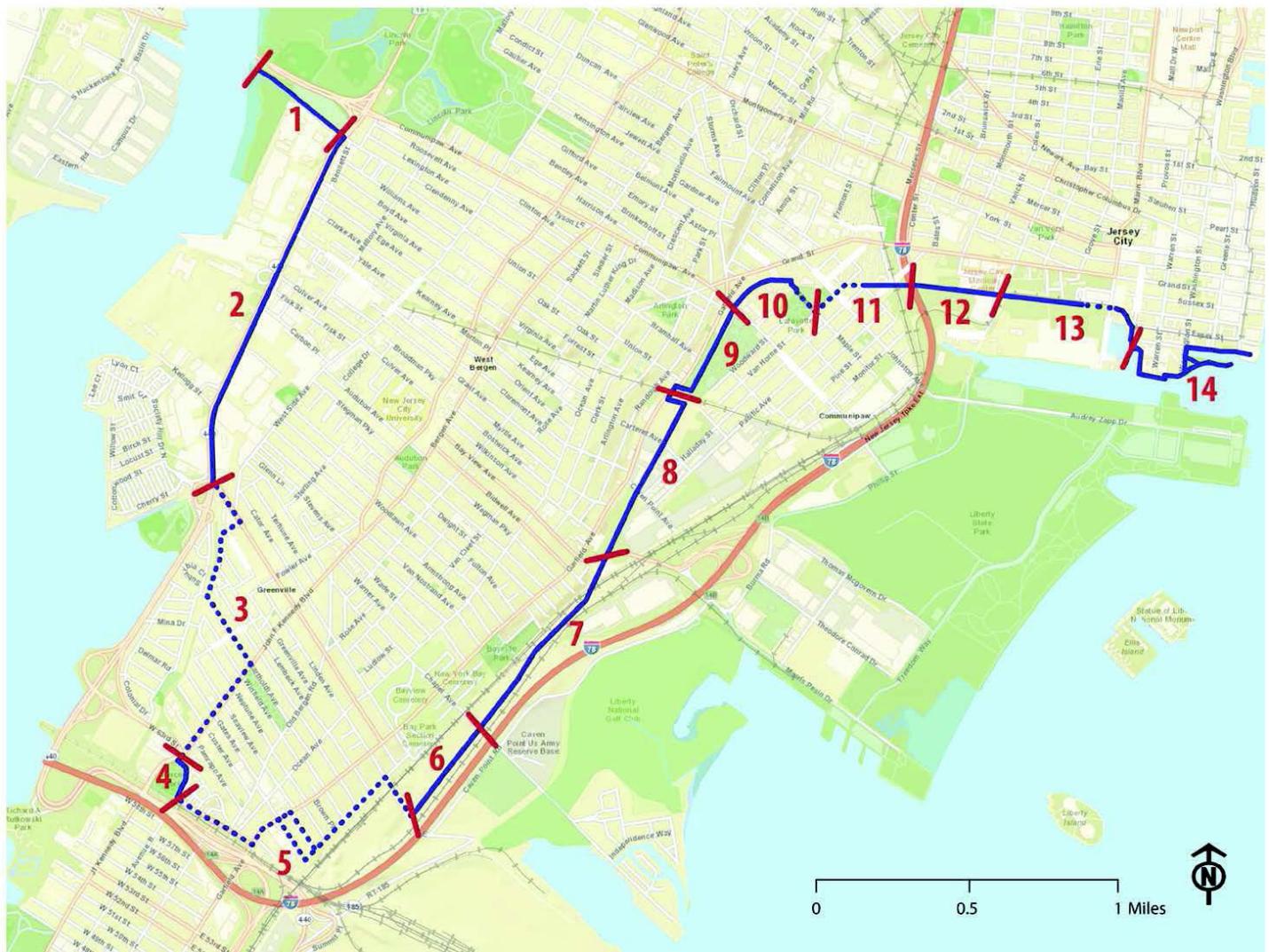


# Morris Canal Greenway

## Project Description:

The City of Jersey City has been awarded **\$3.5 million by the Regional Transportation Alternatives Program** for construction of four segments of the Morris Canal Greenway. The Circulation Element of the Jersey City Master Plan references the Morris Canal Greenway as a facility that has the potential to address the need for improved circulation and recreational opportunities for bicycling and walking. In 2013, the City completed a planning study funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to identify an alignment for a bicycle and pedestrian greenway that is, to the greatest extent possible, on the six-mile former right-of-way of the historic Morris Canal in Jersey City.

