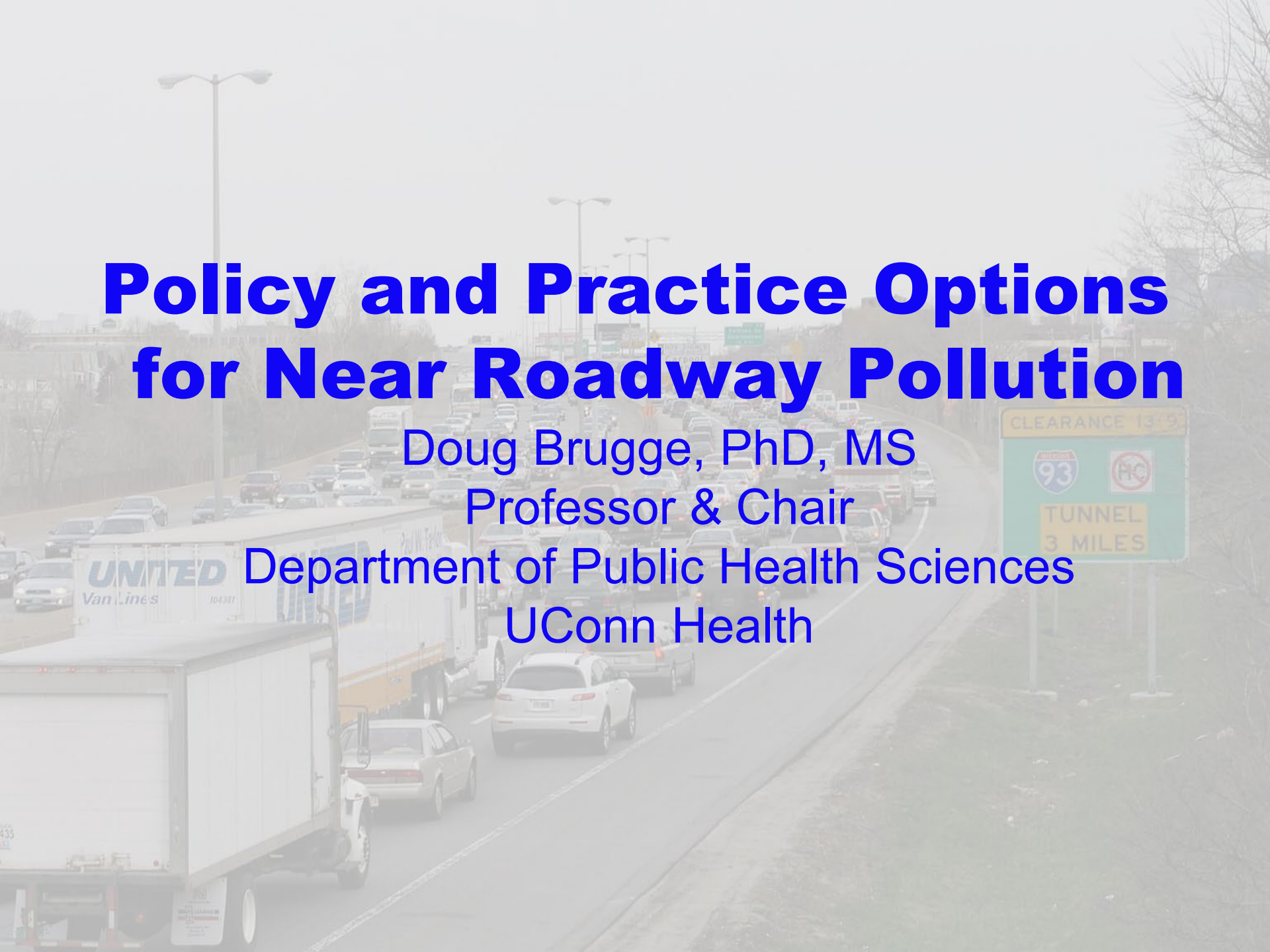


# **Policy and Practice Options for Near Roadway Pollution**

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# Community-based Participatory Research Approach



Community engagement  
Capacity building  
Rigorous science  
**Policy and practice**

# Dynamic Community and Agency Engaged Processes







**We have conducted multiple design charrettes with architects, designers, planners, environmental health experts, agencies, and community members**

