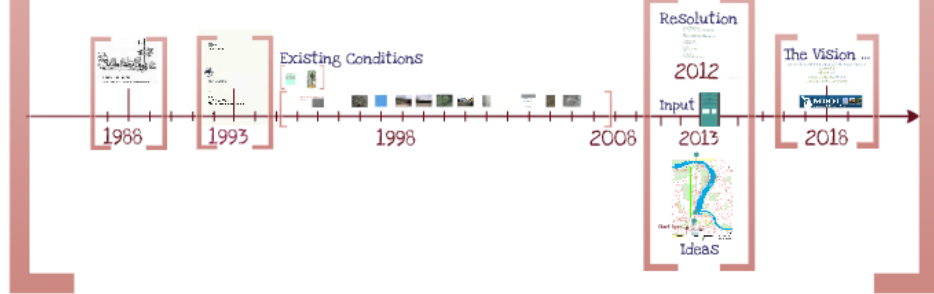
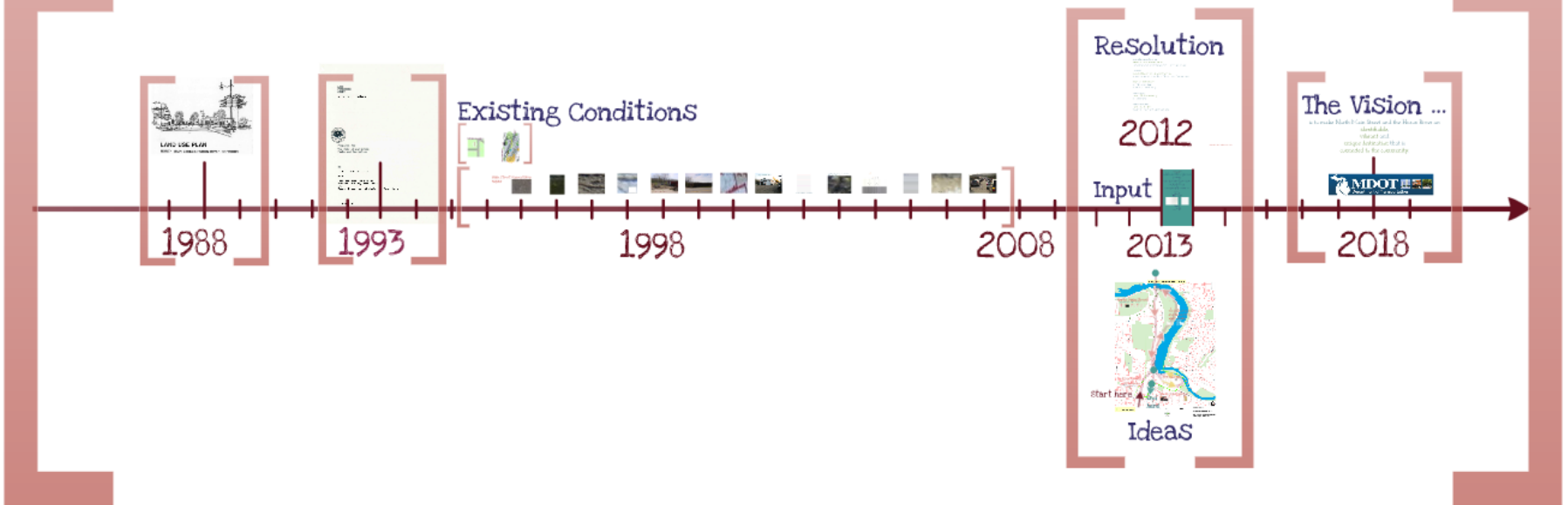


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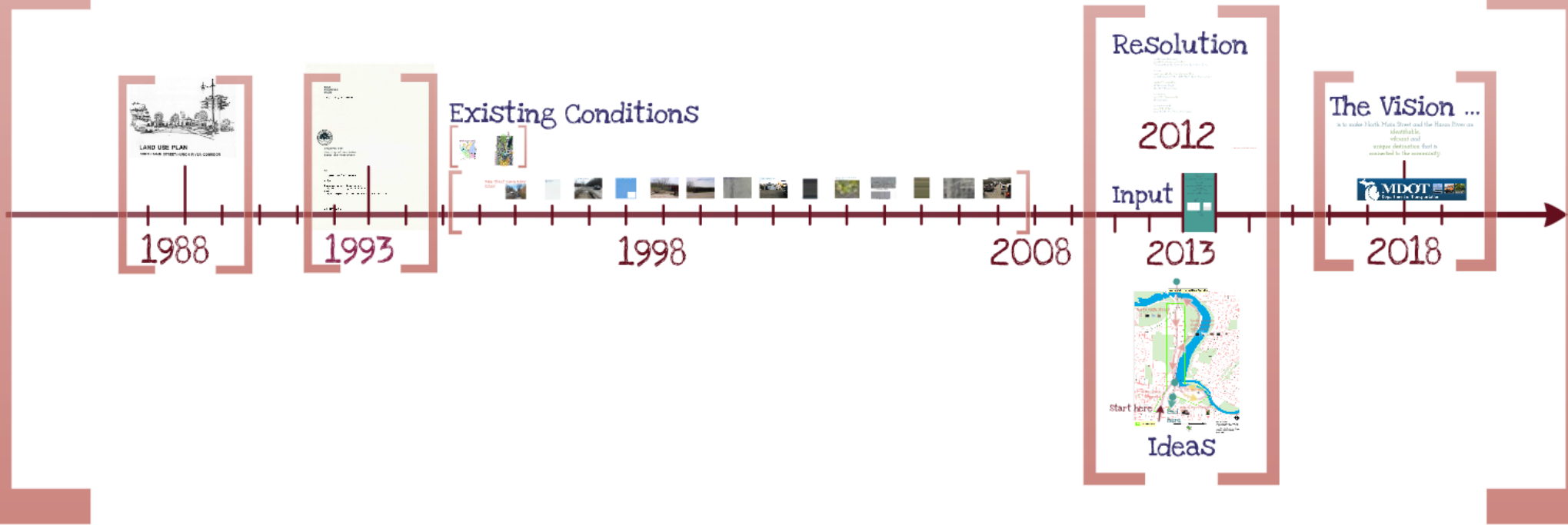
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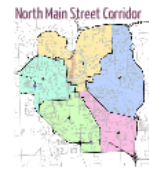
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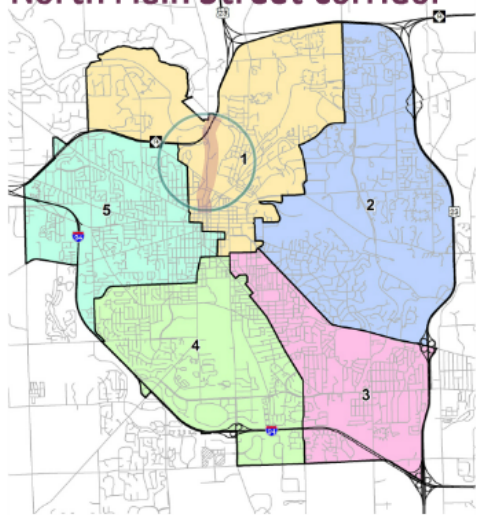
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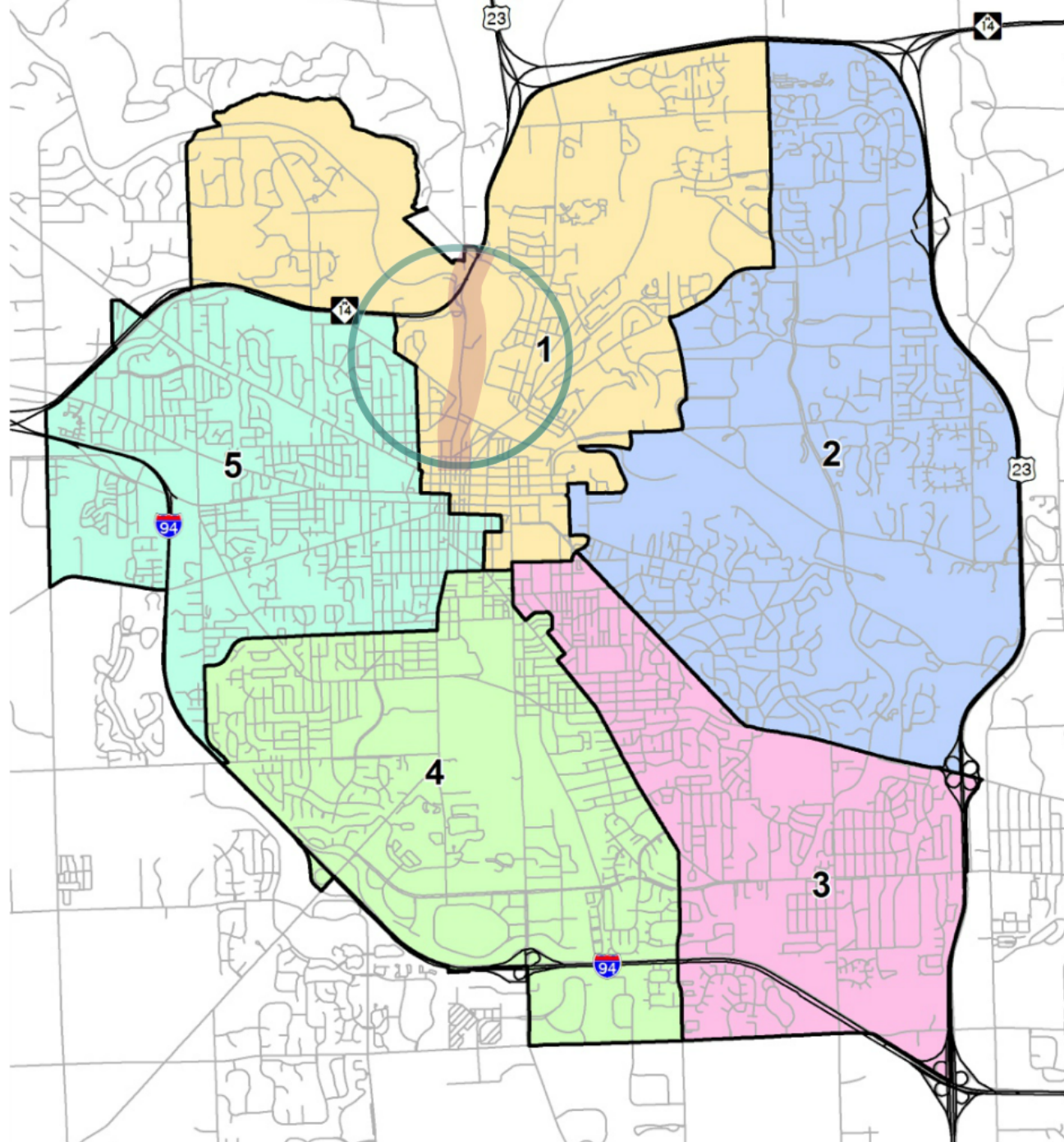
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# Geographical Context Overview



