



Community
Feedback Session

Street End Design Meeting #2

March 25, 2026



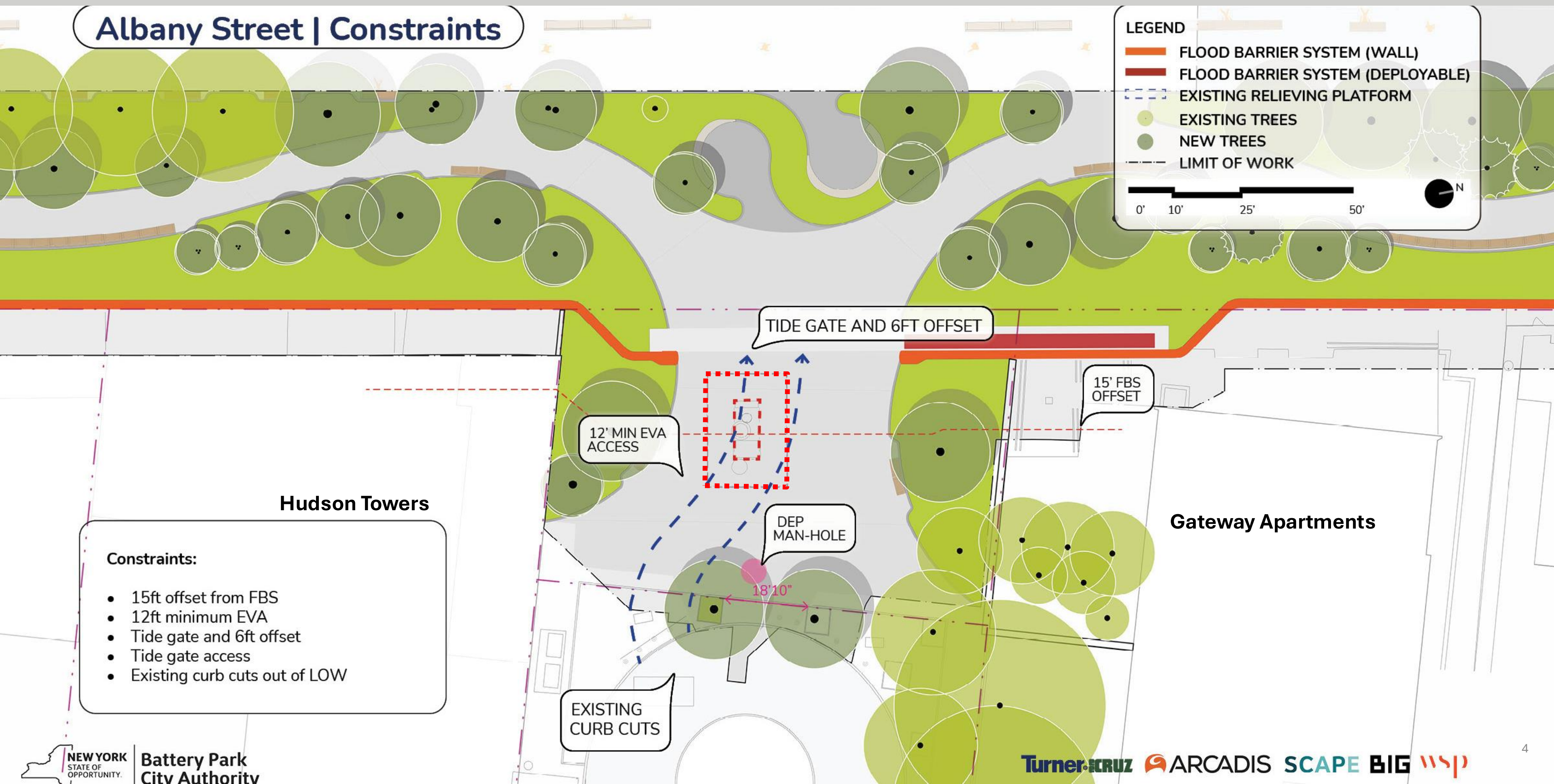
Agenda

- 1. Albany and Rector Street Ends Refresher**
- 2. Feedback and Design Impacts**
- 3. Next Steps**