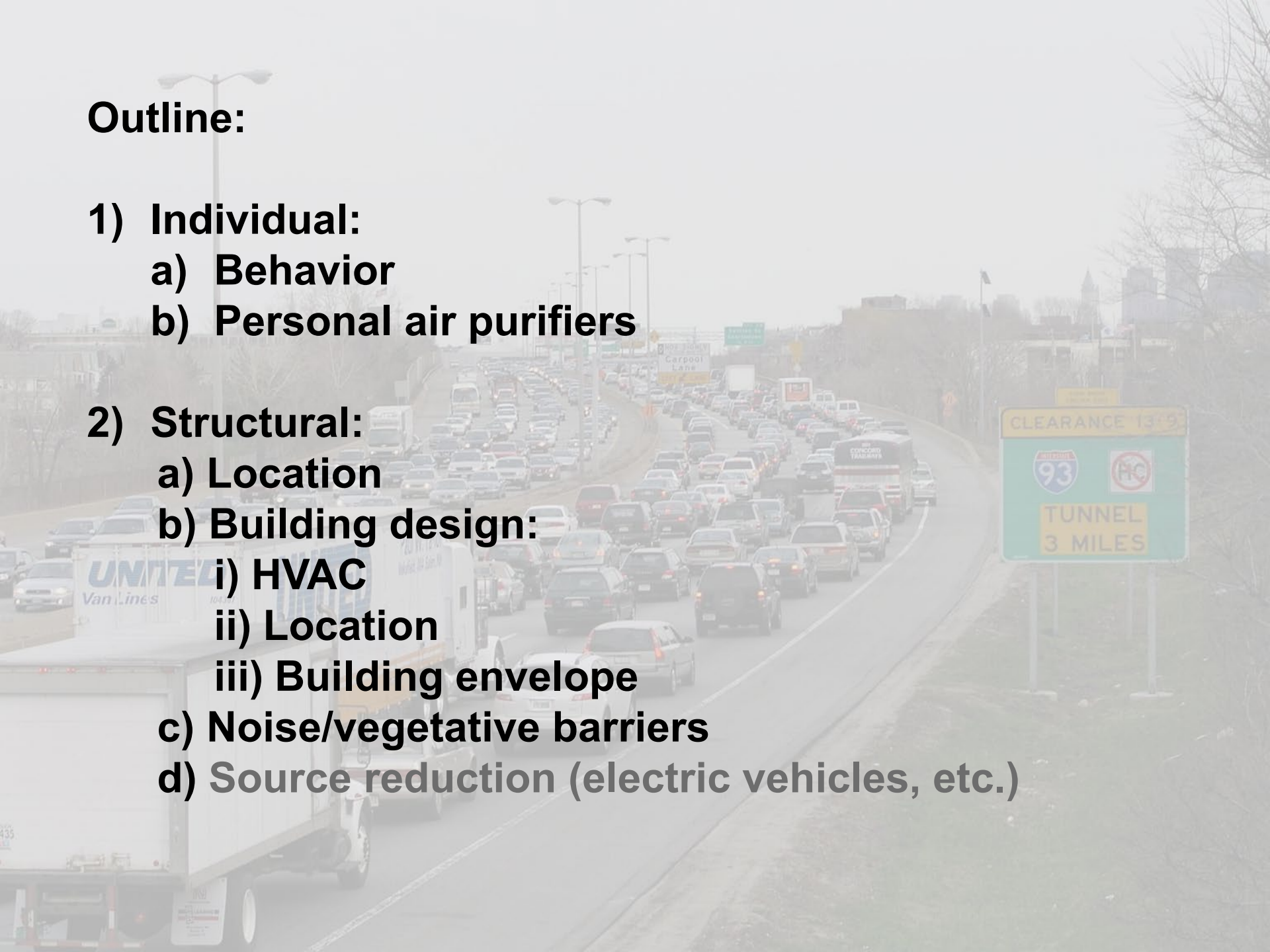
## **Outline:**

### **1) Individual:**

- a) Behavior**
- b) Personal air purifiers**

### **2) Structural:**

- a) Location**
- b) Building design:**
  - i) HVAC**
  - ii) Location**
  - iii) Building envelope**
- c) Noise/vegetative barriers**
- d) Source reduction (electric vehicles, etc.)**



# Summary of Air Pollution Reduction Tactics

By Allison Patton

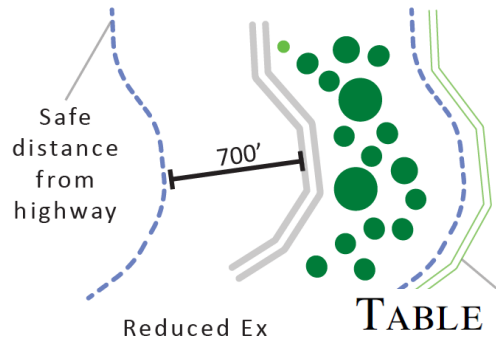
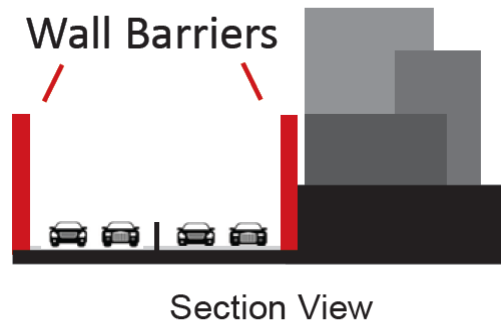
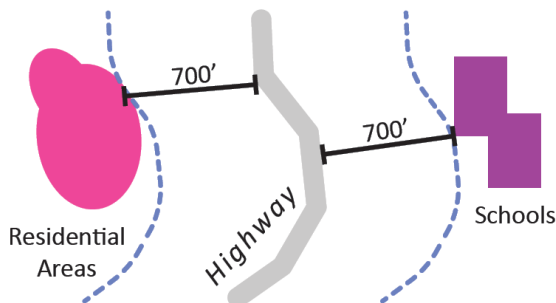
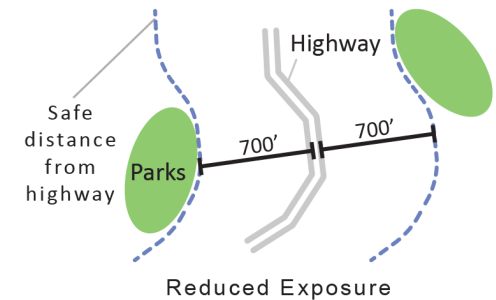


