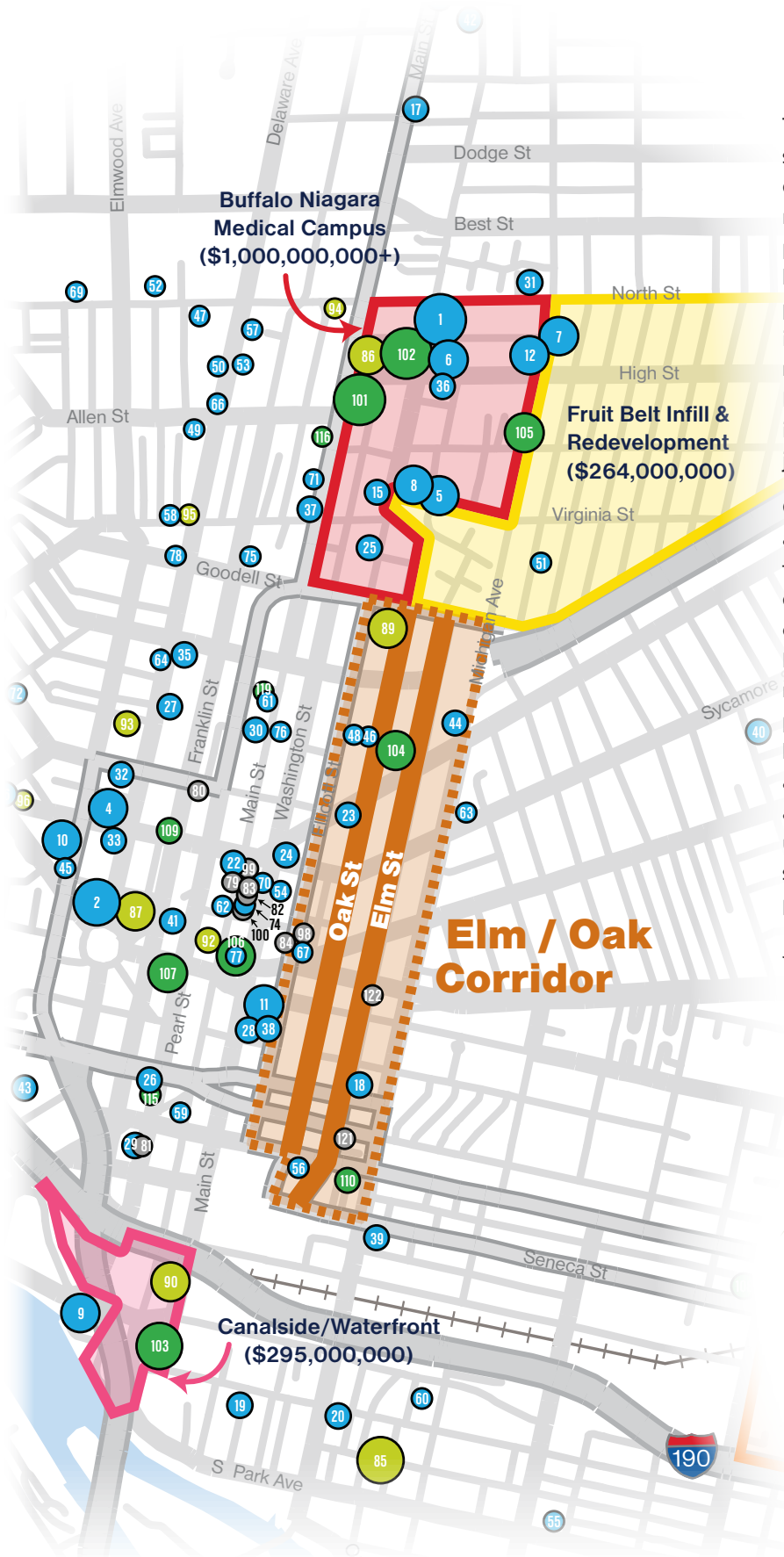


# Elm / Oak Corridor



The Elm/Oak corridor, with its high capacity, high speed, one way traffic flow has long served to sever the eastern edge of downtown and surrounding residential neighborhoods from the rest of downtown. Within the past few years, over \$50 million in development has been completed with over \$115 million in new projects proposed or under construction along this corridor. This includes the adaptive reuse of historic structures into residential lofts and apartments (ie. AC Lofts and The HUB) and the consolidation of Catholic Health operations into a new downtown facility, which will bring over 700 jobs into the corridor just south of the BNMC.

Given this influx of people and investment along Elm and Oak streets, it is becoming increasingly important to reevaluate how this corridor functions. This means enhancing safety and access for pedestrians, bikes, and other forms of transportation. While the \$500,000 Safe Routes to School grant does not address the full range of needs in the corridor, it is a step in the right direction. The project will result in ADA compliant curb improvements, bulb-outs, sidewalk repairs, road striping improvements at select intersections in order to provide more visible and clearly defined pedestrian right-of-way, as well as upgrades and the installation of signal improvements such as countdown timers in order to provide clear and predictable crossing guidance.

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