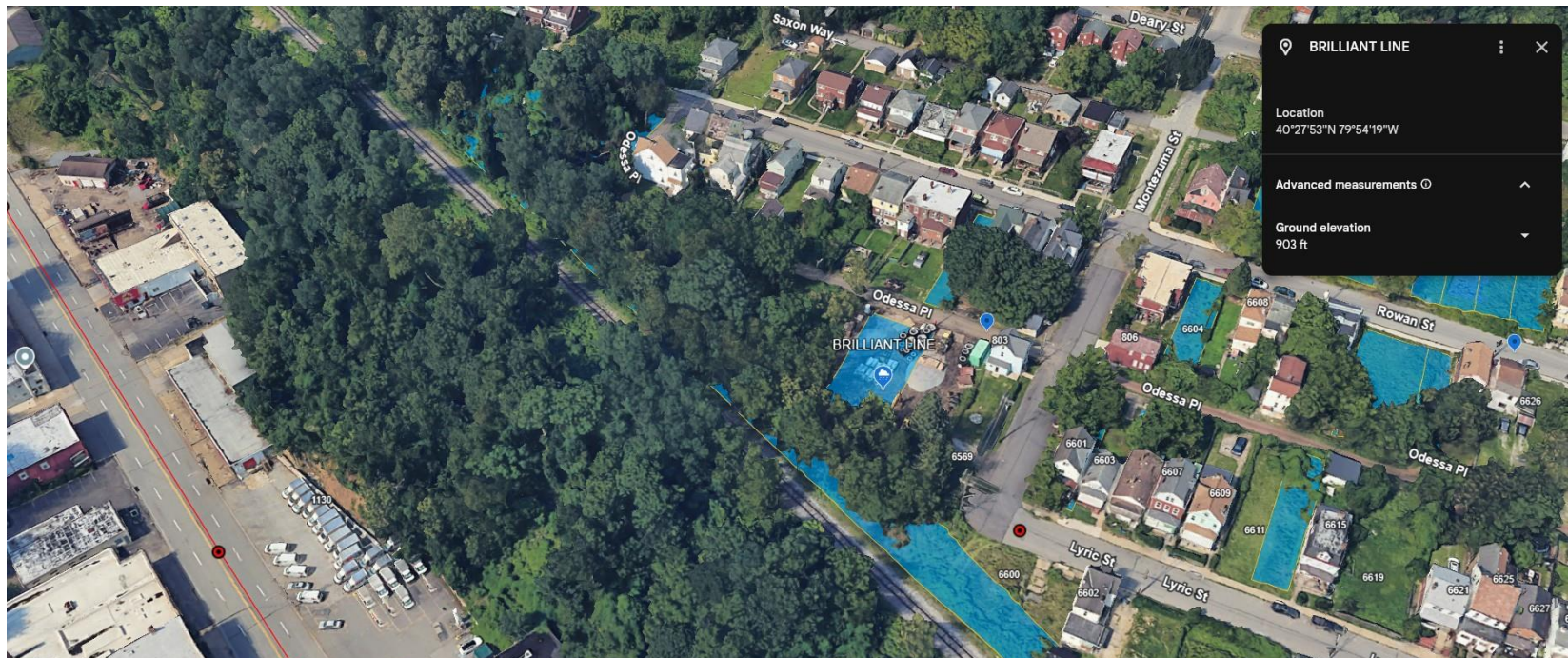
Brilliant Gateway

PROS

- Flat Site
- Situated for Surface GSI
- Connection to Future Brilliant Line Rail Trail
- Potential for Networked Sites
- Potential for Expanded Capture

CONS

- Requires Connection Thru County-Owned Lot
- Limited Visibility Until Trail Opens
- Limited Drainage Area