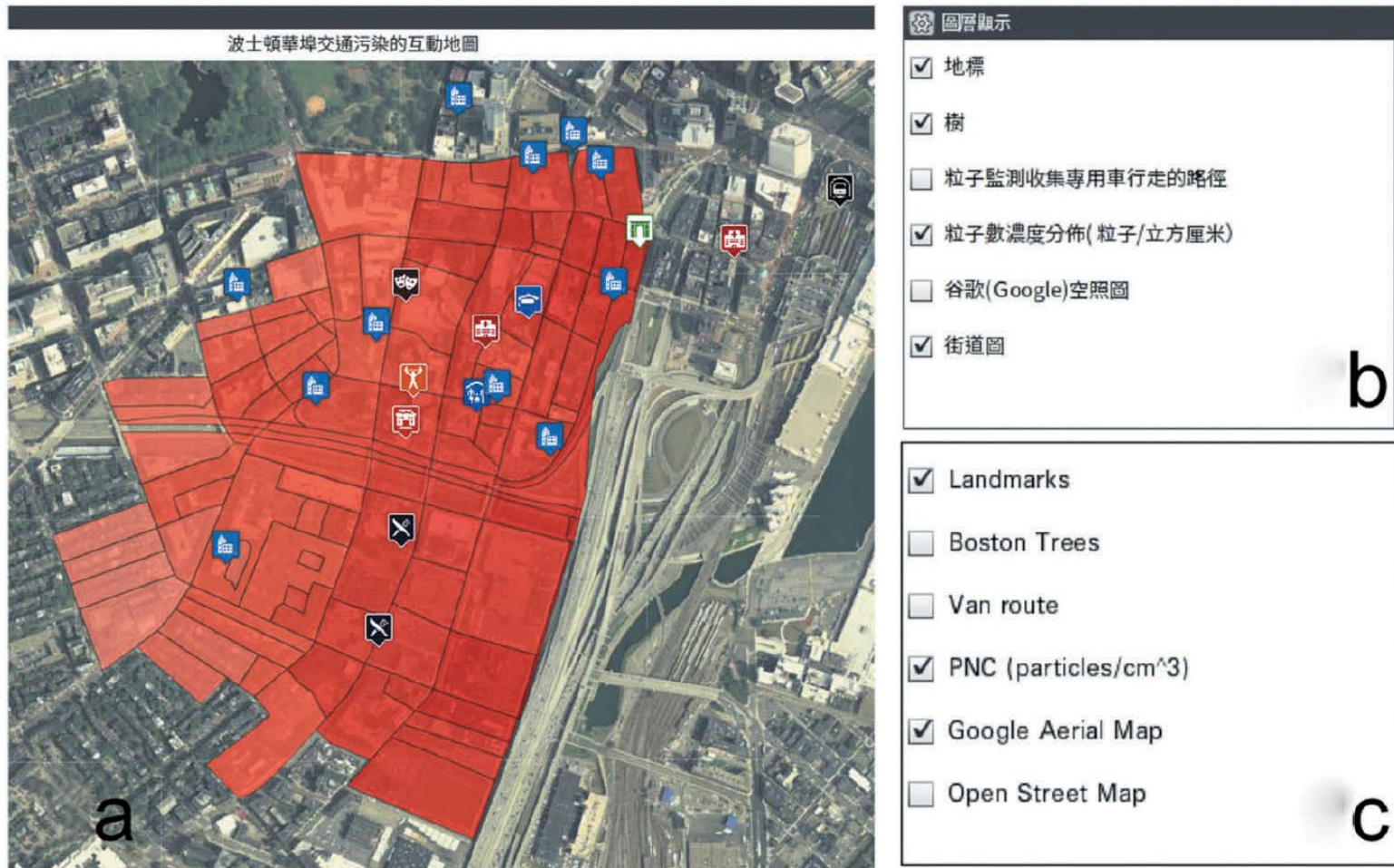
TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF EXPECTED EFFECTIVENESS OF DIFFERENT TACTICS