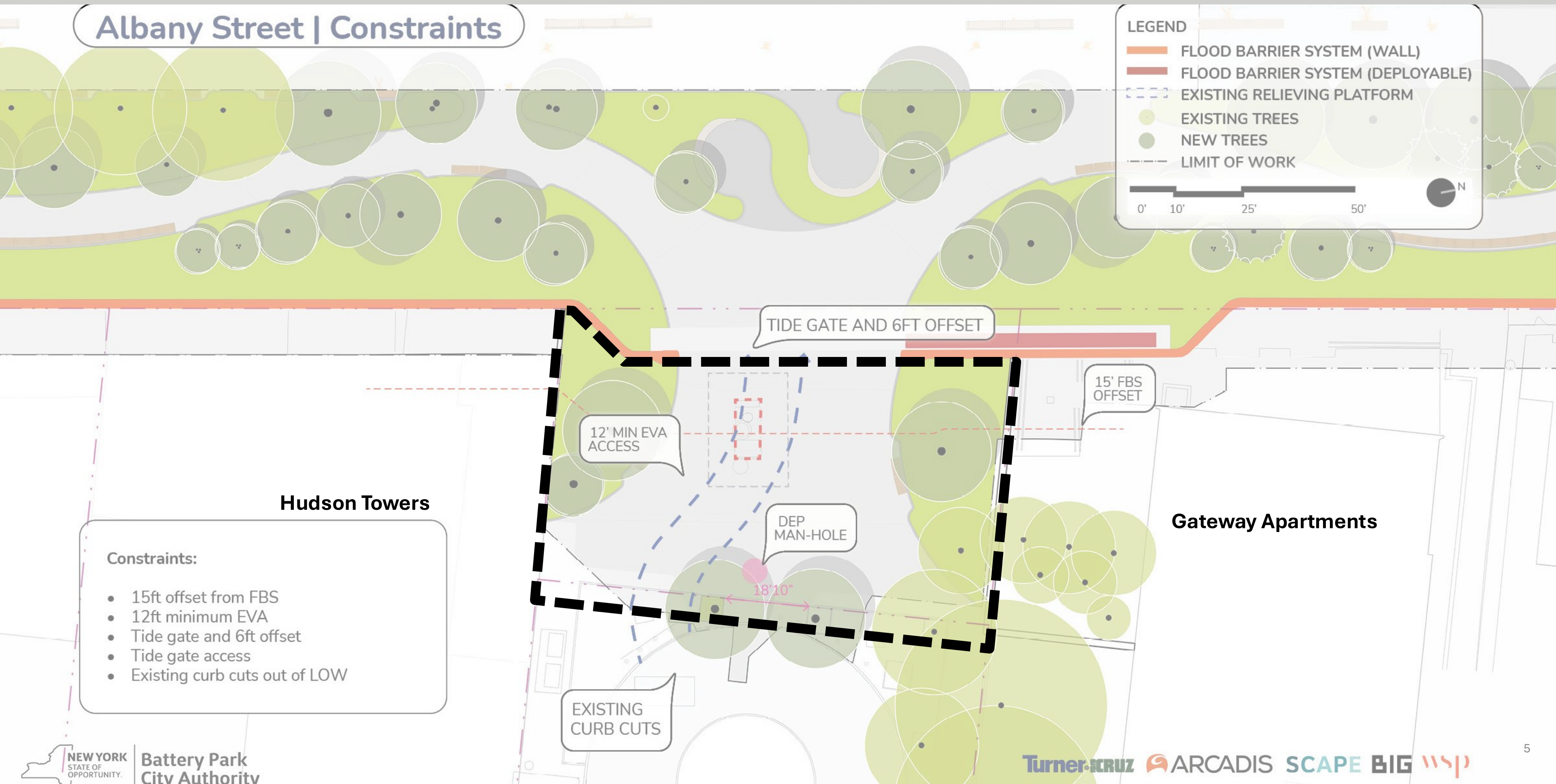
Project Background- Street End Locations