Pocket Parklets

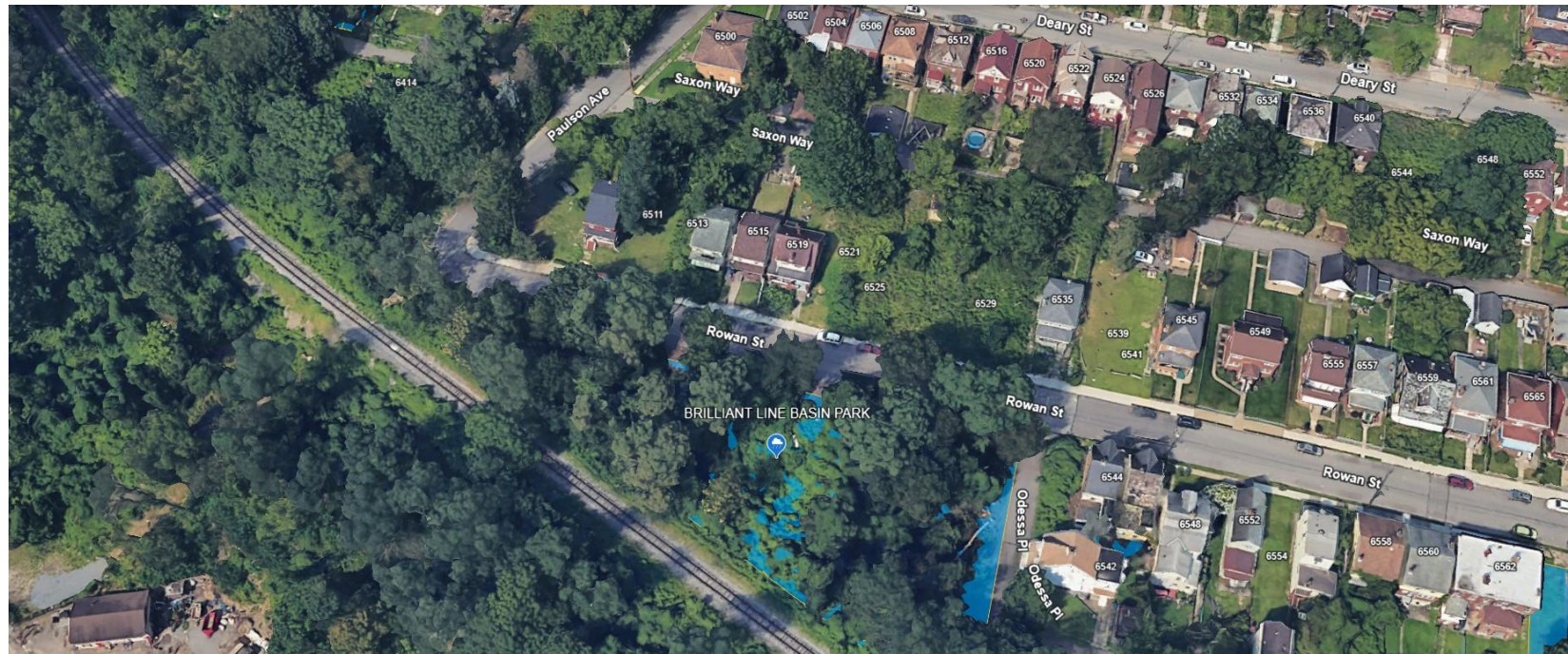
Brilliant Basin

PROS

- Existing Low Point
- Situated for Surface GSI
- Connection to Future Brilliant Line Rail Trail
- Potential for Networked Sites
- Potential for Expanded Capture

CONS

- County-Owned Vacant Lot
- Limited Visibility Until Trail Opens
- Existing Trees