Location	Effectiveness		
	Good	Moderate	Inconclusive
<b>On-Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filtration</li> <li>Air intake location</li> <li>Sound proofing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy placement of buildings and parking structures</li> <li>Trees and Plantings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy vegetables</li> </ul>
<b>Off-Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park locations</li> <li>Land use buffers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Built or vegetative barriers</li> <li>Active travel locations</li> <li>Decking over highways</li> </ul>	





# Behavior: Educational Intervention using an Interactive Map of Chinatown Traffic Pollution



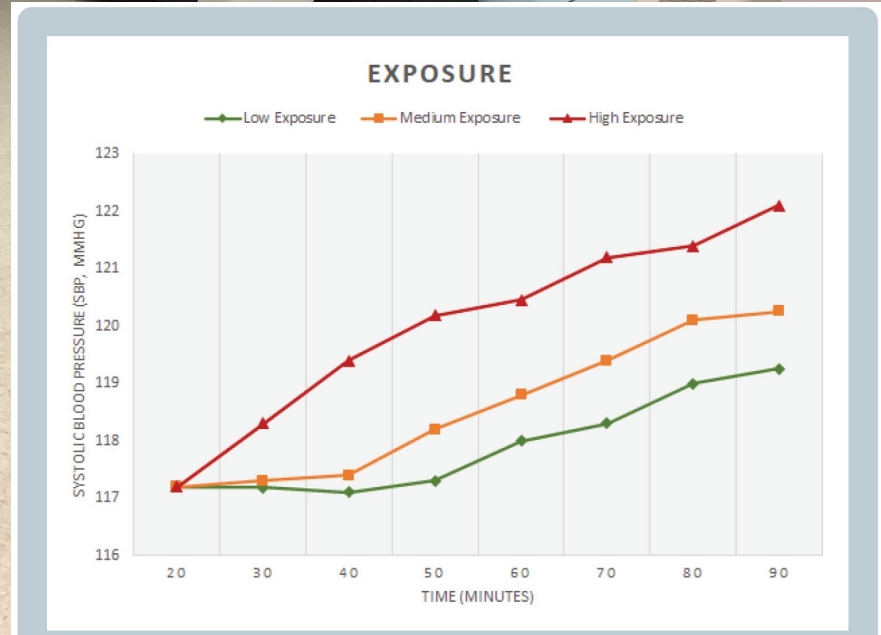
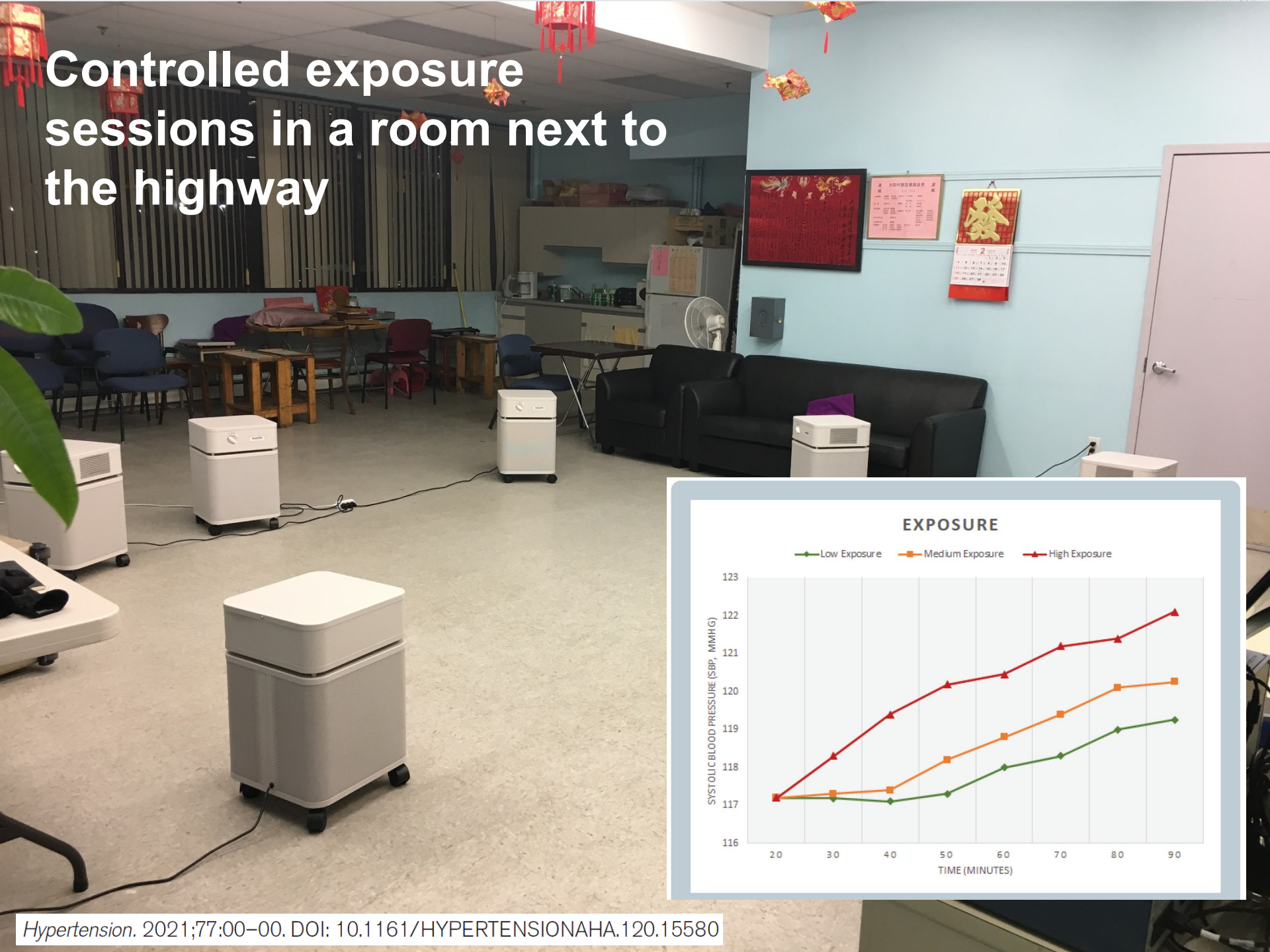