The map below depicts the long-term alignment with marked implementation segments. Through the Regional TAP grant award, the City will advance Segments 3, 5, 10 and 11 for final design and construction.

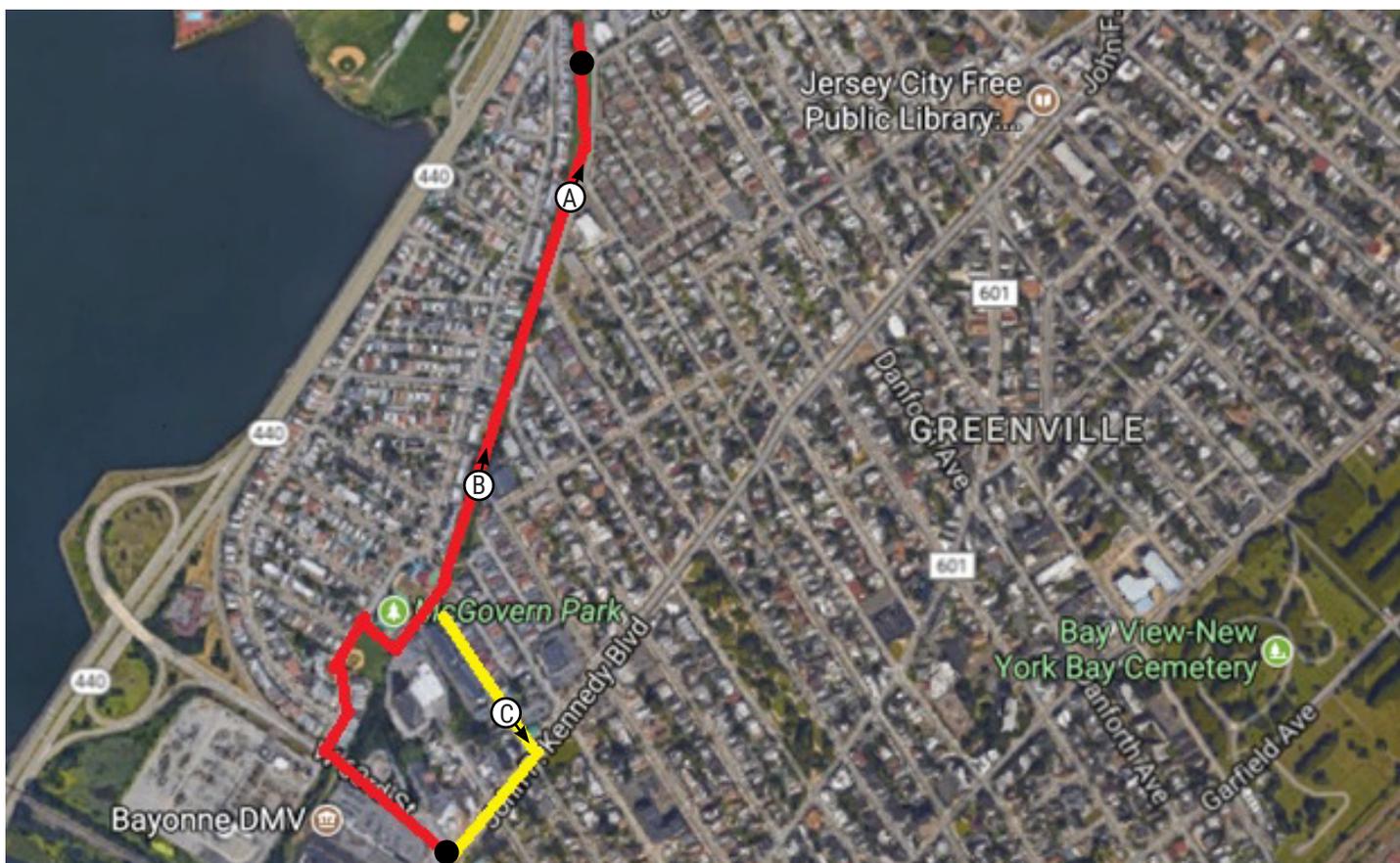


# Segment 3: Country Village to JFK Blvd and Mercer Park

**Type:** Off-road and on-road

**Termini:** Sullivan Drive at Country Village Greenway; John F. Kennedy Boulevard at Mercer Park

**Description:** Segment 3 spans a right of way of the former Morris Canal that was recently acquired by the City of Jersey City from the City of Bayonne. This off-road segment includes Block 27804, Lot 13 and Block 28401, Lot 40, encompassing 4.87 acres. The route then transitions to an on-road segment beginning on Custer Avenue and continues on John F. Kennedy Boulevard before entering Mercer Park near the intersection with W 63rd Street. The proposed scope of work includes paving of the Greenway path, striping, benches/seating, trash/recycling receptacles, lighting, signage, on-street bike markings, on-street protected bike lanes, and street crossing infrastructure, including crosswalks and signage to ensure bicycle and pedestrian safety.



