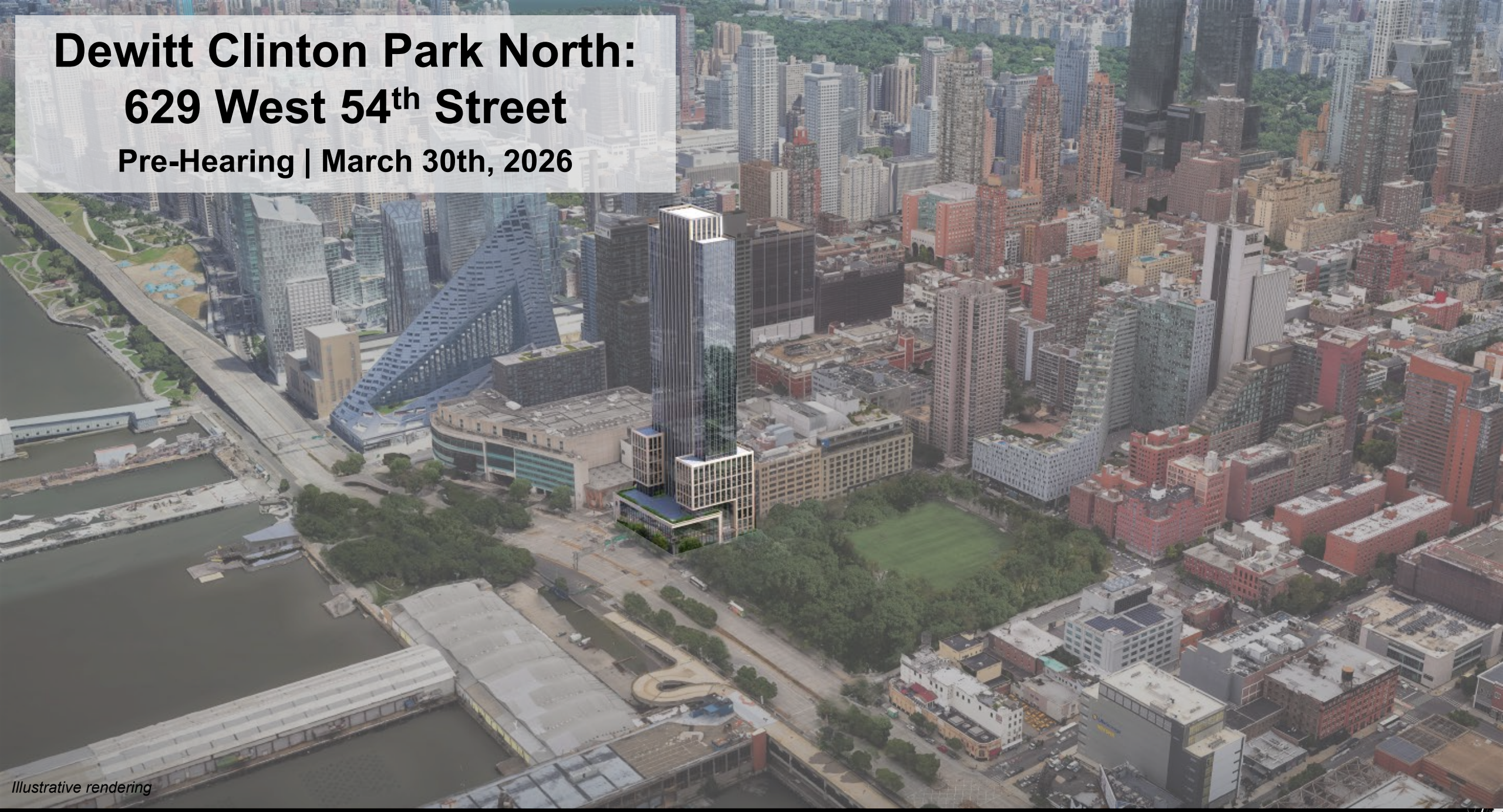
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Pre-Hearing | March 30th, 2026



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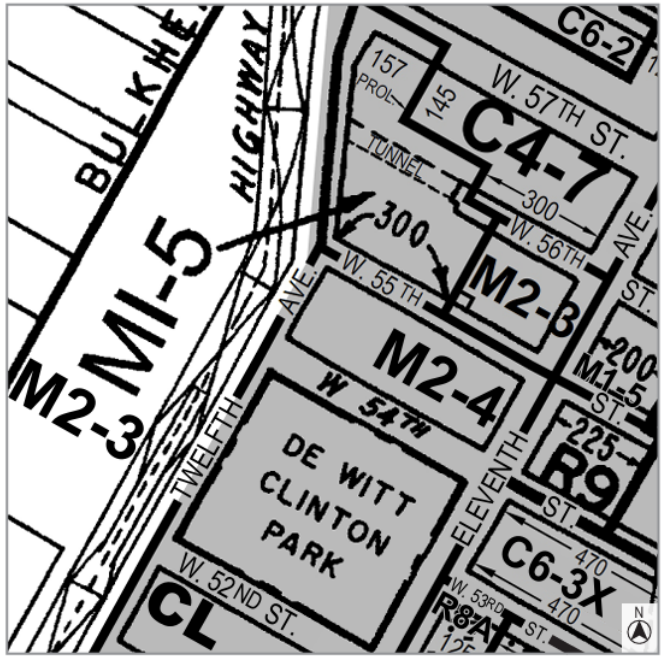
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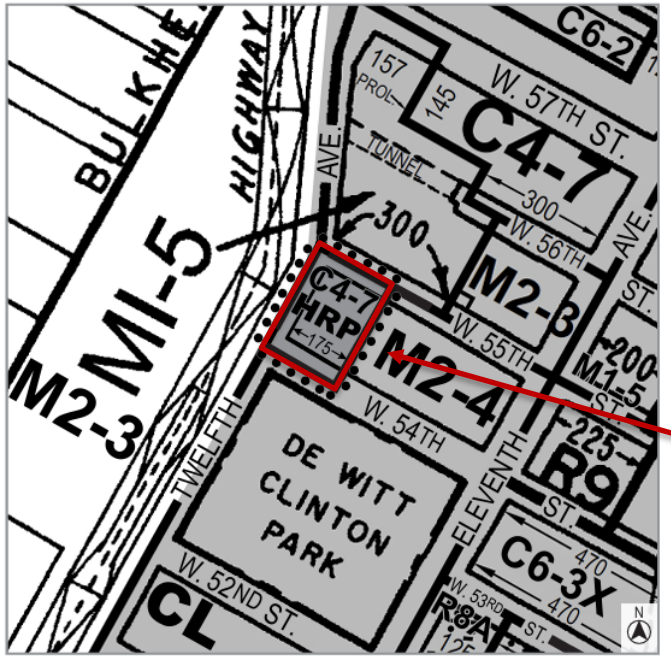


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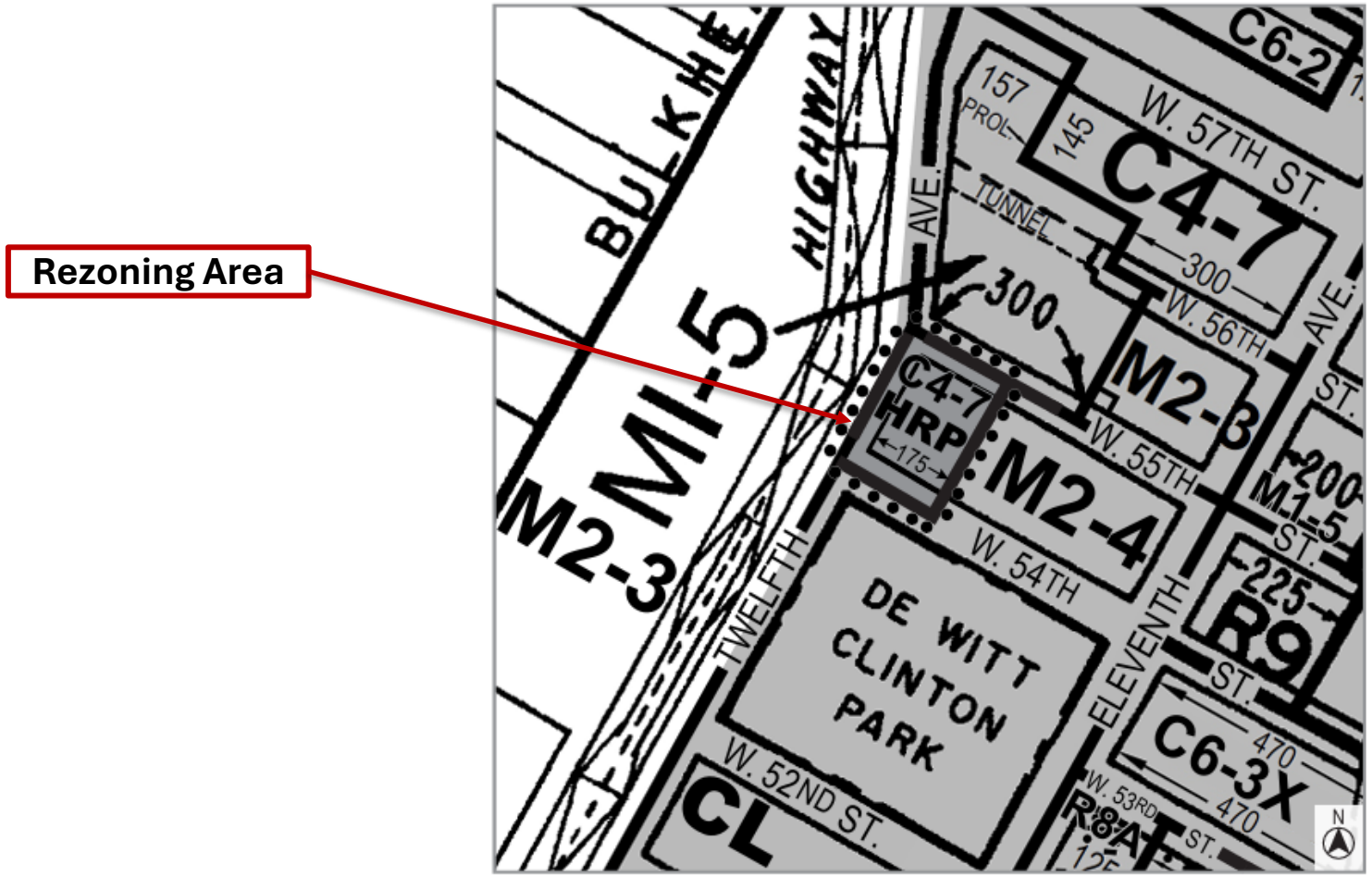