Albany Street End Constraints



Opportunity for Redesign



Albany Street End- Current Design



Albany Street Esplanade- Current Design



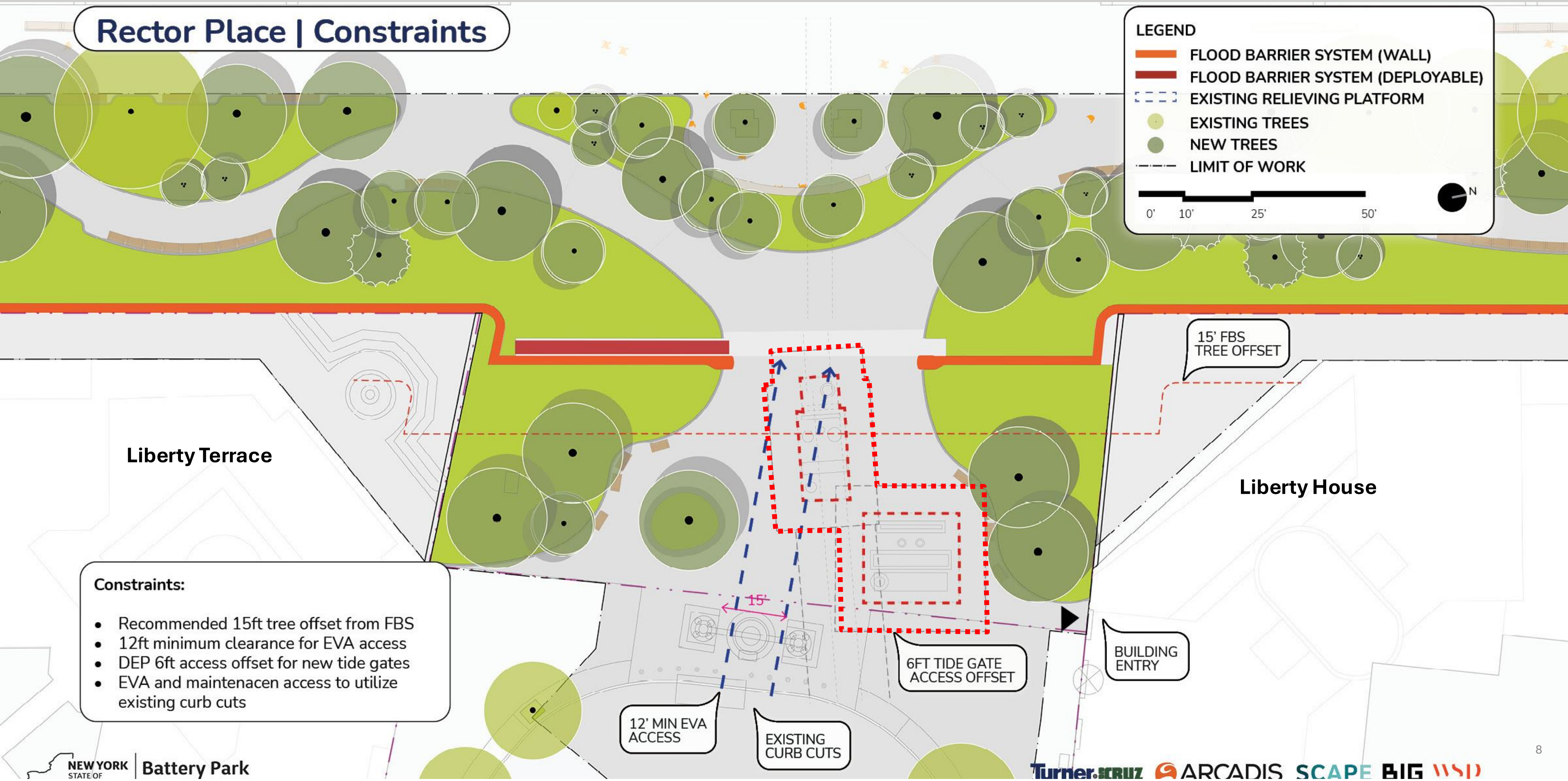
Room Accessible
From Forest Path

Precast
Concrete Bench

Room Accessible
From Esplanade

+ 11.5'

Rector Place Street End Constraints



Opportunity for Redesign

Rector Place | Constraints

LEGEND

- FLOOD BARRIER SYSTEM (WALL)
- FLOOD BARRIER SYSTEM (DEPLOYABLE)
- EXISTING RELIEVING PLATFORM
- EXISTING TREES
- NEW TREES
- LIMIT OF WORK



Liberty Terrace

Liberty House

Constraints:

- Recommended 15ft tree offset from FBS
- 12ft minimum clearance for EVA access
- DEP 6ft access offset for new tide gates
- EVA and maintenacen access to utilize existing curb cuts

