

# **Appendix D**

## **Agency Correspondence**

(Refer to Appendix E for additional agency correspondence related to archaeological resources)

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## Hobbick, Cade W.

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**Subject:** FW: Forever Wild Site Inquiry

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**From:** Newman, Andrew (Parks) [<mailto:Andrew.Newman@parks.nyc.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2015 1:21 PM

**To:** Barron, Stacey A.

**Subject:** RE: Forever Wild Site Inquiry

Hi Stacey,

No problem and thanks for the quick response back. A portion of the site labeled #15 in your map is indeed designated Forever Wild as part of the Spring Creek Preserve. This portion is circumscribed by Sheridan Avenue, Flatlands Avenue, and 75th Street as illustrated in the map on our website:

[http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub\\_about/parks\\_divisions/nrg/forever\\_wild/pdf/Q165\\_2008%20FW%20-%20Spring%20Creek.pdf](http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_about/parks_divisions/nrg/forever_wild/pdf/Q165_2008%20FW%20-%20Spring%20Creek.pdf).

Site #9 on your map is not part of our Forever Wild program, although we are revisiting all natural areas in city parkland over the next few years after the ecological assessment undertaken by our partners at the Natural Areas Conservancy:

<http://naturalareasnyc.org/what/>.

Best regards,

Andrew Newman

Communications Manager

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**From:** Barron, Stacey A. [<mailto:sabarron@csagroup.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015 6:41 PM

**To:** Newman, Andrew (Parks)

**Subject:** RE: Forever Wild Site Inquiry

Hi Andrew. Thank you very much for your timely response. The reason why I reached out to Parks is because the park(s) in question – Spring Creek Park in Brooklyn – are not listed on the website page you indicated. The parks are adjacent to the Forever Wild (FW) portion of Spring Creek Park in Queens, and we believe that they may also be part of the FW program. Attached is a (draft internal) map. Kindly advise as to whether or not the portions of Spring Creek Park represented by open space resources #15 and #9 are part of the FW program. Feel free to call me to discuss further if necessary. Thank you in advance for your assistance, Stacey

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015 1:56 PM

**To:** Barron, Stacey A.

**Subject:** Forever Wild Site Inquiry

Dear Ms. Barron,

Thank you for writing to NYC Parks regarding our designated Forever Wild sites. A full list of these sites is available on the Parks website: <http://www.nycgovparks.org/greening/nature-preserves/sites>.

If you would like confirmation that a specific location is indeed within Parks' jurisdiction and/or has been designated a Forever Wild site, please feel free to provide me with information about the exact area in question and I'd be glad to provide you with feedback. A map depicting the area in question would be most helpful.

Best regards,

[Andrew Newman](#)

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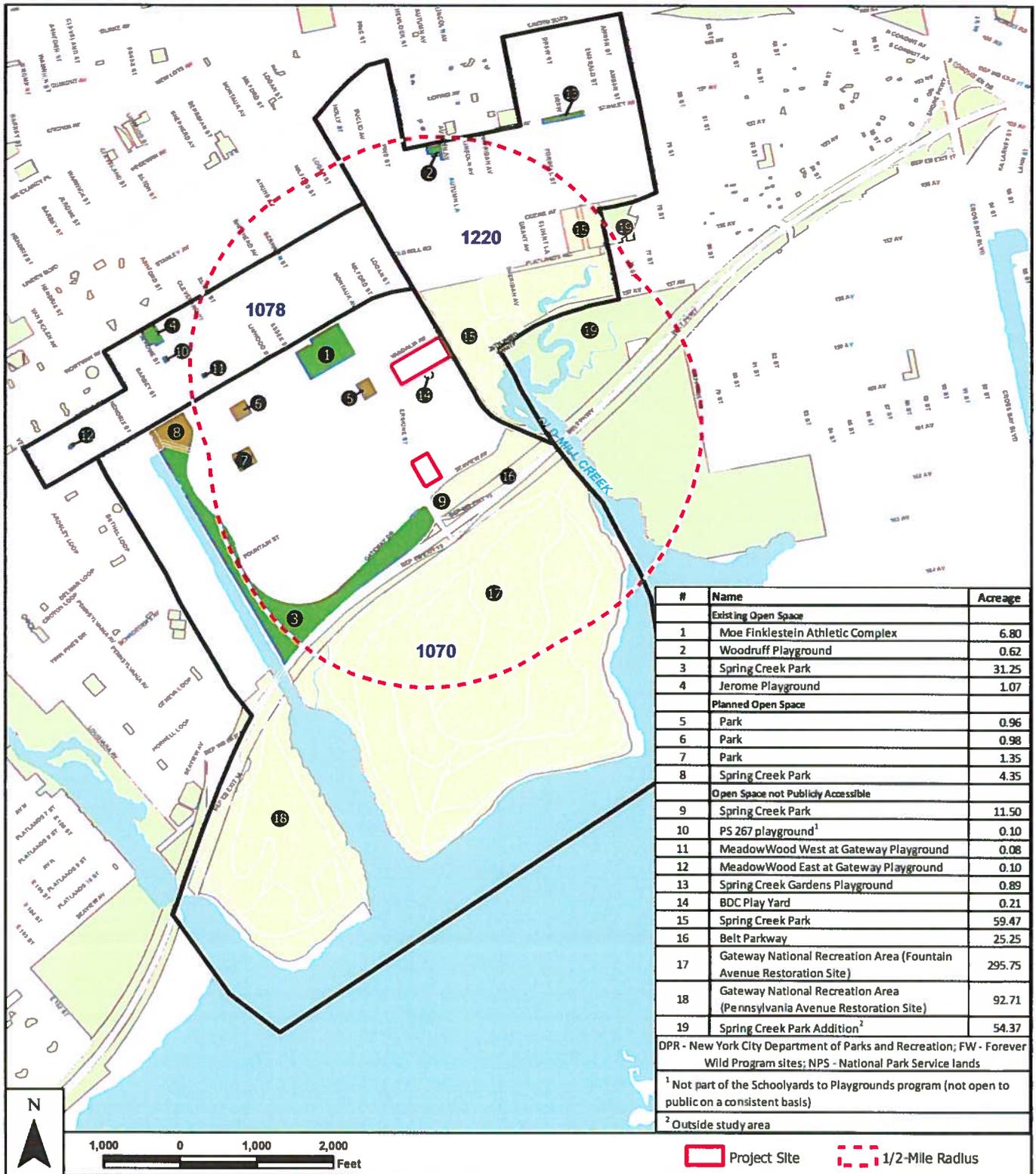
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Source: New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunication, 2015;  
 New York City Department of City Planning, 2010 US Census Tract.

