

A Region Transformed

The Fourth Regional Plan

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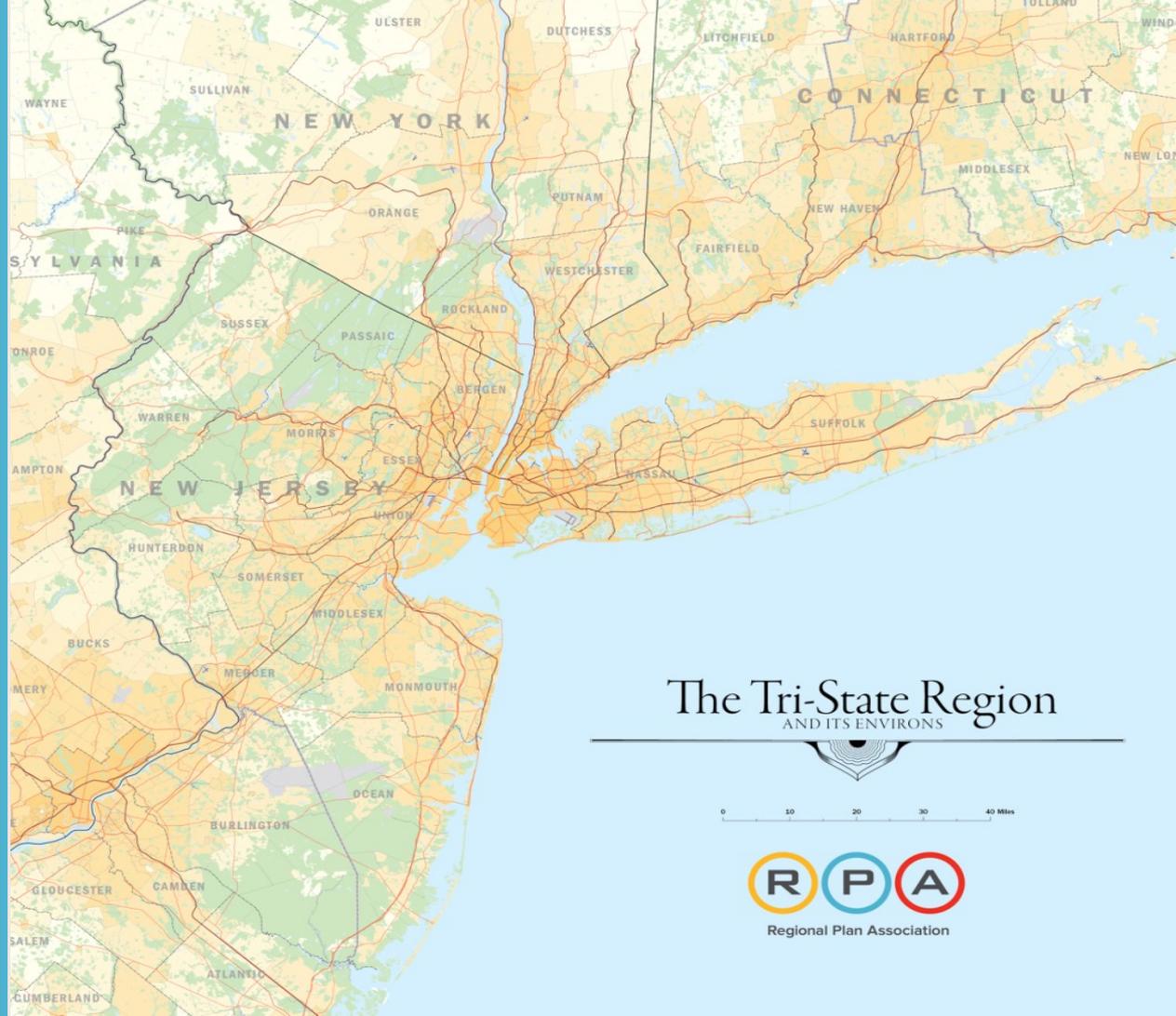
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Since 1922,
Regional Plan
Association has
prepared long range
plans for the tri-state
metropolitan region



3 states
31 counties
782 towns & cities
23 million residents



The Tri-State Region AND ITS ENVIRONS

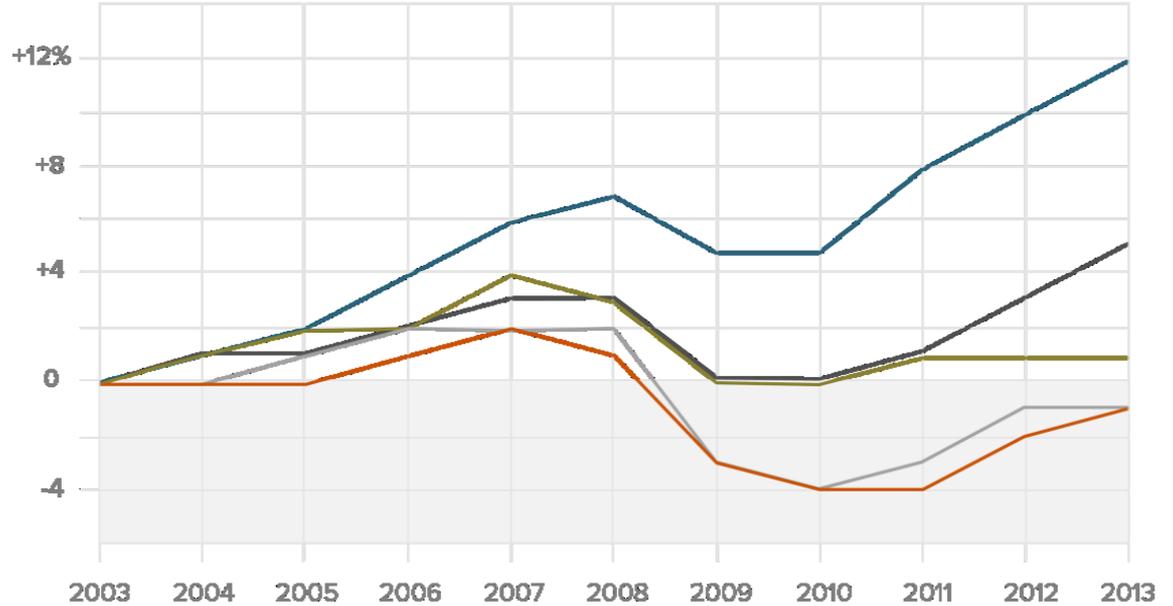
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JOB GROWTH