15' FBS
TREE OFFSET

6FT TIDE GATE
ACCESS OFFSET

BUILDING
ENTRY

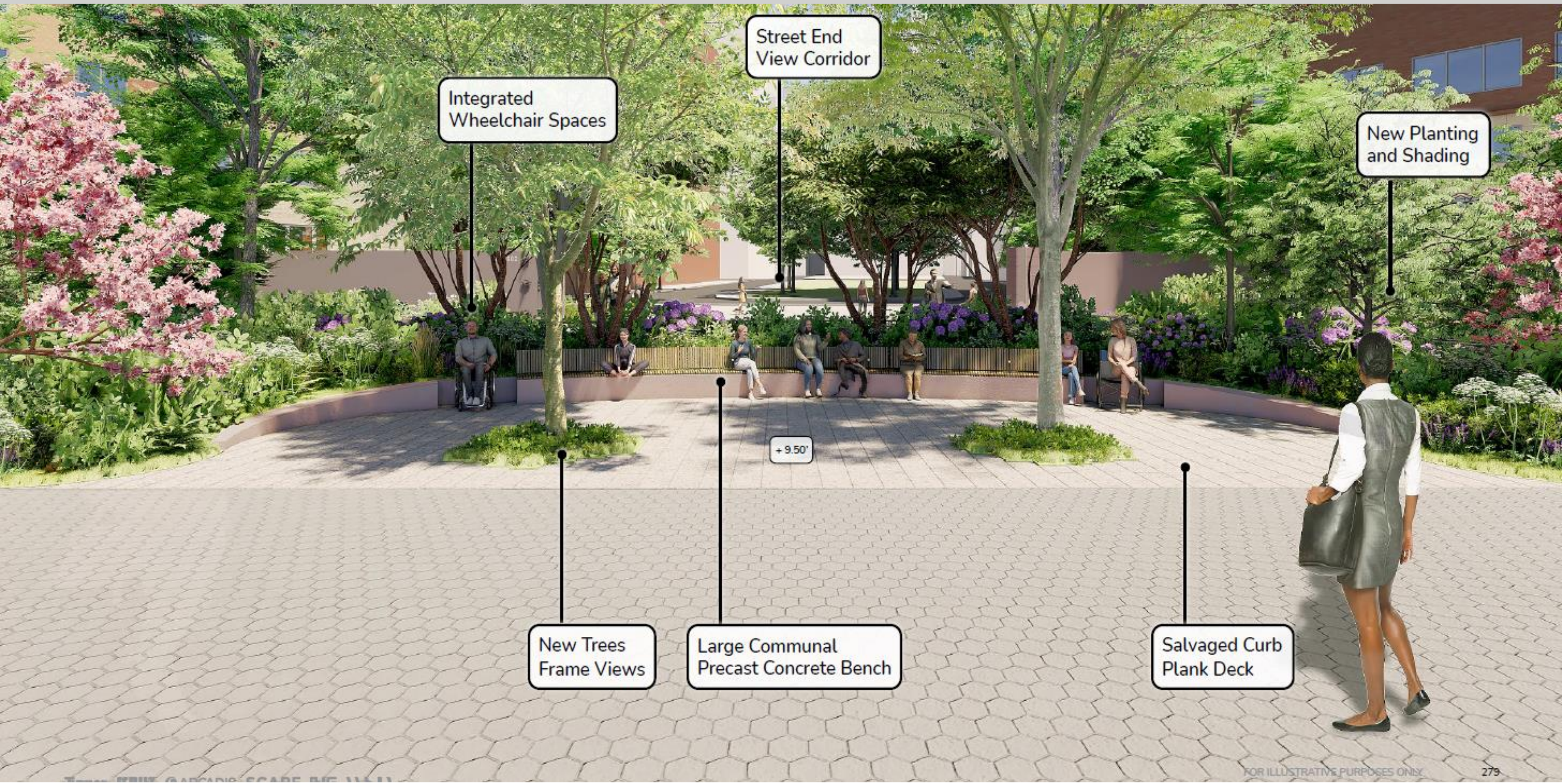
12' MIN EVA
ACCESS

EXISTING
CURB CUTS

Rector Place Street End- Current Design



Rector Place Esplanade- Current Design



1. Activities and Amenities

Feedback Summary:

- **Support for Pedestrian Access (89%) and Quiet Spaces (78%), not Gathering Spaces (28%)**
- **Landscaping (72%) more popular as an amenity than Seating (57%), Shading (50%), Art (24%) not popular**

Impact to Street End Design:

- **No obstacles to pedestrian access or seating in the middle- preference for quiet spaces on the sides with landscaping**



Use Diagram: Clear Access to Esplanade



Albany Street



Rector Place

2. Layout Concepts

Feedback Summary:

- Preference for **open, simple street end design**
- Offset seating and public spaces **at least 20' from residential facades (57%)**
- Support for both **straight and asymmetrical layouts**