**Figure 5-2**  
**OPEN SPACE RESOURCES**

Fountain Avenue Land Use  
 Improvement and Residential Project



Mary Travis Bassett, M.D., MPH, Commissioner  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
42-09 28th Street, 14th Floor, CN 31  
Long Island City, NY 11101

November 6, 2015

**Re: Proposed New Development: 888 Fountain Avenue, Brooklyn, New York**

Dear Ms. Bassett:

On behalf of the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development, we are conducting an environmental analysis of potential impacts to community services which could potentially result from the development of land under your jurisdiction. Pursuant to New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) requirements, we are contacting your office to identify potential effects that the proposed project may have with respect to mental health care services, and to solicit any comments the DOHMH may have relative to the proposed project.

As shown on the attached graphic, the project site consists of two non-contiguous parcels comprising undeveloped property on the northern and southern ends of the Brooklyn Developmental Center (BDC) campus at 888 Fountain Avenue in Kings County (Brooklyn), New York. The BDC campus, which is scheduled for closure December 2015, occupies an irregularly shaped block (Block 4586), located in the Starrett City/Spring Creek neighborhood of eastern Brooklyn. The block is bounded by Vandalia Avenue to the north, Seaview Avenue to the south, Fountain Avenue to the east, and Erskine Street to the west. Parkland lies across Fountain to the east and across Seaview Avenue to the south of the campus, with the Belt Parkway along the Jamaica Bay waterfront further to the south. The Gateway Center commercial area and the Gateway Estates residential development are to the west and north of the block.

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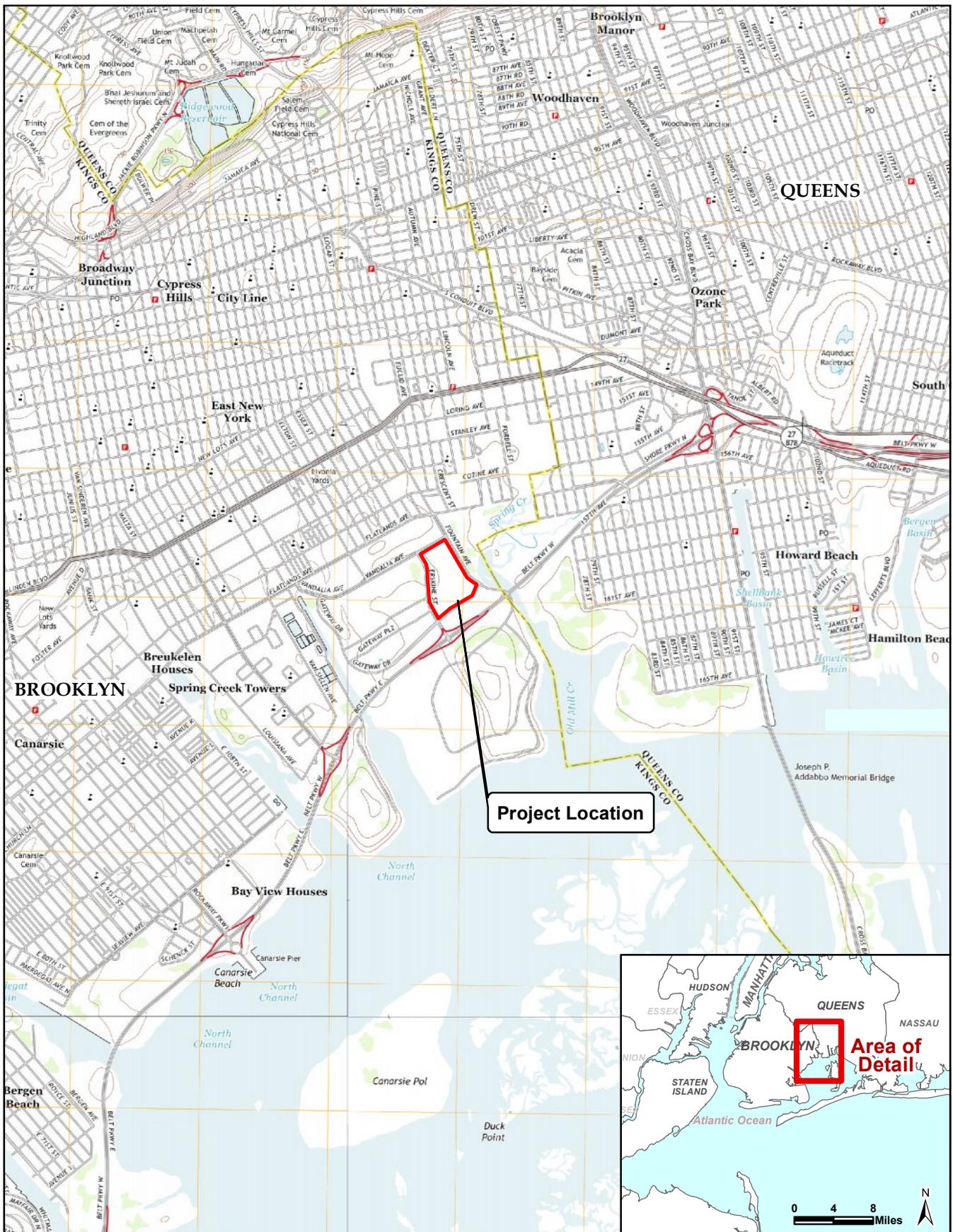
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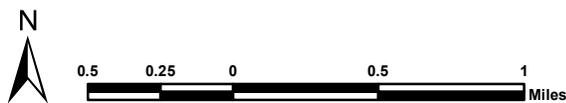
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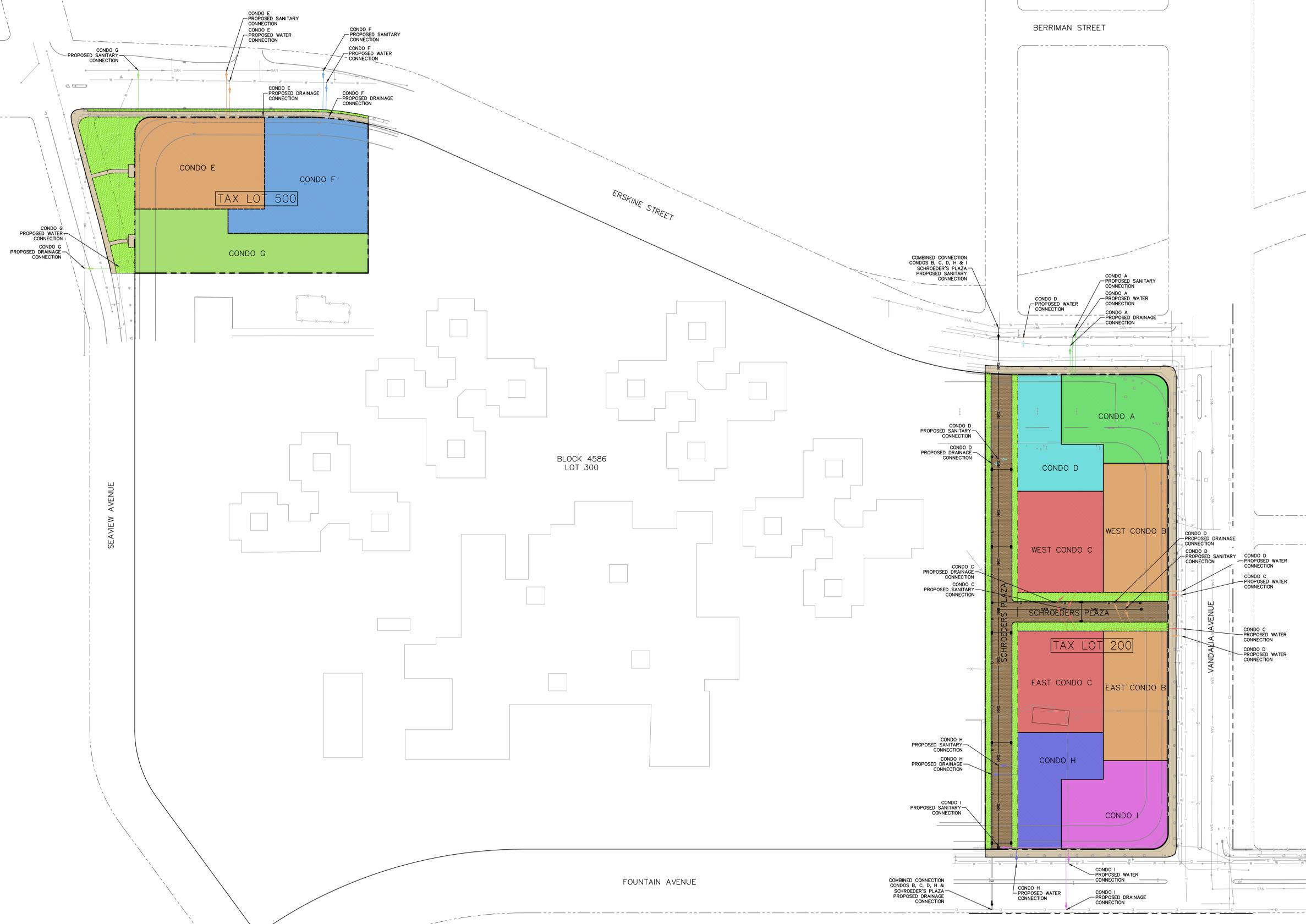
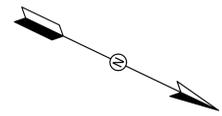
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**Figure A-1: Project Location**