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# Main Street Huron River TODAY



illegal pedestrian &  
bike crossing



sidewalks in need of repair



threatened access to the rowing clubs





neglected property maintenance

actively hiding or blocking views



pedestrian & bike barrier  
to Barton Park & Huron River Drive





existing community boathouse

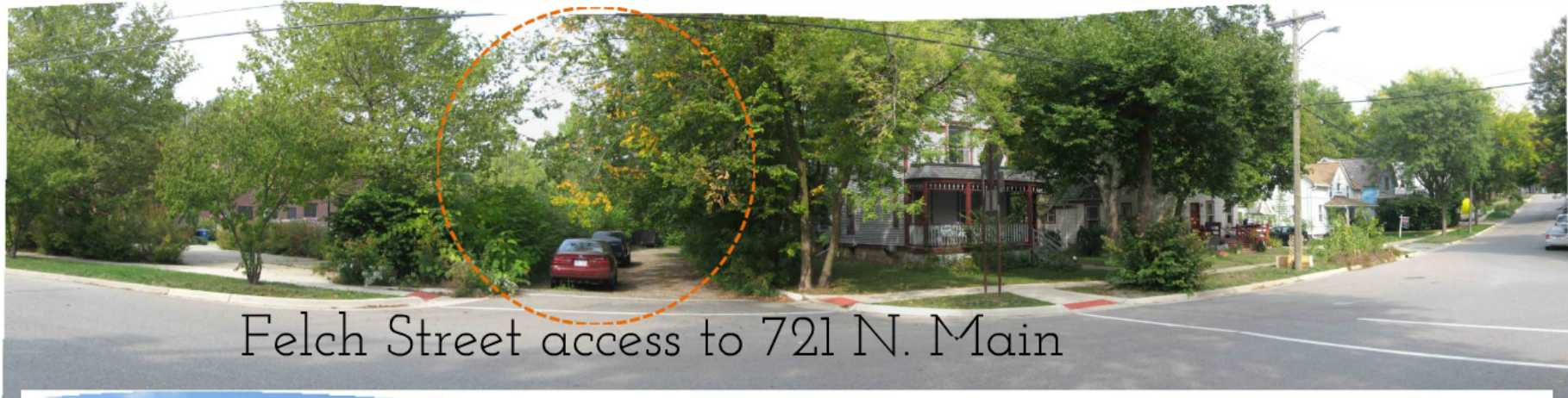




private property viewed from the river

park entrance on Main - one of four, but only one with no bike/pedestrian/car access





Felch Street access to 721 N. Main



vacant City maintenance buildings



CNG fueling station on Summit

sidewalk gaps





DTE Gas site vacated



rush hour traffic coming into Ann Arbor





# Force

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- recommend best use of 721 N Main as part of the Allen Creek Greenway

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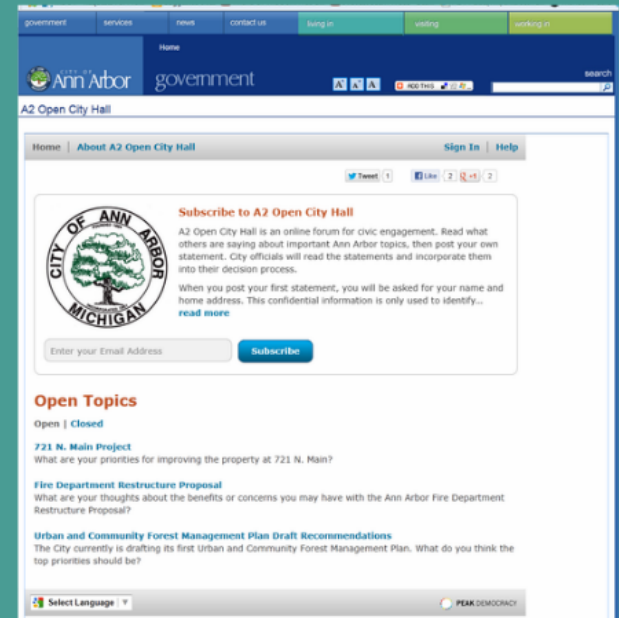
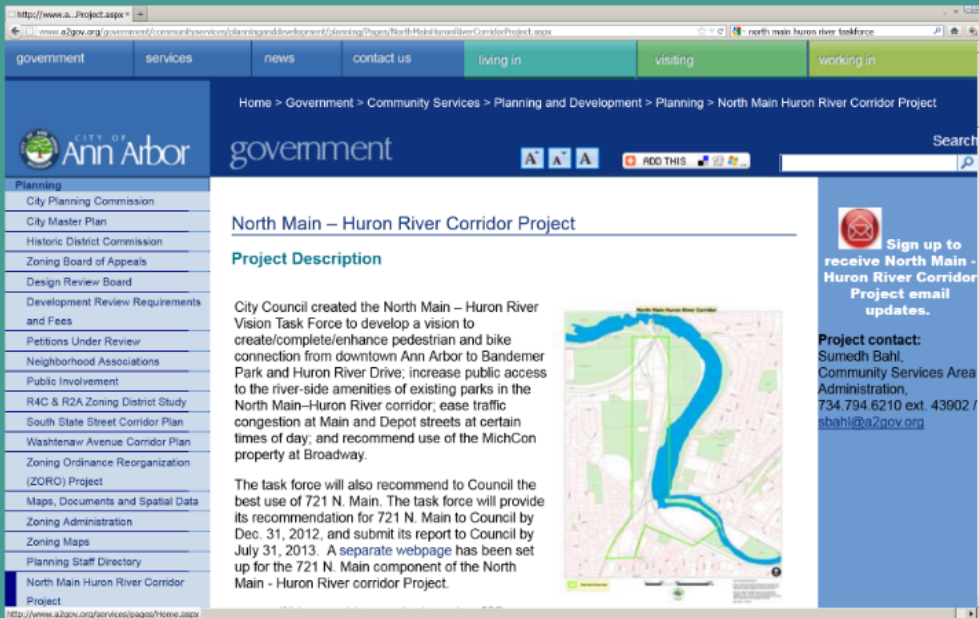
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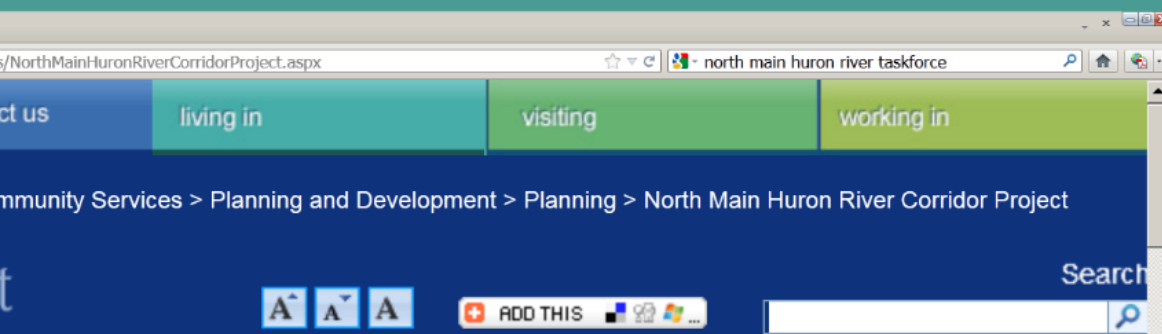


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## North Main – Huron River Corridor Project

### Project Description

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The task force will also recommend to Council the best use of 721 N. Main. The task force will provide its recommendation for 721 N. Main to Council by Dec. 31, 2012, and submit its report to Council by July 31, 2013. A [separate webpage](#) has been set up for the 721 N. Main component of the North Main - Huron River corridor Project.