■ New York City ■ Northern New Jersey ■ Long Island ■ Hudson Valley ■ Southwestern Connecticut



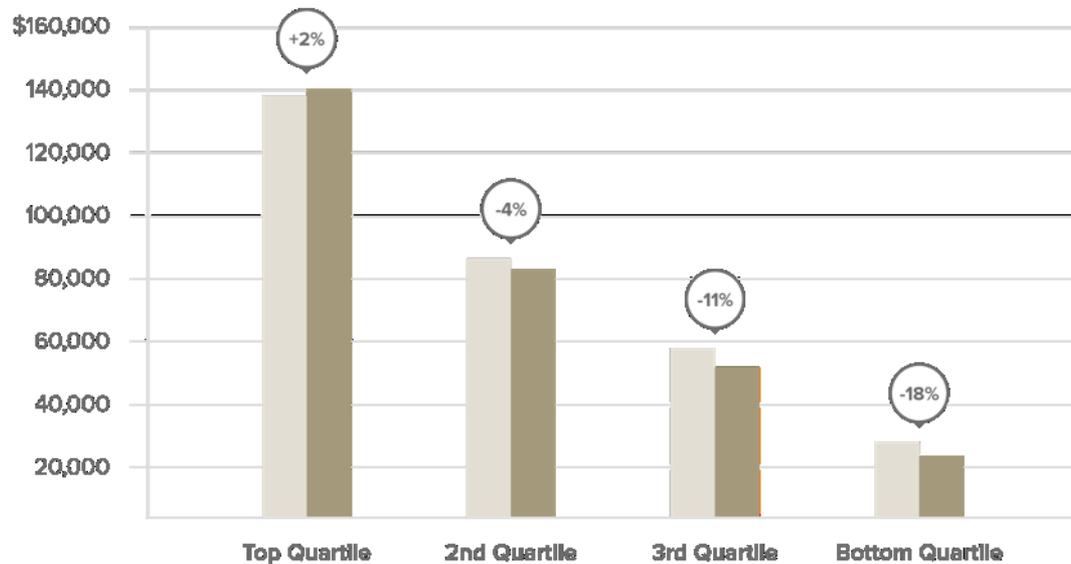
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job growth has been much weaker in smaller cities and the suburbs than in New York City.

Median incomes
have dropped
since 1990 for
more than three-
quarters of the
region's
households

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION

■ 1990 ■ 2007–2011

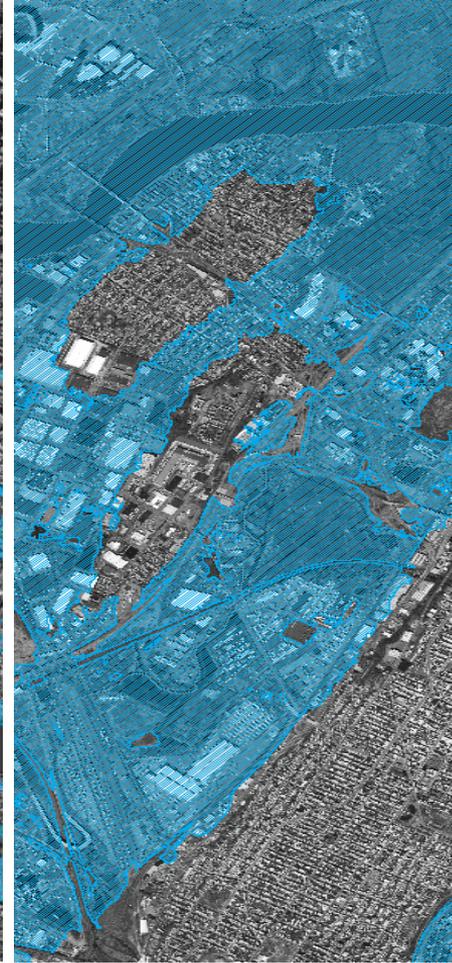


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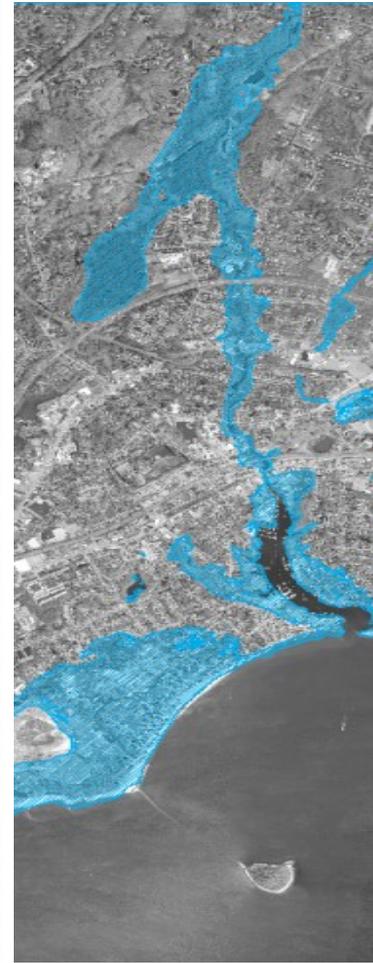
2.2 million people
in the region will
be at high risk of
flooding by 2050



