## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Proposed Project, within this Project Area, is to:

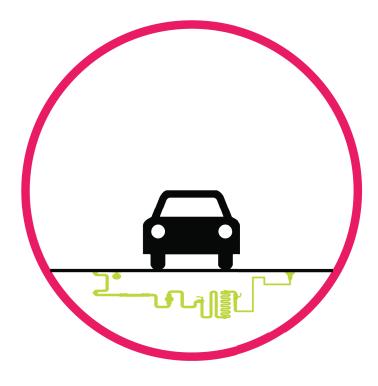






## **NEED**

The Proposed Project, within this Project Area, is needed to:







Reduce flood risk.

**Increase** the resiliency of the communities and ecosystems.

**Protect** critical infrastructure, residences, businesses, and ecological resources from the more frequent and intense flood events anticipated in the future.

**Address** systemic **inland flooding** from high-intensity rainfall/runoff events and **coastal flooding** from storm surges and nor easters.

Directly **protect** life, public health, and property.

**Increase community resiliency**, including protecting accessibility to, and on-going operations of, critical health care services, emergency services, and transportation and utility infrastructure.

Potentially **reduce flood insurance rates** and claims from future events, and potentially restore property values.

Potentially **protect ecological resources** and **enhance water quality**, which in turn could benefit regional biodiversity and ecosystem resiliency.

Potentially integrate the flood hazard risk reduction strategy with civic, cultural, and recreational values to incorporate active and passive recreational uses.