## Existing Conditions

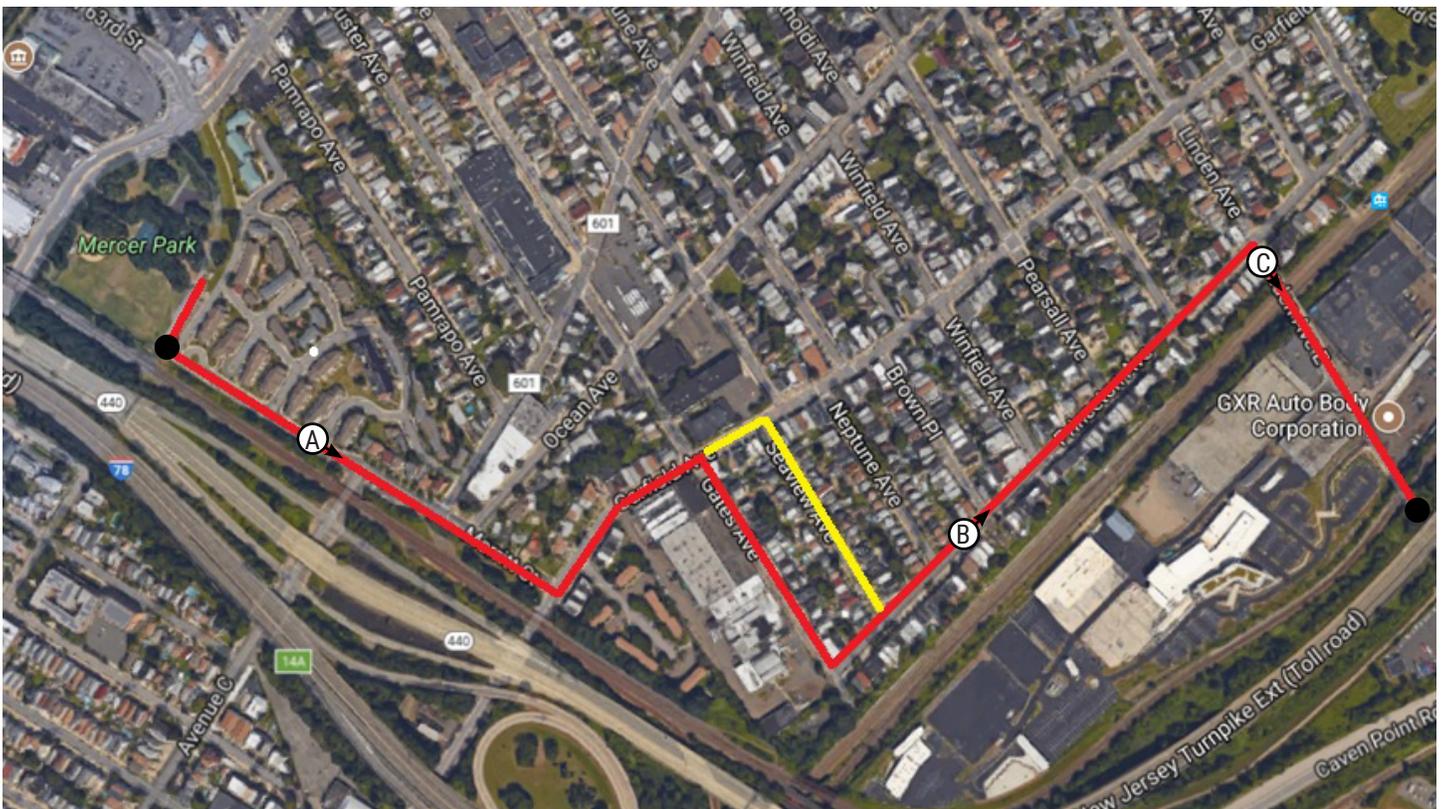


# Segment 5: Mercer Park to Danforth Transit Village

**Type:** On-road

**Termini:** Merritt Street at Mercer Park; Linden Avenue at Caven Point Road

**Description:** Segment 5 is on City-owned right-of-way, starting at Merritt Street and continuing north of the historic canal ROW along the local street network utilizing Gates Avenue, Seaview Avenue, Princeton Avenue and Linden Avenue. Proposed improvements include on-street bicycle lane markings, construction of on-street protected bikeways, neighborhood greenway components such as curb extensions and green infrastructure, signage and crosswalks, where appropriate.



