



Embedding Equity in Public Space: The Community First Toolkit Launch

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Community First Toolkit

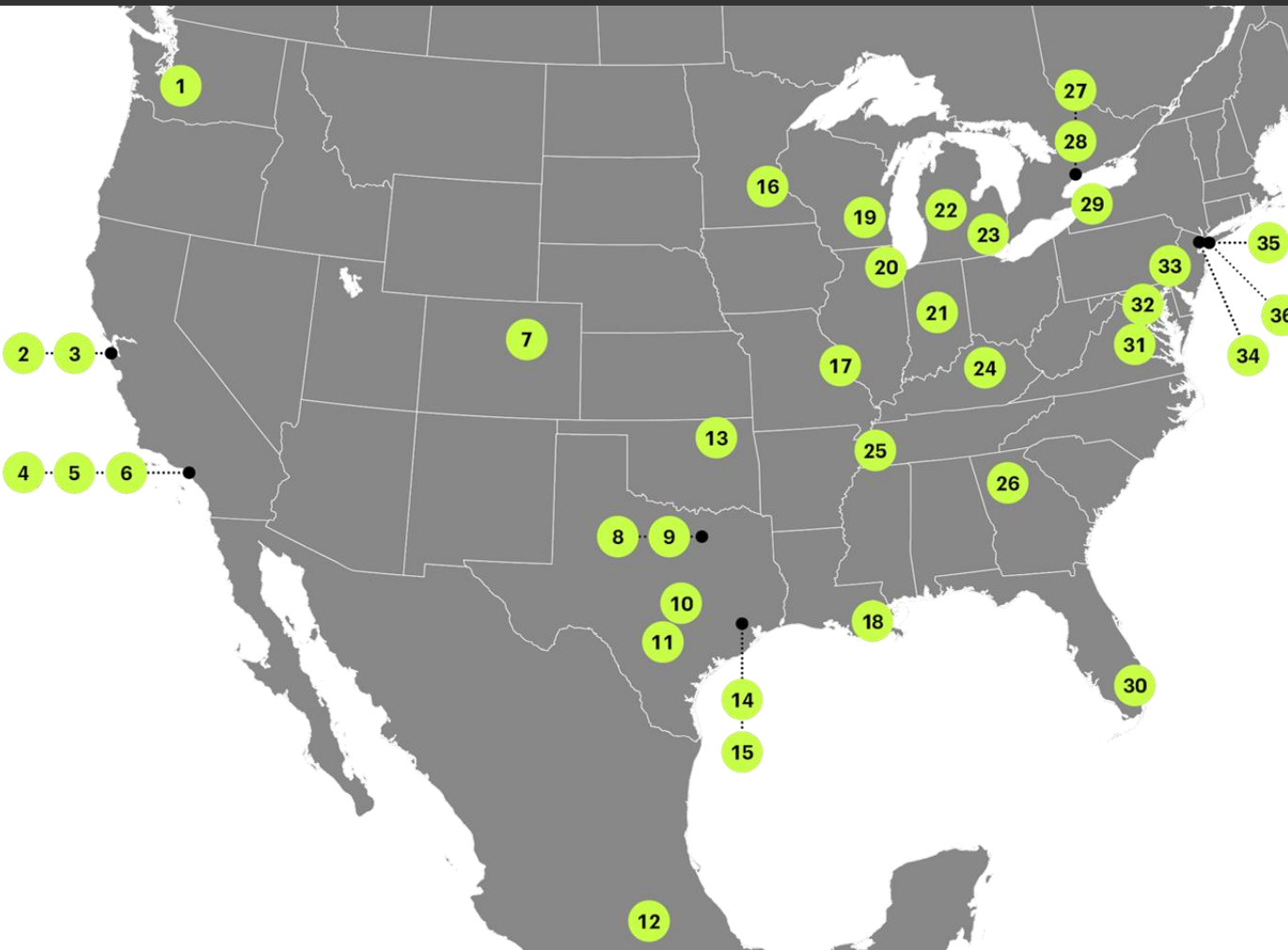
An Introduction to Embedding Equity in Public Spaces

The **High Line Network** is a community of infrastructure reuse projects and the people helping them come to life.