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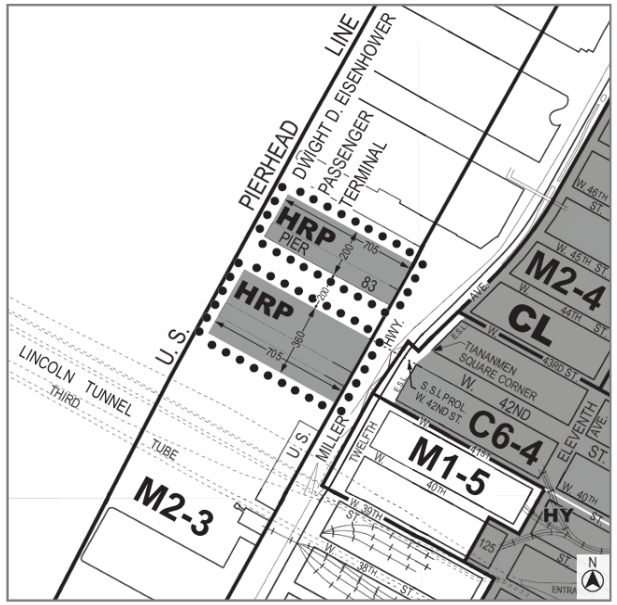
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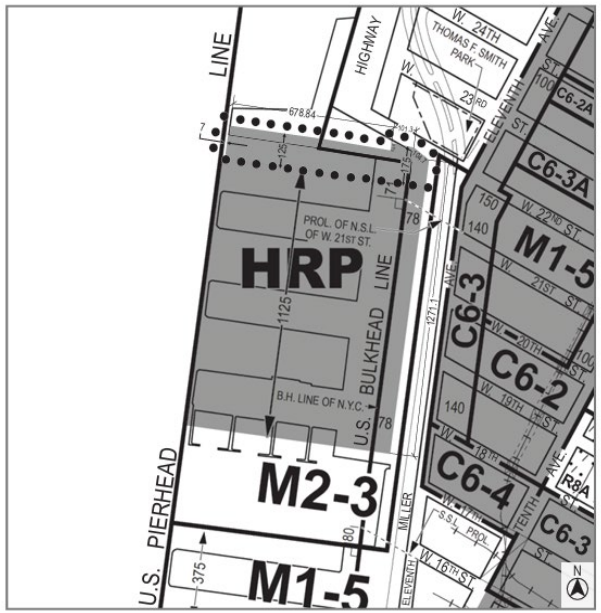
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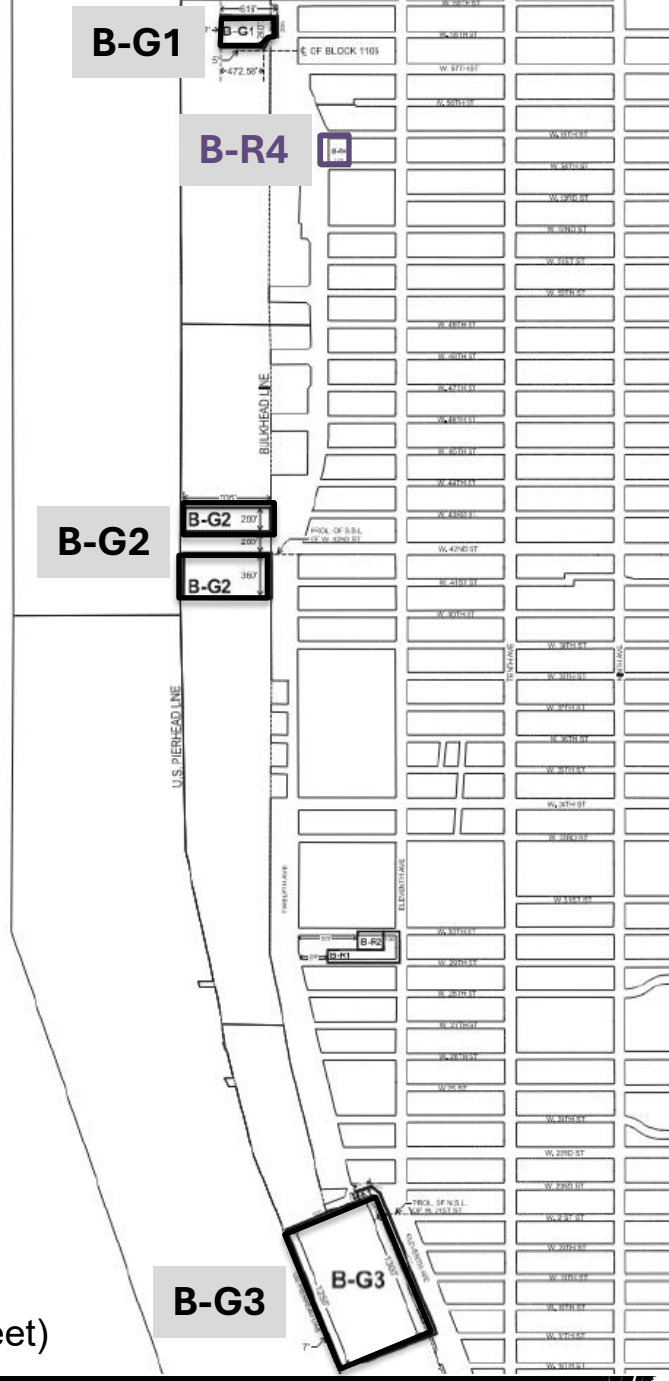


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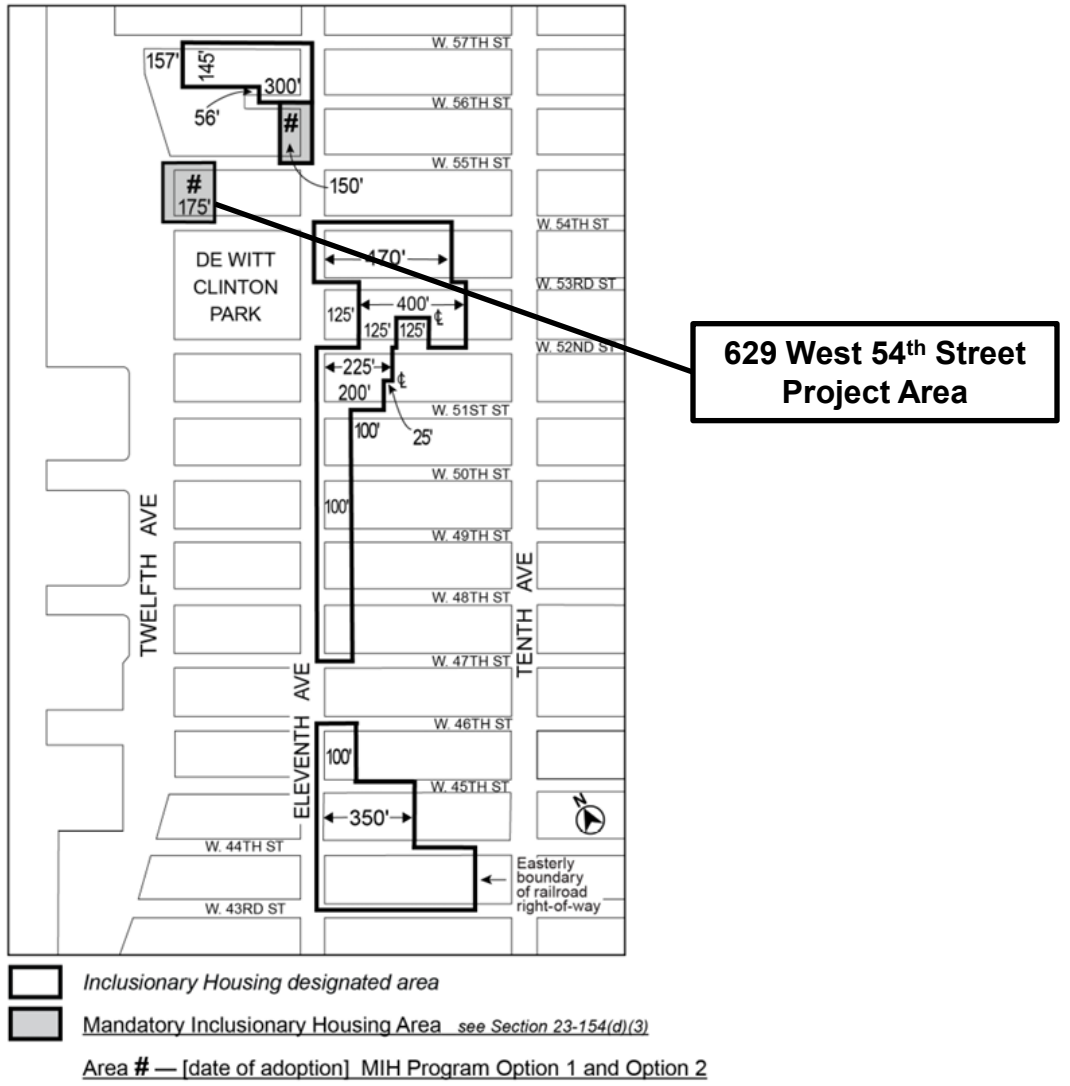
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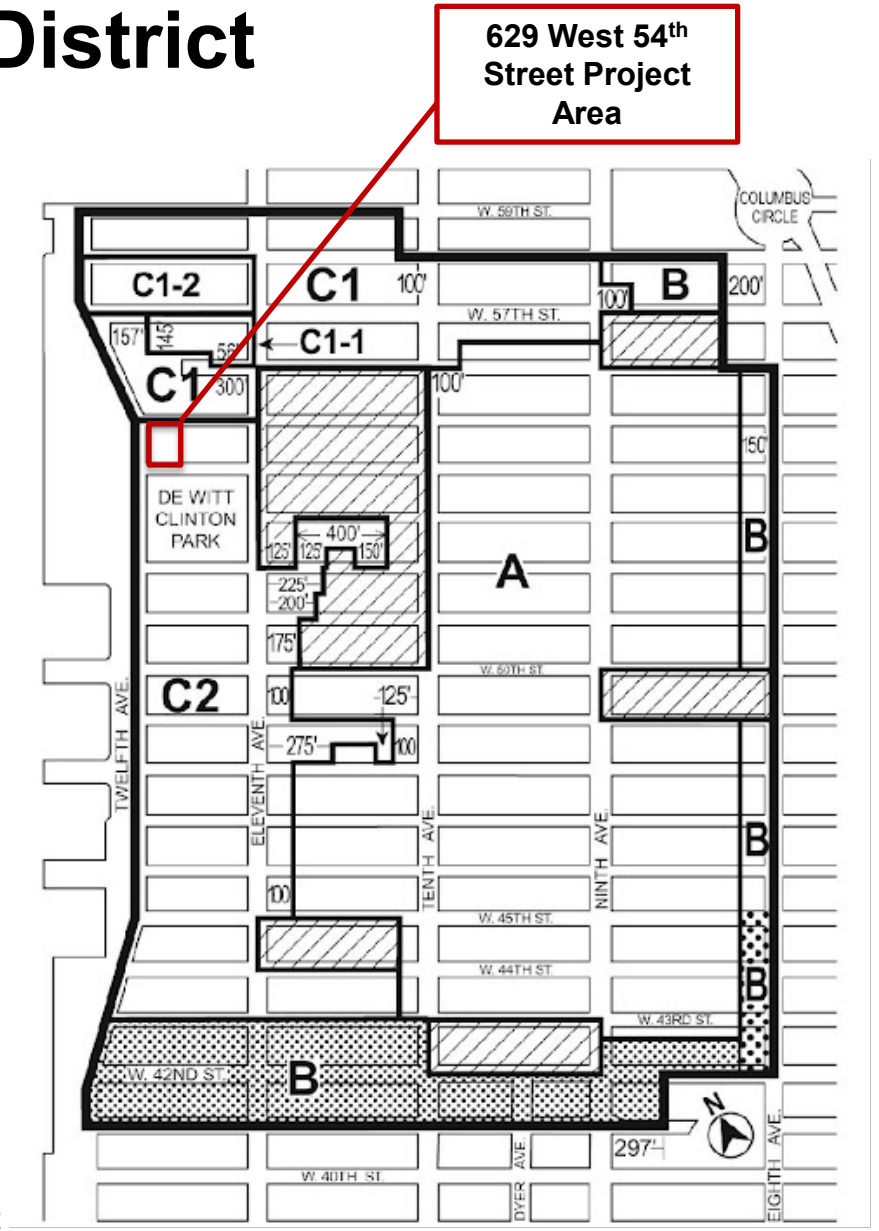
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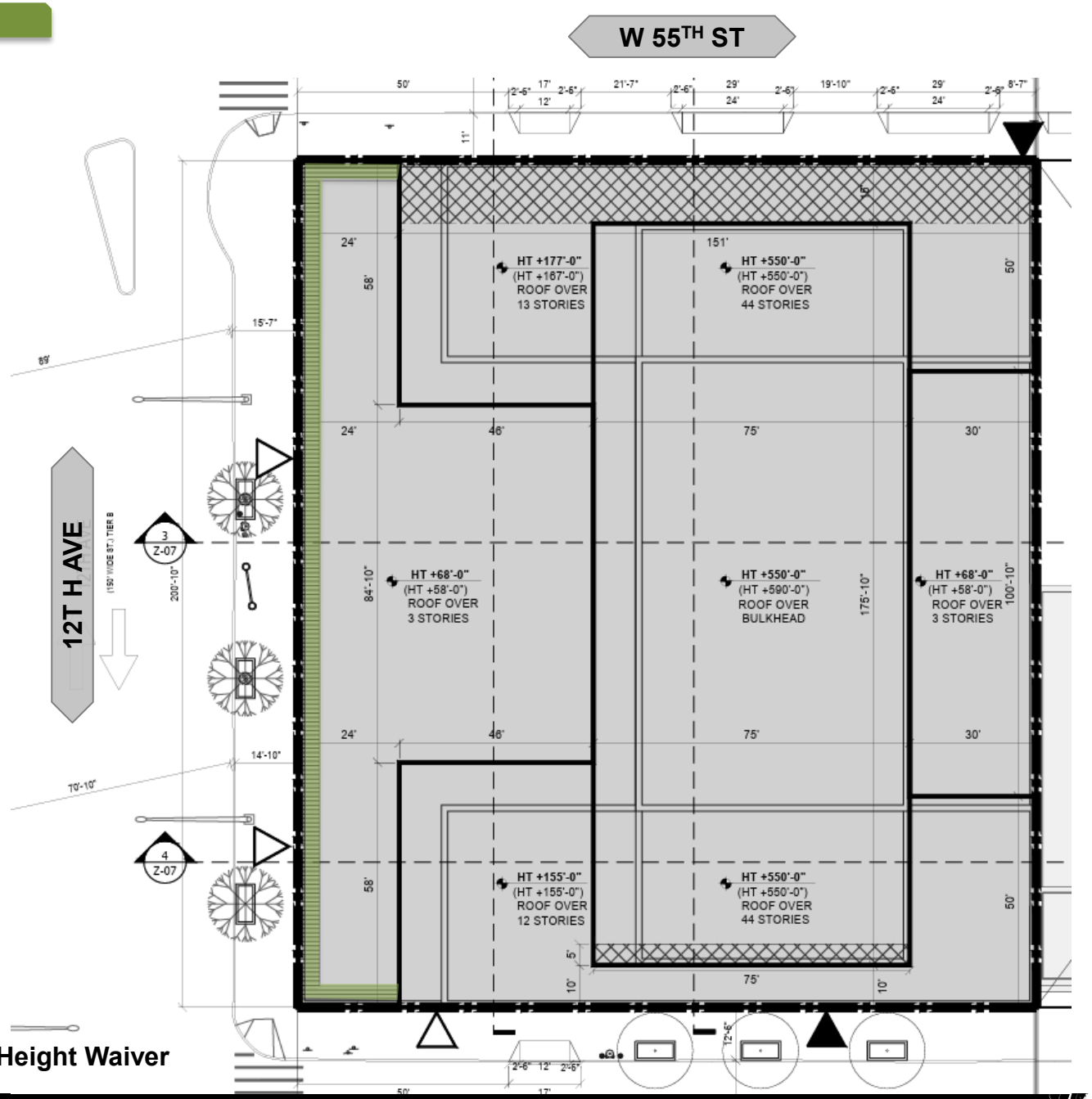
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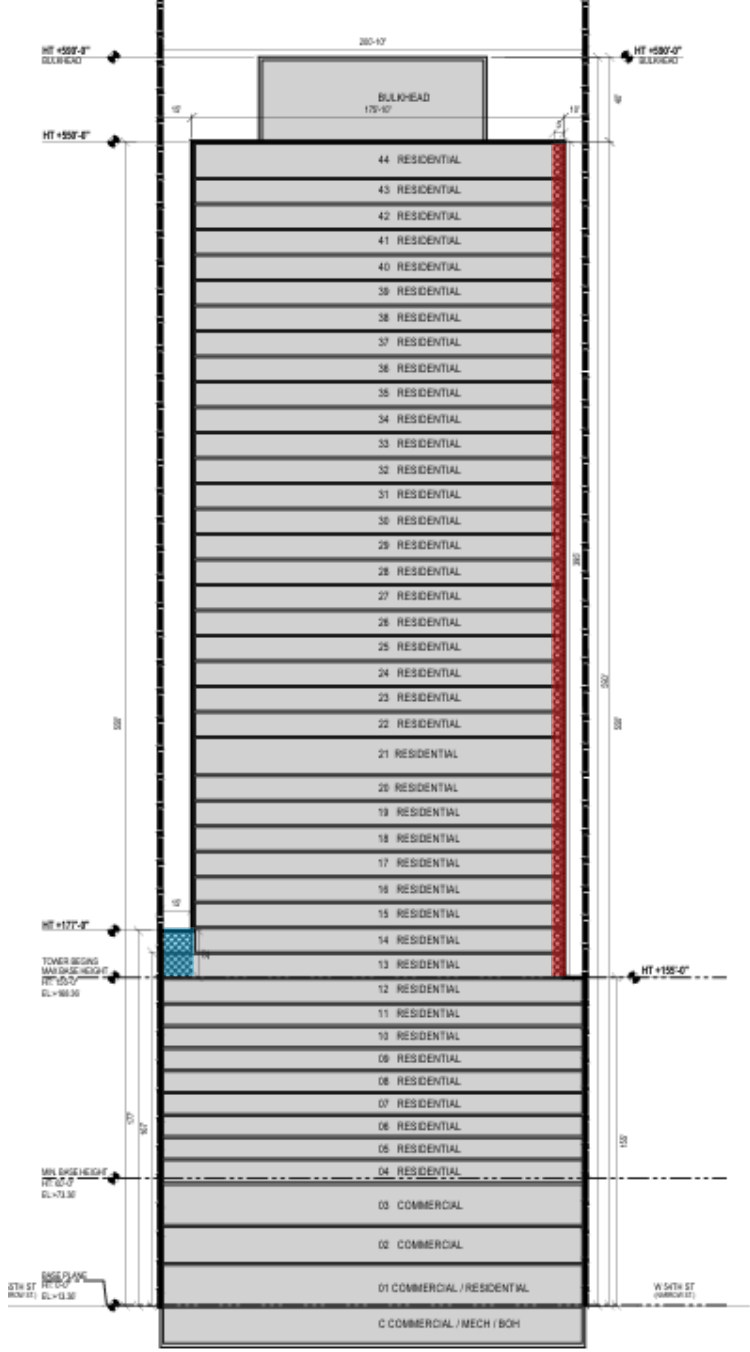