# In-home air filtration

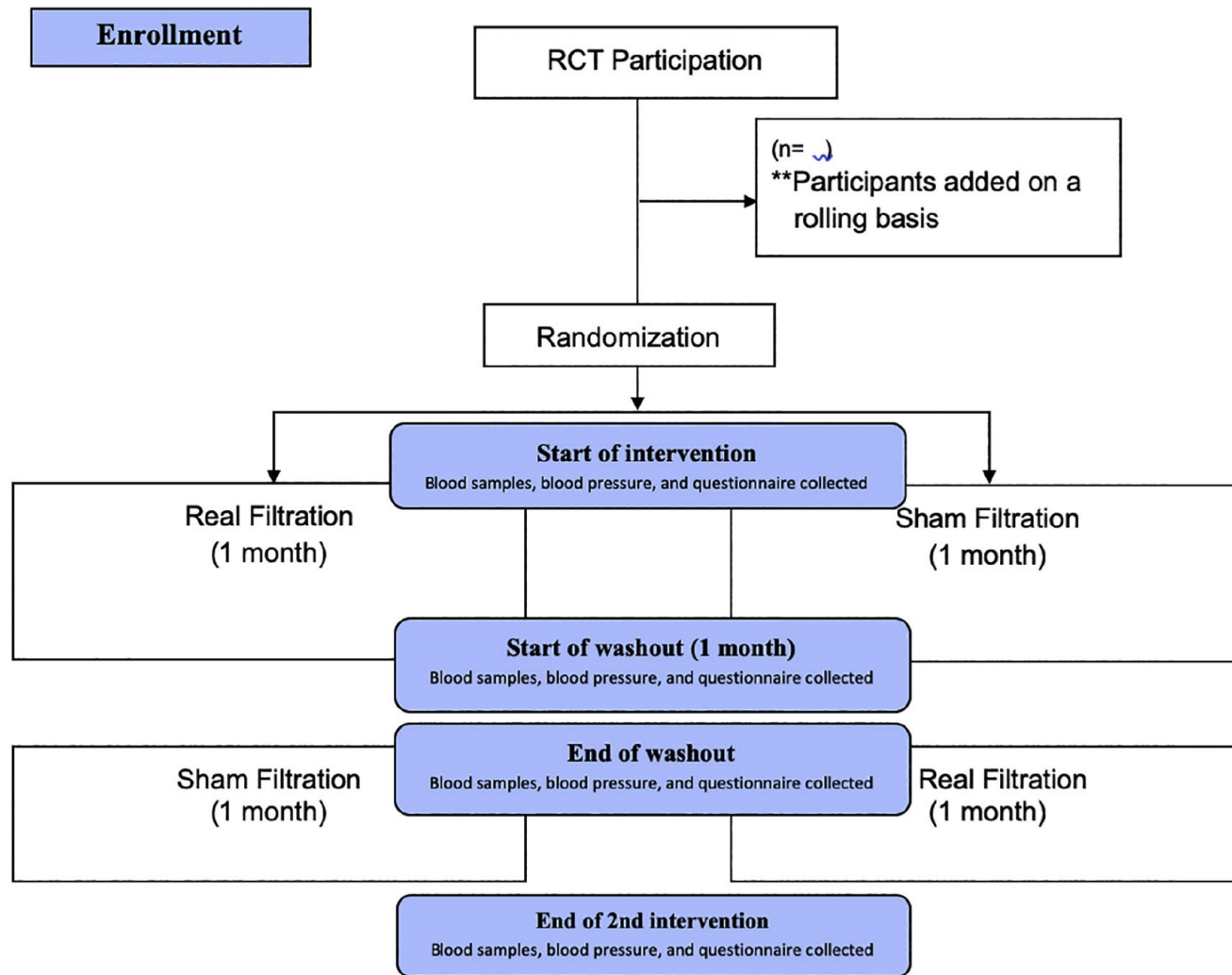




# Controlled exposure sessions in a room next to the highway



# Our randomized Clinical Trial of In-Home Air Purifiers is in Progress in Somerville





# Location...

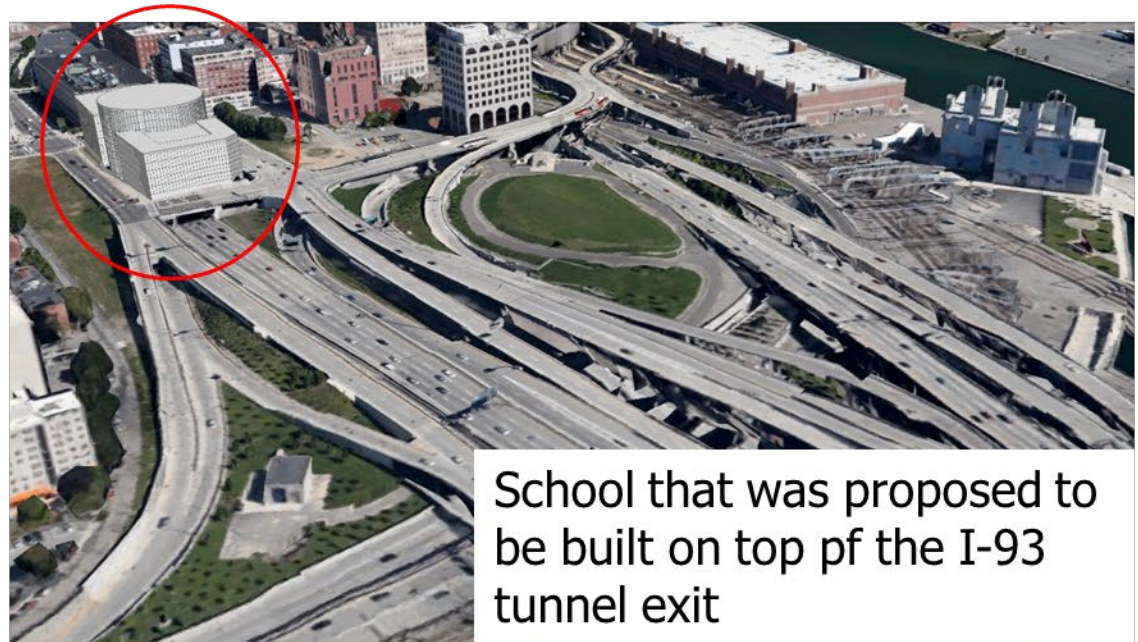


New housing next to the I-93 tunnel exit