Lower
Manhattan

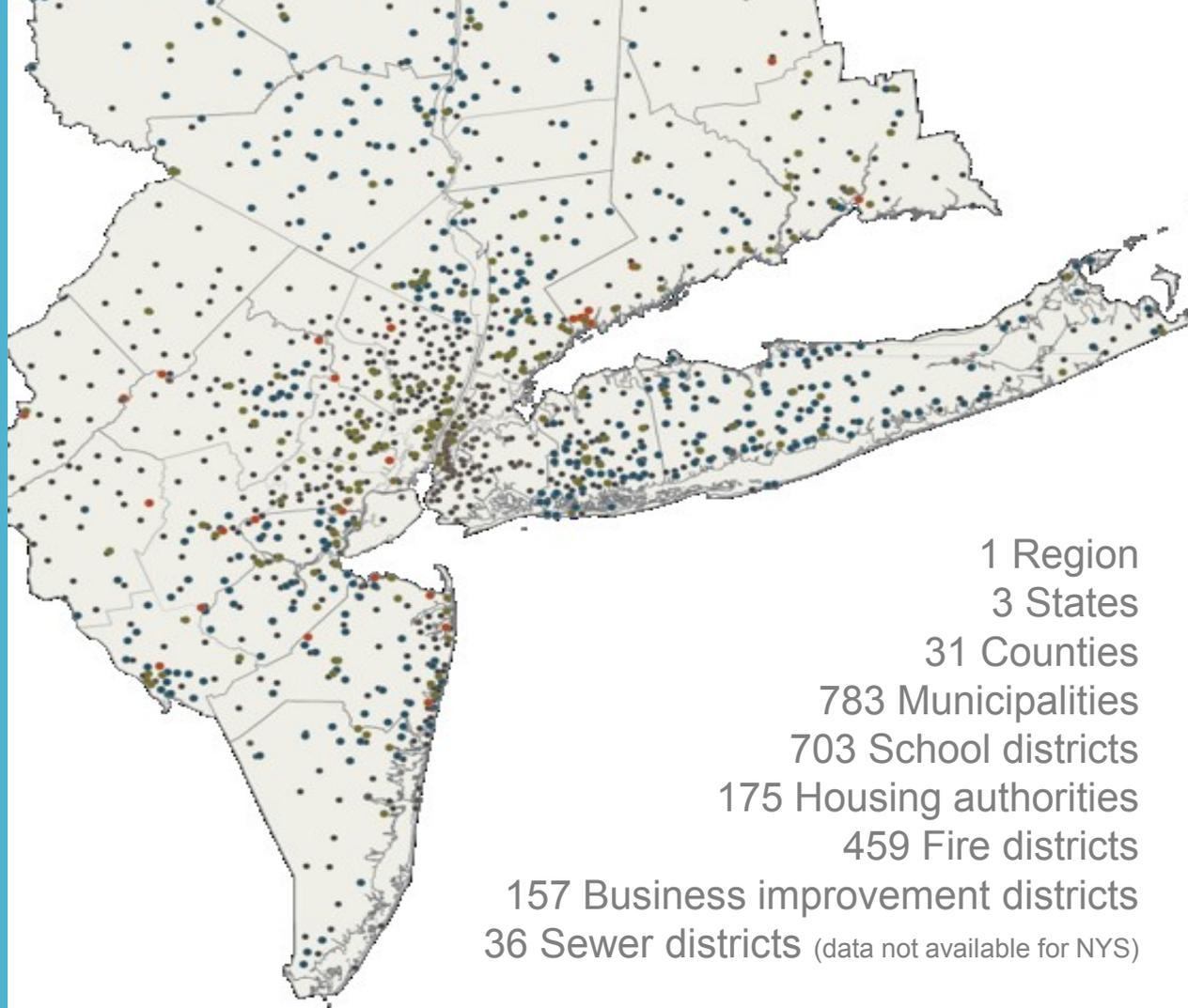


Secaucus,
New Jersey



Milford,
Connecticut

The number of governmental jurisdictions creates inefficiencies and make it difficult to reach decisions