888 Fountain Avenue





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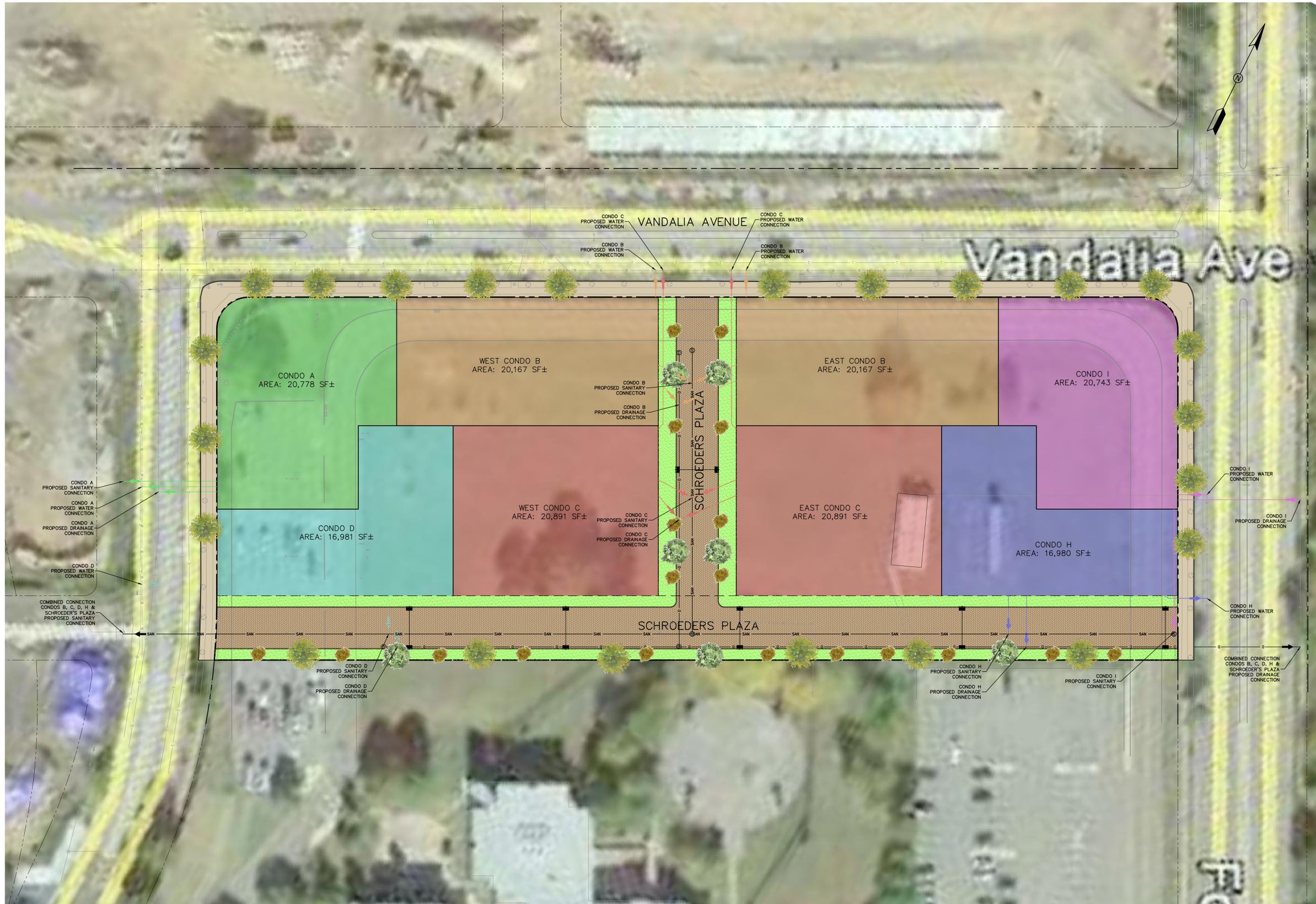
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Wayne Cartwright, Chief in Charge  
Fire Department, New York City  
Brooklyn Borough Command  
172 Tillary Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

November 6, 2015

**Re: Proposed New Development: 888 Fountain Avenue, Brooklyn, New York**

Dear Chief Cartwright:

On behalf of the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development, we are conducting an environmental analysis of potential impacts to community services which could potentially result from the development of land under your jurisdiction. Pursuant to New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) requirements, we are contacting your office to identify potential effects that the project may have with respect to fire protection services, and to solicit any comments the FDNY may have relative to the proposed project.