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The High Line Network



1. WATERFRONT SEATTLE, Seattle, WA
2. CRISSY FIELD, San Francisco, CA
3. PRESIDIO TUNNEL TOPS, San Francisco, CA
4. INDIA BASIN PARK, San Francisco, CA
5. RIVER LA, Los Angeles, CA
6. CICLAVIA, Los Angeles, CA
7. DESTINATION CRENSHAW, Los Angeles, CA
8. HIGH LINE CANAL, Denver, CO
9. KLYDE WARREN PARK, Dallas, TX
10. HAROLD SIMMONS PARK, Dallas, TX
11. WATERLOO GREENWAY, Austin, TX
12. HEMISFAIR, San Antonio, TX
13. LA MEXICANA PARK, Mexico City, MEX
14. GATHERING PLACE, Tulsa, OK
15. BUFFALO BAYOU, Houston, TX
16. BAYOU GREENWAYS 2020, Houston, TX
17. GREAT RIVER PASSAGE, St. Paul, MN
18. BRICKLINE GREENWAY, St. Louis, MO
19. LAFITTE GREENWAY, New Orleans, LA

20. HARBOR DISTRICT RIVERWALK, Milwaukee, WI
21. THE 606, Chicago, IL
22. INDIANAPOLIS CULTURAL TRAIL, Indianapolis, IN
23. GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR, Grand Rapids, MI
24. DEQUINDRE CUT, Detroit, MI
25. TOWN BRANCH PARK, Lexington, KY
26. MEMPHIS RIVERFRONT, Memphis, TN
27. ATLANTA BELTLINE, Atlanta, GA
28. THE BENTWAY, Toronto, ON, Canada
29. THE MEADOWWAY, Toronto, ON, Canada
30. THE RIVERLINE, Buffalo, NY
31. THE UNDERLINE, Miami, FL
32. BRIDGEPARK, Richmond, VA
33. 11TH STREET BRIDGE PARK, Washington, DC
34. RAIL PARK, Philadelphia, PA
35. BERGEN ARCHES, Jersey City, NJ
36. BRONX RIVER GREENWAY, New York, NY
37. HIGH LINE, New York, NY

There is a movement in cities across the world to **reclaim underutilized infrastructure and reimagine it as public space.**

Infrastructure reuse projects can bring tremendous **social, economic, and environmental benefits** to our cities.

We want these **benefits to reach as many people** as possible, especially longtime residents and businesses of neighboring communities.

Roots of Infrastructural Racism



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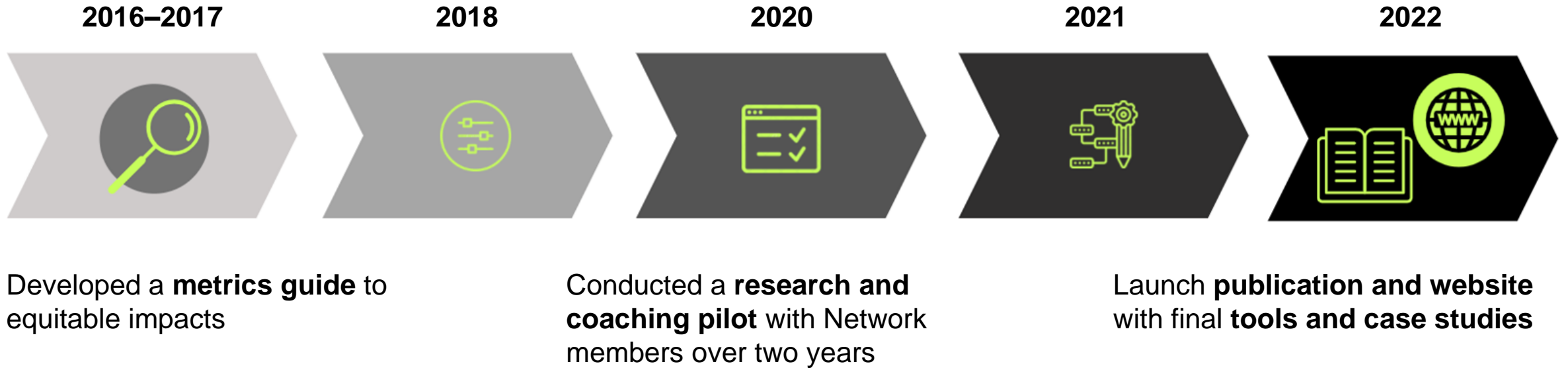


