

Russell Woods / Nardin Park Neighborhood Framework

**Focus Group- Open Space + Parks +
Public Lands**

August 28th, 2018





**PARKS +
PUBLIC
LANDS**

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WHAT WE HEARD

- **INCREASE BEAUTIFICATION OF OPEN SPACES**
- **ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PLAY**
- **REPURPOSE VACANT / UNDERUTILIZED LAND**



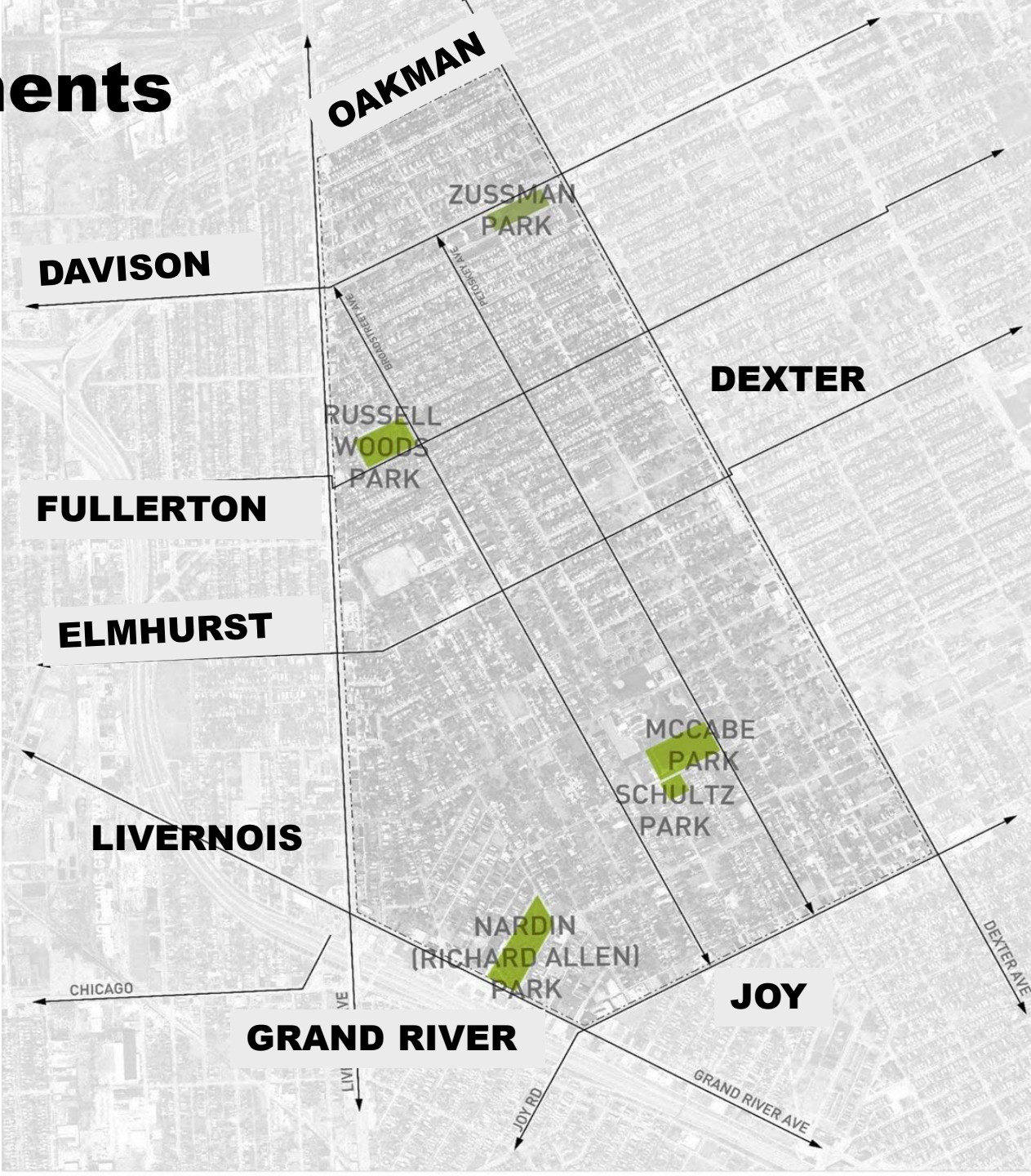
Upcoming Park Improvements

Approved by Detroit City Council, January 24, 2017



2017 PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

EXPANDING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN DETROIT NEIGHBORHOODS