**Sign up to receive North Main - Huron River Corridor Project email updates.**

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### [721 N. Main Project](#)

What are your priorities for improving the property at 721 N. Main?

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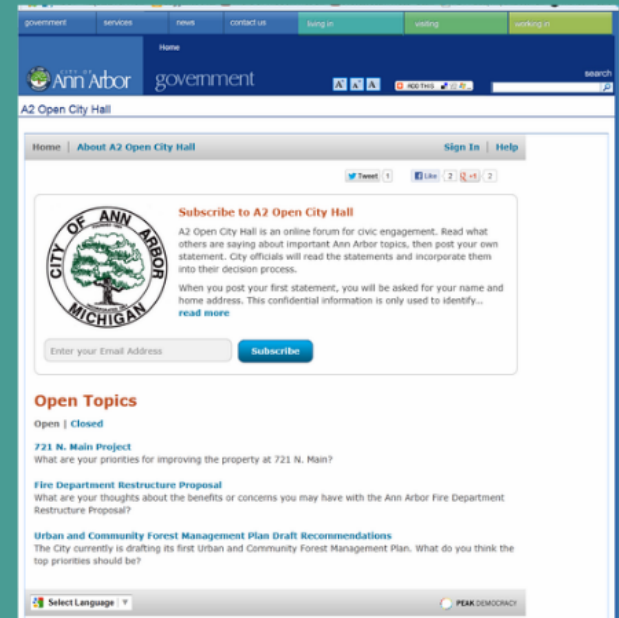
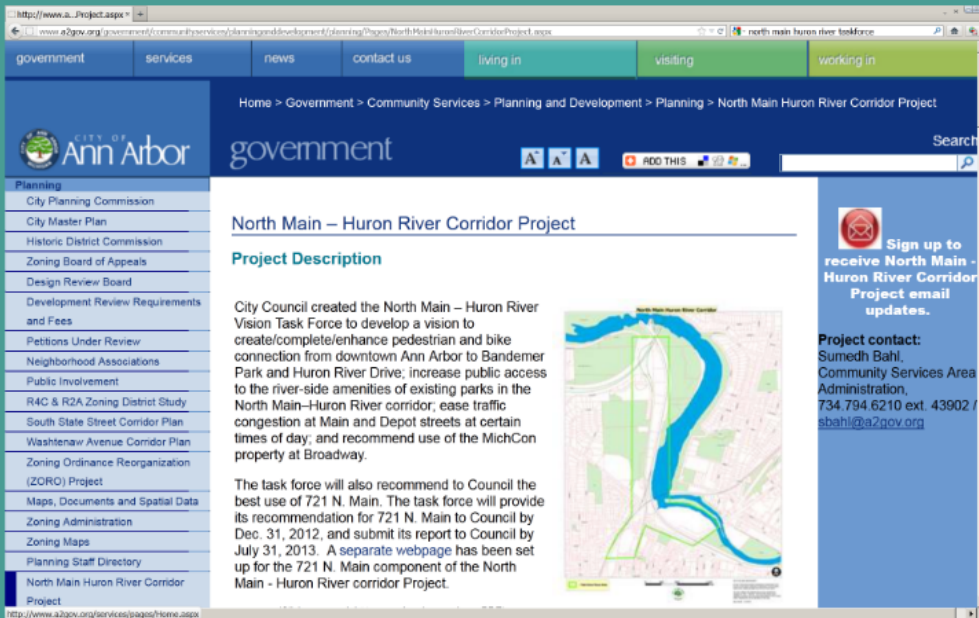
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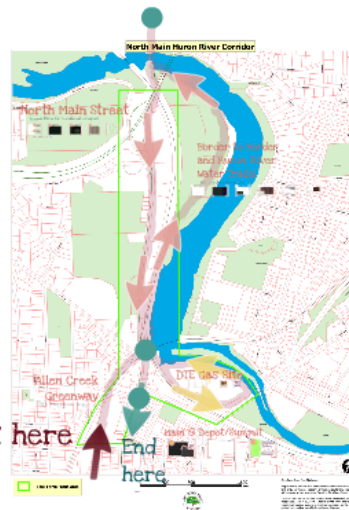
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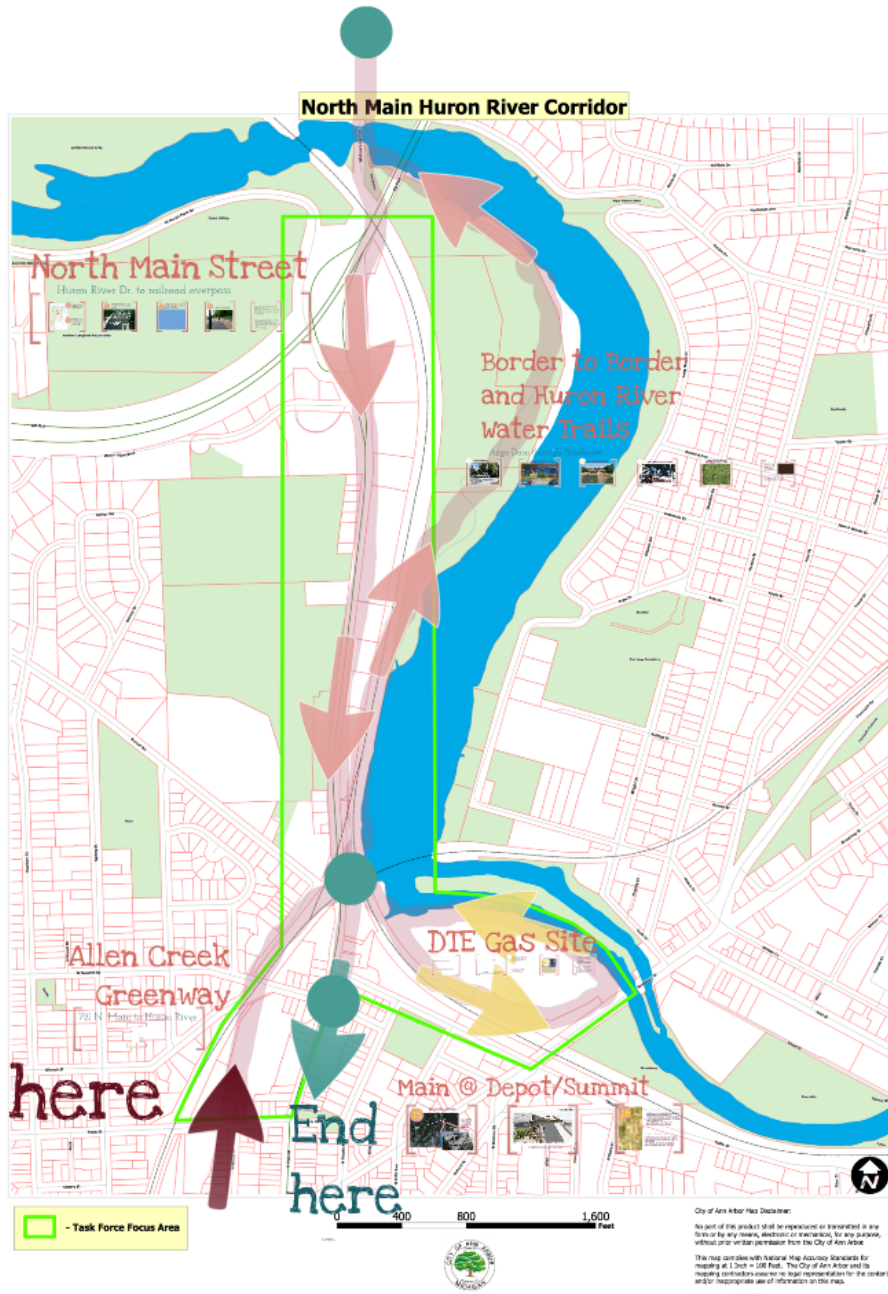
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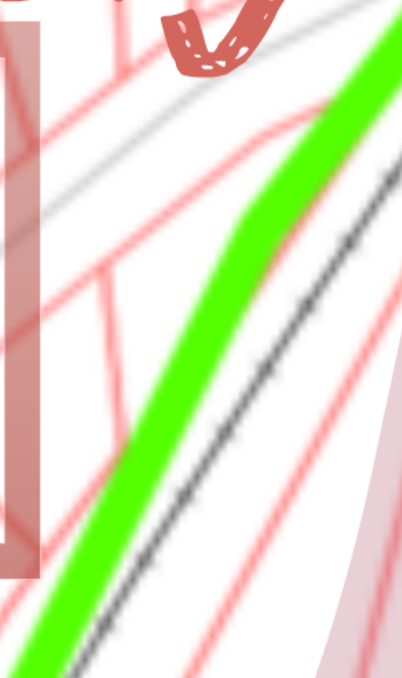
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# Trail loop plus storm water retention