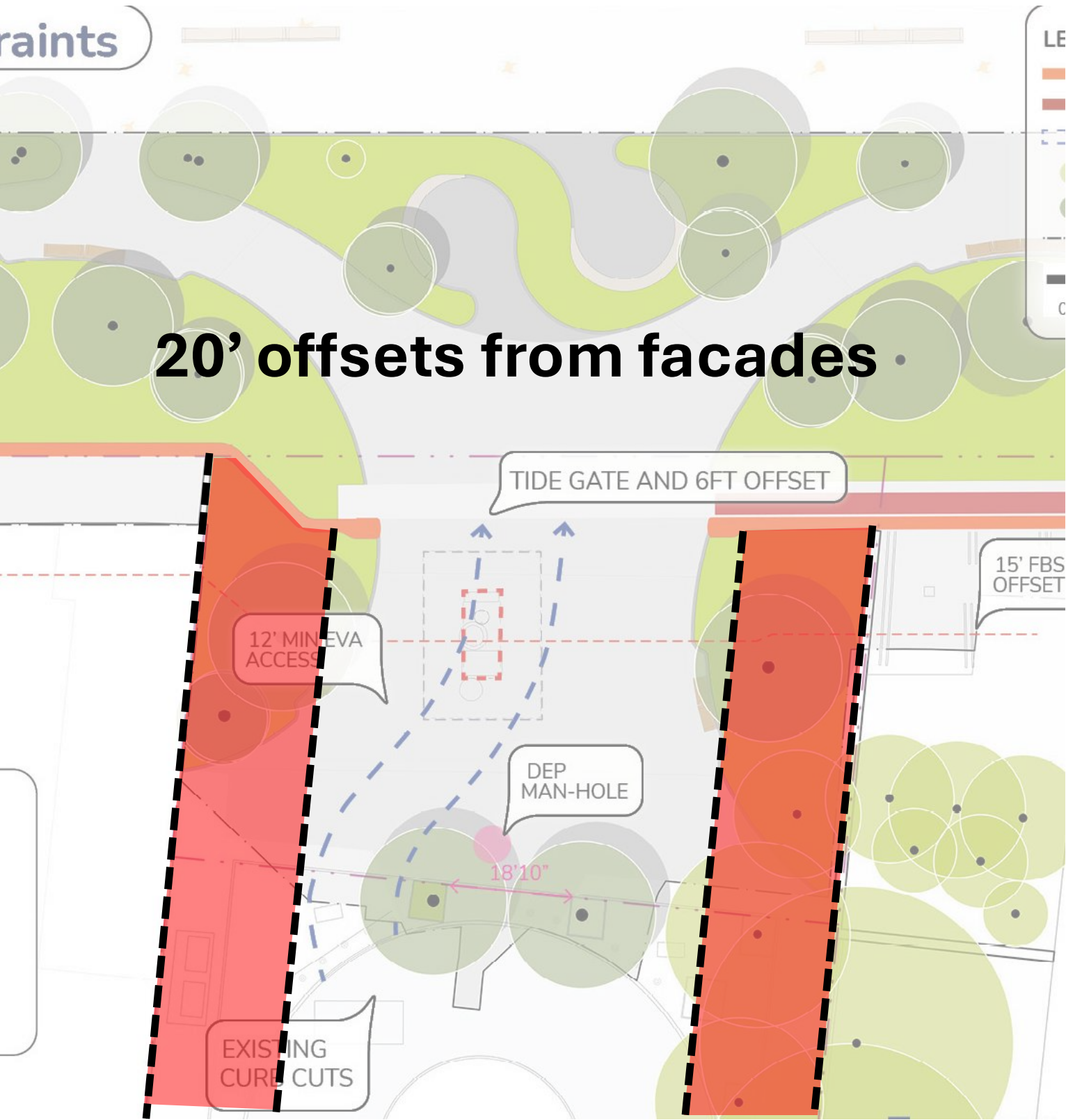
Impact to Street End Design:

- Openness in the center with views to the Esplanade, and **seating to the side, offset from buildings**