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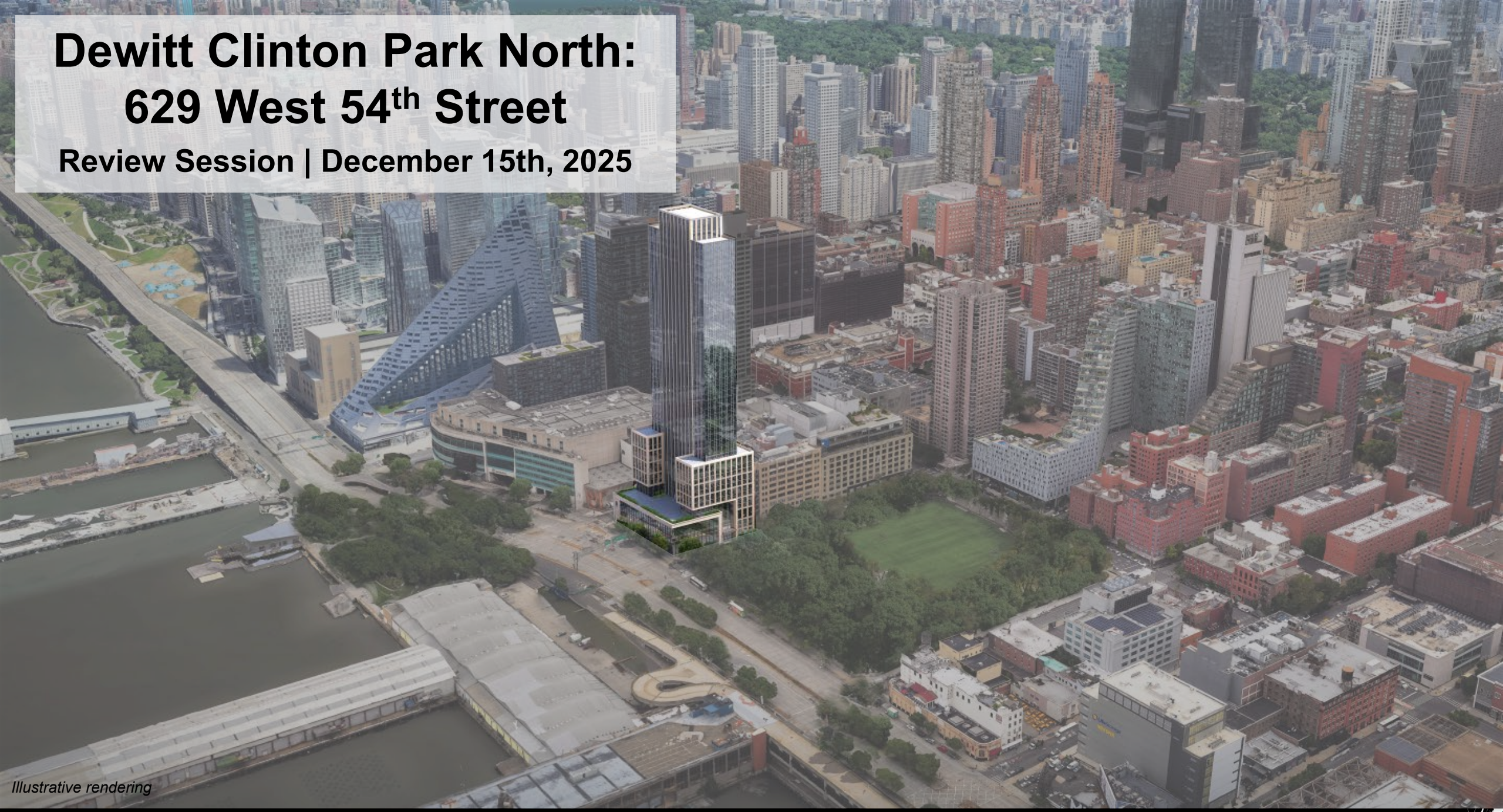
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Review Session | December 15th, 2025



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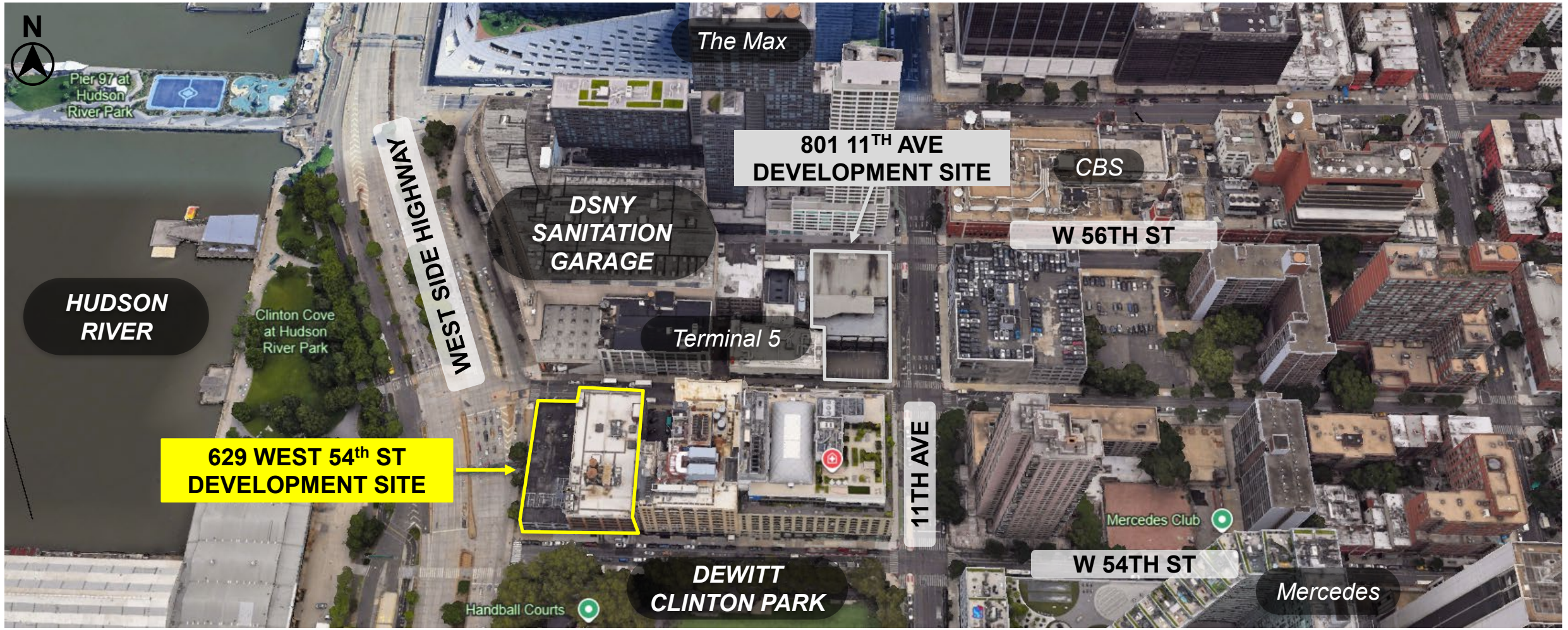
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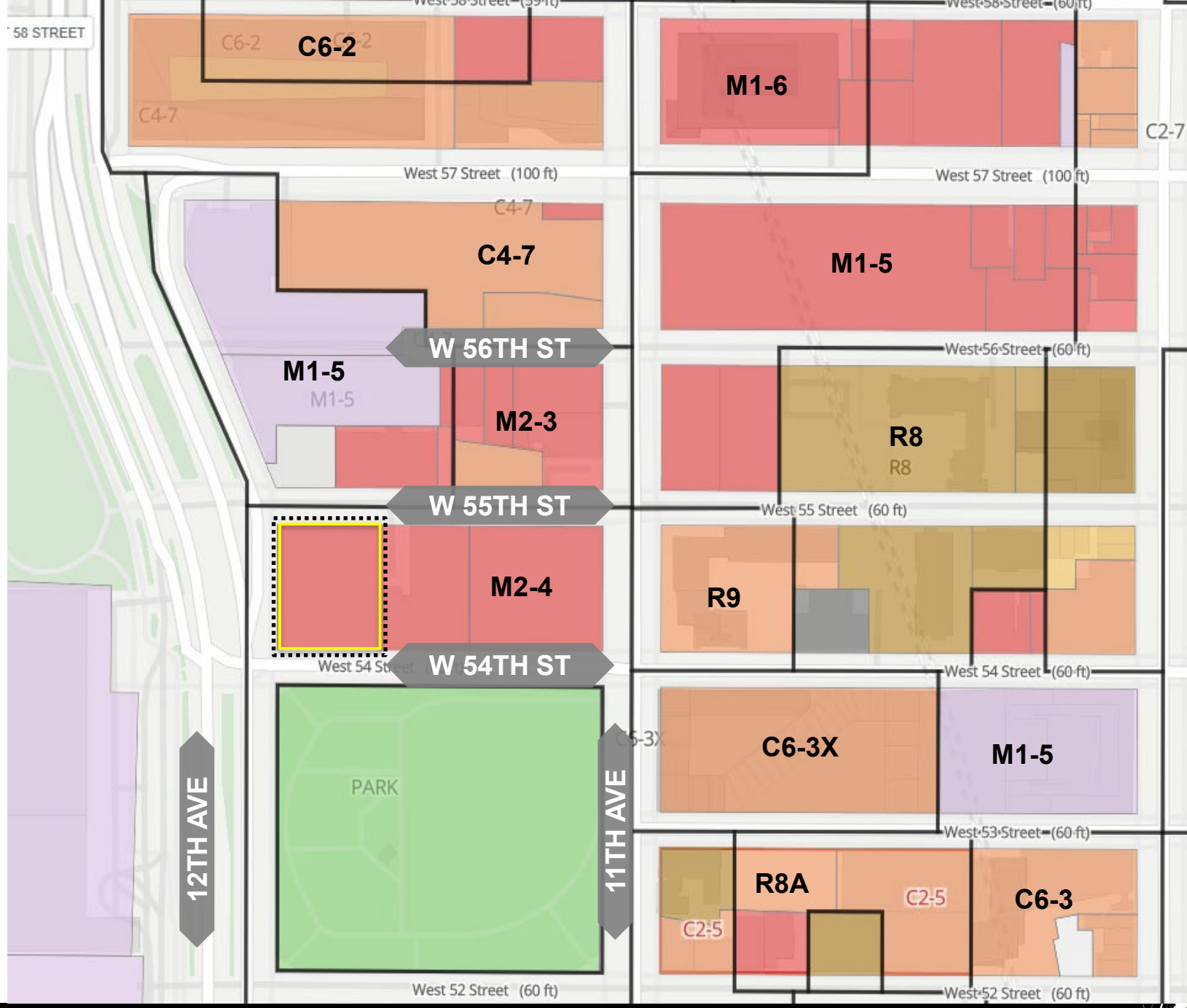