## Existing Conditions

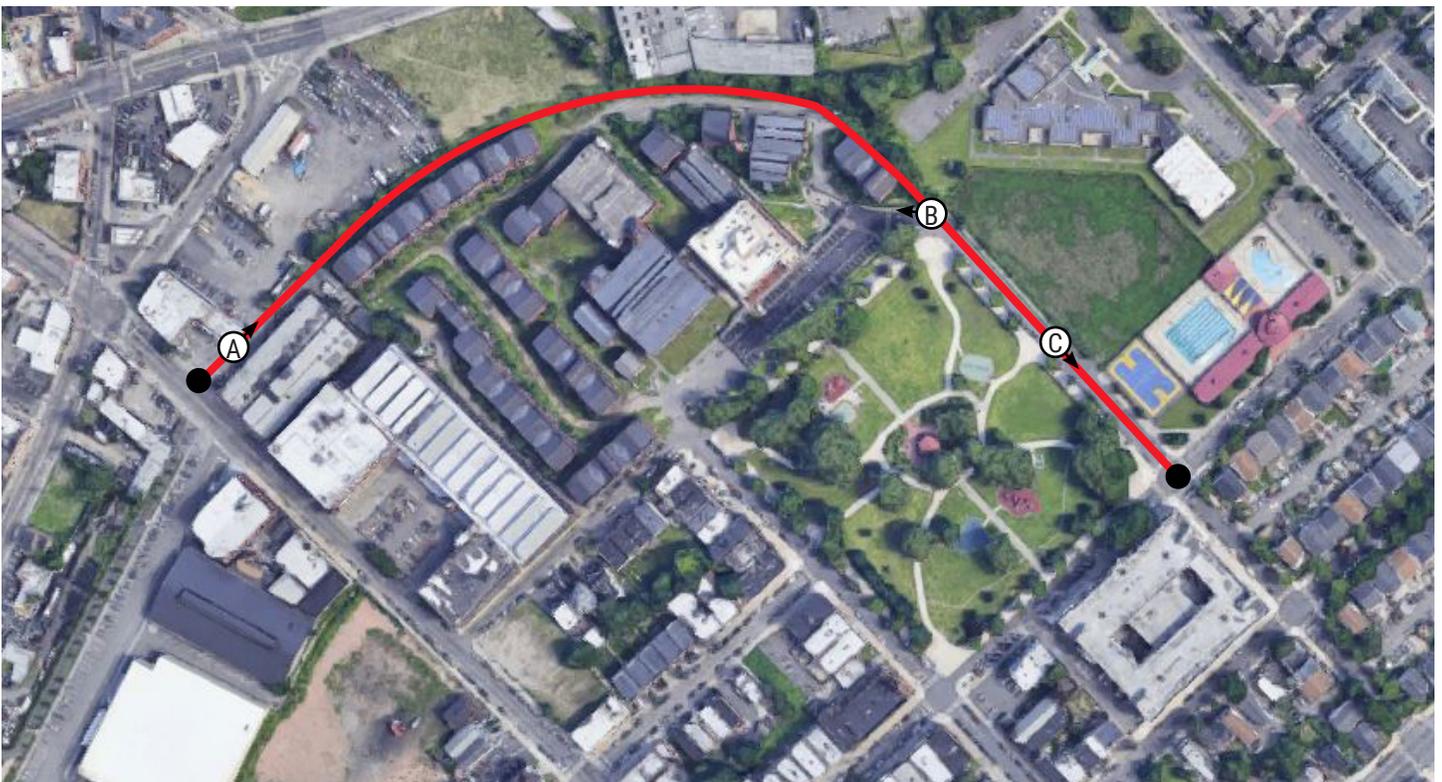


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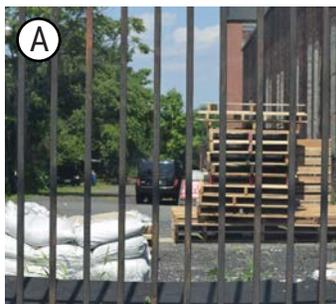
**Type:** Off-road and on-road

**Termini:** Communipaw Avenue at Berry Lane Park greenway; Maple Street at Van Horne Street

**Description:** Segment 10 abuts the previously constructed Segment 9 (through Berry Lane Park), crossing Communipaw Avenue and continuing off-street on top of the historic canal ROW behind the Whitlock Cordage Complex and along the northern edge of Lafayette (Ercel Webb) Park. Proposed improvements include paving of the Greenway path, striping, benches/seating, trash/recycling receptacles, lighting, signage, and street crossing infrastructure, including crosswalks and signage to ensure bicycle and pedestrian safety. RPM Development Group was recently approved to redevelop the Whitlock Cordage site and has provided a letter confirming their intent to grant an easement for the Greenway to travel through a small section of the property.