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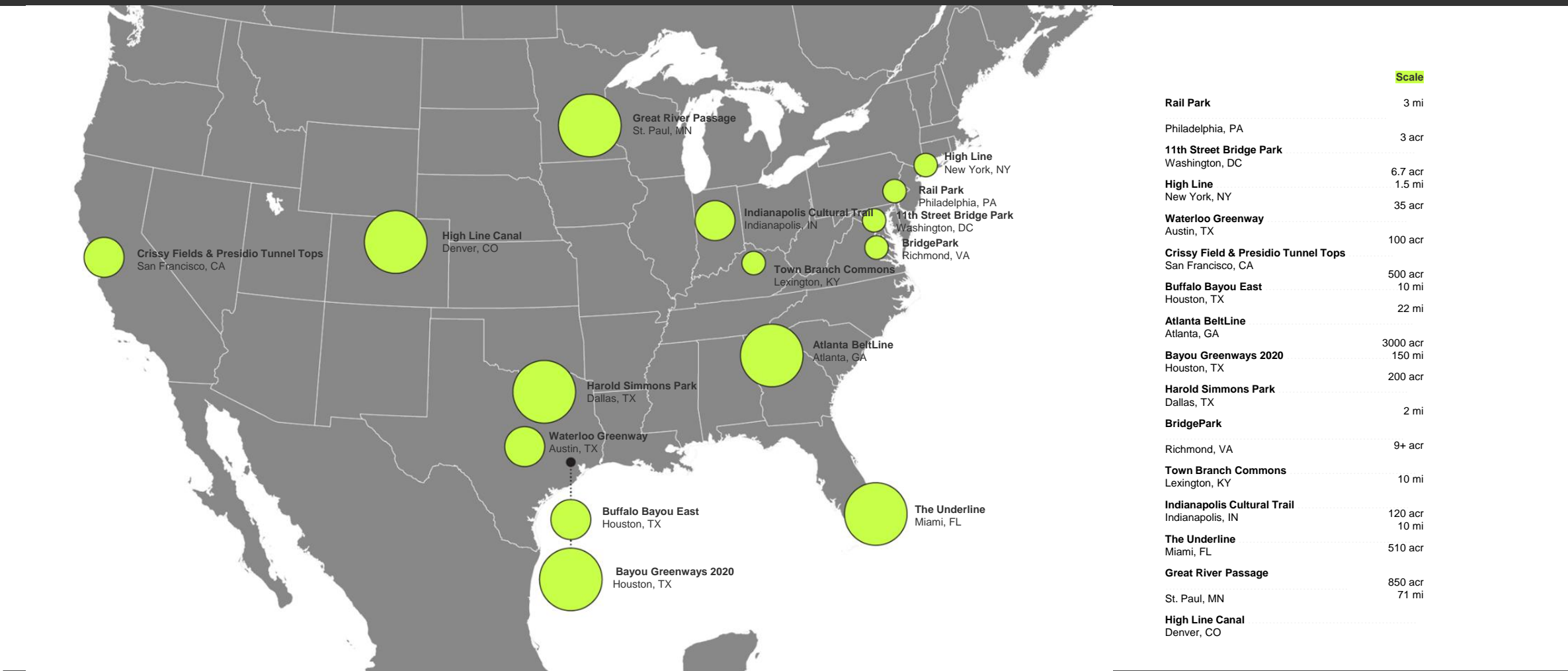
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Origins of the Community First Toolkit



Network Members Piloting the Toolkit by Scale



Community First Toolkit Research Team



Harvard University
Graduate School of Design

General Project Management and Convener

- Technical assistance provider
- Develop peer-to-peer learning opportunities and events
- Development of case studies

Urban Design and the Color Line: Research & Context-Setting

- Understanding project site & city context
- Audit of current practices, programs & partnerships
- Recommendations & case studies

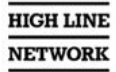
Community First Toolkit Research Team



Coaching and Technical Assistance

- Review of student work, tracing the geographies of racism
- Development of organizational theory of change
- Iterative drafting of working equity goals
- Strategizing around short- and long-term activities, resources, challenges, and desired outcomes
- Sharing of relevant case studies
- Development of trackable metrics

Overview of the Community First Toolkit



Community First
Toolkit

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Embed Equity in All Phases of Park Planning

This toolkit is designed to help park organizations address inequities caused by infrastructural racism, and shape public spaces that bring social, environmental, and economic benefits to our communities.

Start Guide



Explore our toolkit sections

Our toolkit is comprised of 5 sections containing 18 tools. Each have detailed instructions, along with worksheets and templates to use online or offline.

See all tools 

Examine History

TOOLS 1-4



Center Equity

TOOLS 5-7



Prepare Internally

TOOLS 6-11



Build Partnerships

TOOLS 12-15



Ensure Progress

TOOLS 16-18





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