Reggie Wong Park next to I-93



*Photo courtesy of Shauna Lo*



School that was proposed to be built on top of the I-93 tunnel exit

# Proposed protective features for the school from a design charrette held by CAFEH

Ventilation and Filtration with Atrium

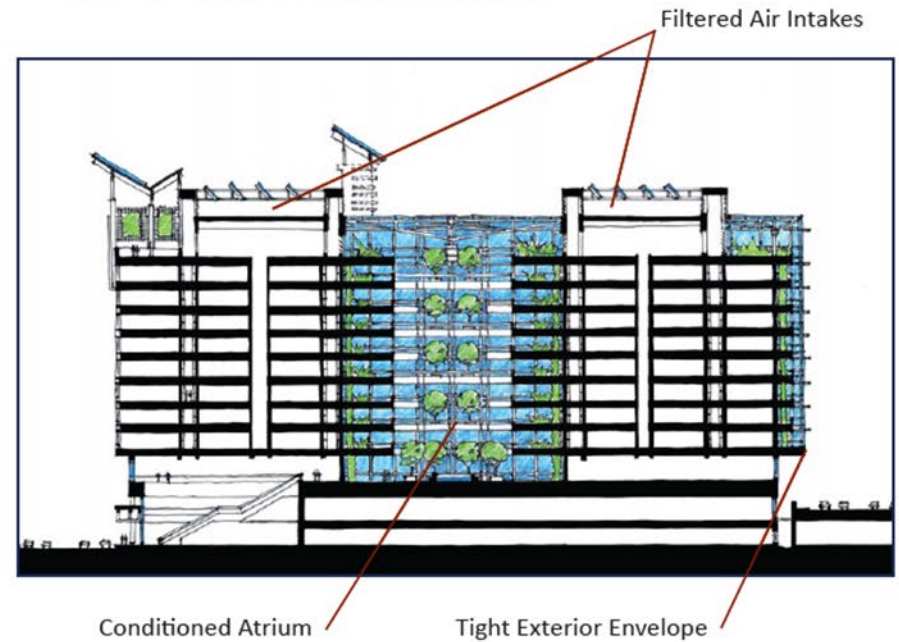
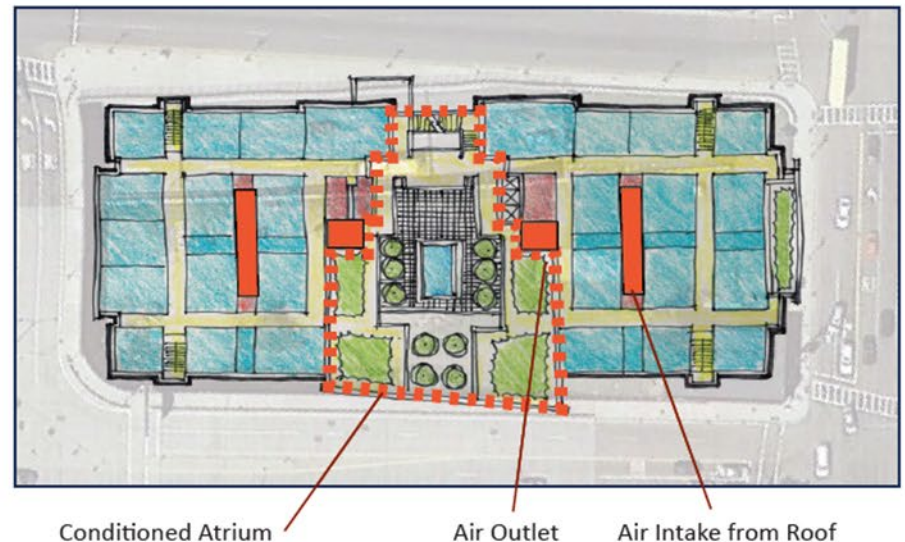