## Existing Conditions

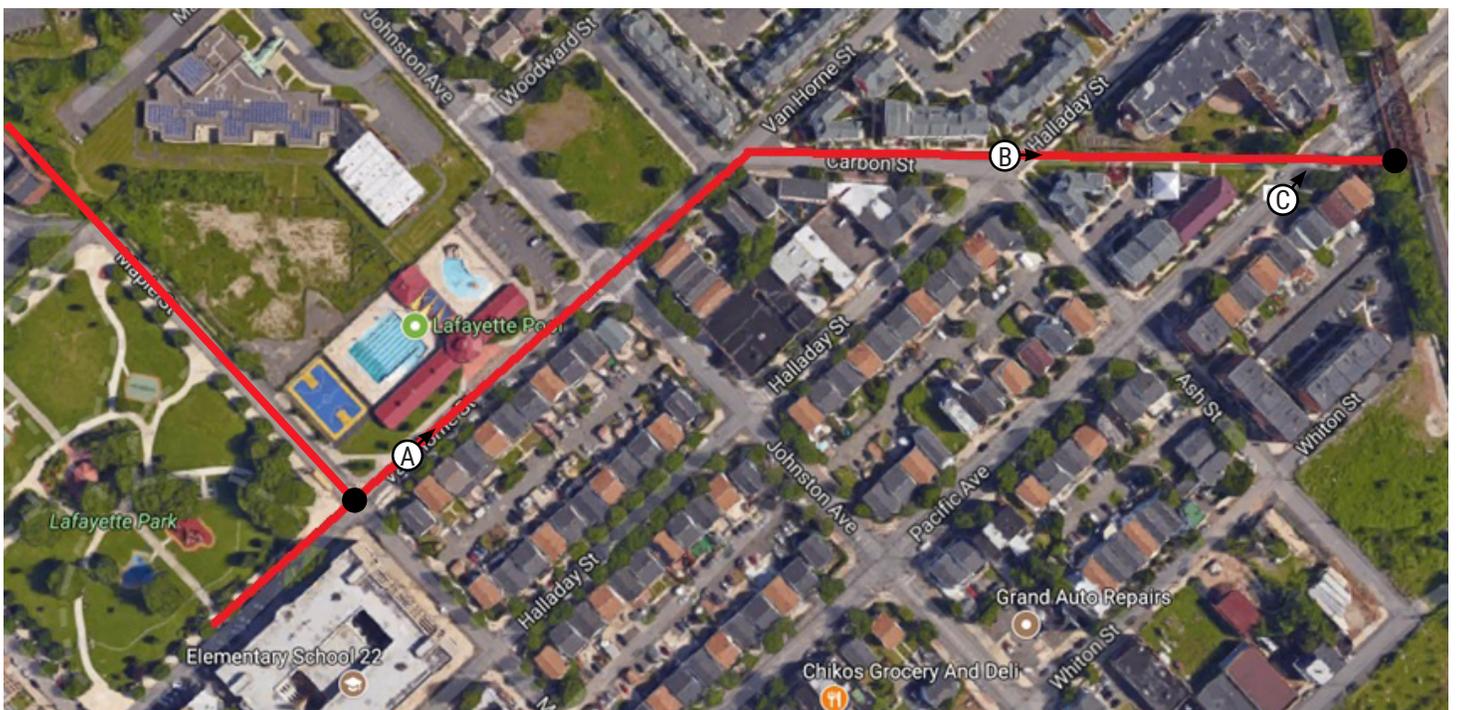


# Segment 11: Maple to Pacific

**Type:** Off-road and on-road

**Termini:** Van Horne Street at Maple Street; Pacific Avenue at Lafayette Village path

**Description:** Segment 11 continues past Lafayette Park utilizing the existing sidewalk located on top of the former Morris Canal alignment through Lafayette Village, a Jersey City Housing Authority community. The path crosses Pacific Avenue near the National Docks Railway/Morris Canal and Pacific Avenue Bridge, a steel truss bridge completed in 1909. Proposed improvements include paving of the Greenway path, construction of on-street protected bikeways, striping, benches/seating, trash/recycling receptacles, lighting, signage, and street crossing infrastructure, including crosswalks and signage to ensure bicycle and pedestrian safety.



## Existing Conditions