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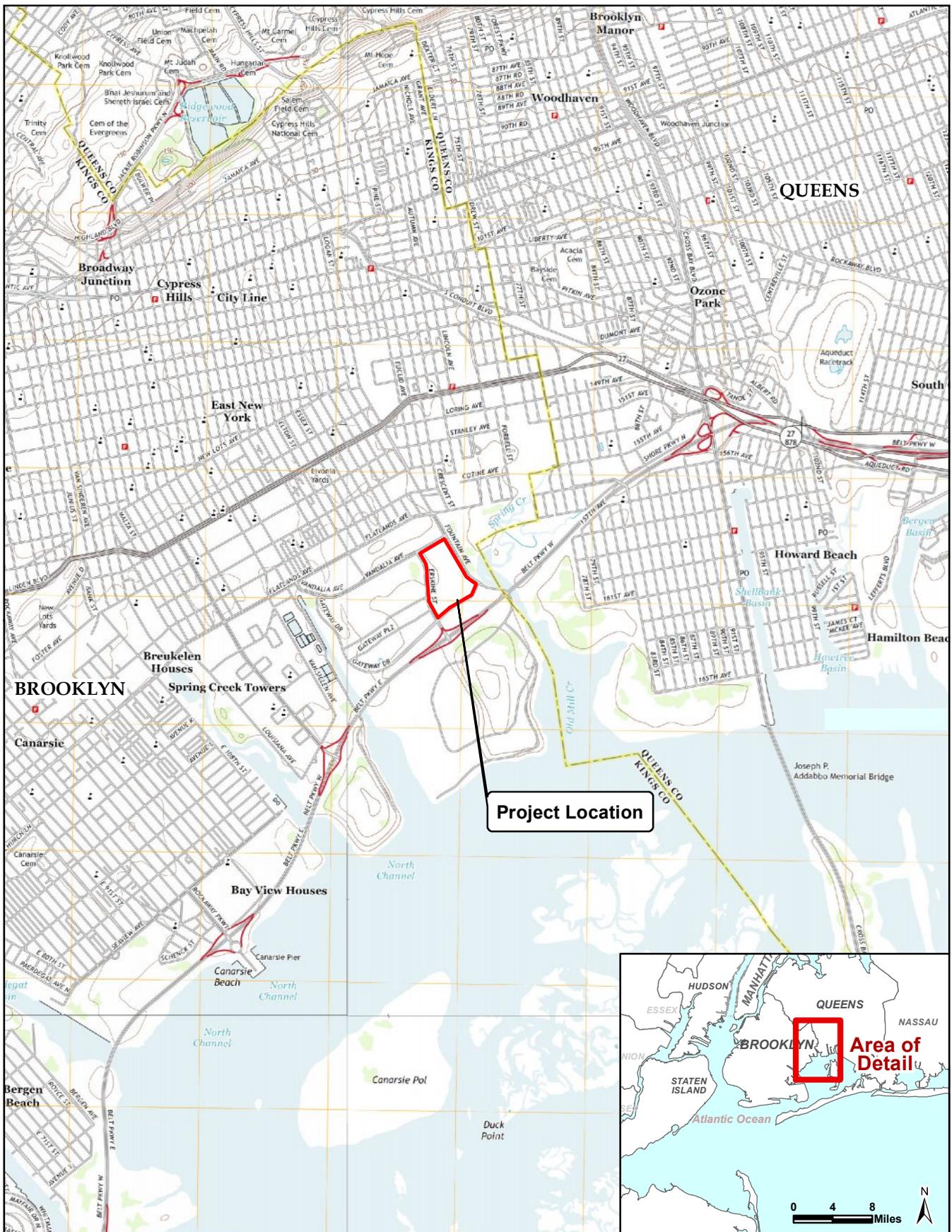
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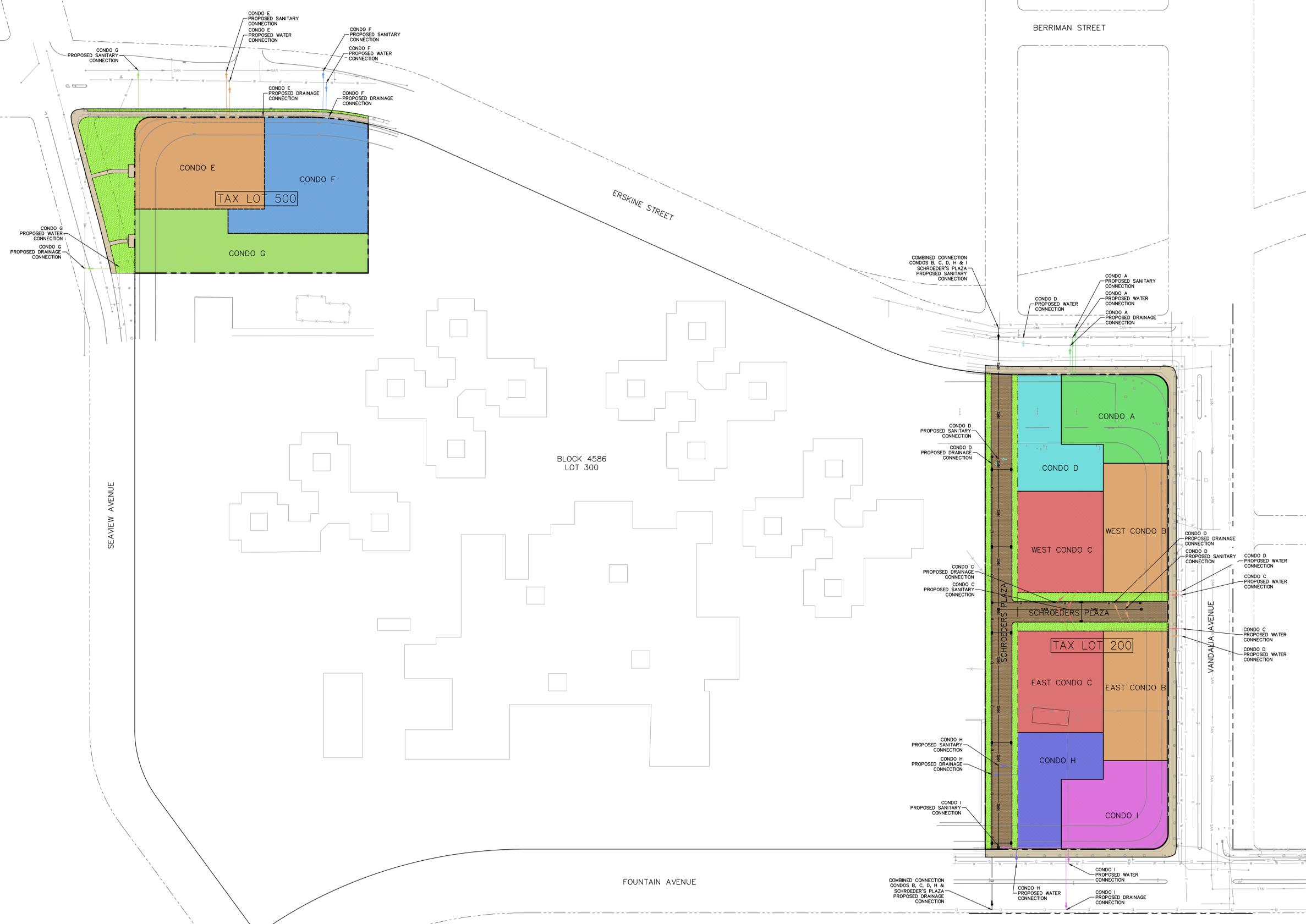
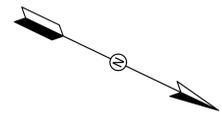


