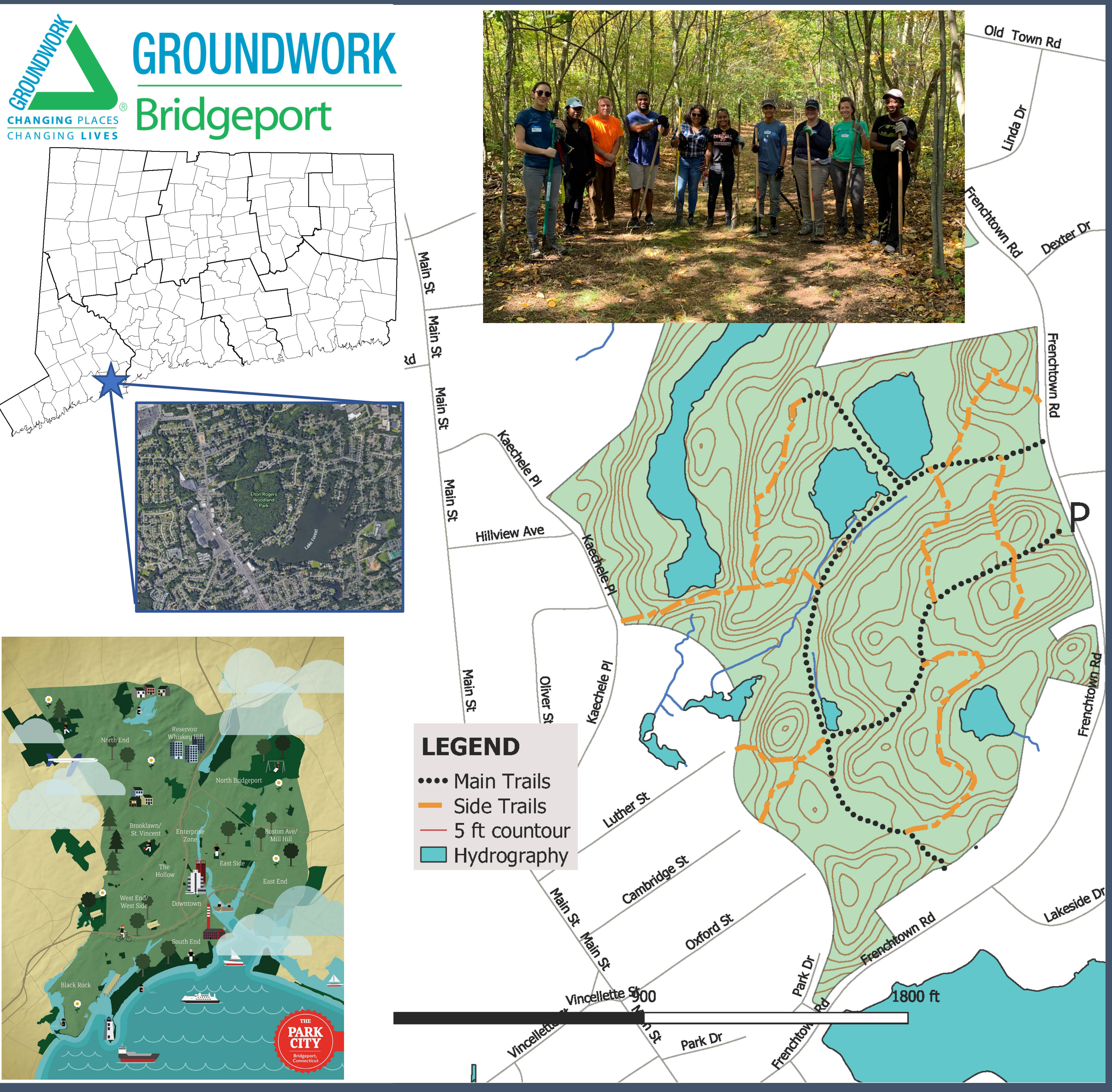


Experience Elton Rogers Park



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Introduction

- ❖ The main problem associated with Elton Rogers Park is the fact that no one knows about it!
- ❖ People in Bridgeport need a place to go that encourages outdoor recreation with friends and family
- ❖ We envision Elton Rogers Park as a family-friendly place that can be enjoyed by all Bridgeport residents
- ❖ We improved visitor experience by removing invasive plants, organizing routine trail maintenance, clearing main entryways into the park, and developing appealing destinations within the park

Project Impact

- ❖ This project brought community members together most successfully during National Public Lands Day on September 28th, 2019 when 10 adult volunteers (4 from Bridgeport) came out to help clean up the park trails
- ❖ Kirsten Chery, youth team member, helped to coordinate the stewardship event on National Public Lands Day as well as an additional stewardship day on November 16th specifically for youth

Take-Aways

- We learned that the city of Bridgeport does not have the staff to manage Elton Rogers Park, and that the maintenance requirements of the park requires a community approach
- The city officials welcomed our capacity to lead stewardship at the park
- Our effort to involve youth taught us that students are eager to work on trail maintenance and were excited to discover the trails that existed at the park:
"I enjoyed Elton Rogers because of the trail work and education." – Kayla Santiago, youth participant
"I enjoyed the time at Elton Rogers Park and learning about trails and the process of making trails." – Philomena Appiah, youth participant