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- Allen Creek Greenway anchor park
- Active Use (e.g. dog park)
- Reuse existing building
- Stormwater Management
- Removal of CNG station

721 N. Main implementation



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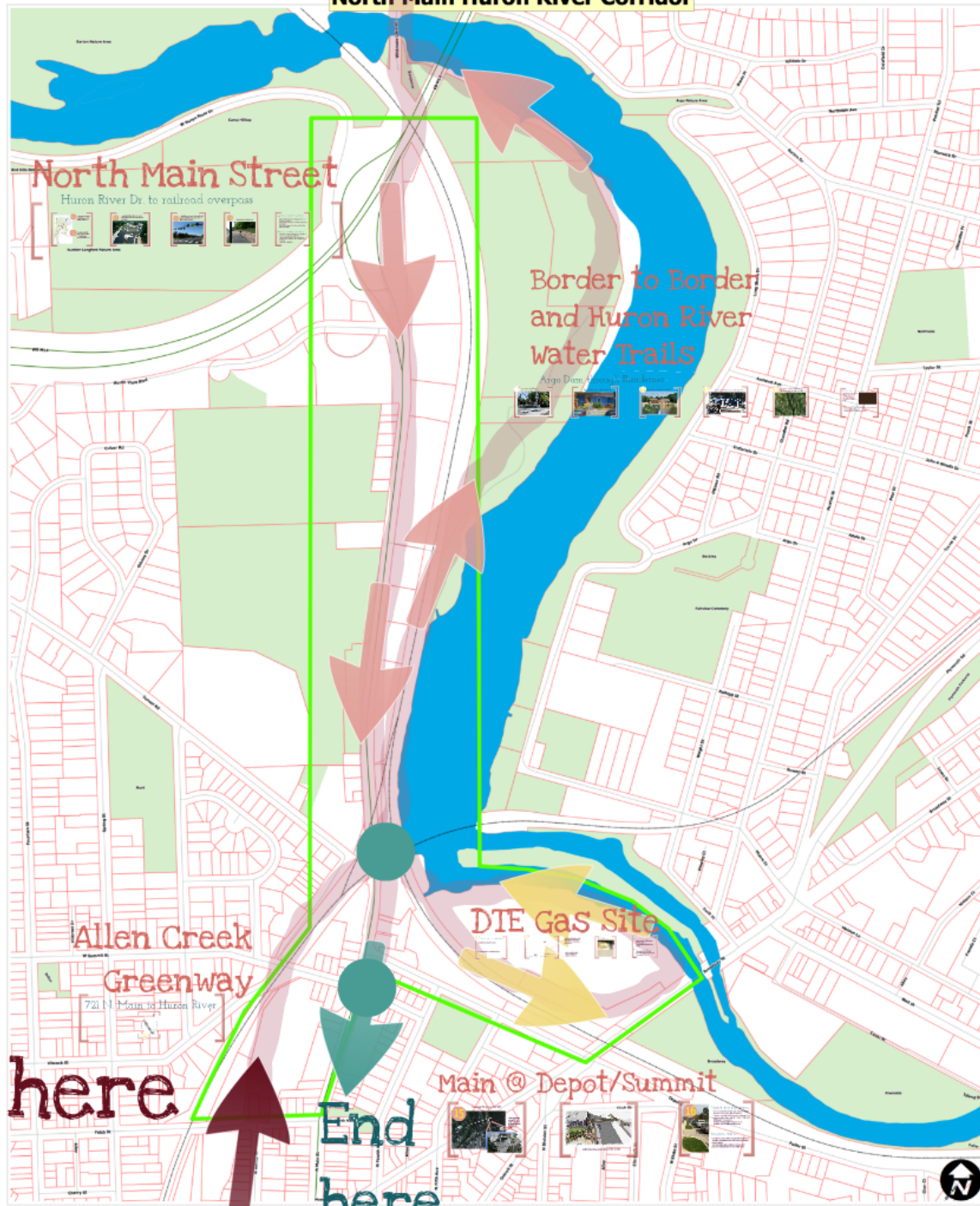
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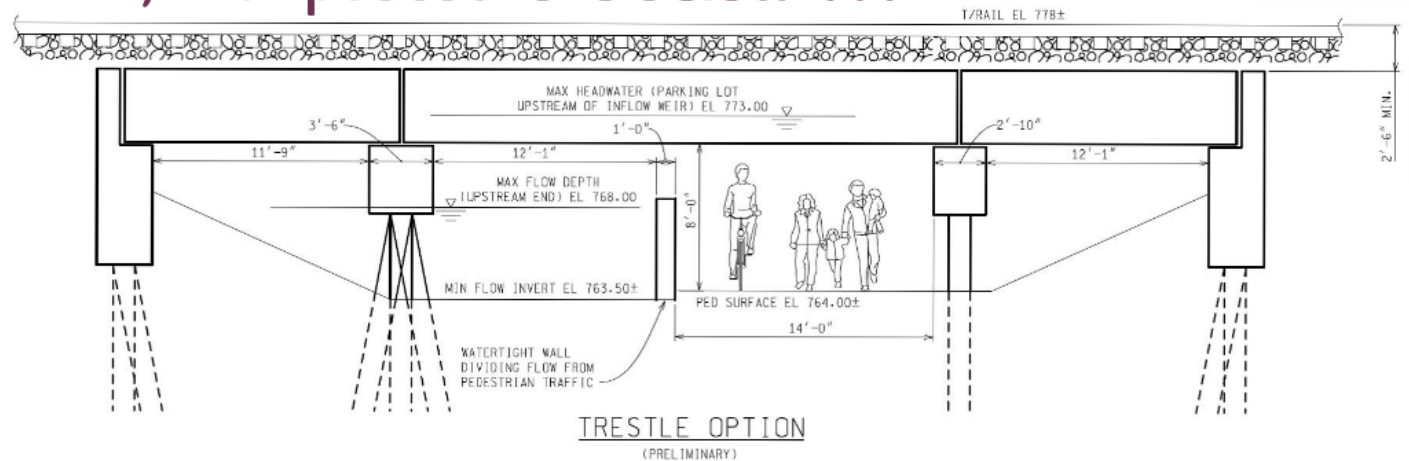