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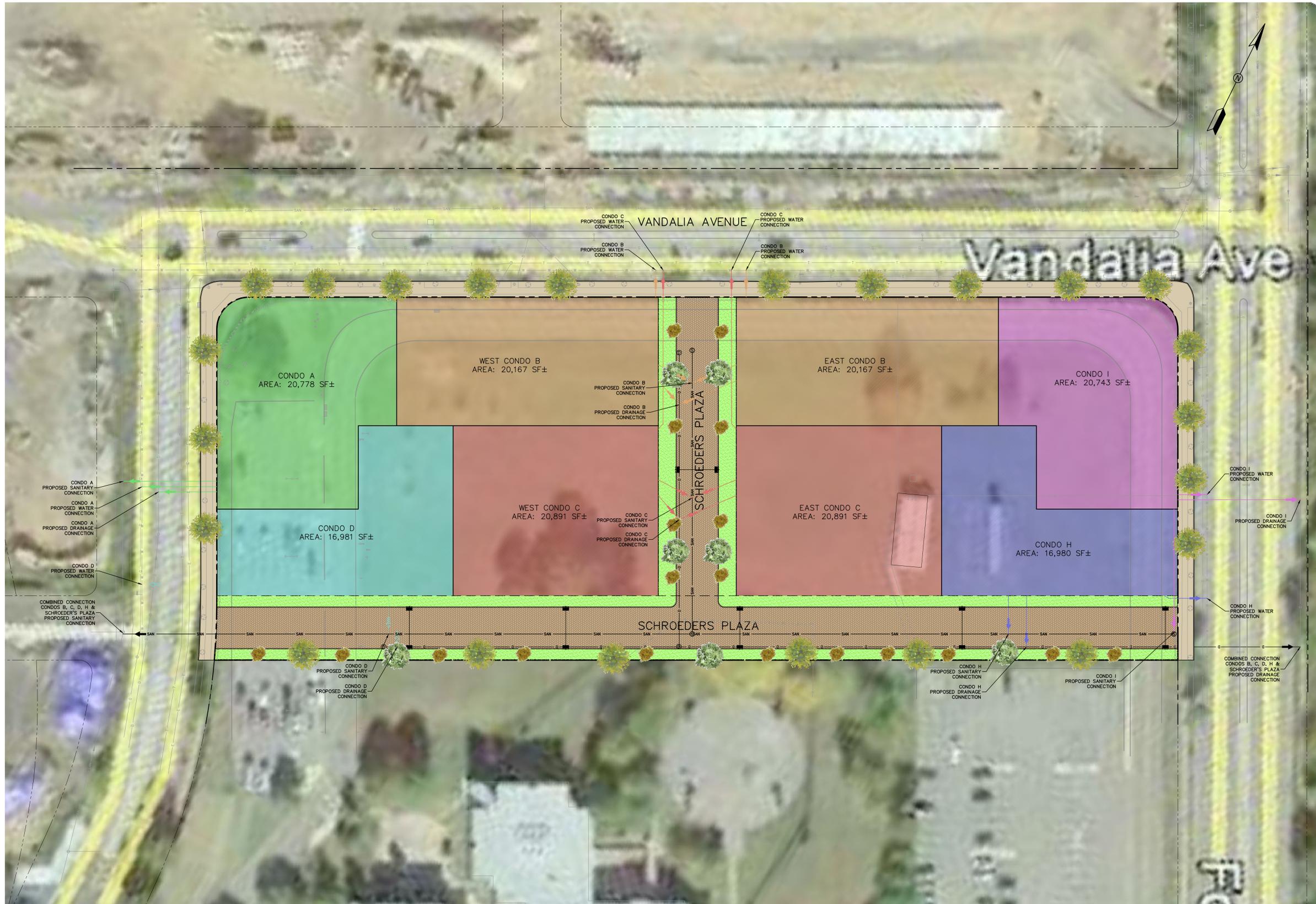
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Att: Raju Ramanathan, President  
Kings County Hospital Center  
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Brooklyn, NY 11203

November 6, 2015

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Dear Mr. Raju:

On behalf of the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development, we are conducting an environmental analysis of potential impacts to community services which could potentially result from the development of land under your jurisdiction. Pursuant to New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) requirements, we are contacting your office to identify potential effects that the project may have with respect to health care services, and to solicit any comments the NYCHHC may have relative to the proposed project.

