



CITY OF HARTFORD – April 19, 2024

GARDEN & ASHLEY ST TRAFFIC CALMING

SAFE & COMPLETE STREETS

TRAFFIC CALMING OBJECTIVES



- Reduce speeds
- Discourage aggressive driving
- Reduce crashes and prevent injuries/fatalities
- Protect vulnerable users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-vehicular users
- Develop innovative, flexible projects for quicker deployment, evaluation, and adjustment

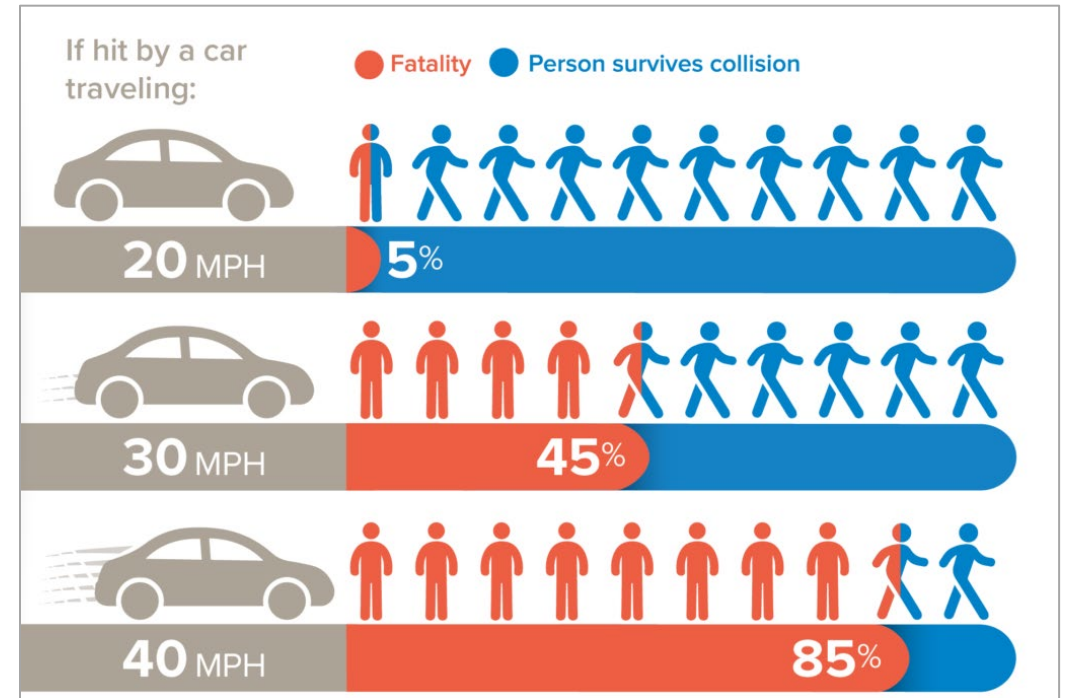


Image Source: Smart Growth America

(<https://smartgrowthamerica.org/why-safety-and-speed-are-fundamentally-incompatible-a-visual-guide/>)

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CONTEXT – EFFORTS TO DATE



SLOW STREETS EFFORTS

In 2018, City received grant funding to help support the development of slower, safer streets. This would eventually lead to Hartford's first Slow Street (and the state's first bicycle boulevard) on Hampton Street, a specially-marked, low-traffic, low-speed street designated for those of all ages and abilities. Since that time, the City has evolved the Slow Streets program to support safer streets across various neighborhoods.

Stretching across multiple neighborhoods, Garden Street was identified as a high priority corridor for traffic safety based on crash data. Although the corridor as a whole (from Spring St to Charlotte St) is in the queue to receive traffic calming treatment, the Safe Streets team is working to address specific challenging intersections in the interim.

In Fall 2023, the Garden & Greenfield intersection - the nexus between the Clay Arsenal and Northeast neighborhoods - was treated with bumpouts. This Spring 2024, the team is looking to treat the Garden & Ashley intersection in the Asylum Hill neighborhood.