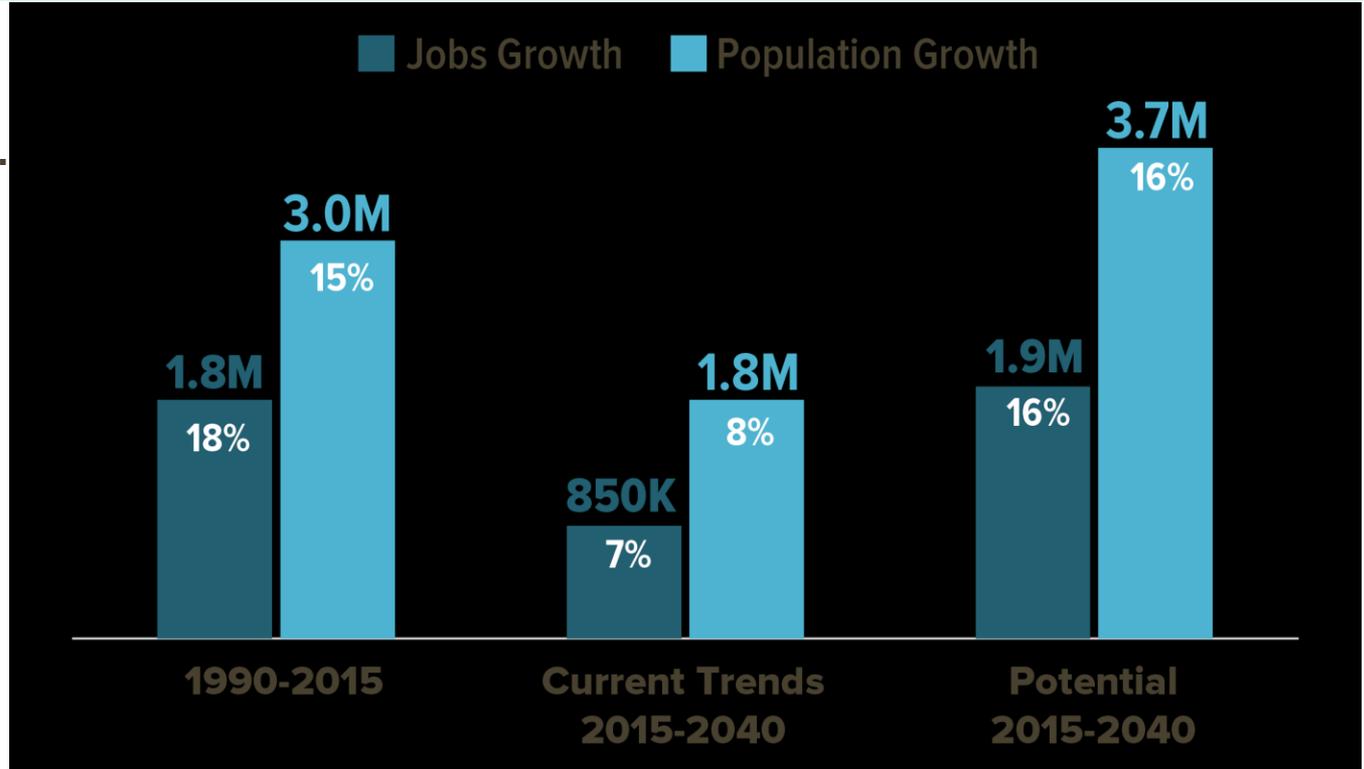


Shaping a vision for the region's future...

- ➔ **To expand prosperity and opportunity**
- ➔ **To improve affordability**
- ➔ **To foster a healthy and livable region**
- ➔ **To become a more resilient region**

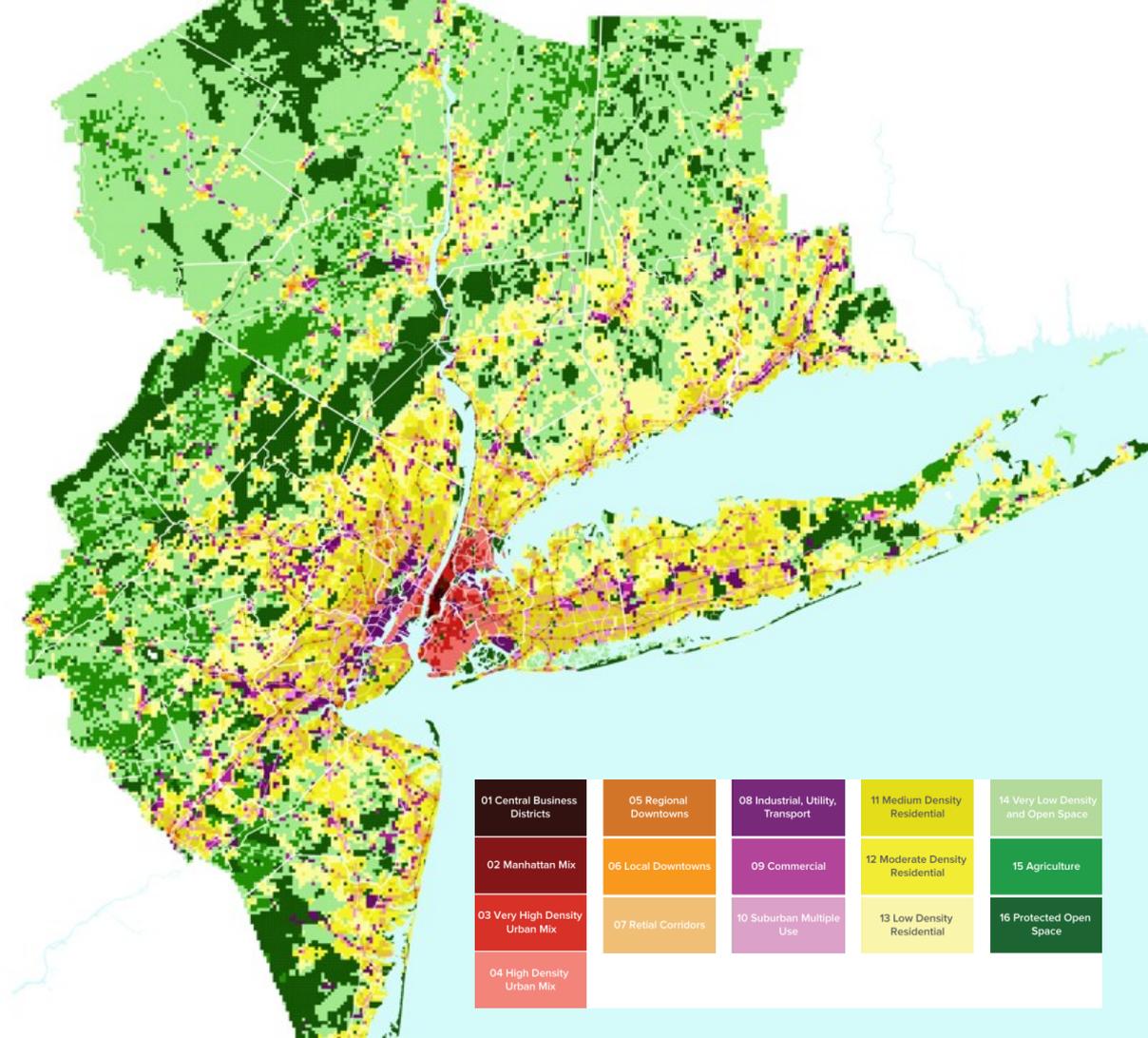
How much growth should we plan for?

2015 Jobs: 11.6 M
2015 Population: 22.



Where to Grow?