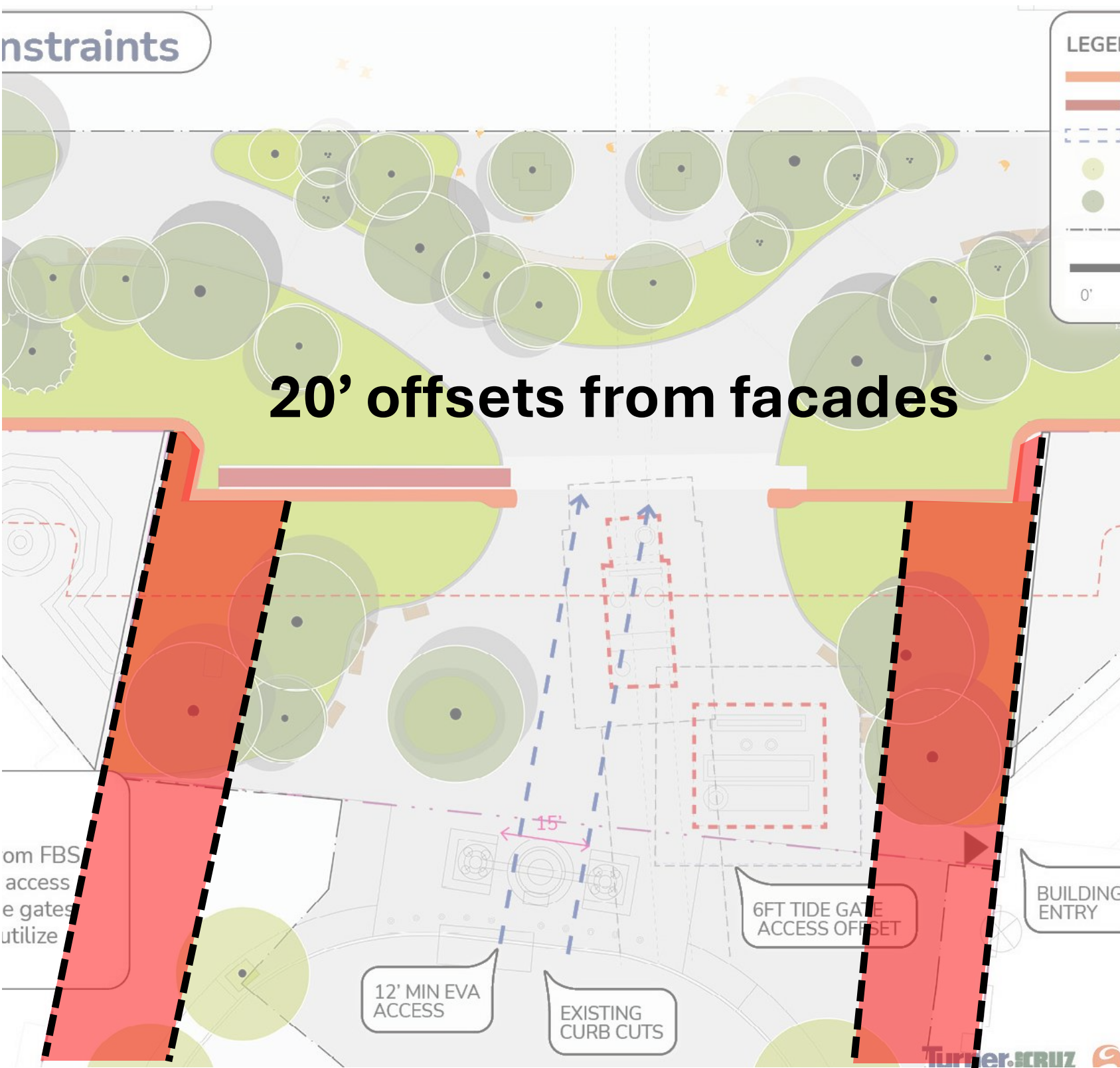


Existing Seating at Albany Street is too close to Hudson Tower

Use Diagram: Building Offsets for Seating



Albany Street



Rector Place

3. Seating Ideas

Feedback Summary:

- Strong preference for **Benches (64%)**, not Seating with Tables (35%), Linear (17%), Single Chairs (13%), or Modular (9%)
 - "We want World's Fair benches because they have **back support and match the esplanade**, not modular furniture or brightly colored objects."