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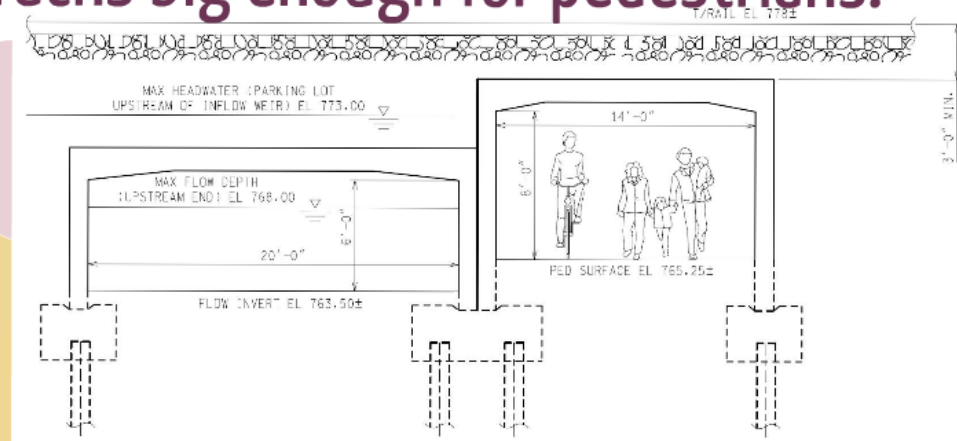
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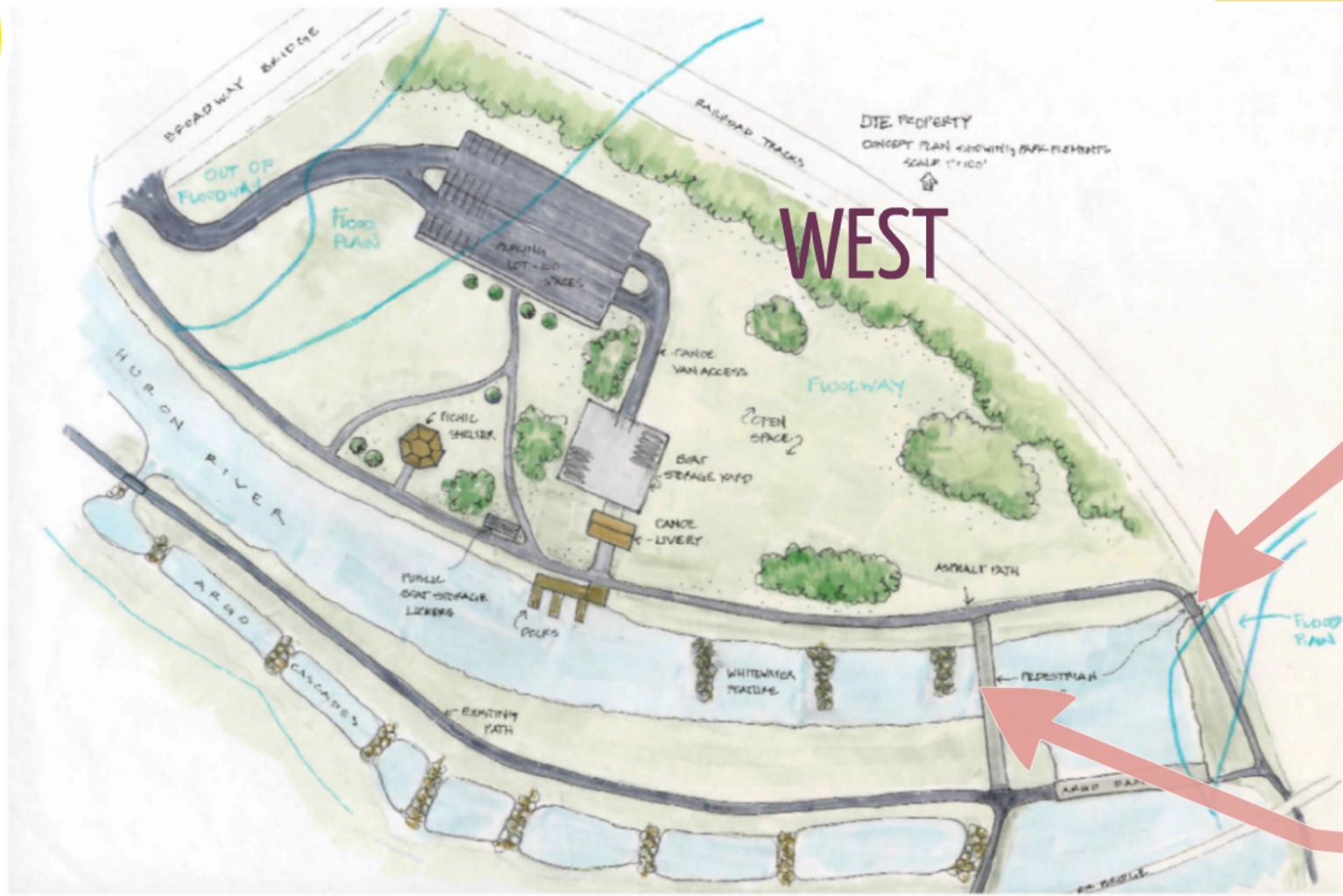
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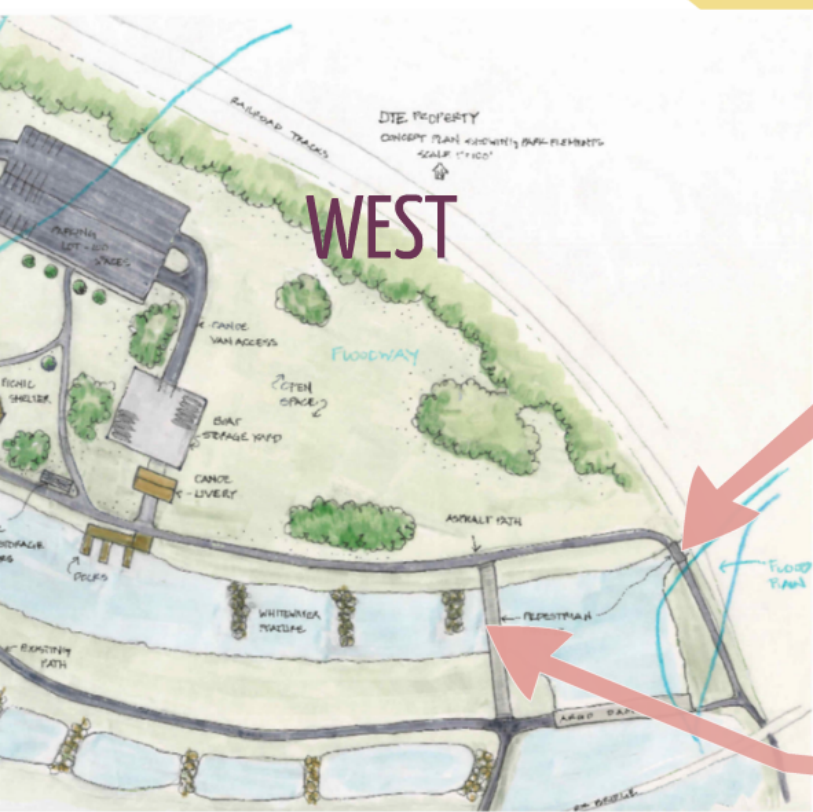
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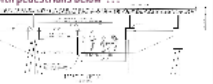
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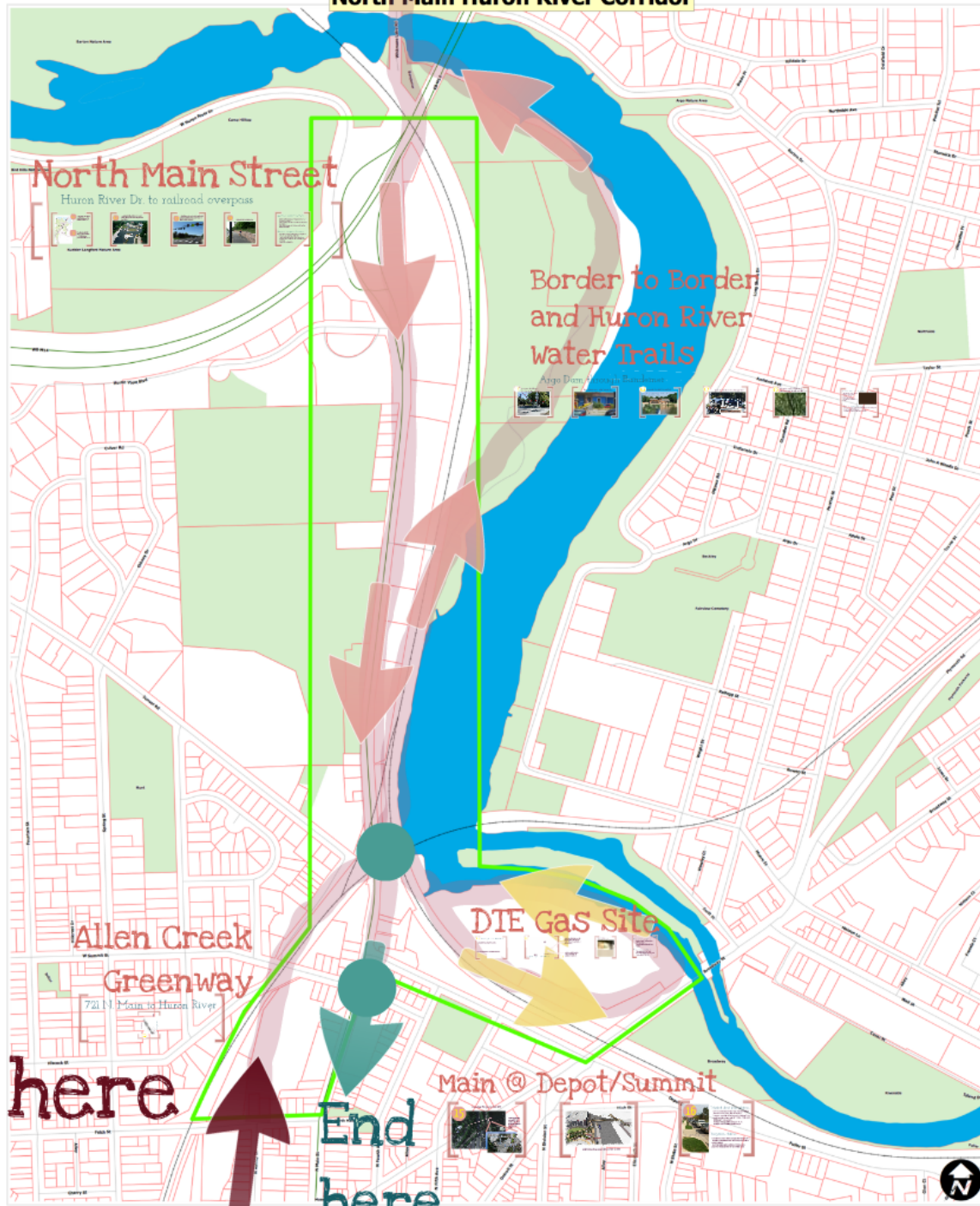
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# Border to Border and Huron River Water Trails