Figure 52: This building section illustrates two enclosed HVAC zones, with separate air intakes and filtration, joined in the middle by an atrium with it's own ventilation system and filled with plants and light. *Credit: Giamportone Design.*

Ventilation and Filtration with Atrium





# Marketing HEPA Filtration in California...

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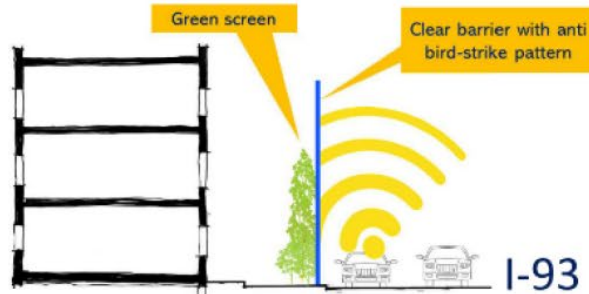
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# Noise Barriers for Noise and Traffic Pollution...

## Possible Solutions



Clear & green noise barrier combo





# Redesign of a park in Somerville

Continuous Berm Design

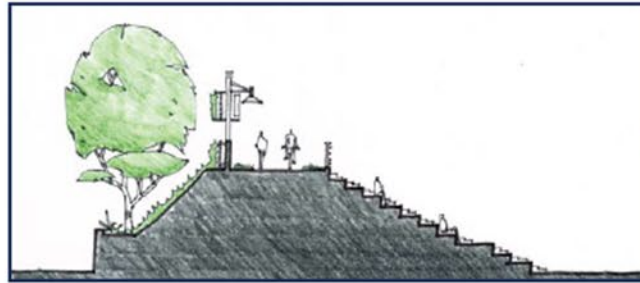


Figure 39: A taller design for the continuous berm system around Foss Park, along the Route 28 side.  
*Credit: Giamportone Design.*