Impact to Street End Design:

- **World's Fair benches**, not picnic tables or communal seating



Use Diagram: Seating



Albany Street



Rector Place

4. Landscaping and Shading

Feedback Summary:

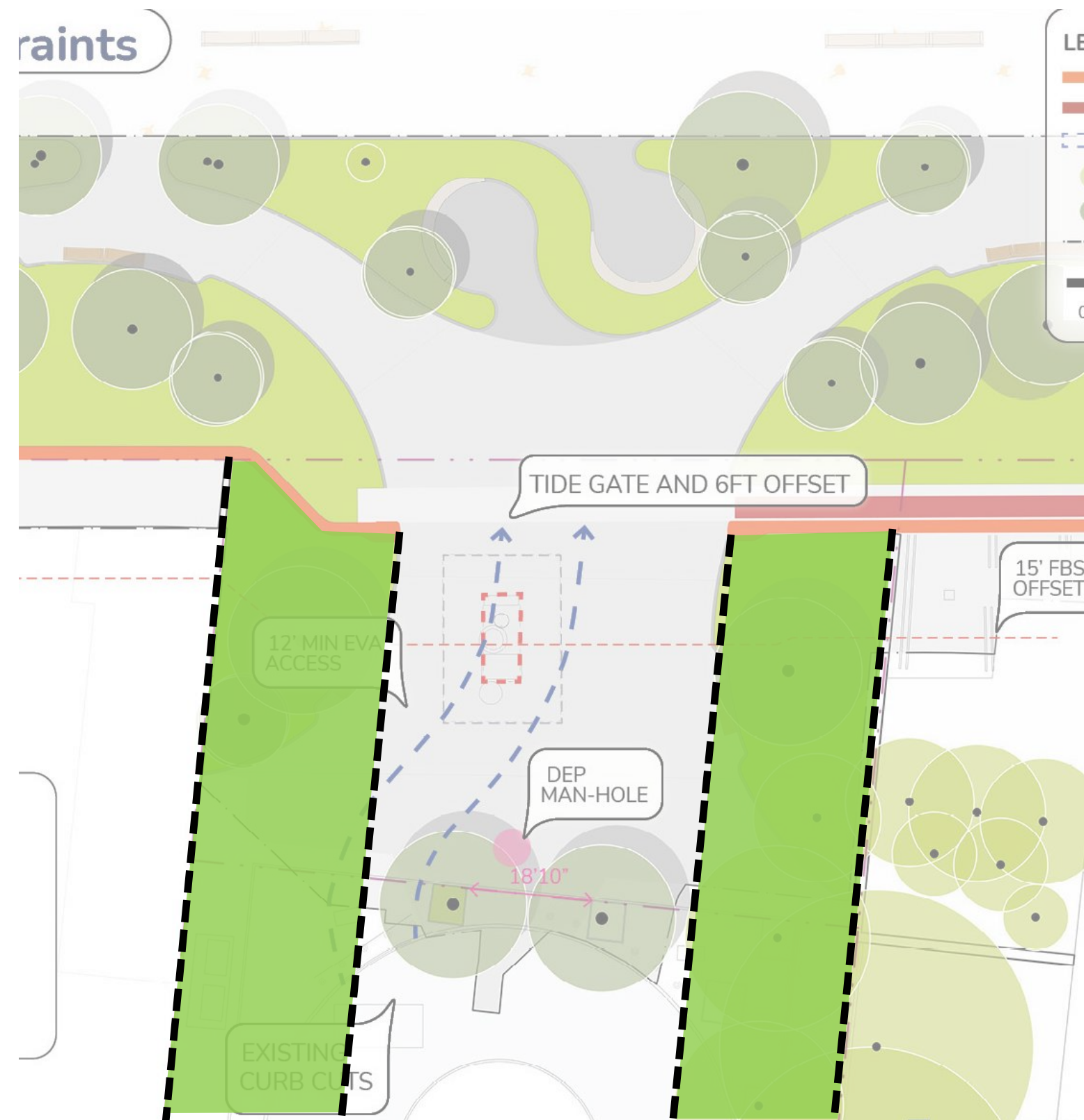
- **Flowers (76%), Trees (70%), Bushes (63%), Lower Plantings (56%),** not Planters (13%)
 - "We would like **as much natural shade from trees as possible**. We do not want umbrellas or artificial shade that do not fit neighborhood character."