Surrounding Area

Development Site: Block 1102, Lot 11
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Rezoning Area: Block 1102, Lot 11

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- One & Two Family Residential Buildings
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- Open Space
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- Vacant Land
- No Data/Other



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Existing Condition:

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Development Site



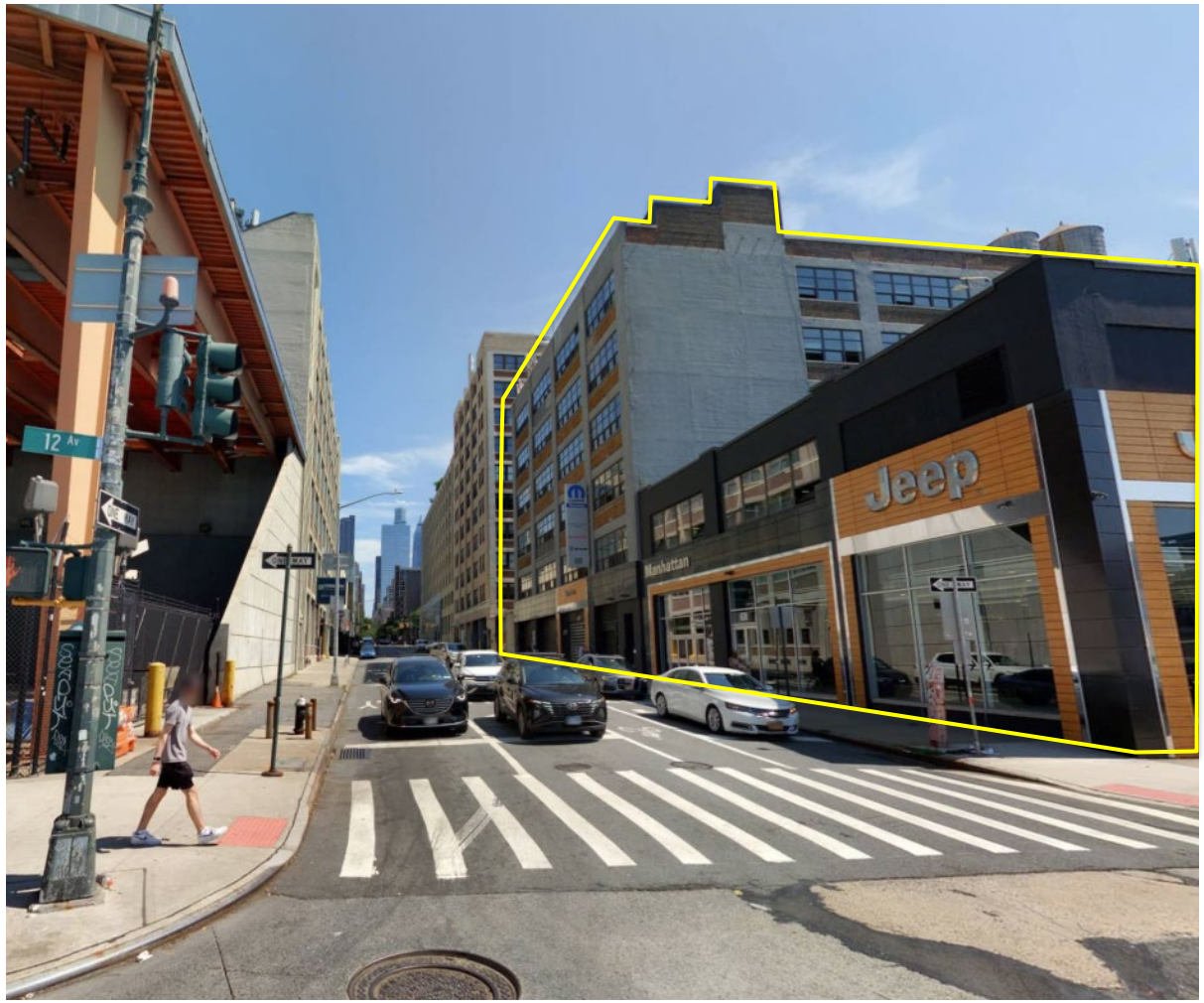
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Area Photographs

Development Site



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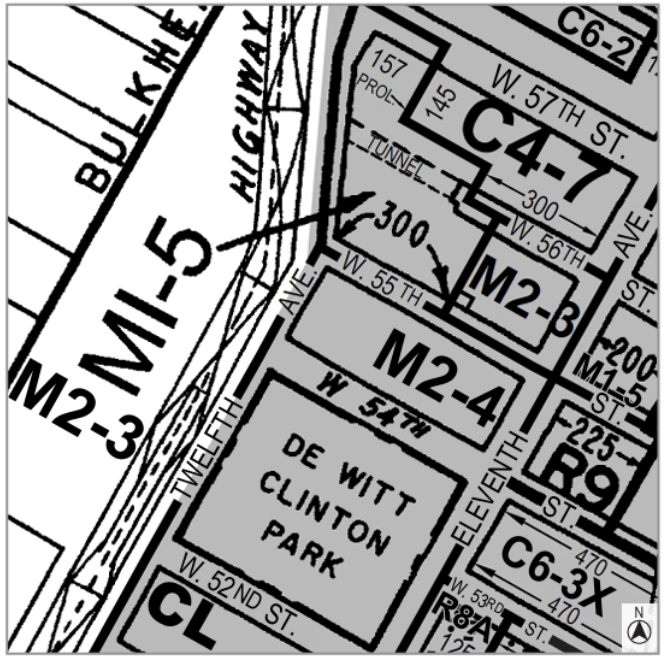
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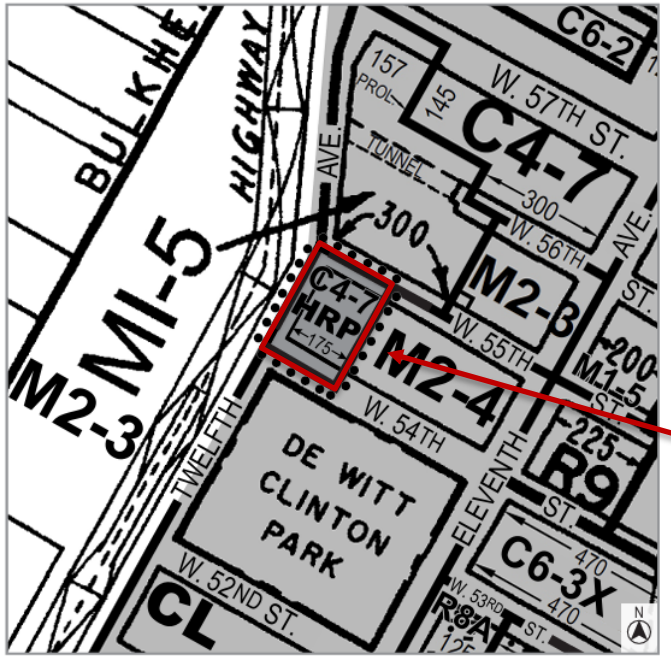
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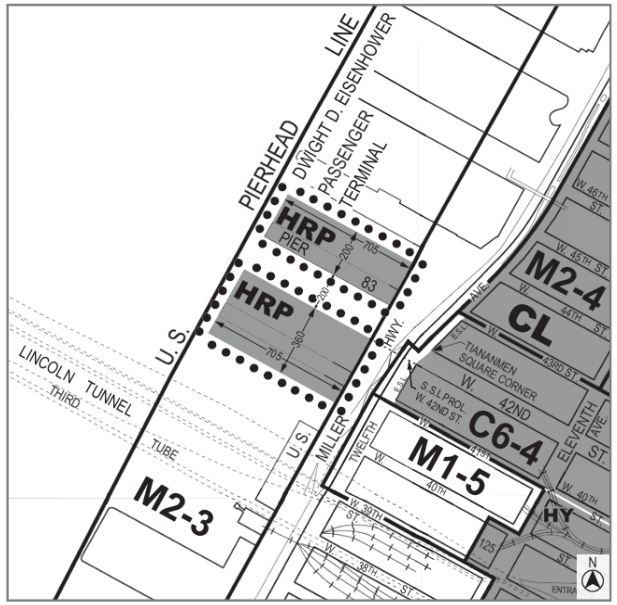
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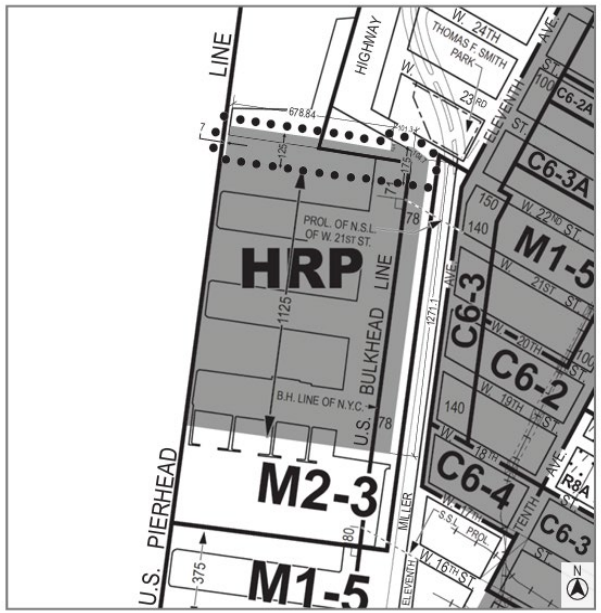
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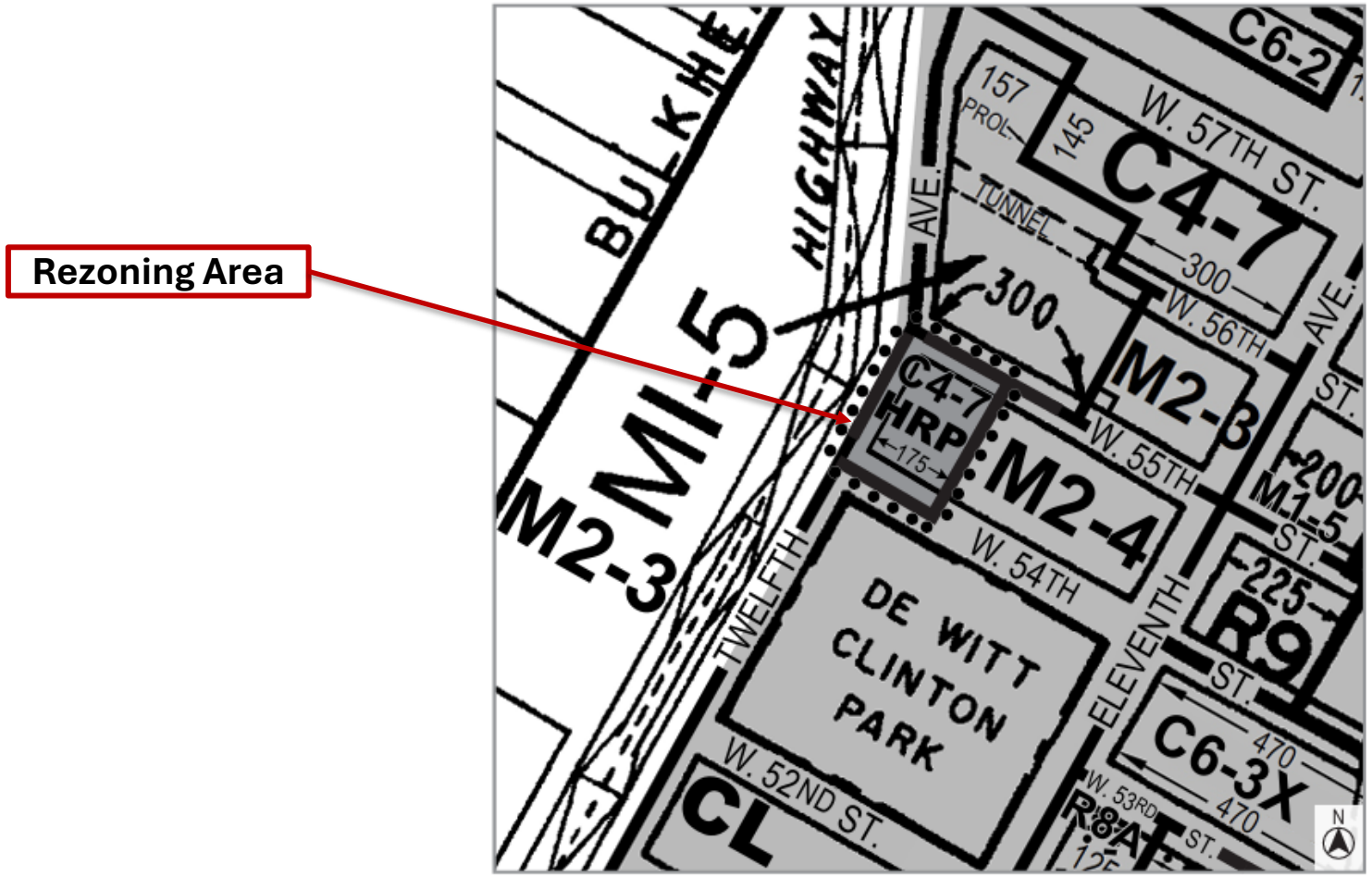