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CONTEXT – CORRIDOR

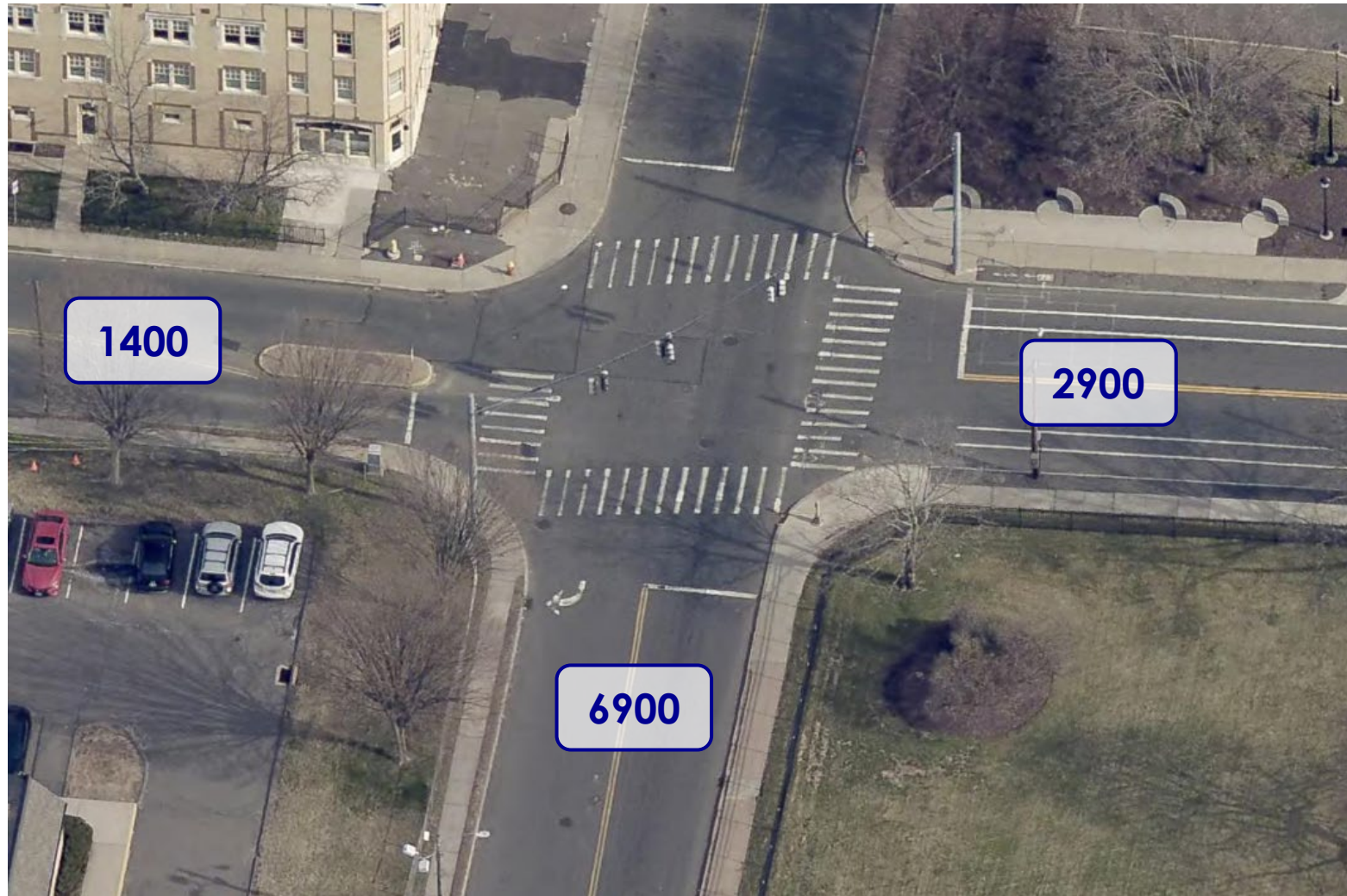
Crash Data (1/1/21-1/1/24)



Inset Images from Google Maps; Heat Maps from DataVizForAll

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CONTEXT – VOLUME



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CONTEXT – NORTHWEST CORNER



MIXED USE BUILDING WITH STOREFRONT



Note: This property has recently had self-funded front yard buffer improvements not reflected in the streetview images shown here.

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CONTEXT – SOUTHWEST CORNER



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CONTEXT – EAST SIDE



PARKING LOT

CURVE

GREEN SPACE



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CONCEPT – OVERVIEW

Treatments may include:

- Striping
- Curb extensions and hardened buffers using modular items (current inventory includes flexible posts)