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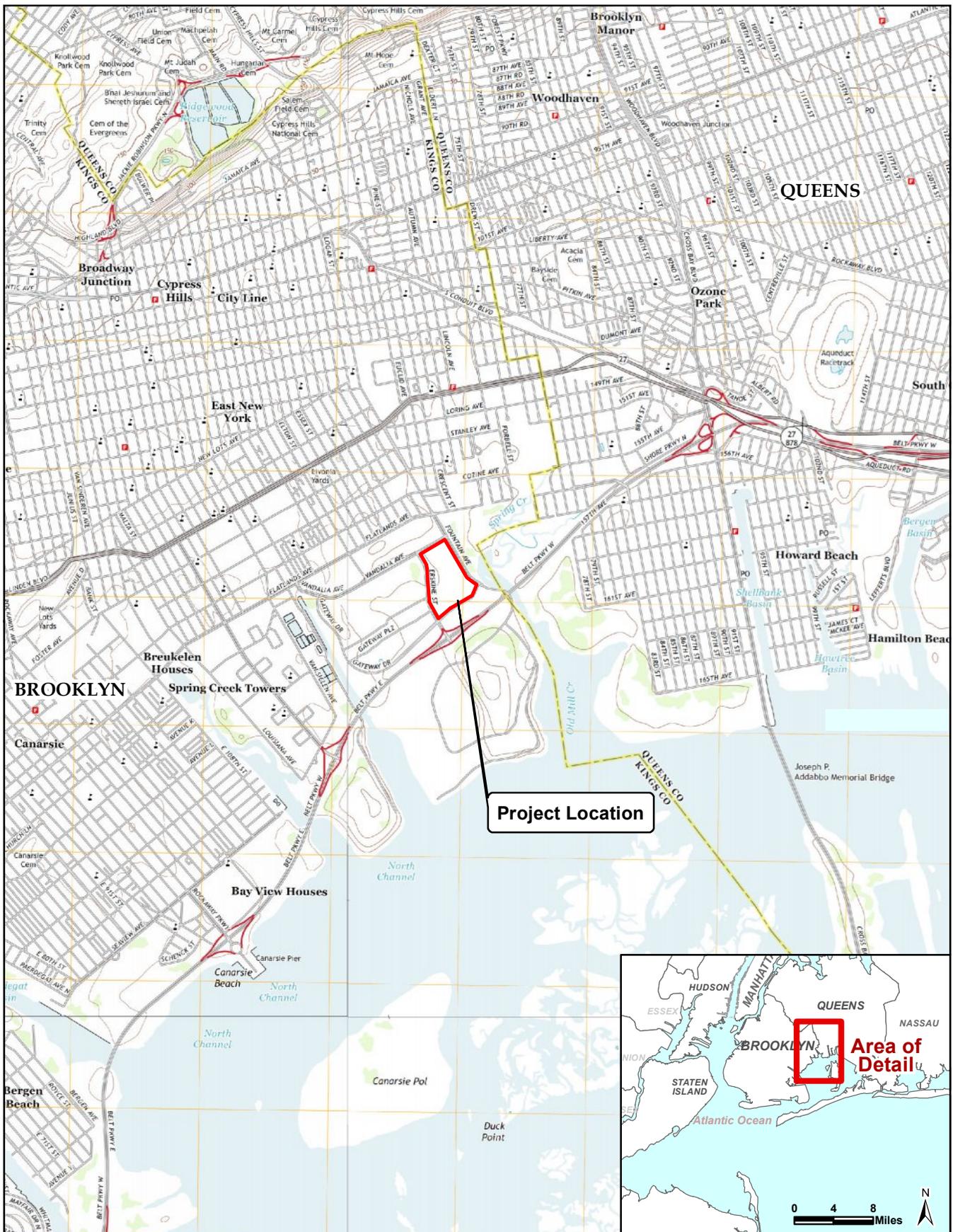
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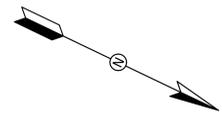


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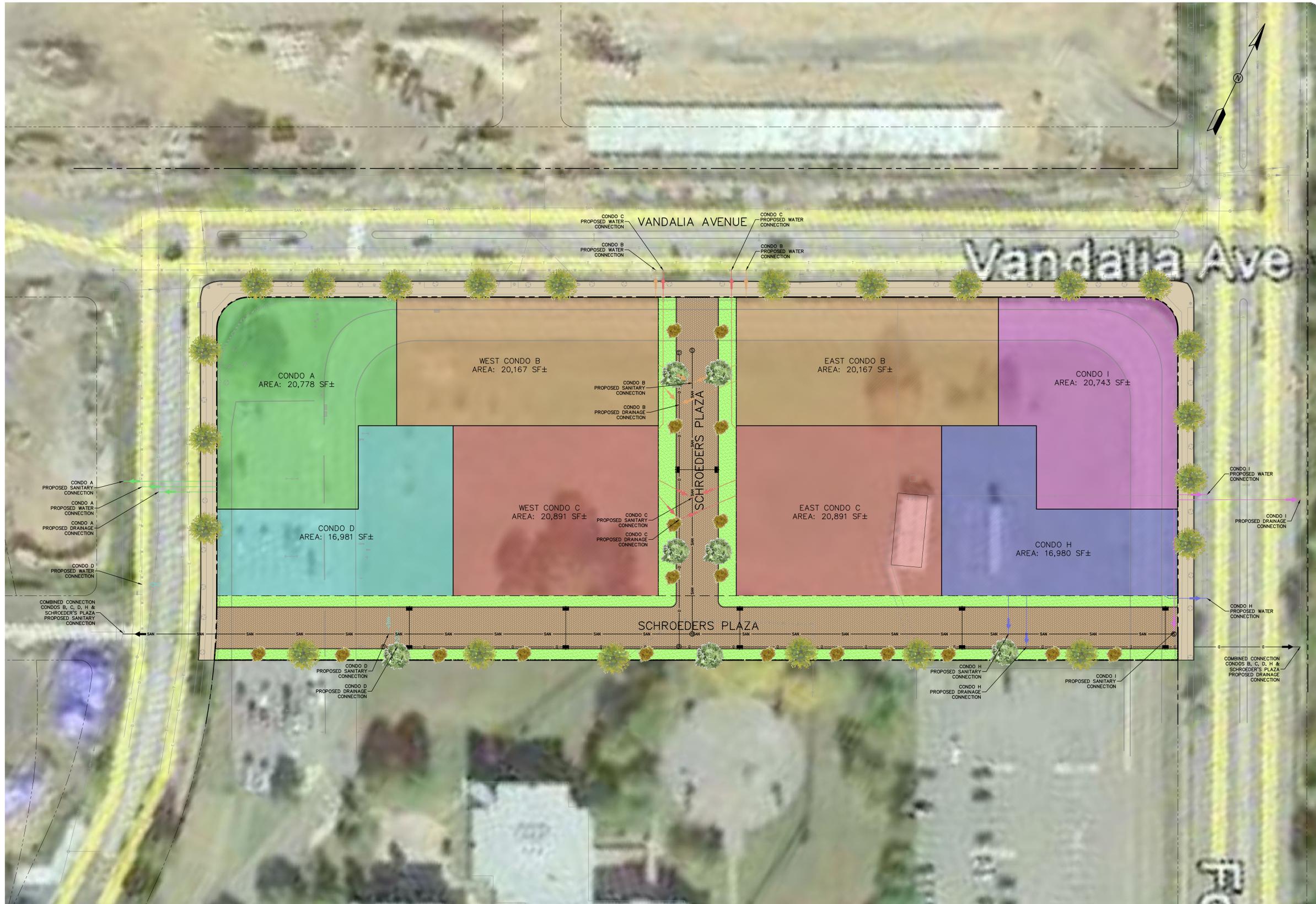
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New York City Police Department - 75th Precinct  
Attn: Michael Lipetri, Commanding Officer  
1000 Sutter Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11208

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Dear Inspector Lipetri:

On behalf of the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development, we are conducting an environmental analysis of potential impacts to community services which could potentially result from the development of land under your jurisdiction. Pursuant to New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) requirements, we are contacting your office to identify potential effects that the project may have with respect to fire protection services, and to solicit any comments the NYPD may have relative to the proposed project.