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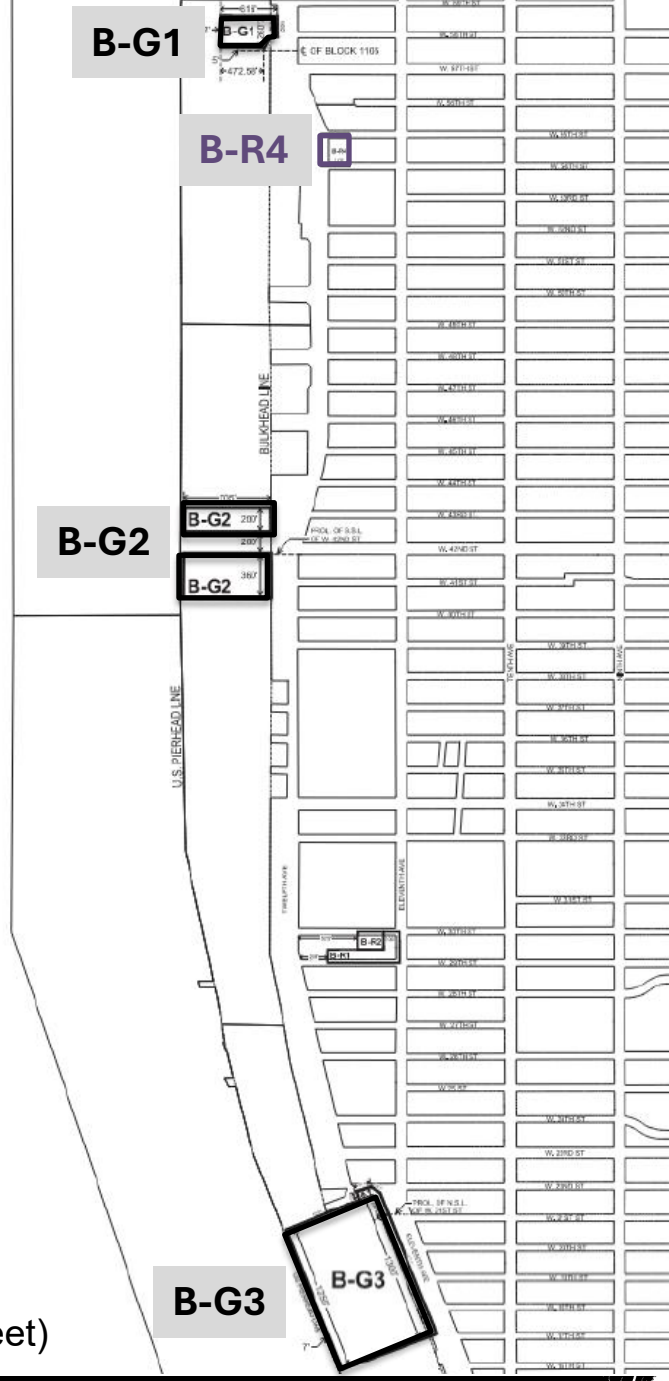