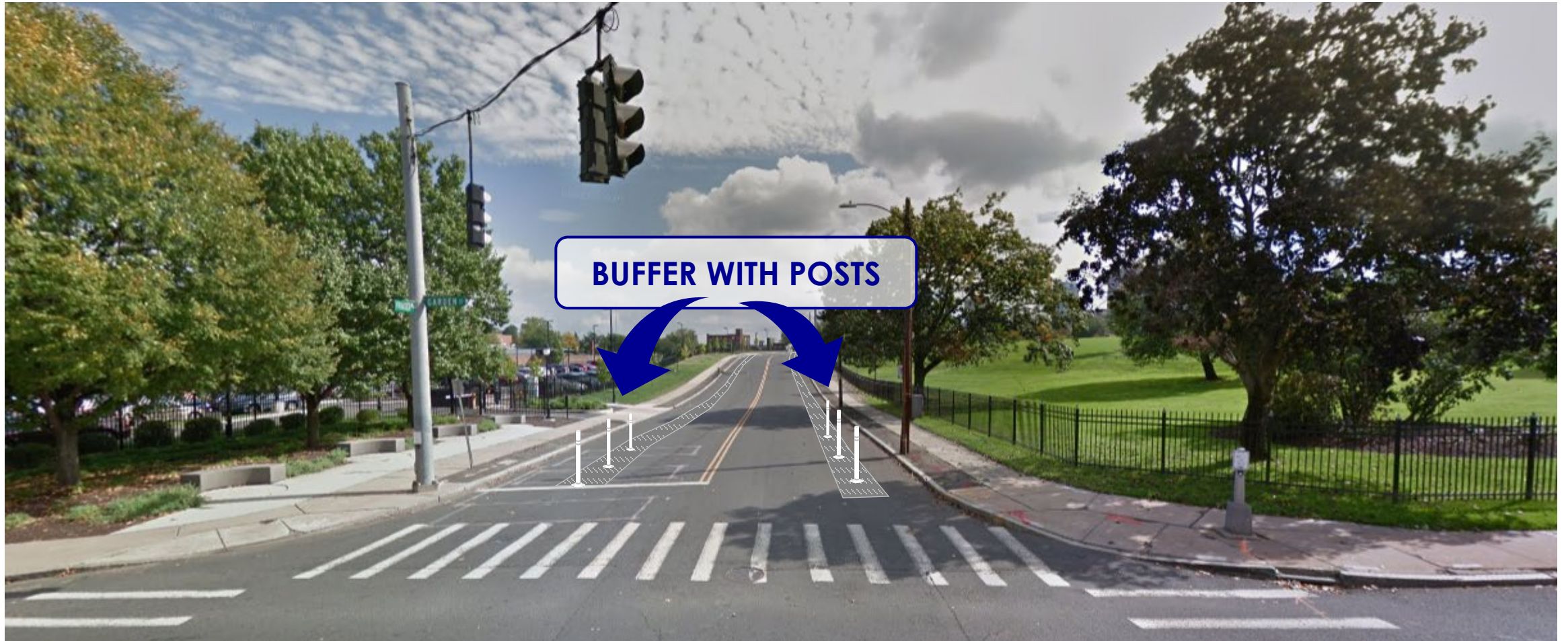
Quicker build projects also offer a look to the future on the potential for permanent infrastructure.



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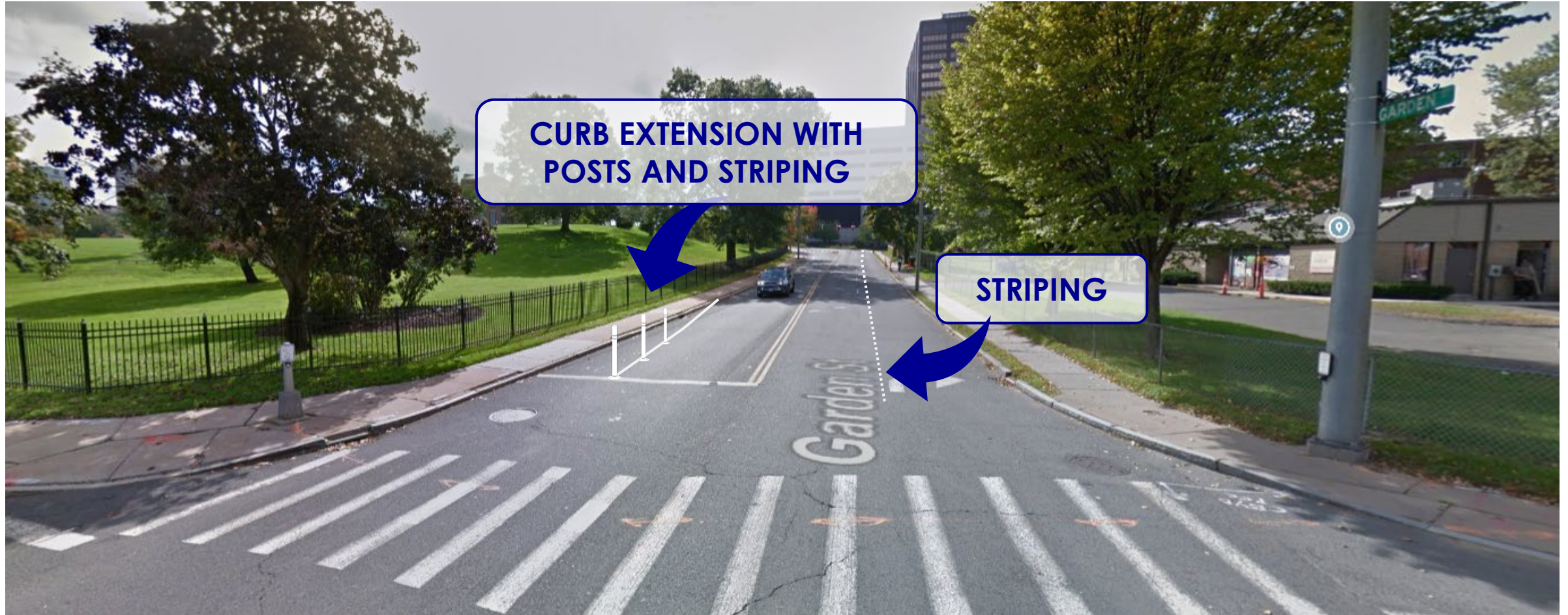


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CONCEPT – NORTH SIDE



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