As shown on the attached graphic, the project site consists of two non-contiguous parcels comprising undeveloped property on the northern and southern ends of the Brooklyn Developmental Center (BDC) campus at 888 Fountain Avenue in Kings County (Brooklyn), New York. The BDC campus, which is scheduled for closure December 2015, occupies an irregularly shaped block (Block 4586), located in the Starrett City/Spring Creek neighborhood of eastern Brooklyn. The block is bounded by Vandalia Avenue to the north, Seaview Avenue to the south, Fountain Avenue to the east, and Erskine Street to the west. Parkland lies across Fountain to the east and across Seaview Avenue to the south of the campus, with the Belt Parkway along the Jamaica Bay waterfront further to the south. The Gateway Center commercial area and the Gateway Estates residential development are to the west and north of the block.

Parcel A (Tax Lot 500), consisting of approximately 2.0 acres, is situated at the southwestern corner of the block, while Parcel B (Tax Lot 200), consisting of approximately 4.8 acres is at the northern end of the block. Both parcels are currently developed with driveways, parking areas, and lawn area maintained and utilized by the BDC.

The proposed project would introduce approximately 1,000 units of affordable housing, an estimated population of 2,800 residents and +/- 122,500 square feet of commercial space. Construction would be undertaken in five phases; the first phase would commence in 2017, and the final phase would be complete in 2028. Each phase would entail the construction of a group of 2-4 connected buildings, up to 95 feet in height, containing about 200 housing units; each group of buildings would also include commercial space.



Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss further (sabarron@csagroup.com/ 212-388-8825). Thank you for your time and assistance. We look forward to your reply.