Place Typologies

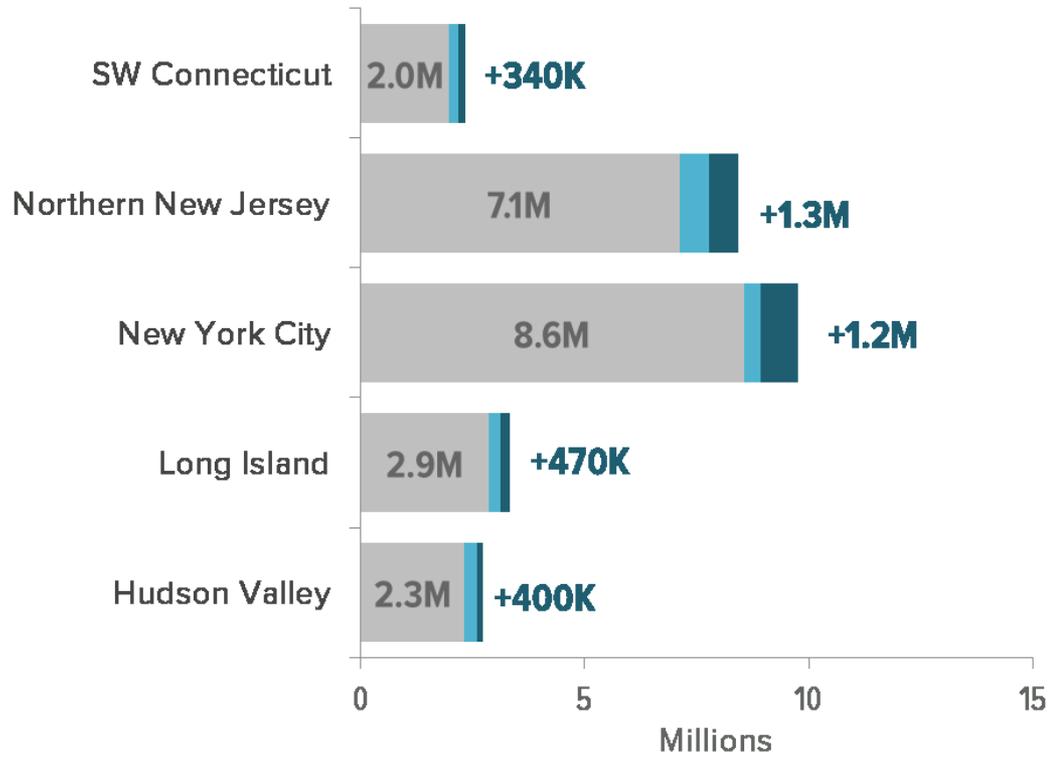




Best growth path
for meeting plan
goals

Population Growth by Subregion

■ 2015 ■ Status Quo ■ Vision



Objectives

Create walkable, affordable neighborhoods in the urban core

Revitalize struggling cities and neighborhoods

Reinvent the suburbs

Transform public transportation

Modernize streets & roadways

Connect the region to other cities

Reduce the region's vulnerability to climate change

Reduce our carbon footprint

Protect and enhance the region's natural environment



Increase housing
affordability in the
urban core

Encourage effective density

- Lift Manhattan FAR caps
- Encourage smaller units
- Legalize accessory units
- Multi-family in more areas
- Encourage higher occupancy



FAR ~30.0

Photo: Jorbasa Fotografie



FAR 13.06

Photo: City Realty

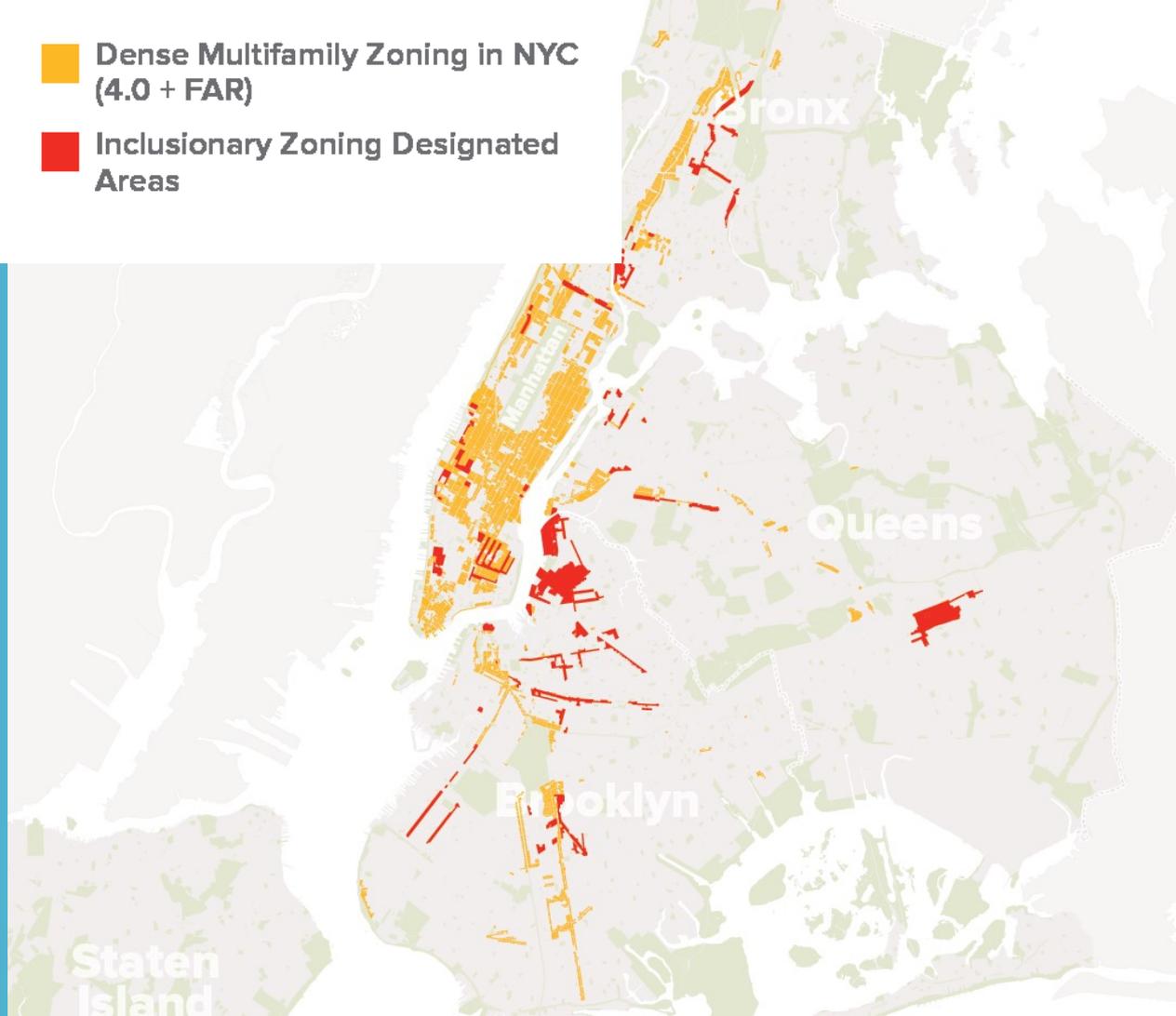


Increase housing affordability in the urban core

Increase Affordability everywhere

- Expand inclusionary zoning
- Targeted tax exemptions

- Dense Multifamily Zoning in NYC (4.0 + FAR)
- Inclusionary Zoning Designated Areas