Argo Dam through Bandemer

6 Auto/pedestrian/bike gate for at-grade railroad crossing



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Example: community boathouse in Columbus, Ohio;  
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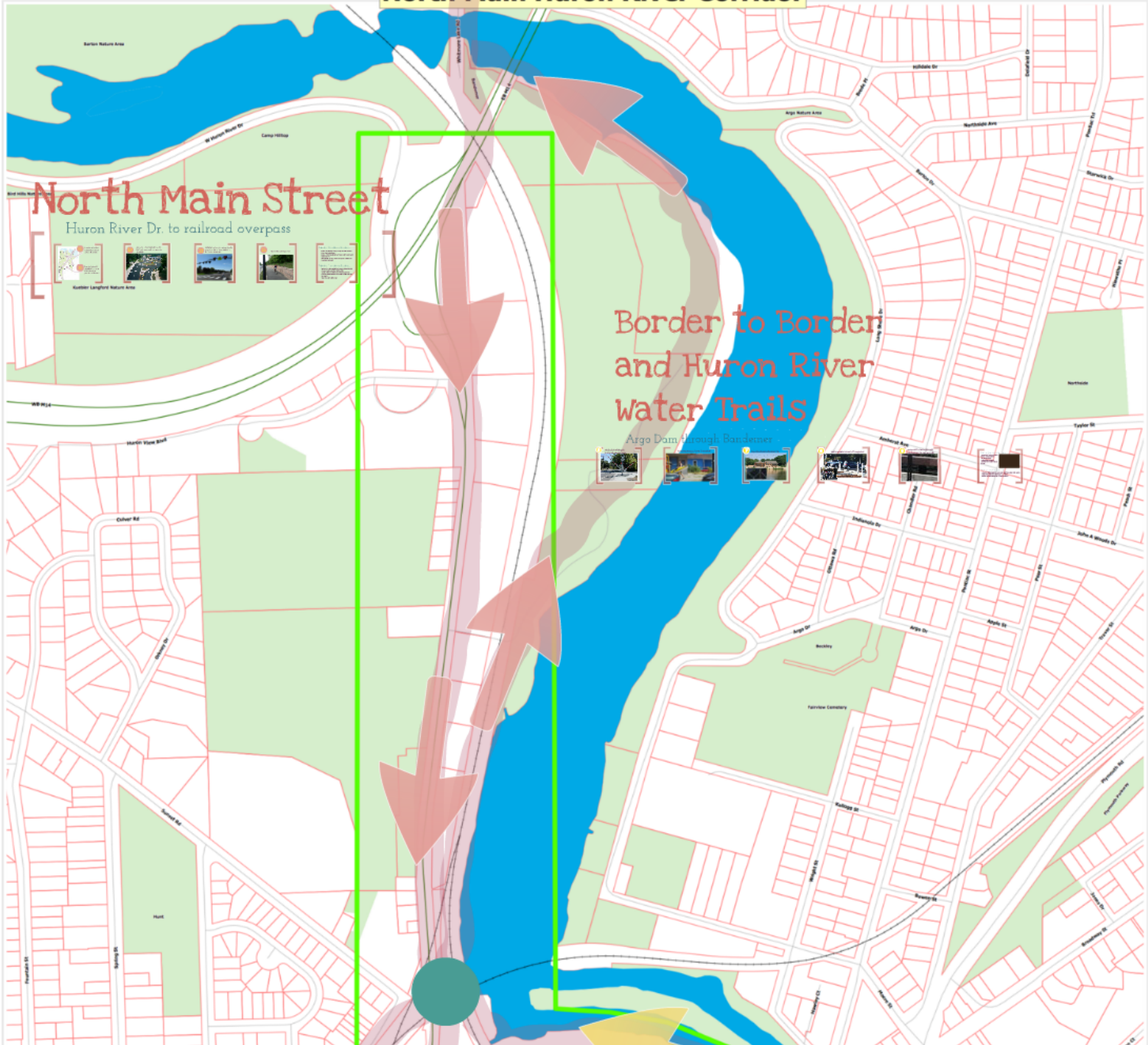
- Augment Water Trail access to Border to Border Trail and downtown
- Add gateway elements
- Examine options for improved connections between Bluffs Park and riverside



## Potential Long-term Solutions

- Widen B2B Trail at pinchpoints to reduce traffic conflicts and enhance trail experience
- Consider a Park & Ride lot off Barton Dr at M-14 exchange
- Install at-grade pedestrian crossing at RR and Lakeshore Rd

# North Main Huron River Corridor



**North Main Street**

Huron River Dr. to railroad overpass



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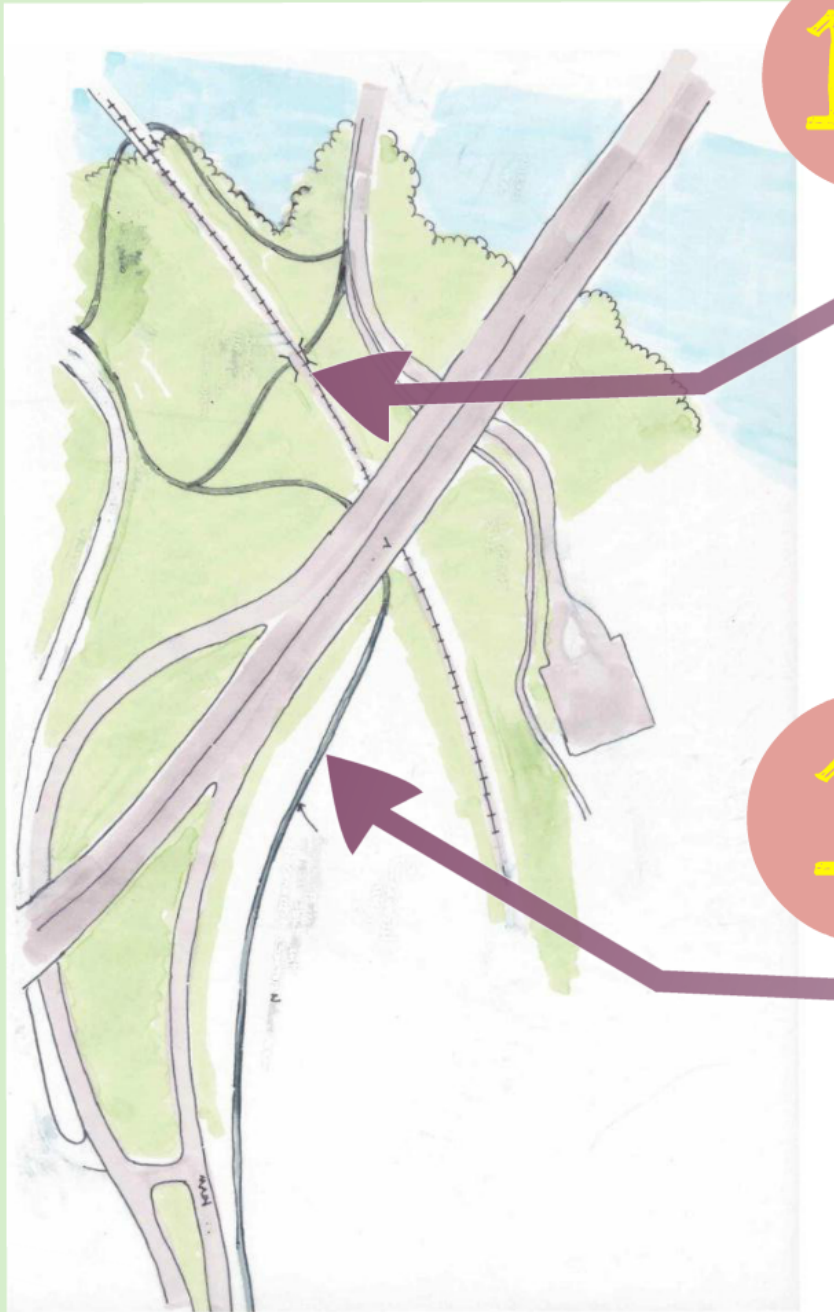
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  - Work with MDOT to reduce vehicle to road speed at N. Main St from Huron River Dr to Depot St
- Potential Long-term Solutions**
- Implement crosswalk along our lake that encourage local and physical river access, and are consistent with the vision
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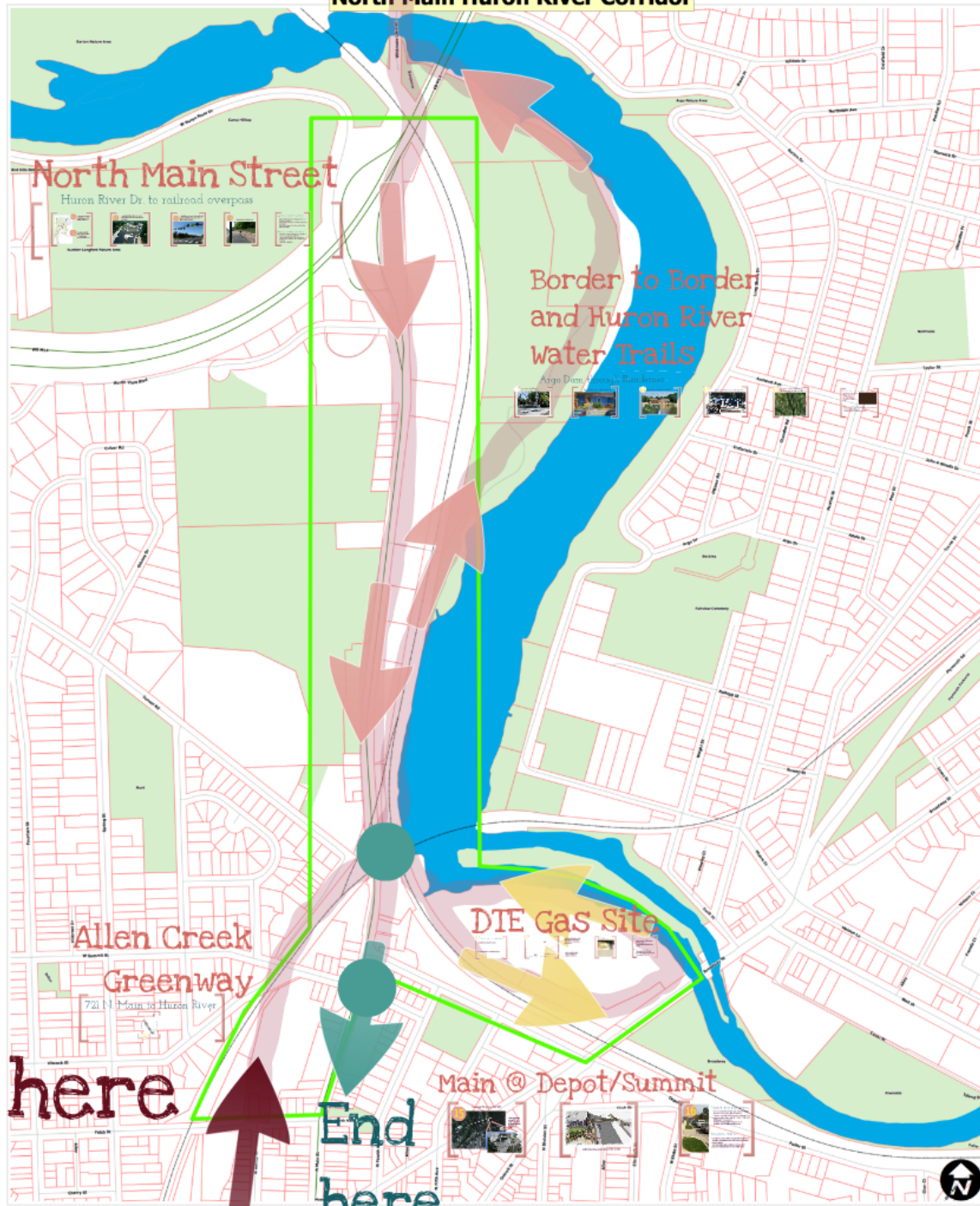
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- Enable non-motorized traffic to cross N Main St at Bluffs Park and Lakeshore Dr.
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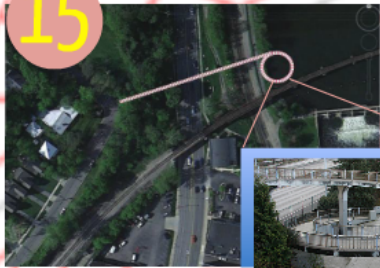
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# Main @ Depot/Summit