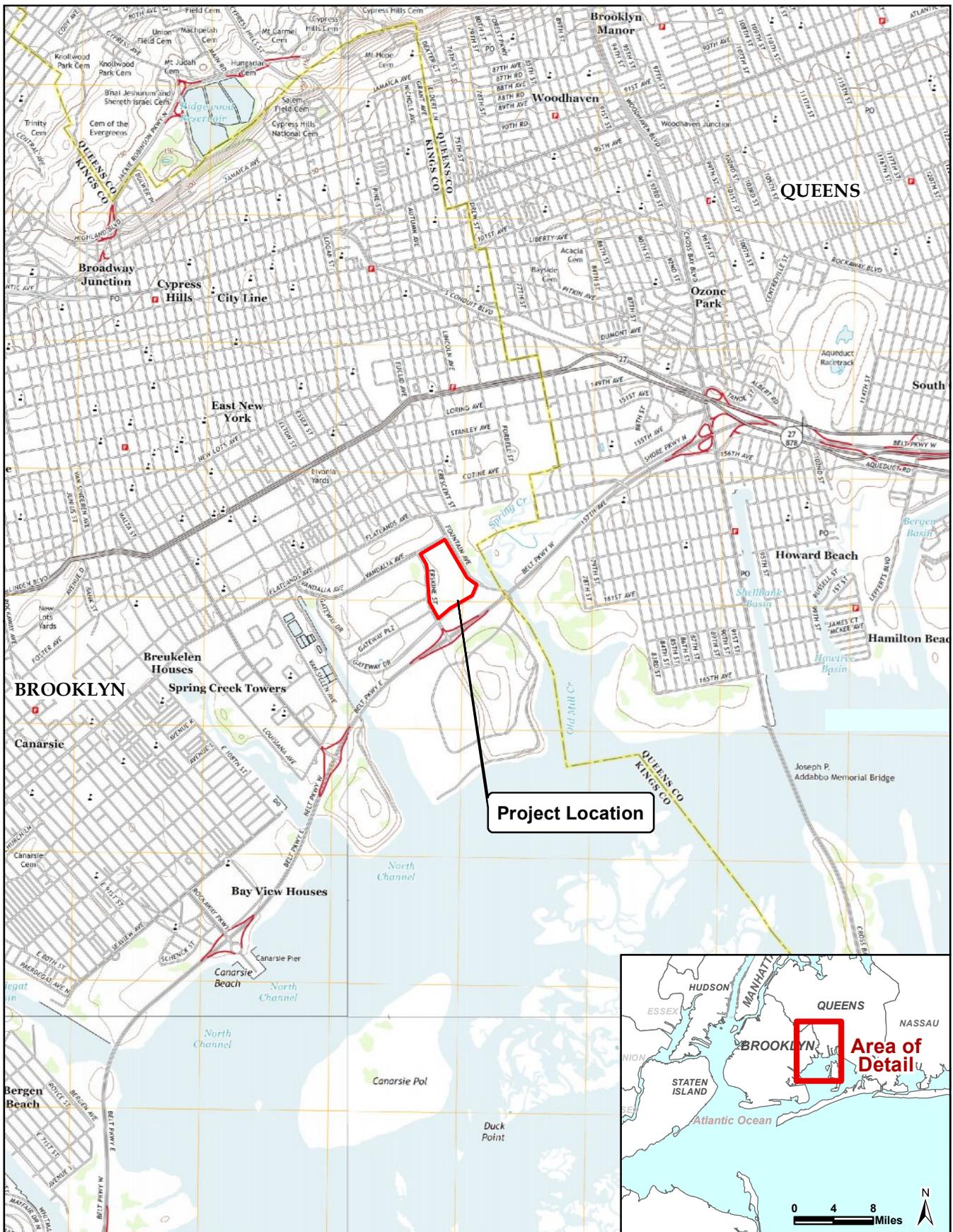
Sincerely,

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Stacey Barron, AICP

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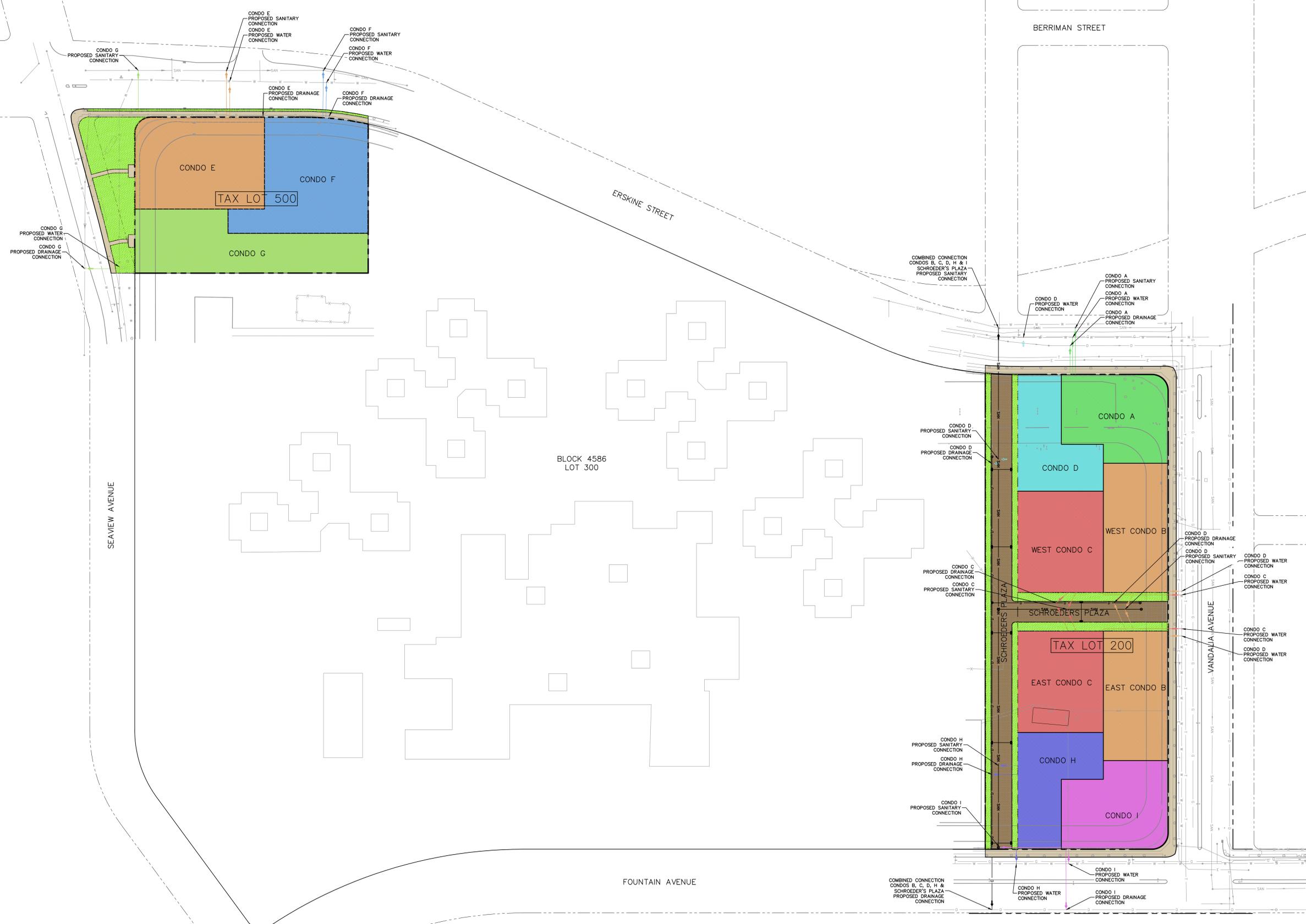
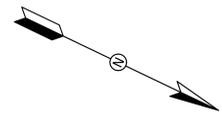


**Figure A-1: Project Location**

888 Fountain Avenue



Source: USGS Topographic Map, Brooklyn Quadrangle, 2013; Coney Island Quadrangle, 2013; Far Rockaway Quadrangle, 2013; Jamaica Quadrangle, 2013



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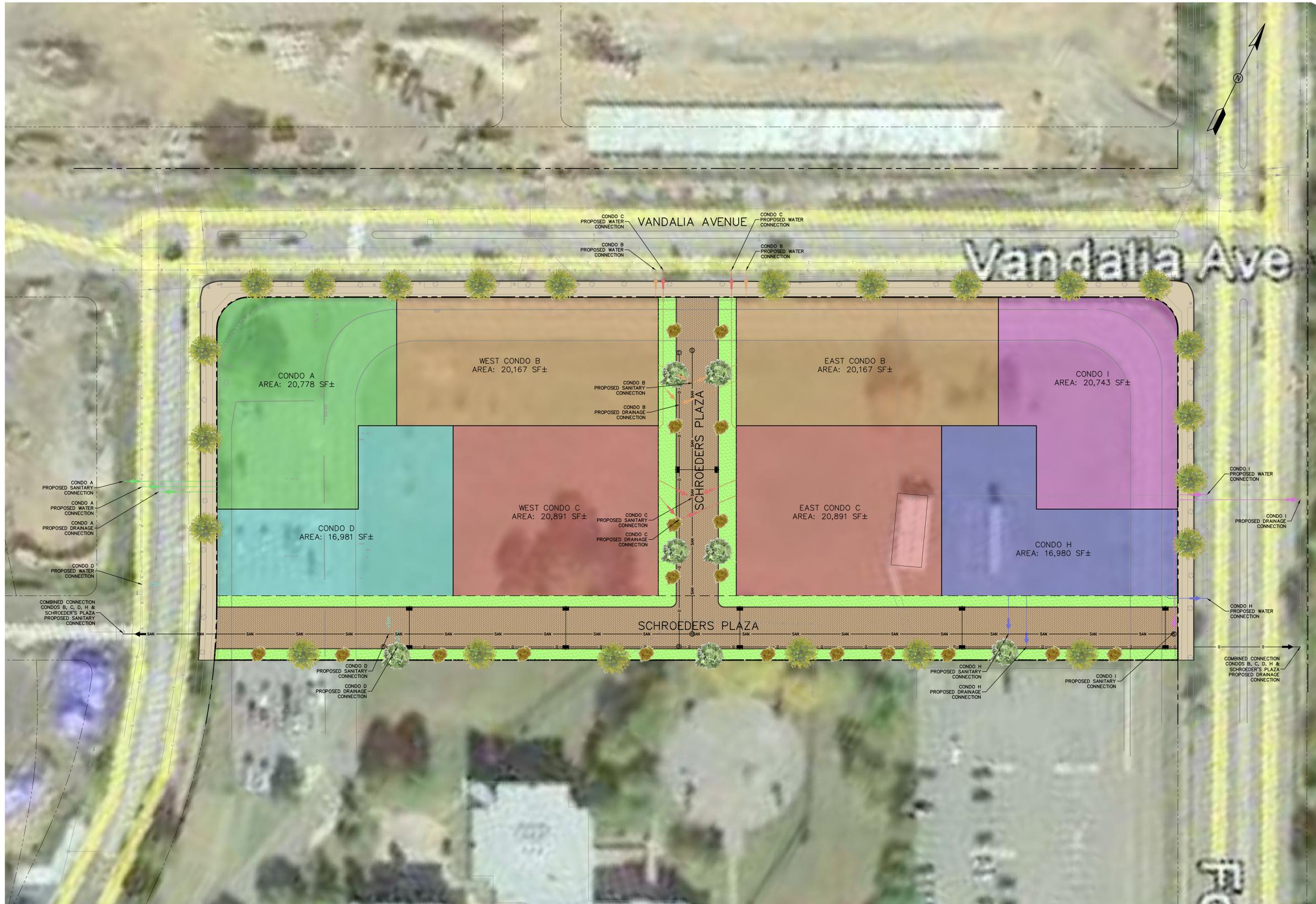
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**888 FOUNTAIN AVENUE – SITE B**

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