Solid Band-Shell Sheltering Park

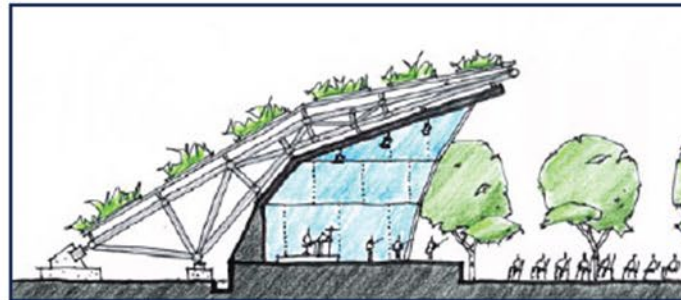


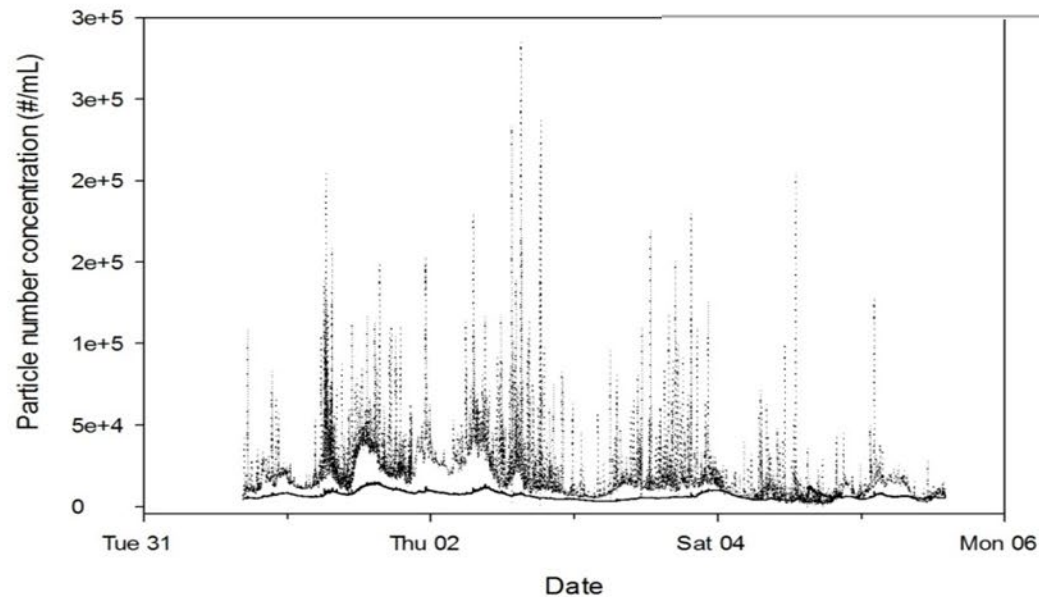
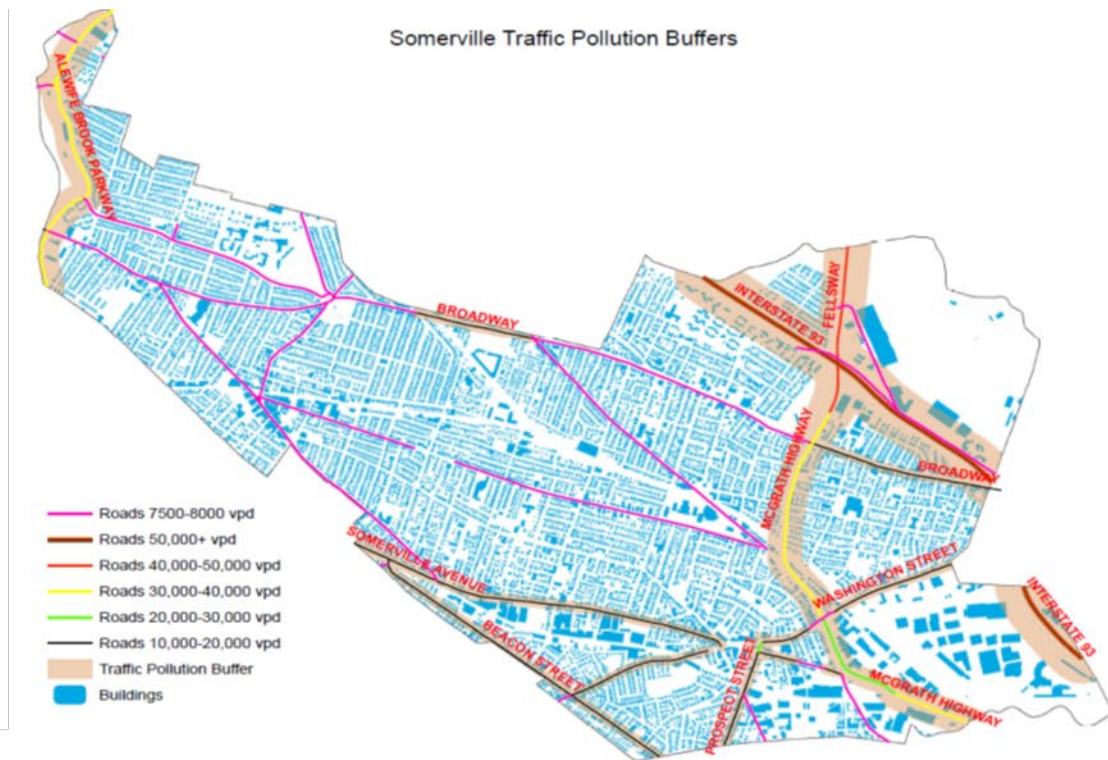
Figure 40: The band shell, shown in section, is designed to provide protection from near-highway pollutants. The roof of the band shell is shown covered in vegetation, further mitigating exposure to traffic-related pollution for people in the park (including people enjoying the concert.) *Credit: Giamportone Design.*

Foss Park Design - Plan View



Figure 41: The plan of Foss Park is shown as redesigned, with the band shell, berm system, and plantings located to provide maximum shelter from pollutants for park users. *Credit: Giamportone Design.*

# Somerville zoning ordinance







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## THE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT OF FREEWAY EXPOSURE AND HEALTH STUDY

CAFEH serves as the larger umbrella for multiple, related community-based participatory research (CBPR) air pollution studies.

These projects have full participation of the community partners in all aspects of the science including: developing the proposal, leading the study, and collecting, analyzing and interpreting the data.

The CAFEH partnership combines community and academic resources to advance scientific understanding of the health risks of highway pollution. We hope our findings will inform policymakers about the risks of siting new housing, schools or playgrounds next to highways and help to identify measures to reduce exposures.

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- [Boston Puerto Rican Health Study](#)
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