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safe barrier-free access across Main to river

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rush hour traffic on Depot

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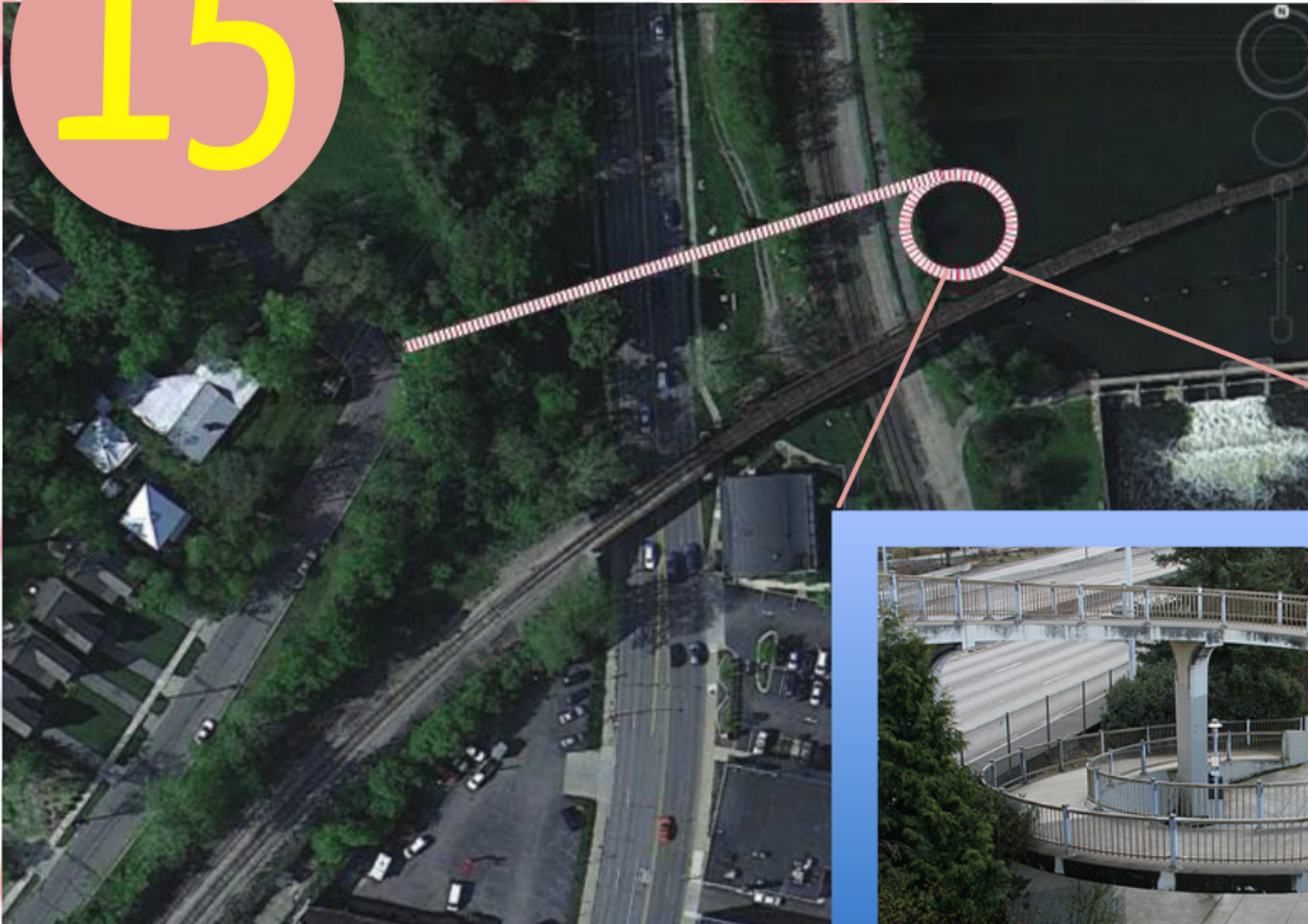
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- right turn green arrow for westbound Depot traffic be installed and coordinated with the existing traffic control devices.
- existing left turn only lane on Depot is converted to allow right turns as well, essentially creating a double right turn lane. This lane would also have a right turn green arrow.
- Install a pedestrian crosswalk across Depot at 4th Ave.
- Install a pedestrian crosswalk across Main at Depot.