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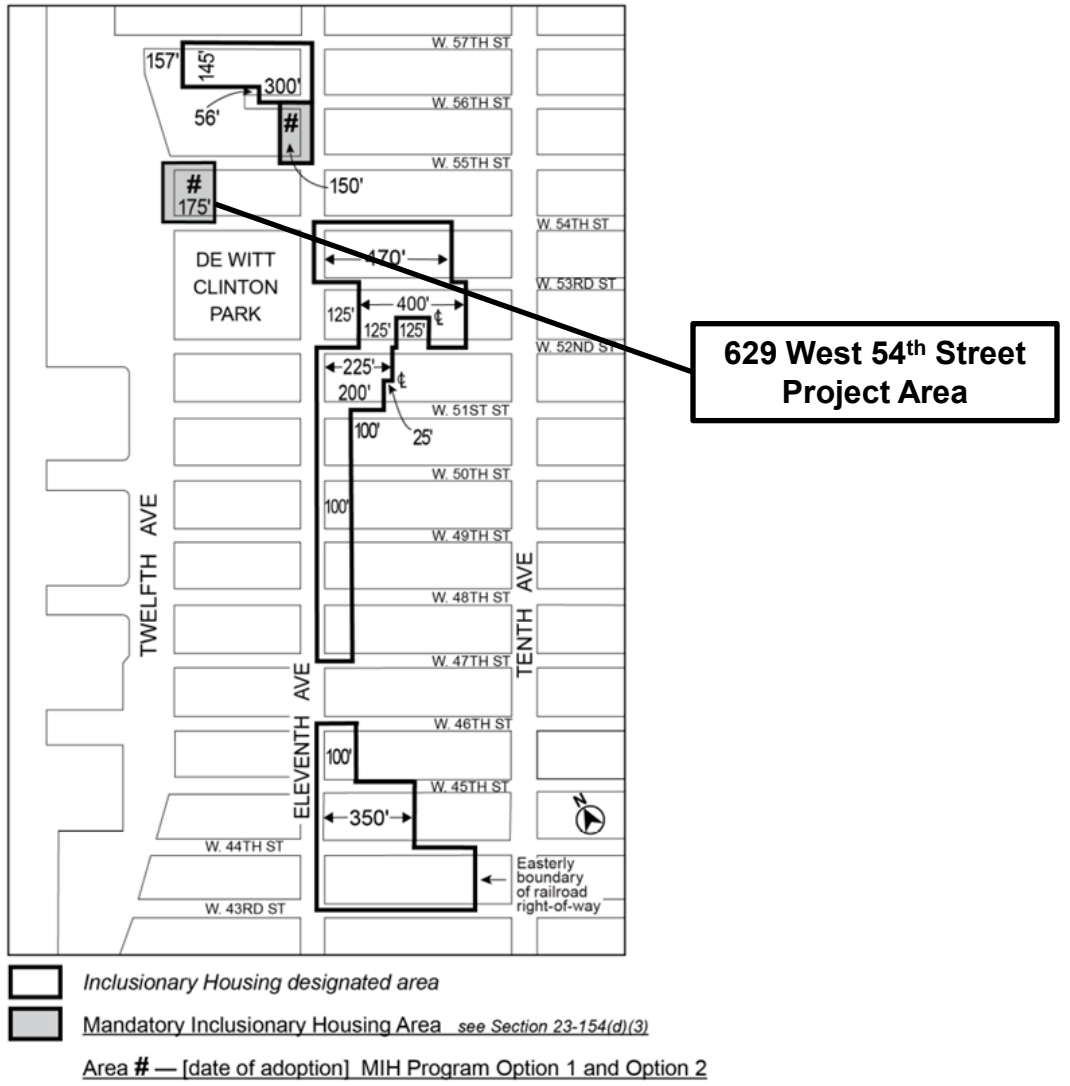
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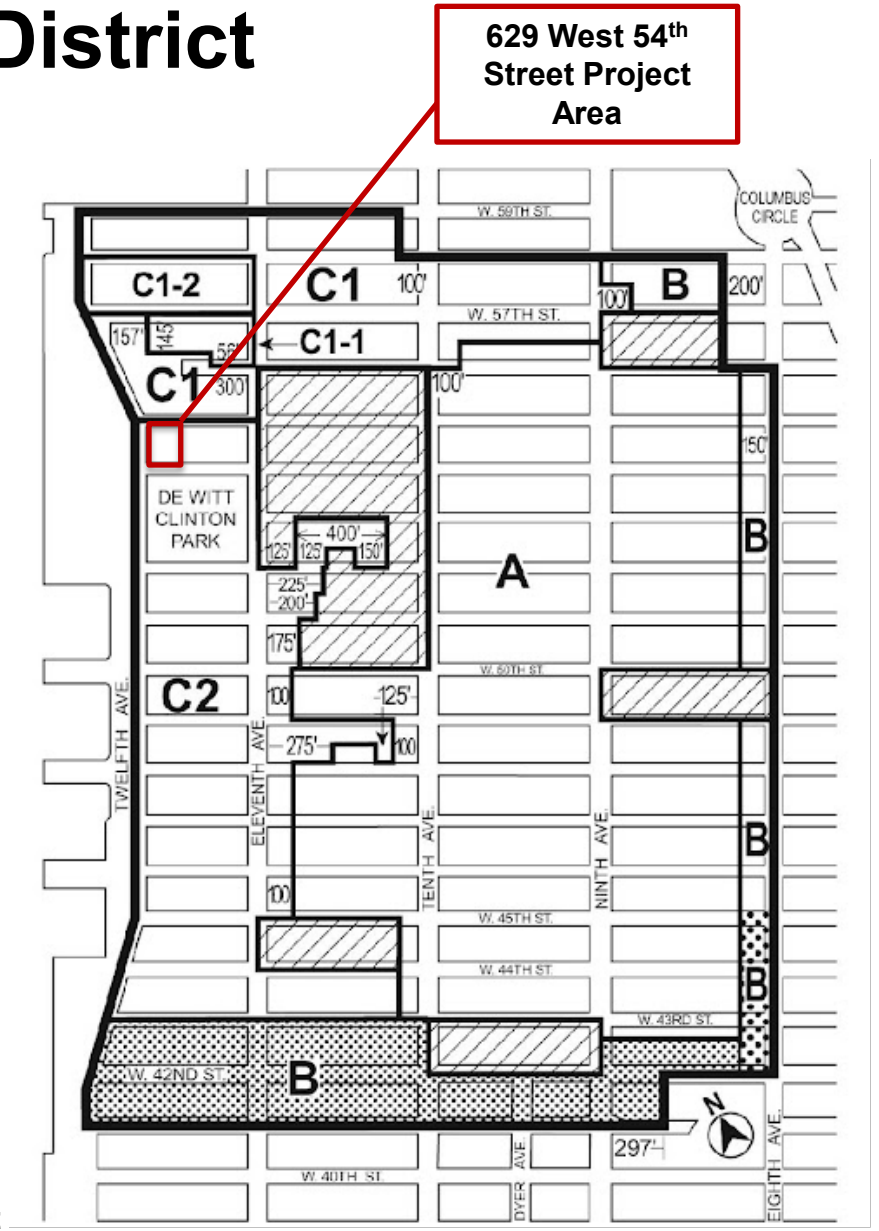
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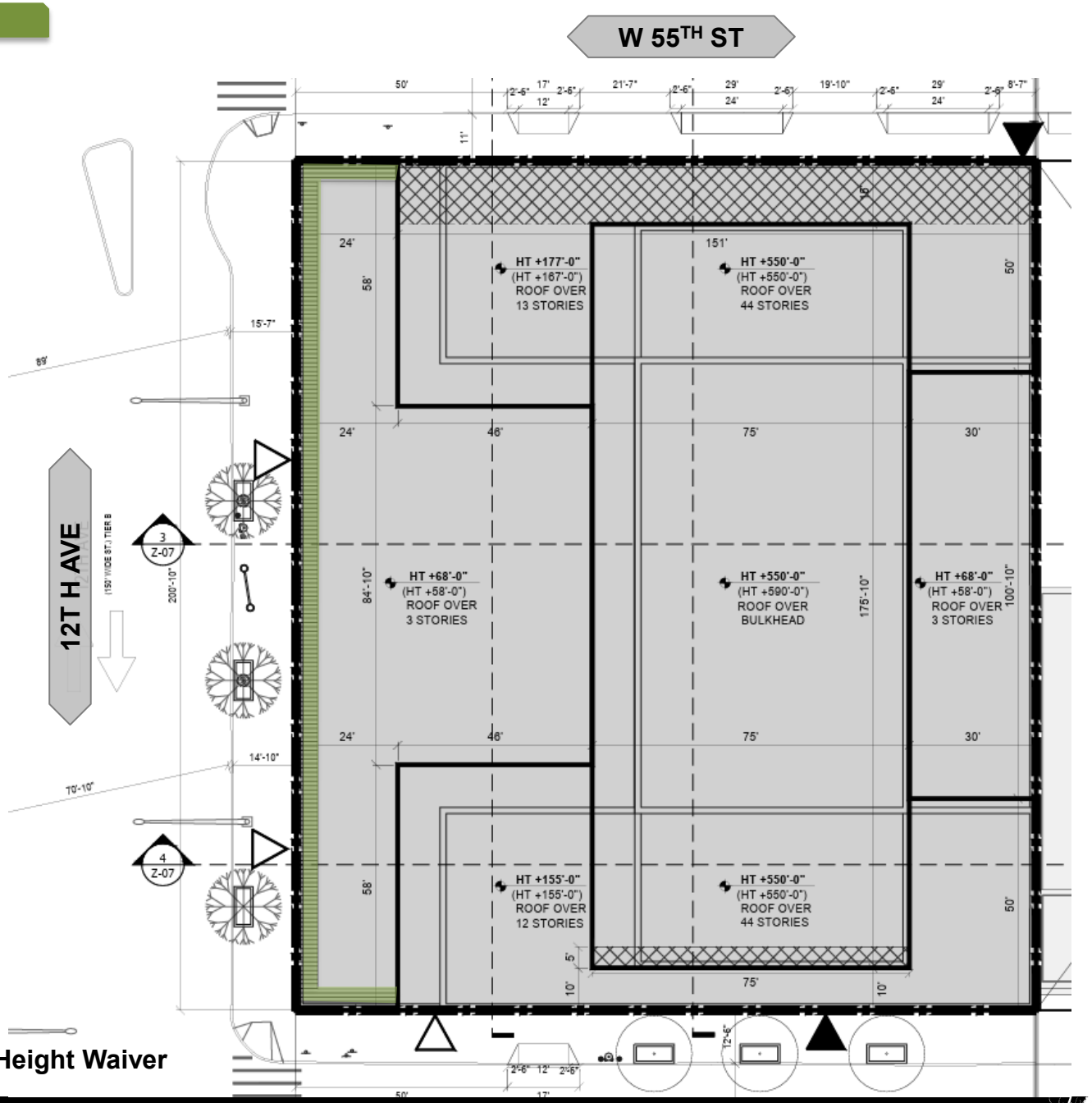
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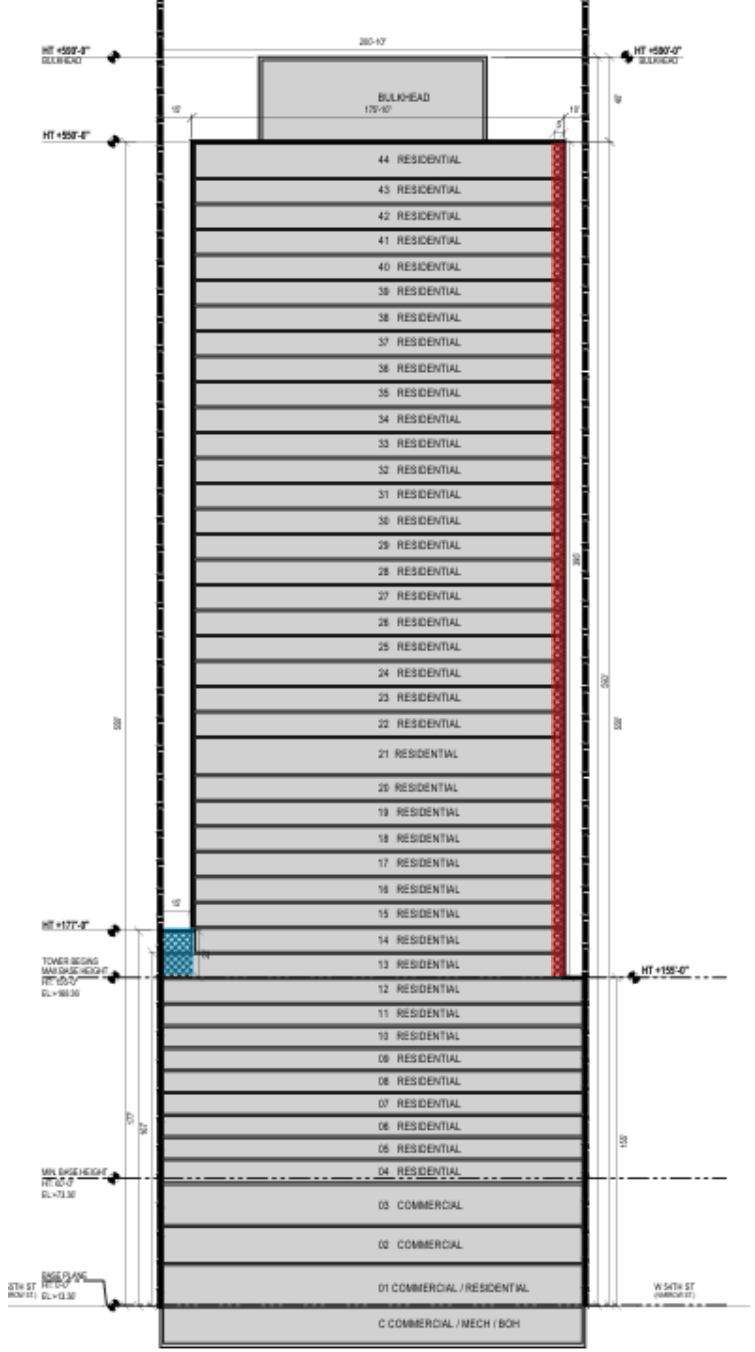
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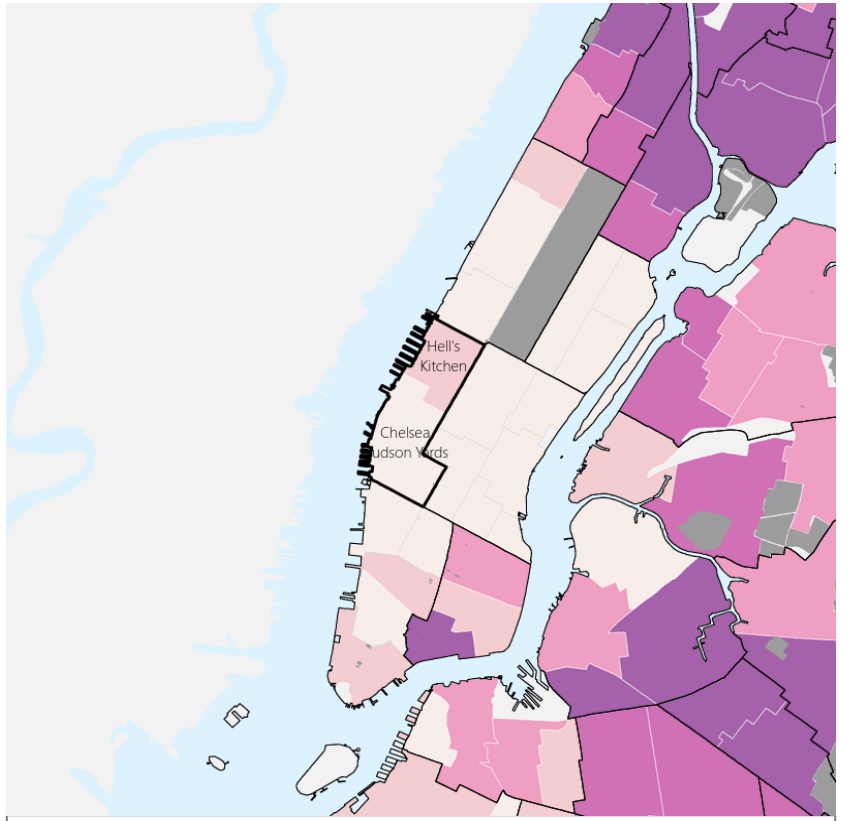
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Racial Equity Report



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$117,857
Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen: Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA) 4104
More than Manhattan and NYC

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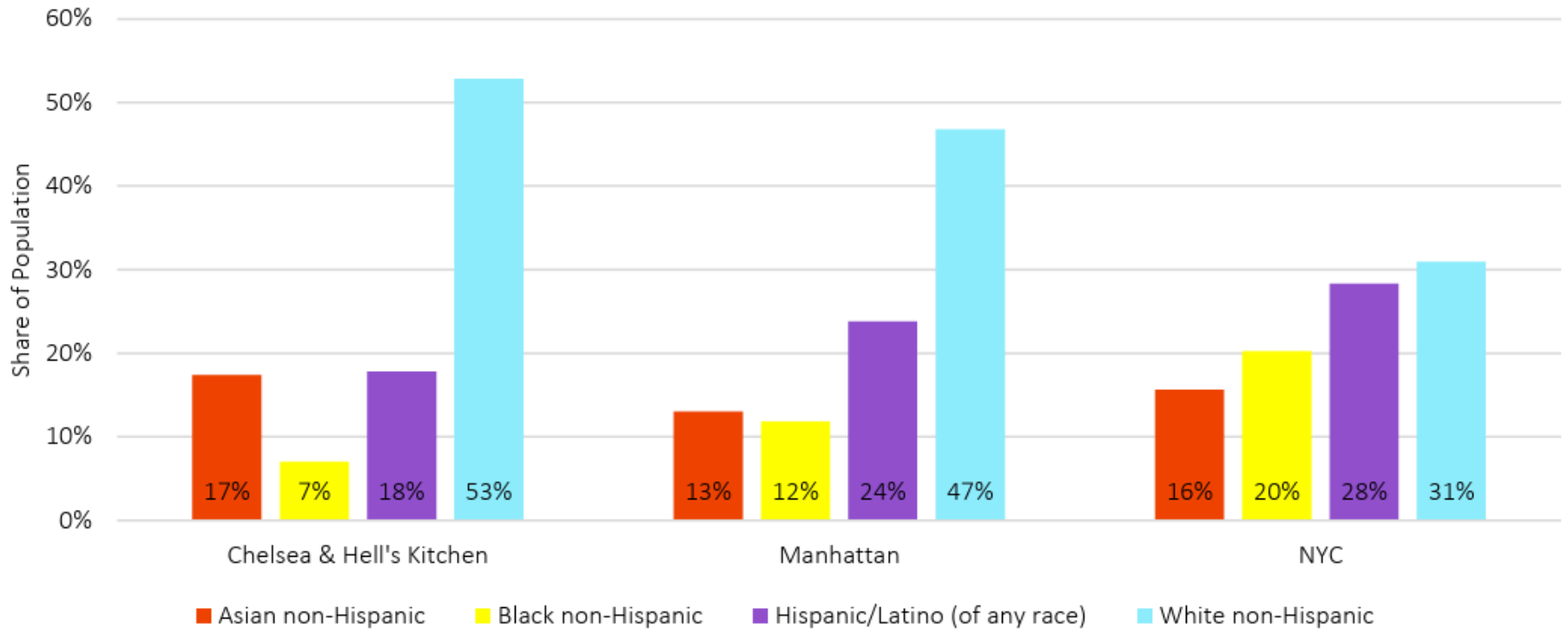