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Revitalize struggling cities and neighborhoods

Reform property taxes

- Regional school taxes
- Shared services
- Split rate taxation



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Reinvent the suburbs

Provide incentives for mixed-income, walkable communities

- Require affordable housing plans
- Statewide inclusionary zoning
- Technical assistance to municipalities
- Reimburse school costs
- Expedited permitting
- Preference in discretionary funding



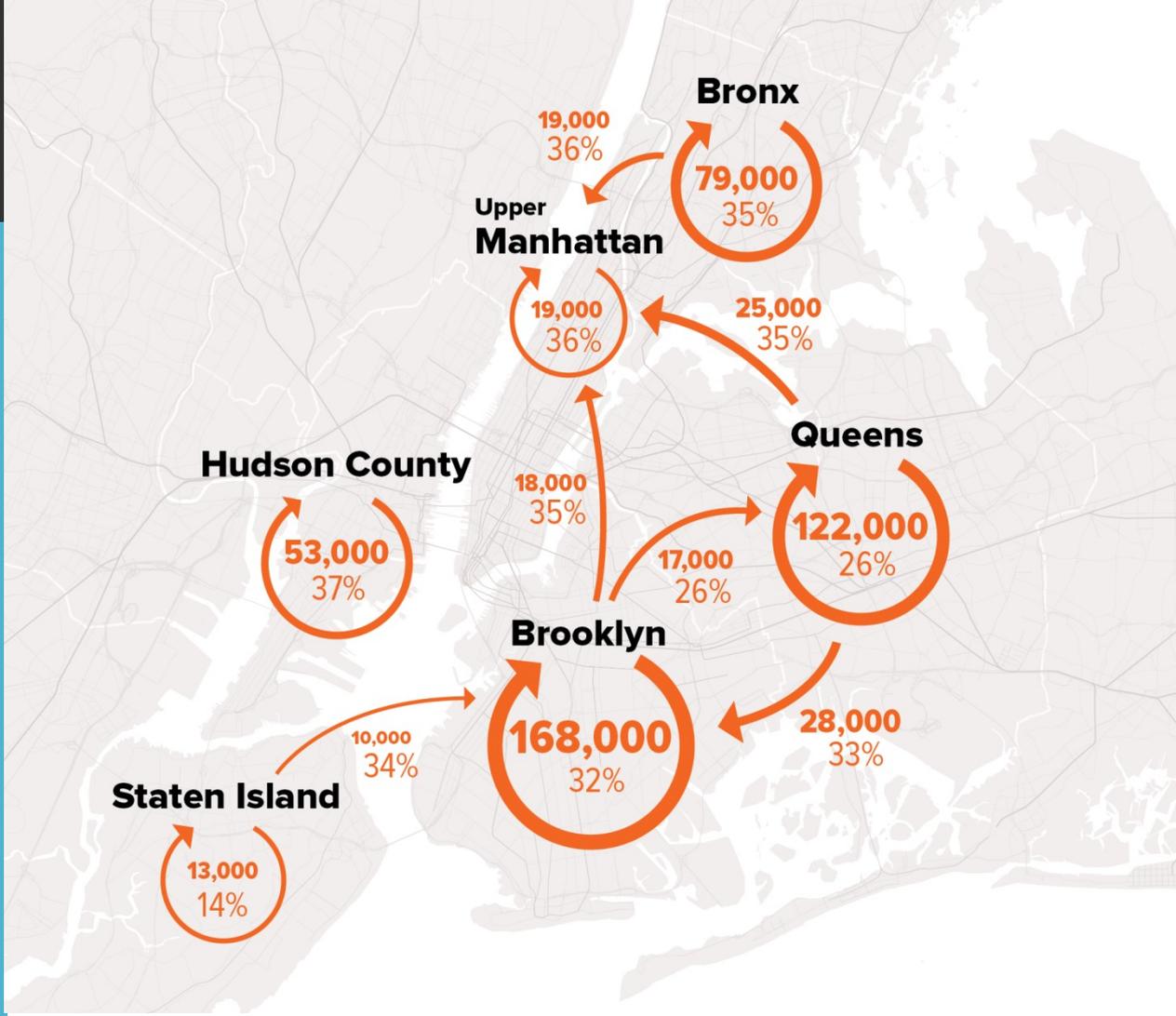
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Transform public transportation

- Build a comprehensive, multi-modal and customer-oriented public transportation system
- Restructure transit authorities to value long-term financial impact of investments