## Long term solutions:

- Extend the left turn lane on Main St from Depot all the way back to M-14.
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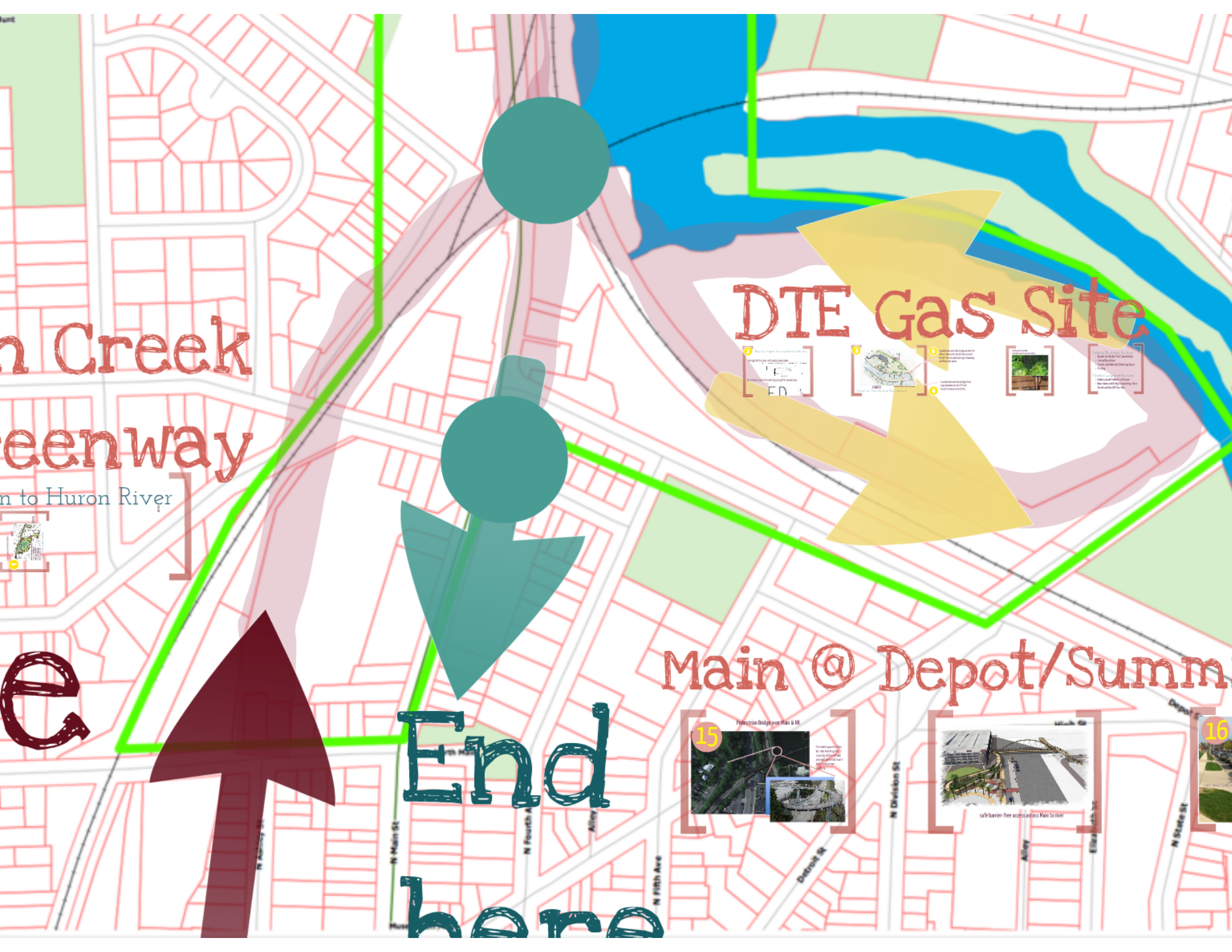
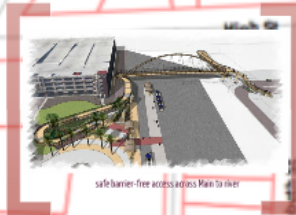
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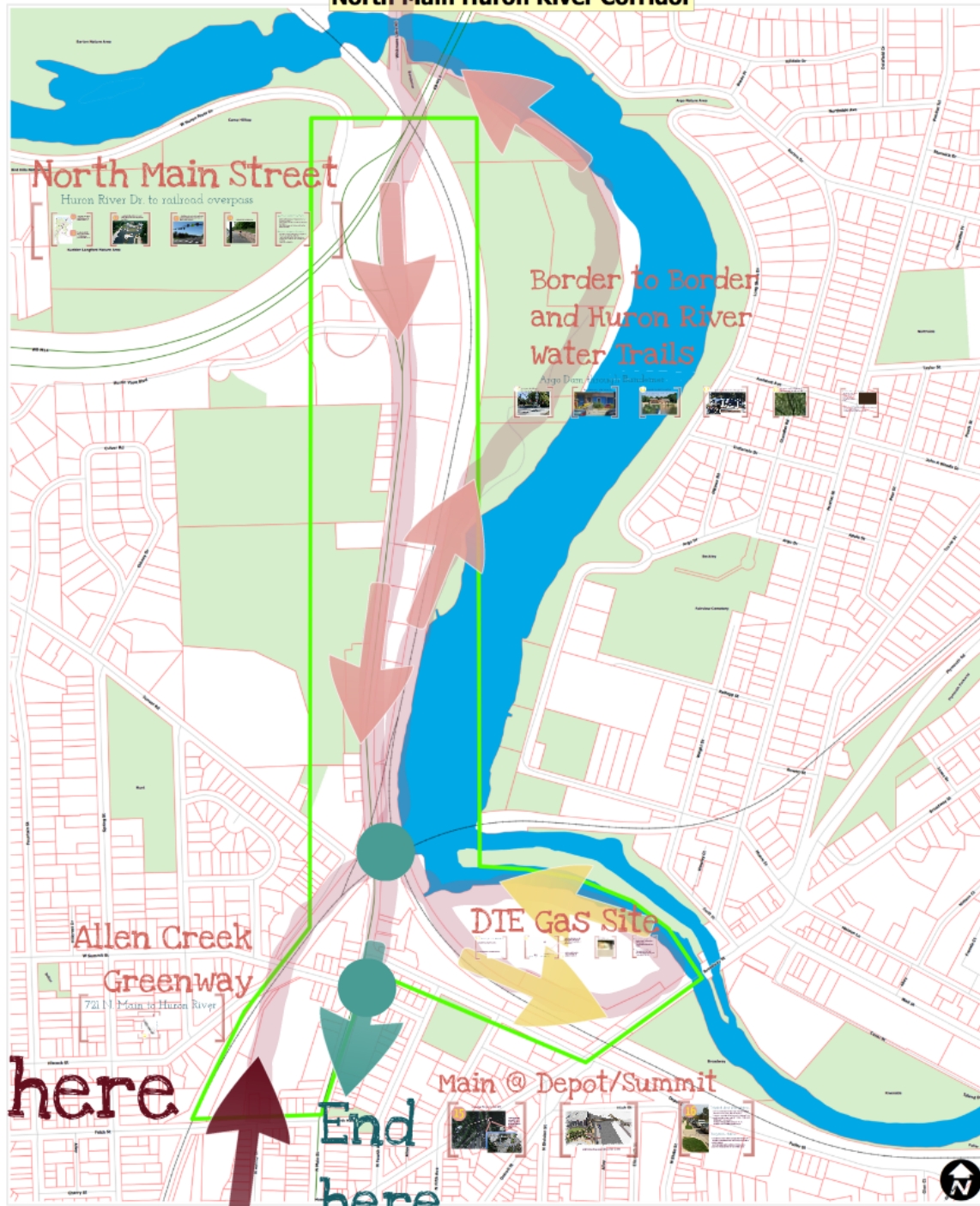
DTE Gas Site



Main @ Depot/Summ



North Main Huron River Corridor



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 - Task Force Focus Area

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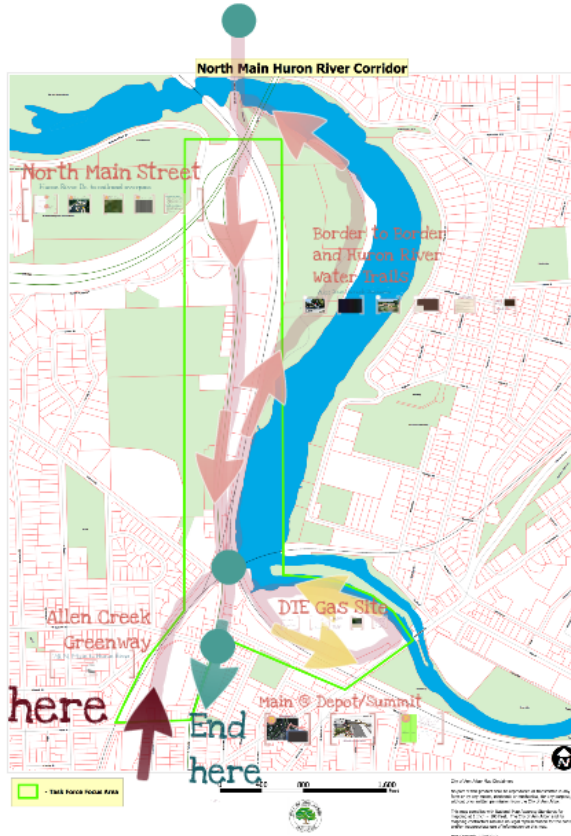
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# Ideas

# ReSolution

confronting the historic  
problems and late realization  
from Michigan's In Transit and Huron River Drive  
Initiative  
public needs in the river-side recreation  
of existing parks in the North Main-Huron River corridor  
new traffic congestion  
of Main and Depot  
of vehicle travel of day  
increased  
use of DTE Gas property  
of land-use  
increased land  
use of 701 E. Main  
in part of the A-to-Cover Gateway

## 2012

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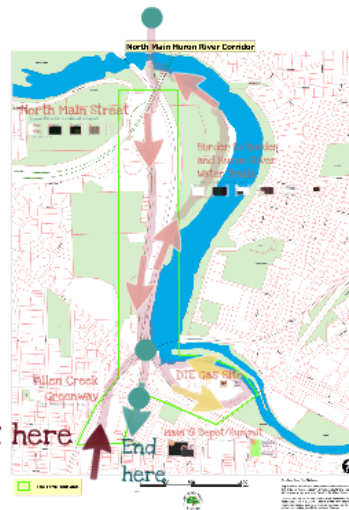
# The Vision ...

is to make North Main Street and the Huron River an  
identifiable,  
vibrant and  
unique destination that is  
connected to the community.



## 2018

## 2008



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# Ideas

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