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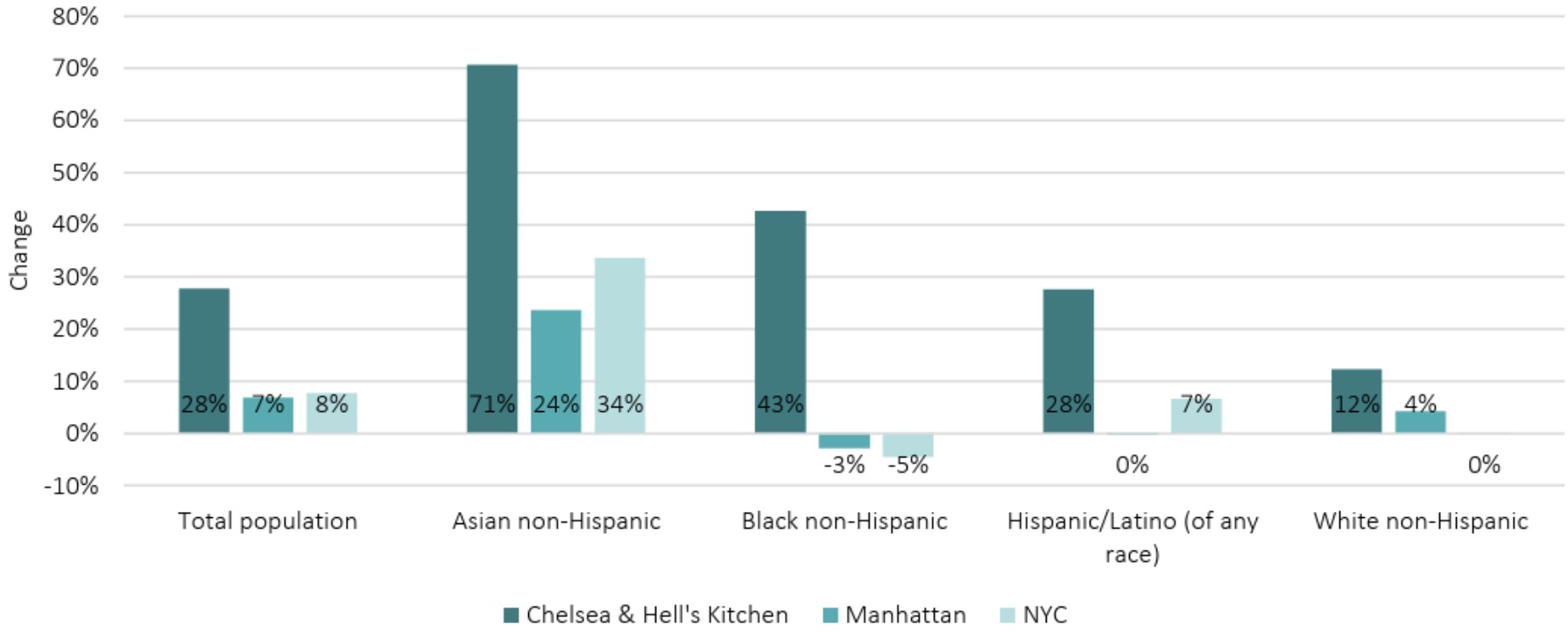
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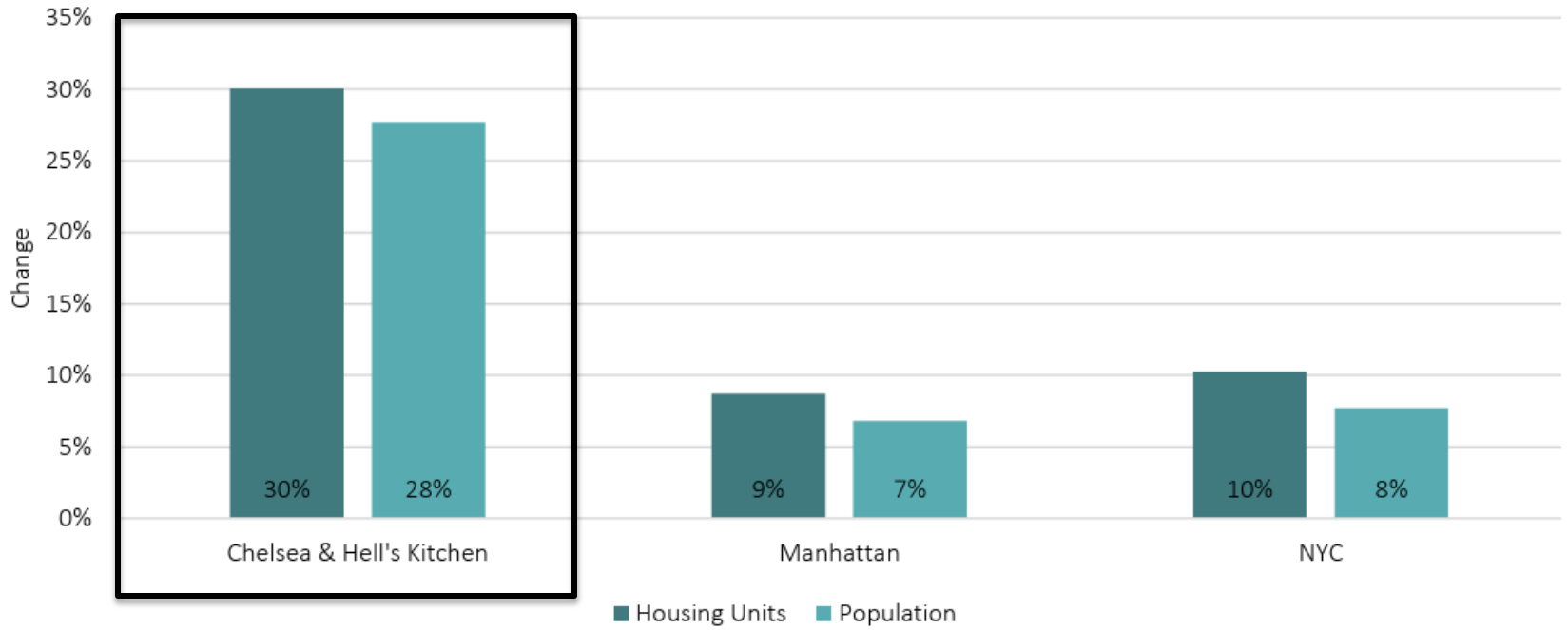
Source: Census 2010, 2020; Community Profile Table 1.01

Housing Production

Figure 14: Percent Change in Housing Supply and Population, 2010 to 2024

Shows the percent change in the number of housings units and population. Compares the local area to the borough and city.

"From 2010 to 2024, housing units in [area] increased/decreased by [percent] and population increased/decreased by [percent]."



Source: NYC Department of City Planning Housing Database 2024 Q4 and Census 2010, 2020; Community Profile Tables 4.01 and 1.01

Project Overview

Applicant

760 12th Avenue LLC (Friedland)

Requested Actions:

- Zoning Map Amendments
- Zoning Text Amendments
- Special Permit pursuant to ZR Section 89-21

Proposed Development:

- 14.4 FAR mixed residential and commercial building
- ~ 590 feet tall
- Approximately 617-710 dwelling units (154-210 income-restricted w/MIH)

Location:

- 629 West 54th Street
- Manhattan, Community District 4



Dewitt Clinton Park North Applications

- Two private applications with different owners under one EIS at the two blocks north of DeWitt Clinton Park

- Both projects are seeking:
  - To extend the Special Hudson River Park District
  - Zoning map amendments
  - Zoning text amendments
  - Special Permit pursuant to ZR 89-21

- Both projects are proposing 14.4 FAR mixed-residential and commercial developments



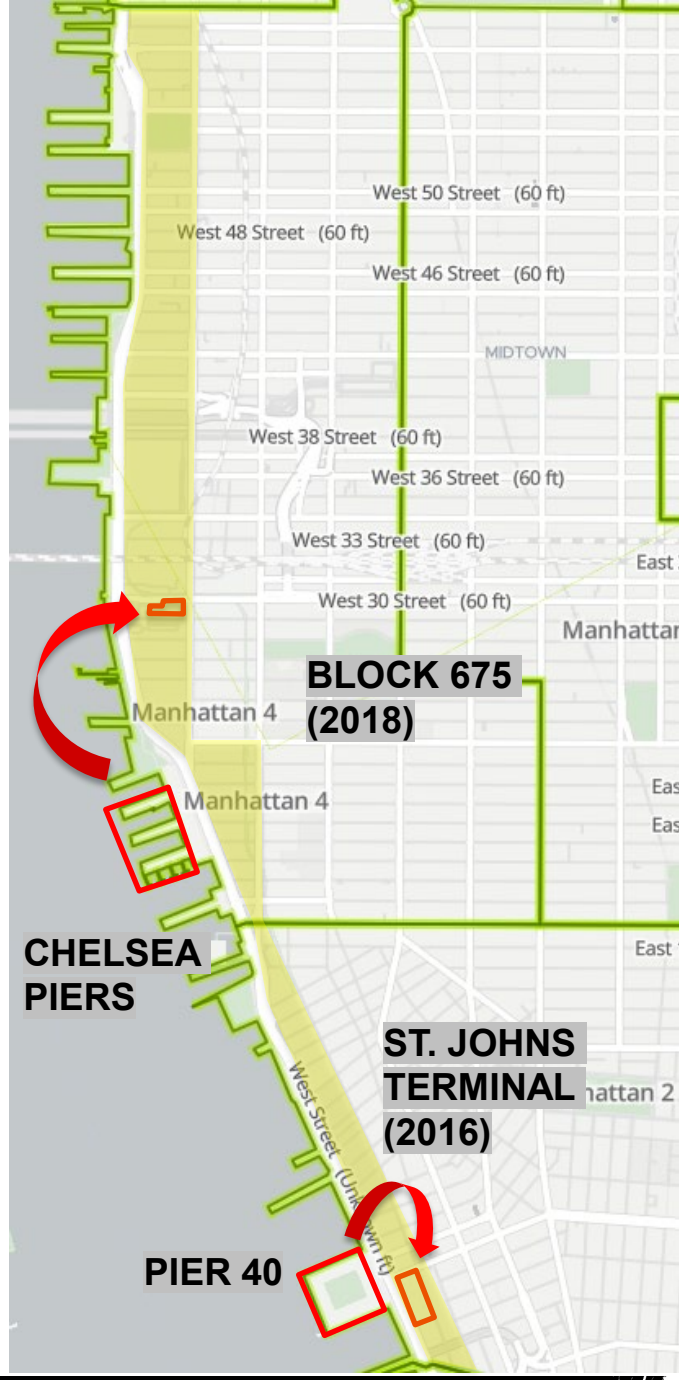
Illustrative rendering

Special Hudson River Park District (HRP)

- **2013** - State legislature adopted an amendment to the Hudson River Park Act to allow the Hudson River Park Trust to sell development rights to sites within one block east of the Park's boundary.

- **2016** – City Planning Commission established the Special Hudson River Park District (HRP) to facilitate the repair and rehabilitation of piers, bulkheads, and infrastructure in Hudson River Park.

