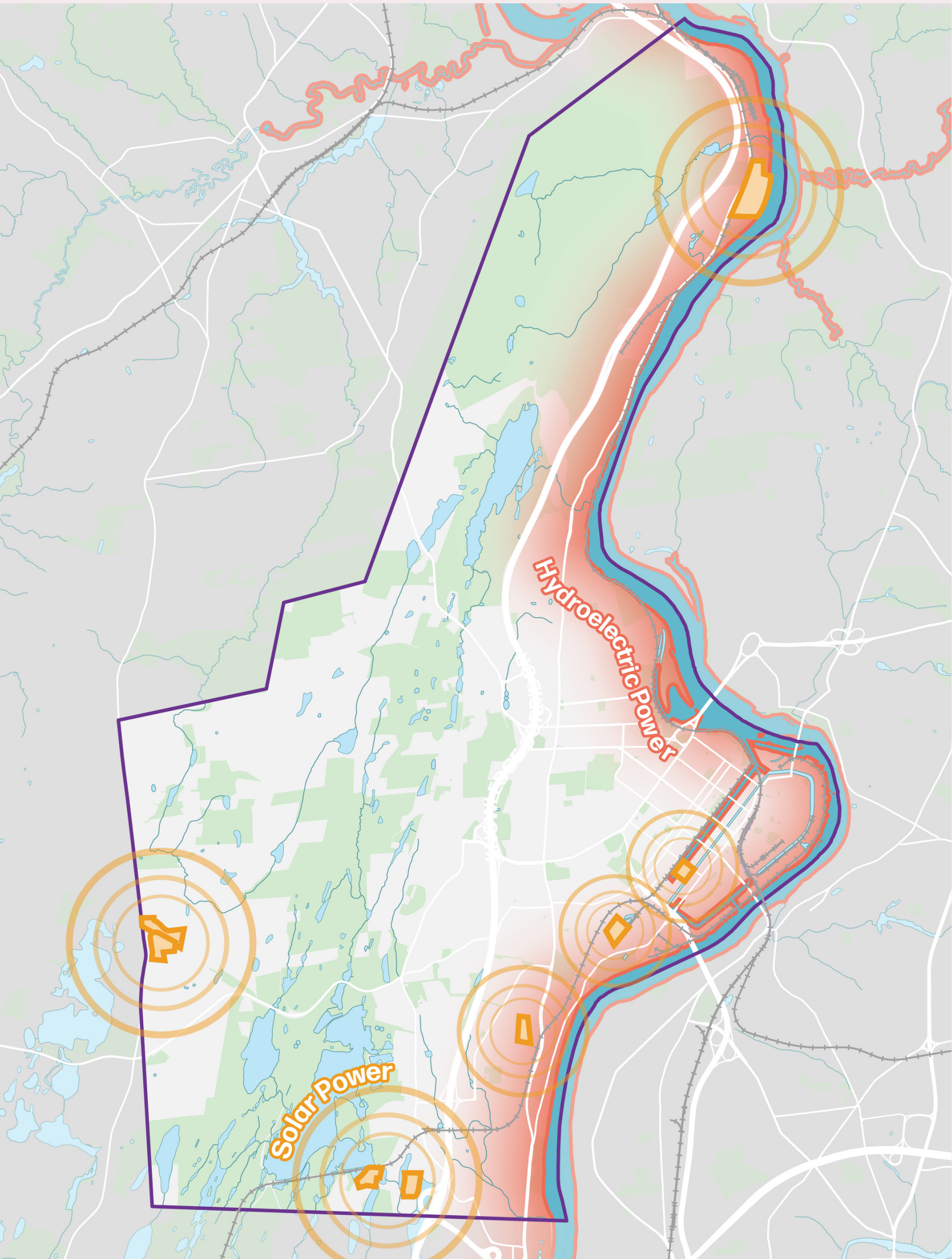
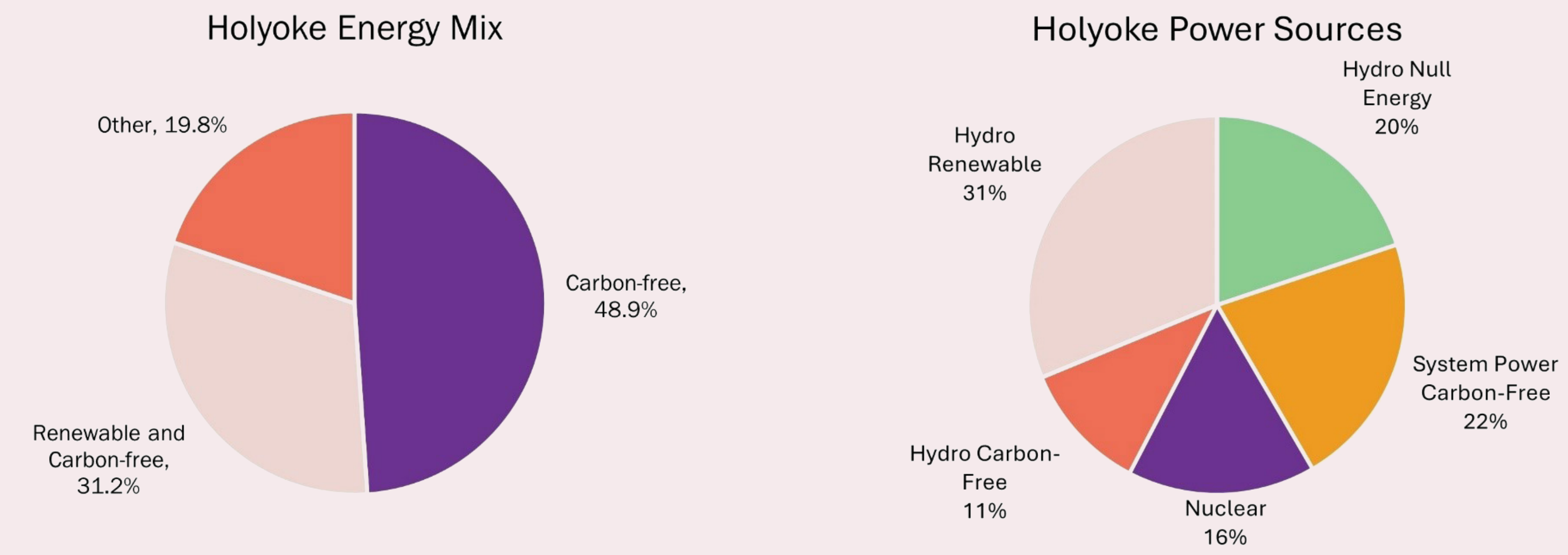