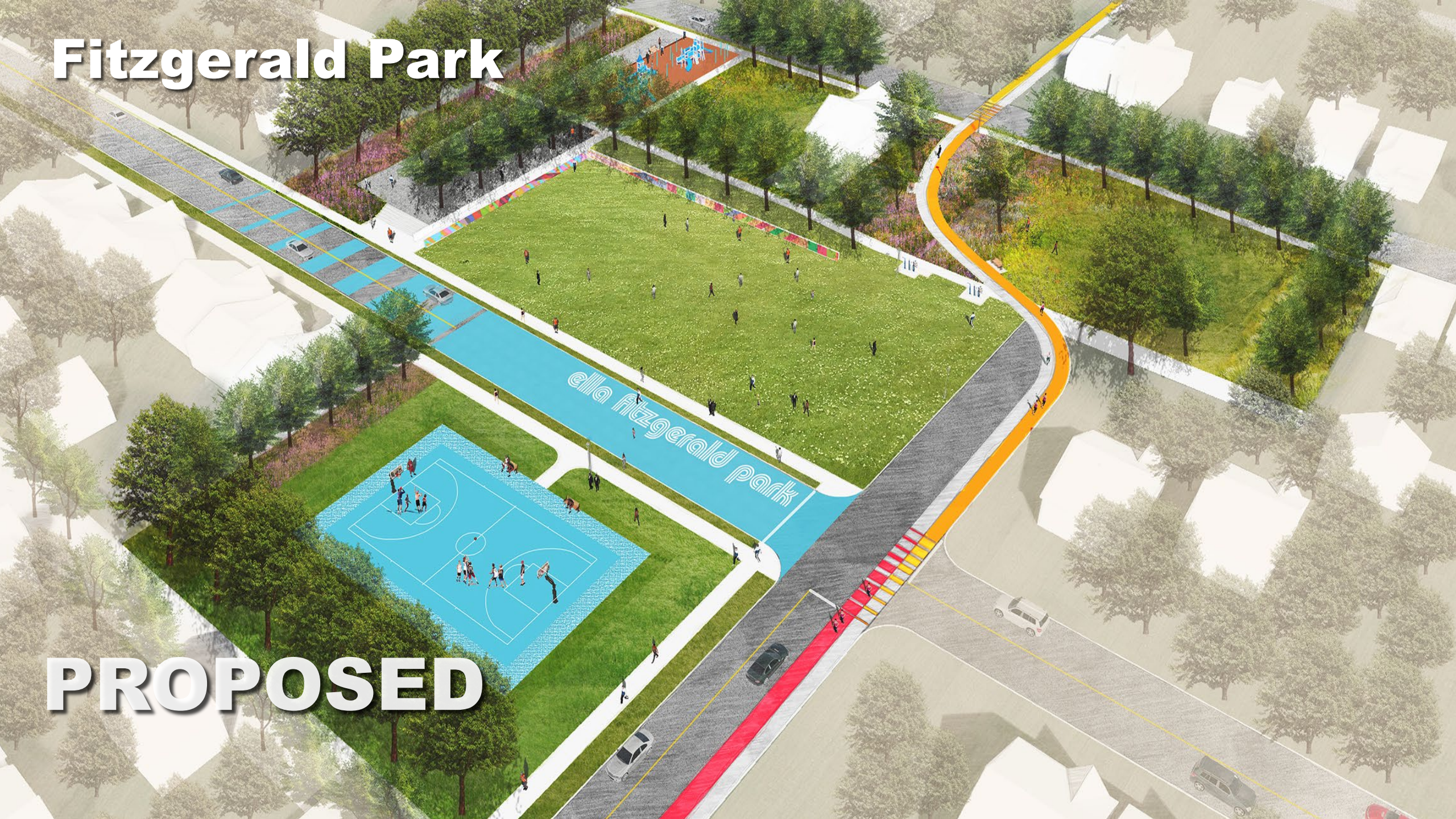
Fitzgerald Park

BEFORE



Fitzgerald Park

PROPOSED



Fitzgerald Park

COMPLETE



Clark Park



BEFORE

Clark Park



AFTER



Zussman Park

In April,
community
meeting
participants
described
safety
concerns as
a major issue