Park Expansion

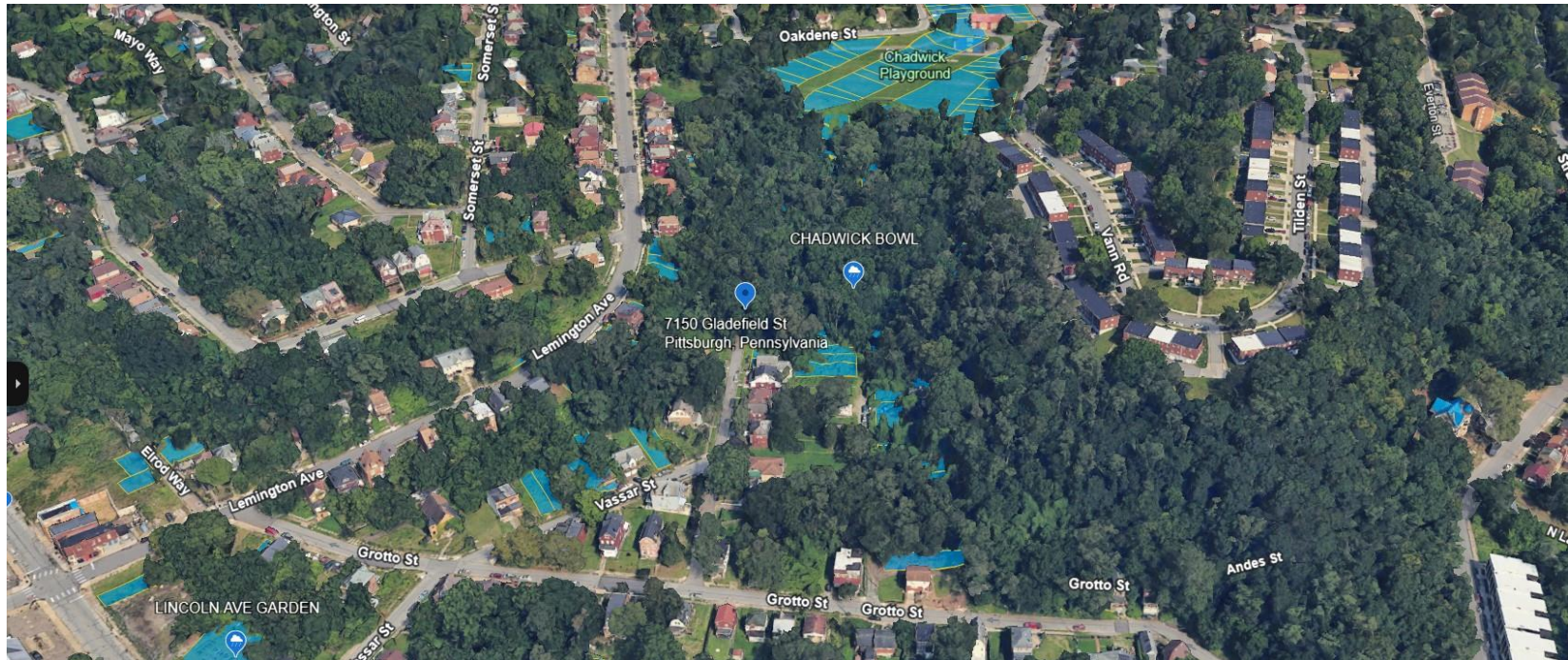
Chadwick Bowl

PROS

- Existing Low Point / Valley
- Potential for Large Scale Capture
- Potential for Networked Sites
- Potential for Expanded Capture
- Potential of Neighborhood Greenway / Trail / Boardwalk

CONS

- Limited Visibility & Access
- Existing Trees
- Existing Seeps / Wetlands
- Existing Buried Infrastructure
- Significant Capital Investment



Park Expansion

Chadwick Hillside

PROS

- Opportunity for Depaving
- Potential for Networked Sites
- Potential for Expanded Capture
- Potential of Neighborhood Greenway / Trail

CONS

- Limited Visibility & Access
- Steep Slopes
- Existing Trees
- Existing Utilities