Envisioning Holyoke's Future!

Green and Renewable

Holyoke Gas and Electric (HGE) provides 80% carbon-free electricity, mainly from hydro power, and hosts 28 solar projects of various sizes across the city. The large capacity of affordable electricity and future waste-water investments makes Holyoke an attractive city for potential business owners and future industrial users.

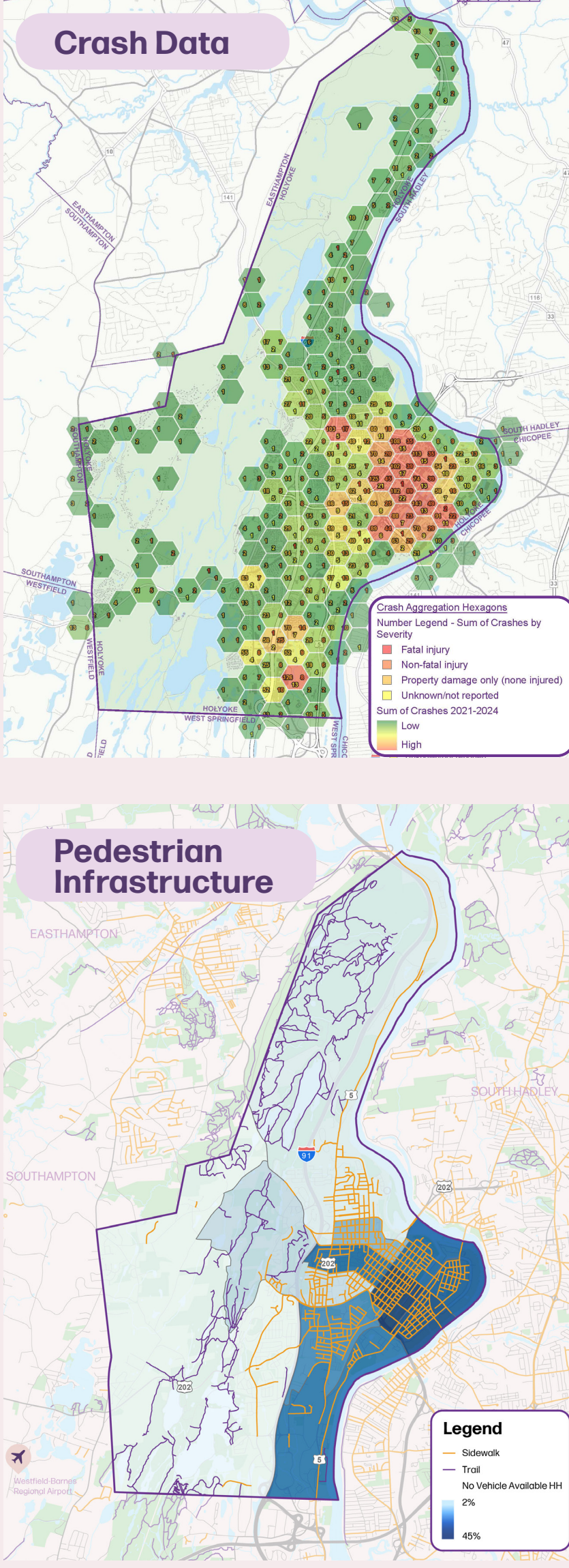
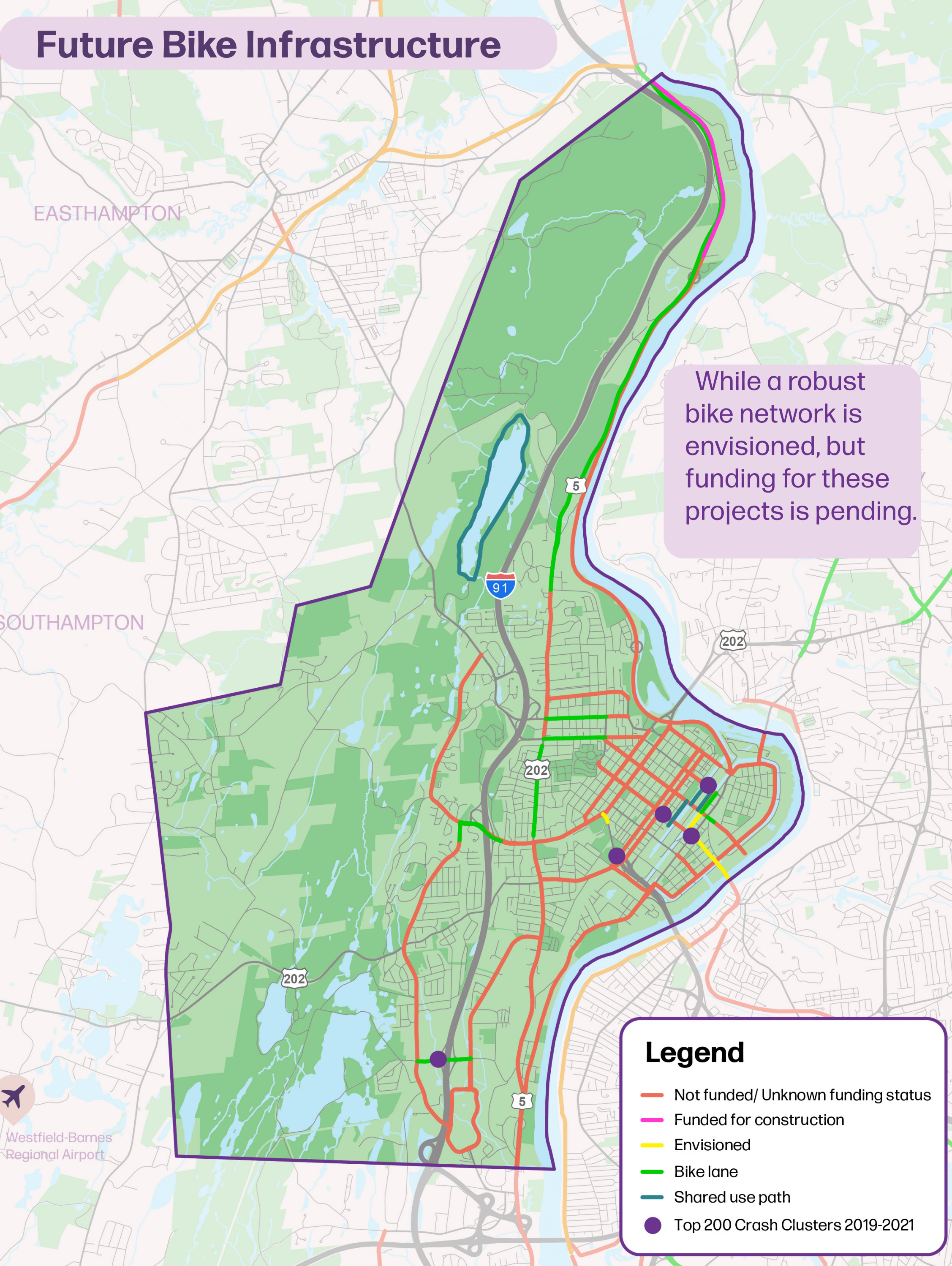
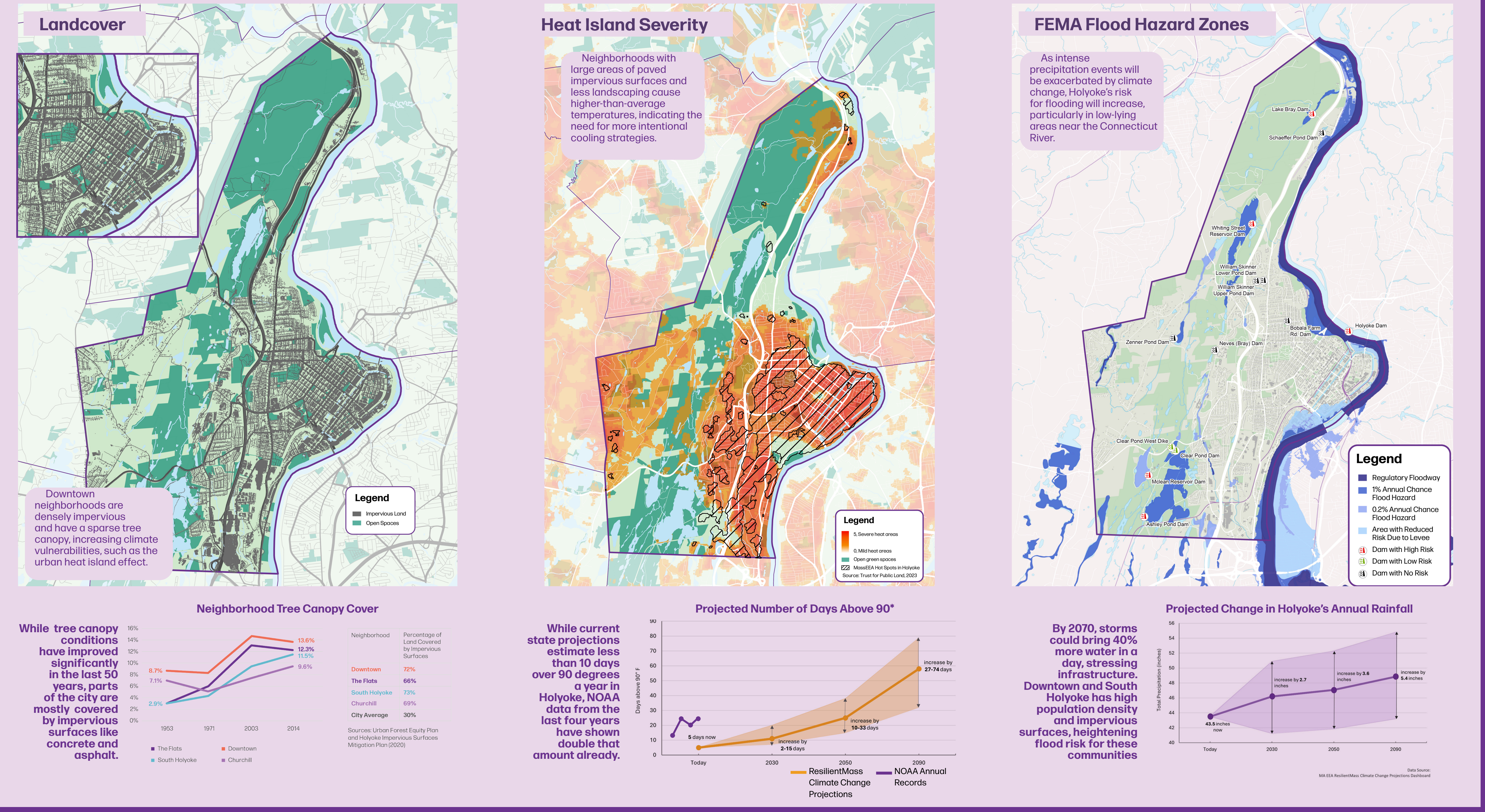


Did you know?

In 2022, MassDEP granted a filtration waiver due to high water quality, making Holyoke one of two unfiltered sources in Massachusetts.

Holyoke and the Climate

Holyoke, Massachusetts, like many cities, faces challenges from climate change, including increased flooding, extreme weather, and rising temperatures. As the city looks to the future, understanding how to best mitigate these effects will ensure the longevity and resilience of the region.



A City on the Move

Holyoke's transportation system features a gridded downtown, suburban-like neighborhoods, and regional highways. Currently Holyoke is dominated by cars, with limited sidewalks, bike infrastructure, and infrequent bus and train services, which causes economic hardship for the nearly 20% of households without a vehicle. Many of these residents are concentrated in Central Holyoke where pedestrian and bike crashes are most common.

Looking ahead, several MassDOT projects aim to enhance pedestrian access and safety. Similarly, the Holyoke Biking and Pedestrian Committee (HBPC) regularly advocates for improved walking and biking infrastructure but the city lacks an approved Complete Streets Plan or Vision Zero Plan.

Did you know?

From 2021 to April 2024, over 5,000 crashes occurred, with 15 fatalities and 1,119 injuries, mainly downtown and in the Flats.

How else do you envision Holyoke?