**Please join the work session in the back of the room
to come up with ideas to improve Zussman Park**




PUBLIC LANDS CONCEPT


Connect public lands to activities and owners that will enhance maintenance and stewardship

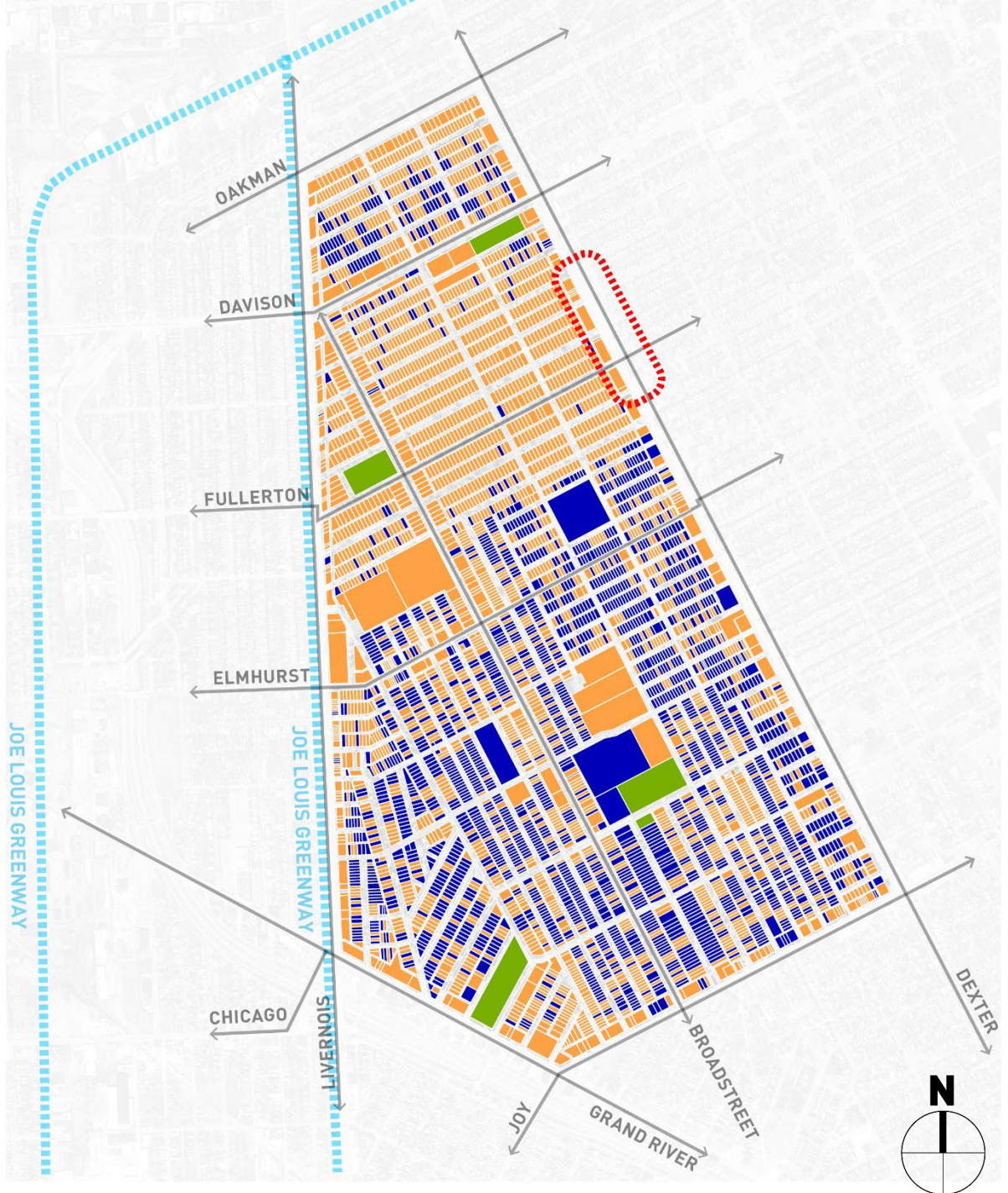
Focus Group members are interested in **ground-floor businesses** & would like vacant lots to be mowed to **increase visibility + safety**



PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

 **56%**
Private Ownership

 **44%**
Public Ownership



PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

774
Buildings

1424
Lots

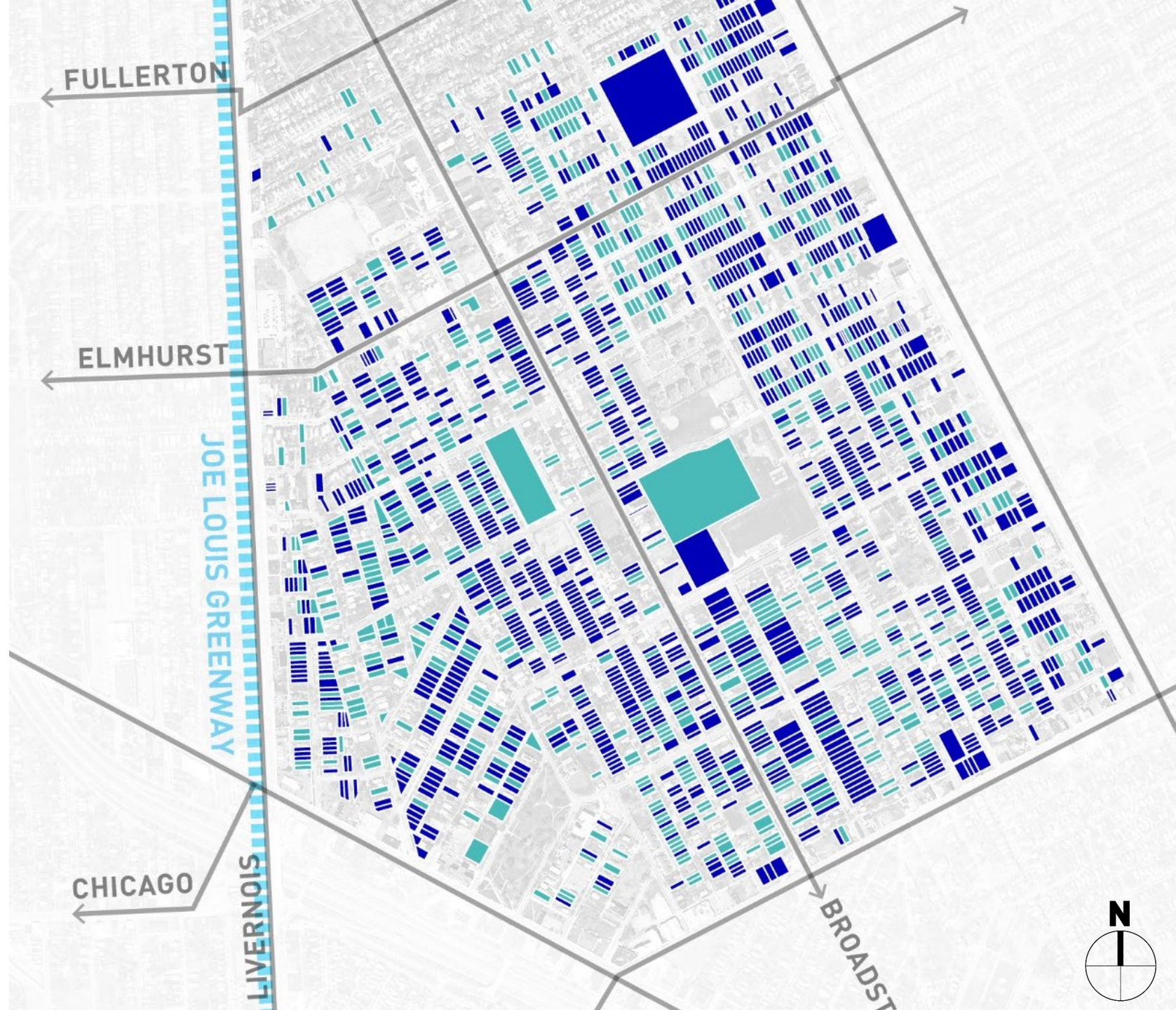


≥ 65%

**of publicly-owned
property are lots**

699
Buildings

1308
Lots



LAND STEWARDSHIP



WHAT IS LAND STEWARDSHIP?

People and activities that care for the land in a neighborhood.

Examples: keeping it safe, clean and tidy; welcoming butterflies and bees



PUBLIC LANDS INQUIRY

LAND STEWARDSHIP:

- **CURRENT ACTIVITY**
- **INTEREST**
- **CONCERNS**



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