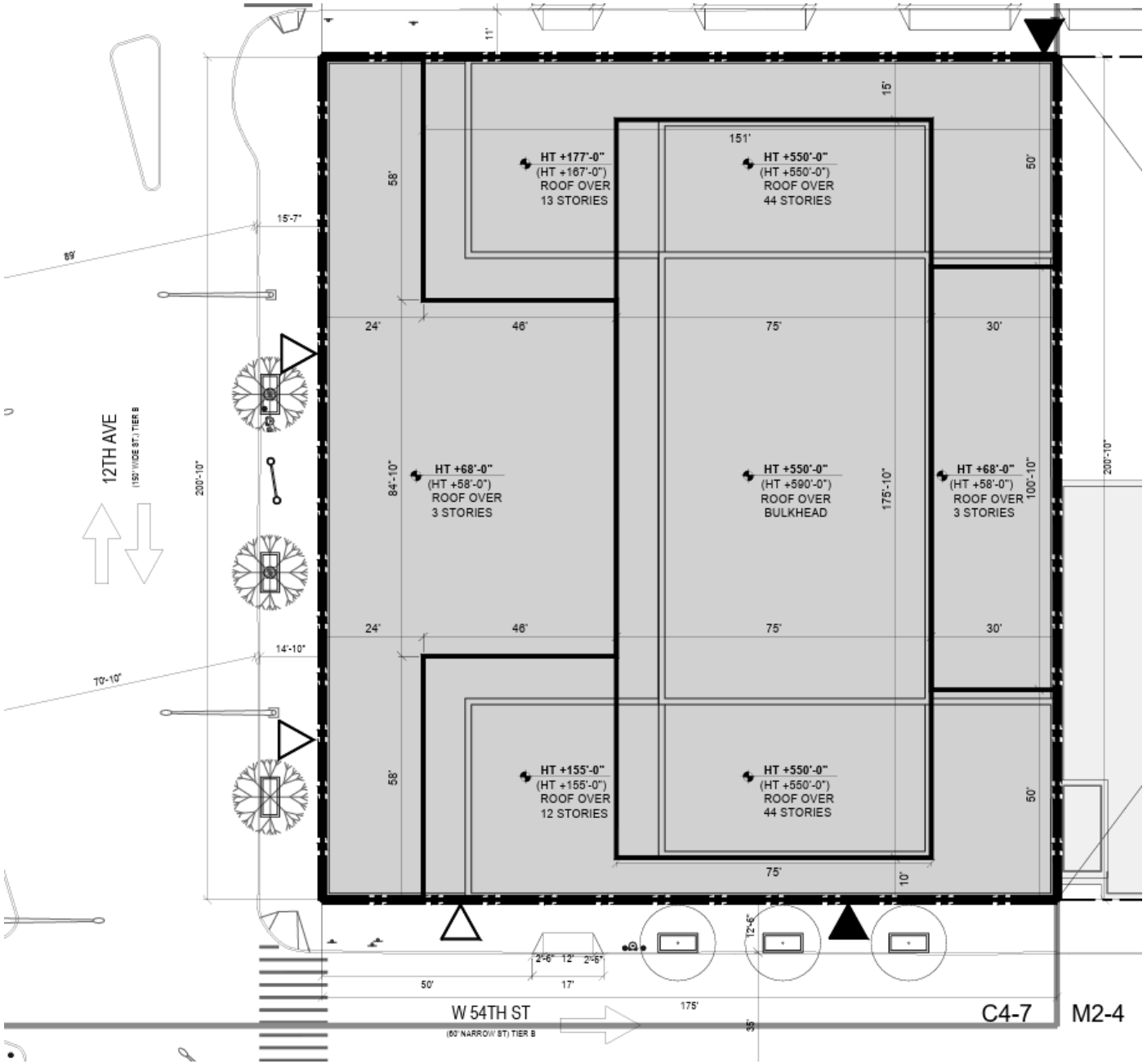
- **Application of HRP to date:**
  - 550 Washington Street (Block 596, Lot 7502) - N 160308 ZRM
  - Block 675/Douglaston (601 West 29th Street) – C 180129A ZSM
  - Block 675/Lalezarian (606 West 30th Street) - C 180152A ZSM



*Yellow highlighted area represents an approximate geographic applicability of the Special Hudson River Park District one block east of the boundaries of the park, as defined in the Hudson River Park Act

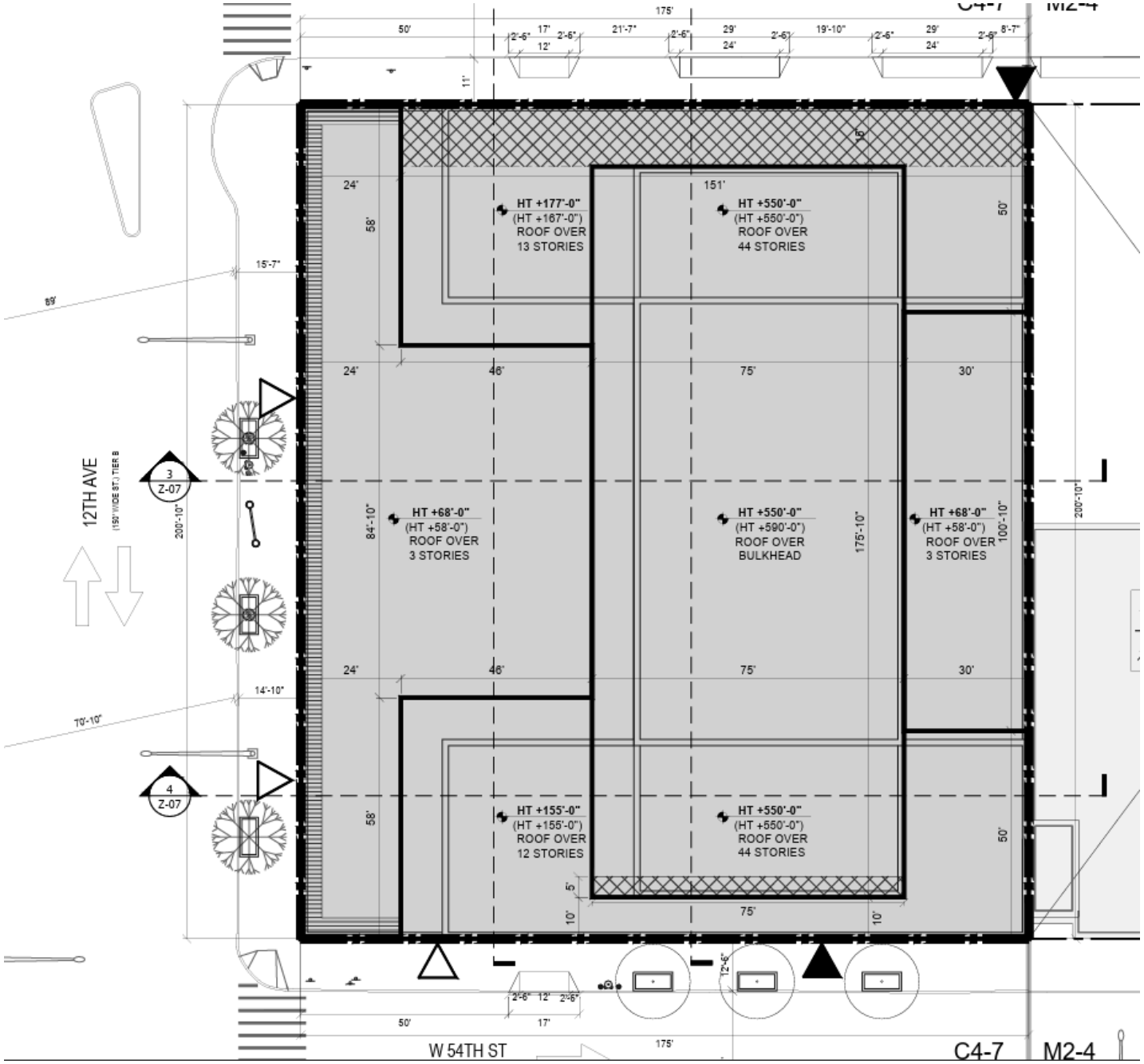
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Zoning Lot Site Plan



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Waiver Plan

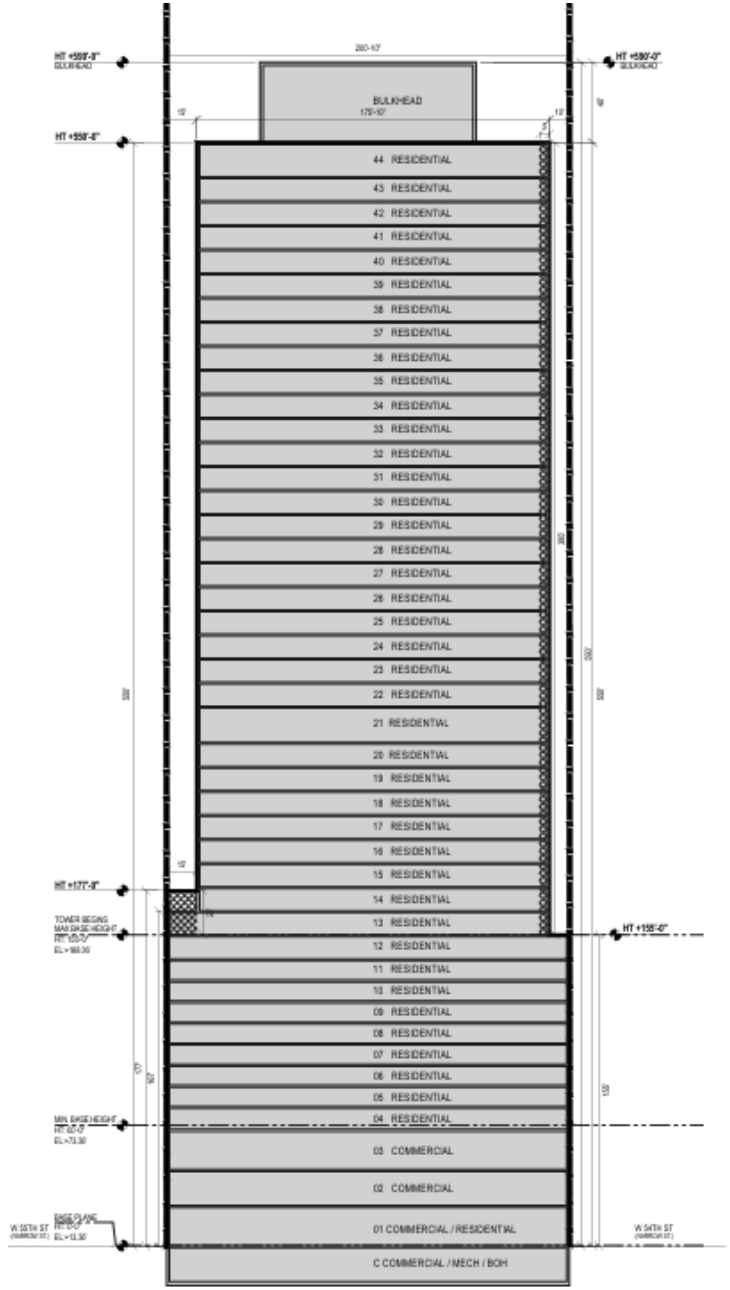


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ZR 35-632(a), ZR 23-432

HEIGHT AND SETBACK WAIVER
ZR 35-632, ZR 23-432, ZR 23-433

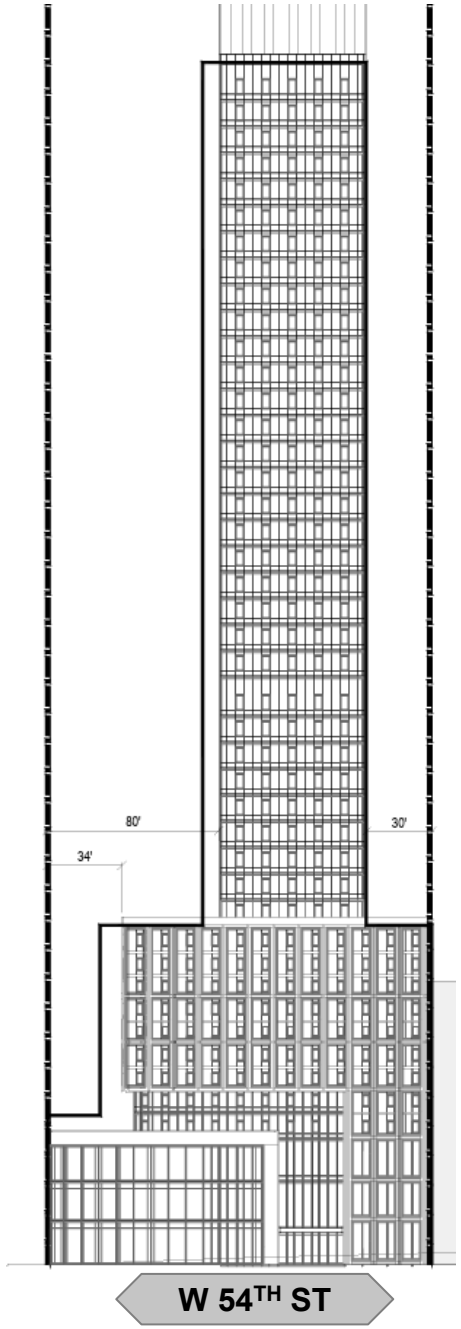
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West 54th Street Elevation



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12th Avenue Elevation