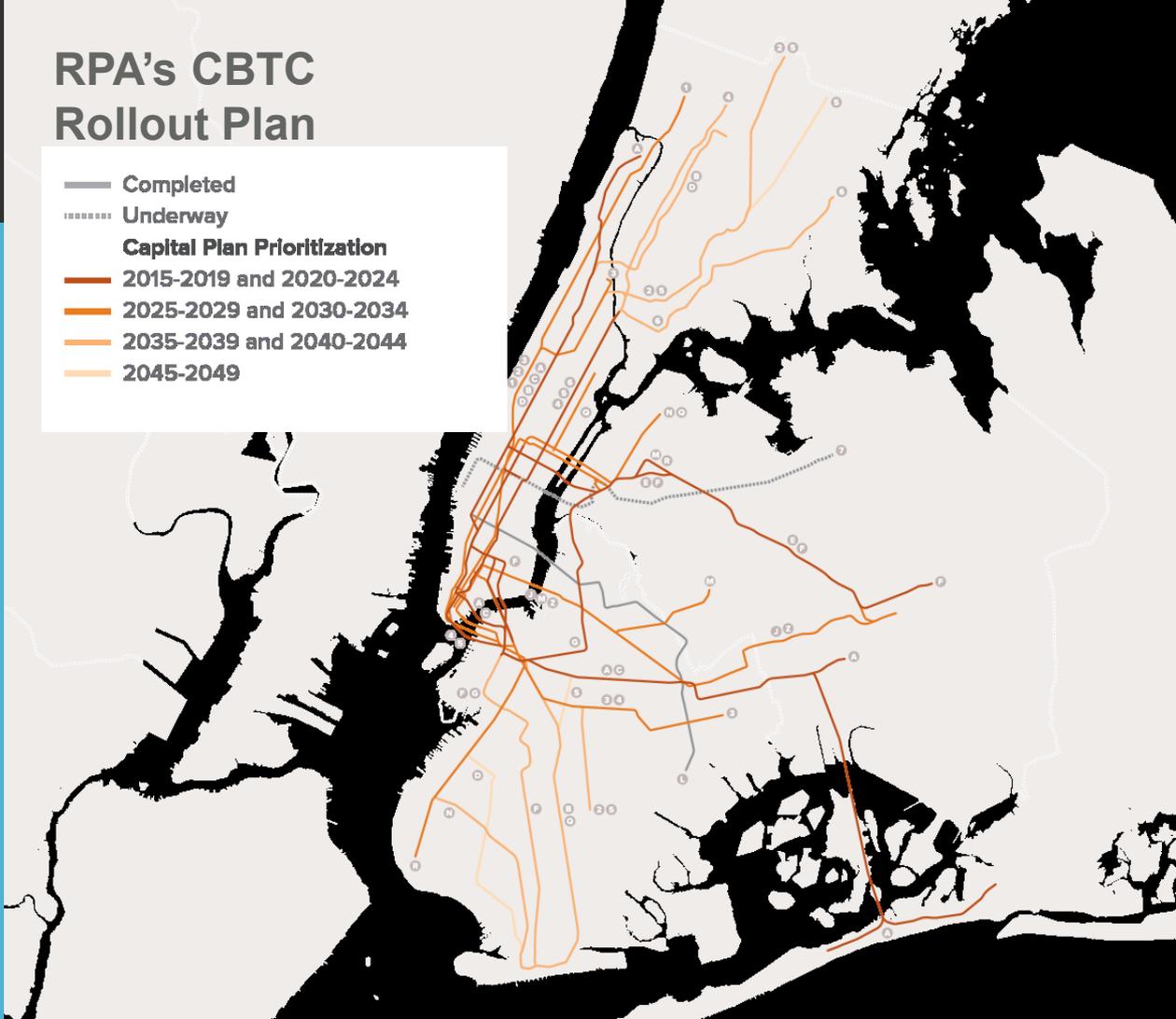
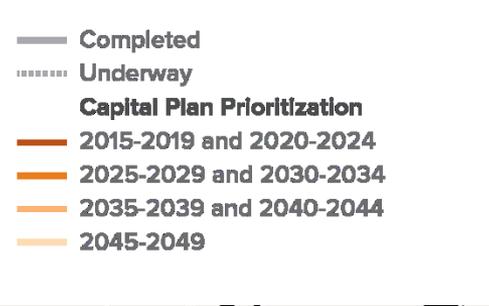


Transform public transportation

Modernize and extend subway service

- CBTC system-wide
- New fare technology
- Line extensions
- Upgraded stations
- Customer service

RPA's CBTC Rollout Plan



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Modernize streets & roadways

Manage traffic through pricing

- Mileage-based user fees
- HOT lanes
- Cordon tolling
- Interstate tolls



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World Class Airports

- Air traffic technology
- Modern terminals
- Ground access
- Outlying airports
- New runways



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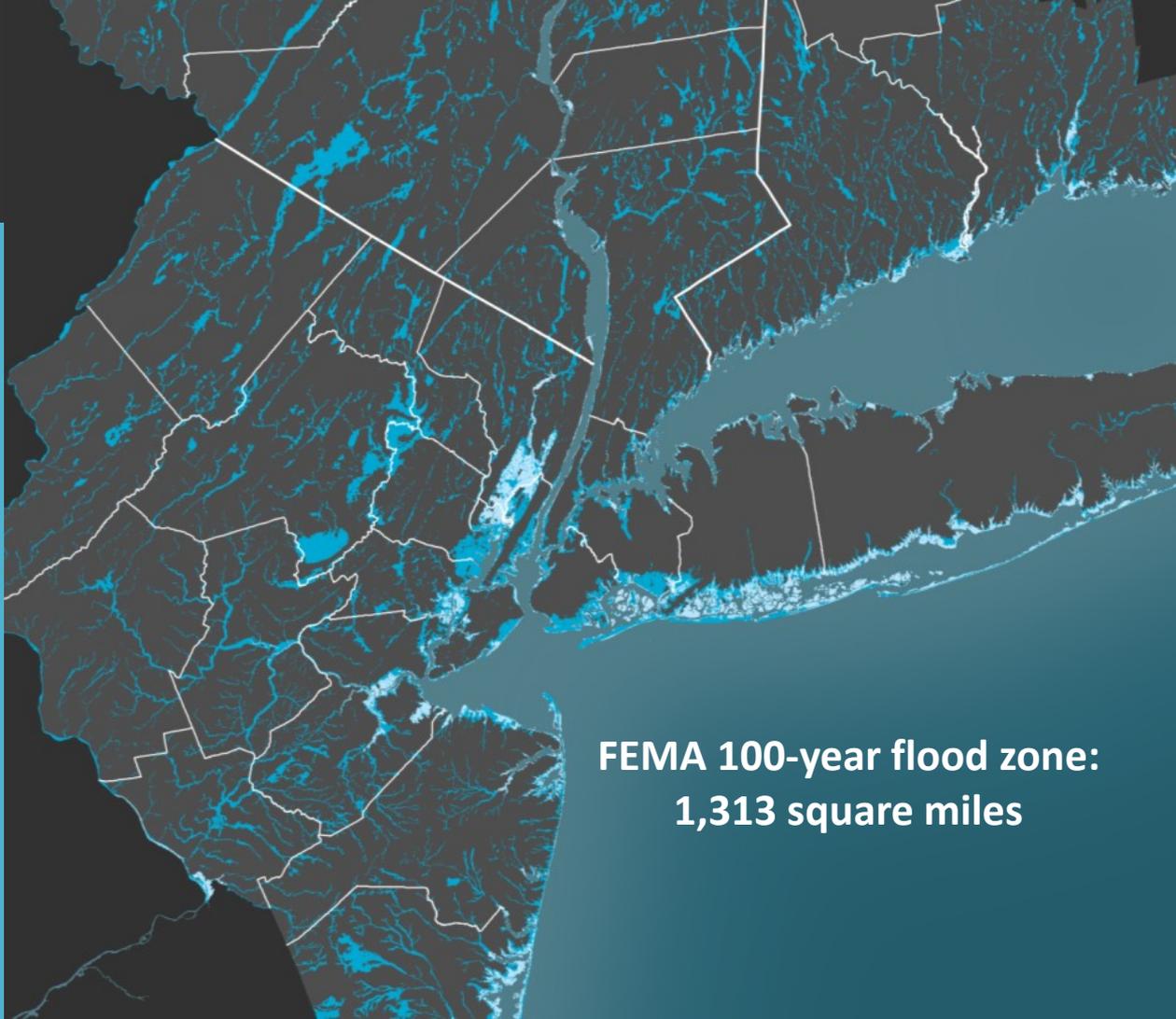
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**Reduce the region's
vulnerability to
climate change**