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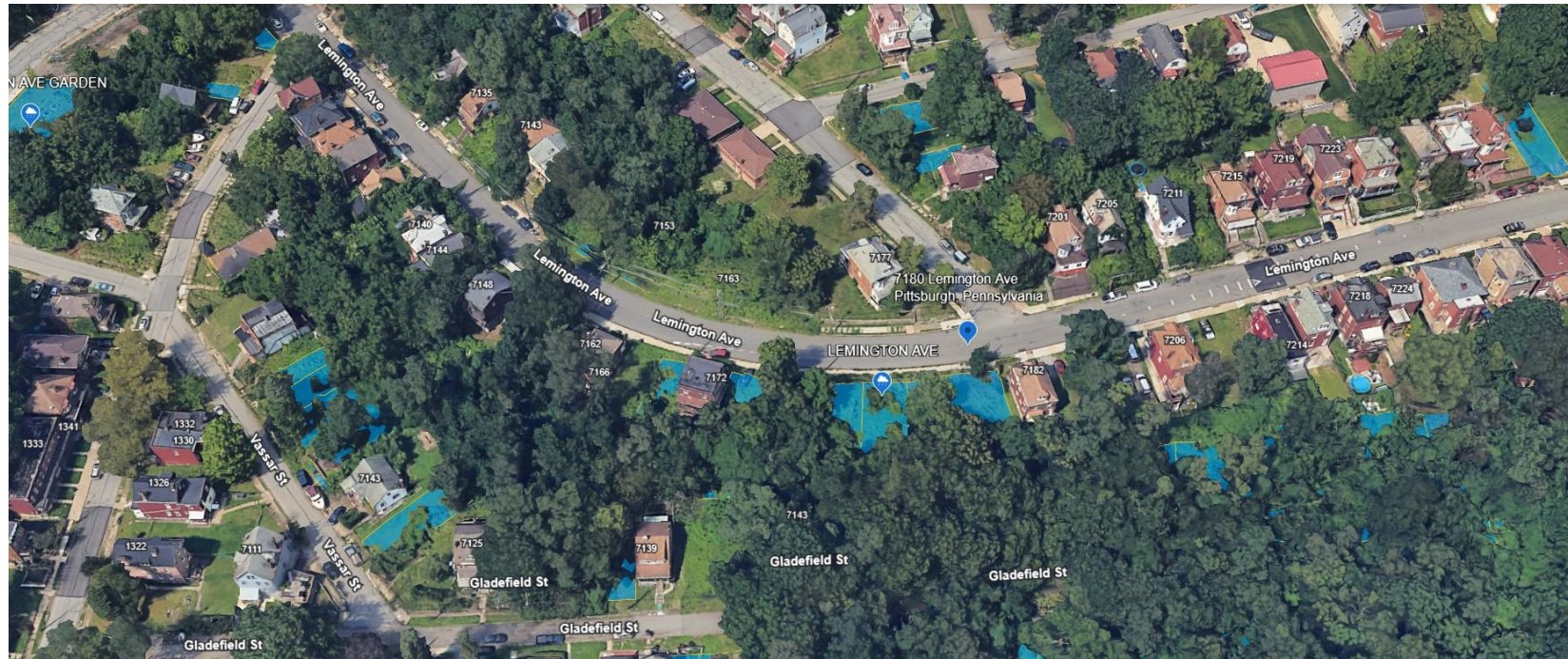
Lemington Ave

PROS

- Situated for Surface GSI
- Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance
- Easy ROW Capture
- Multiple Lots
- Potential for Networked Sites
- Potential for Expanded Capture

CONS

- Limited Visibility
- Steep Slopes
- Existing Trees



Discussion

- What stands out to you about these sites?
- What makes some sites a better fit than others for the neighborhood's goals?
- What features or amenities would you like to see complement the stormwater infrastructure?

Site Priority Activity

Next Steps

- The Rain Reclaim team will summarize the feedback from today to narrow down to 1-2 potential vacant land sites for GSI in Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar.
 - We'll be holding another, similar discussion later this fall! Stay tuned for details.
- In the spring, we'll share initial designs for your feedback at another community meeting.
- The final designs will be submitted through Pittsburgh Water's Capital Improvement process for funding.

Next Steps

PITTSBURGH HAS SHARED ITS PRIORITIES,
NOW LET'S TALK DEVELOPMENT!

PUBLIC



WORKSHOP

TWO WAYS TO ATTEND:

 OCTOBER 22 5:00 - 7:30 PM		 OCTOBER 23 5:00 - 7:30 PM
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- Join the City of Pittsburgh on 10/22 and 10/23 as we move into the Scenario Planning phase of the Comprehensive Plan!



Multiple Ways to Report a Water Issue

- Call Pittsburgh Water's 24/7 Emergency Dispatch (412) 255-2423
- Call City's 311 Response Center (or 412-255-2621)
- Email PGH311@pittsburghpa.gov (Non-emergencies)



Translate

Report an Issue

Pay a Bill

Menu



Next Steps

- [Engage PGH page](#)
- Contact us:
 - Emerson O'Donnell, eo@waternow.org
 - Kyla Prendergast, kyla.Prendergast@pittsburghpa.gov
 - Maria Natoli, mnatoli@pgh2o.com