Impact to Street End Design:

- Landscaped areas will incorporate **flowers, bushes, and trees** where possible given constraints



Use Diagram: Landscaping and Shading



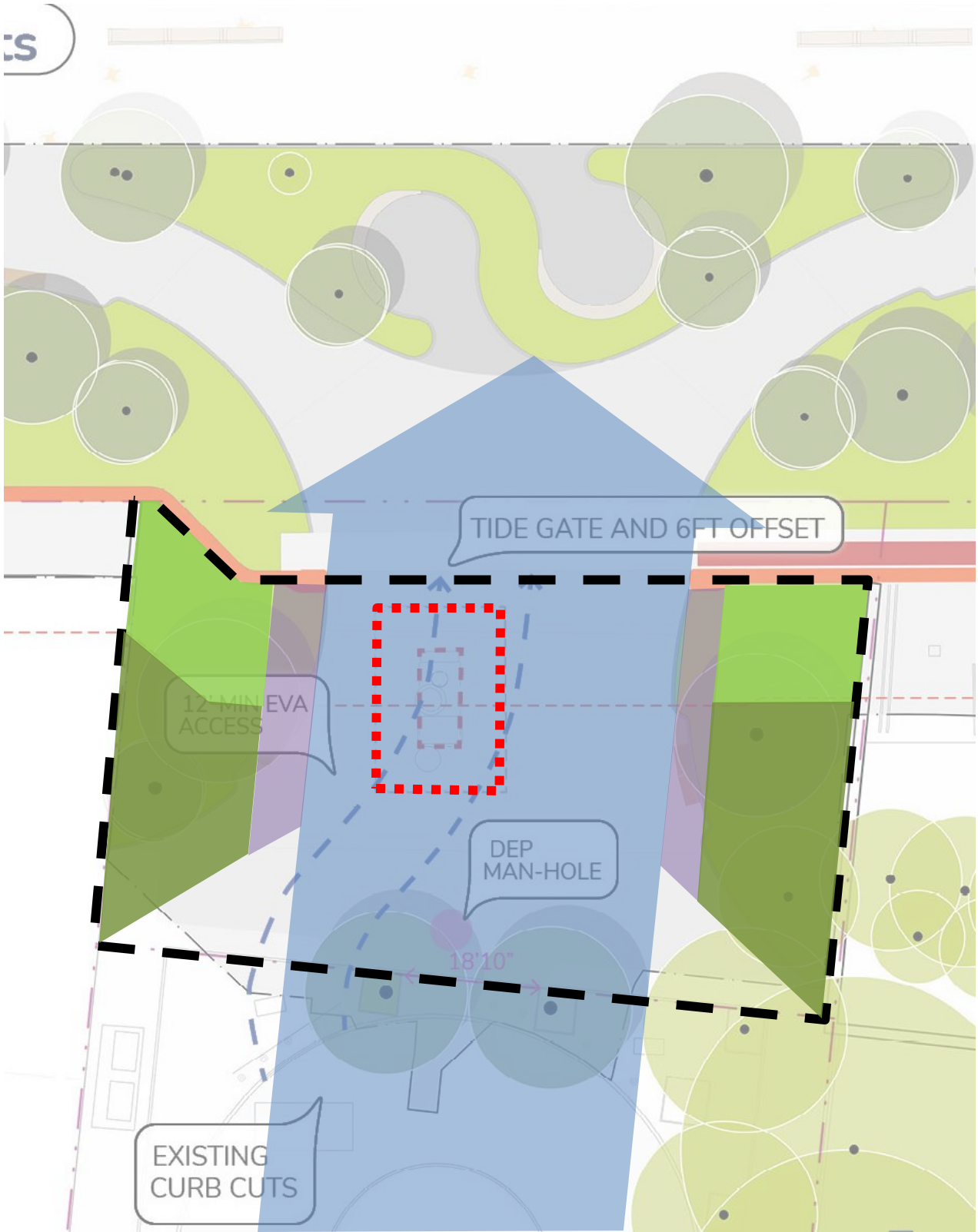
Albany Street



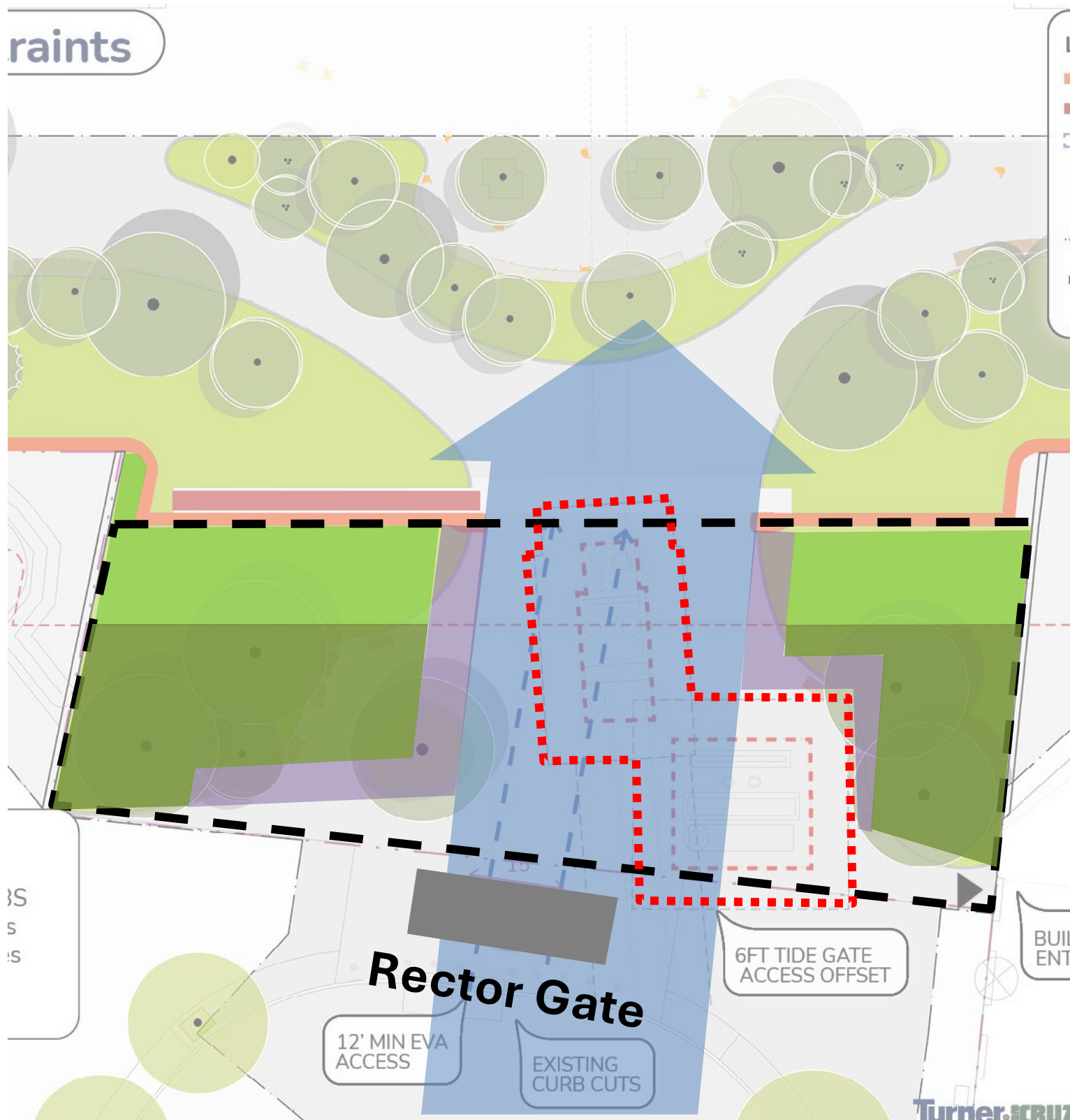
Rector Place

Combined Uses and Constraints Diagram

- Clear Access
- Seating
- Low Planting
- Trees
- Opportunity for Redesign
- DEP Tide Gate Access



Albany Street



Rector Place

Next Steps

- **May 20 @ 6pm- Meeting 3 (Proposed Design)**
- **We will continue to provide design and construction updates**



**Subscribe to our
Construction
Newsletter!**