Regional Resilience Commission

- **Coordinated and consistent land use decisions**
- **Flood hazard reduction program**
- **Resilience trust fund**



**FEMA 100-year flood zone:
1,313 square miles**

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Transform urban energy generation

- **Allow more power transmission from outside the region**
- **Decommission outmoded power plants**
- **Remediate former power plant sites**



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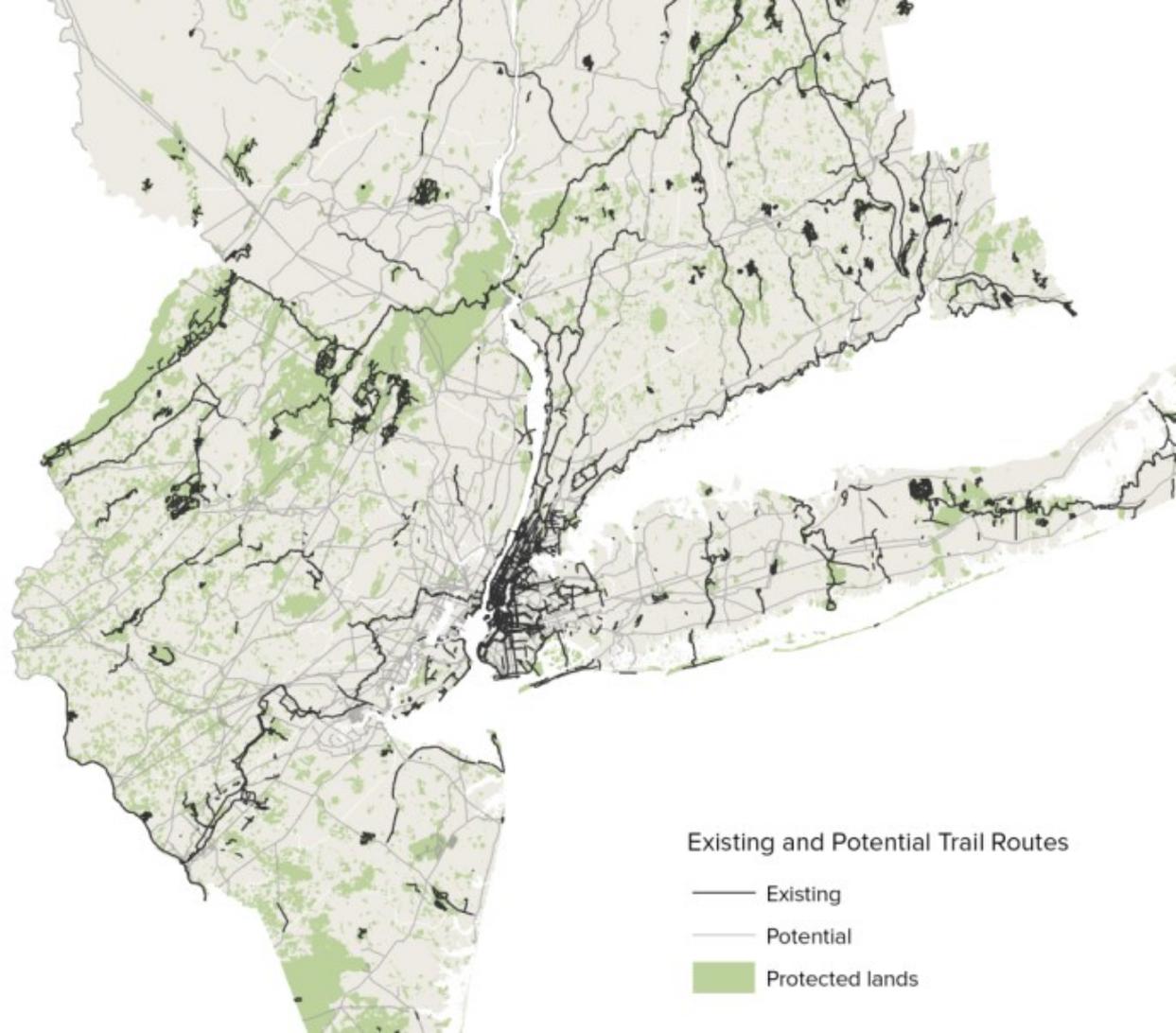
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Complete a regional trail network

Connecting communities
and open spaces

Protecting rights of way

Creative trail-making





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