Shortcut Syracuse

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Inner Harbor
1 935/1815 323/1798 12 Gifford/Seymour

Creekwalk North
2 550/1930 430/2000 13 Townsend/McBride

Creekwalk South
3 1360/1545 312/826 14 Merriman/Davis

Presbyterian
4 466/814 339/1440 15 Delaware/Fitch

Peter & Paul
5 350/615 430/1040 16 State/Oakwood

Leavenworth
6 421/980 300/1020 17 Reed/Wolcott

Clinton Square
7 295/750 415/1280 18 Normal School

Firefighter's
8 145/550 2470/2910 19 Woodland

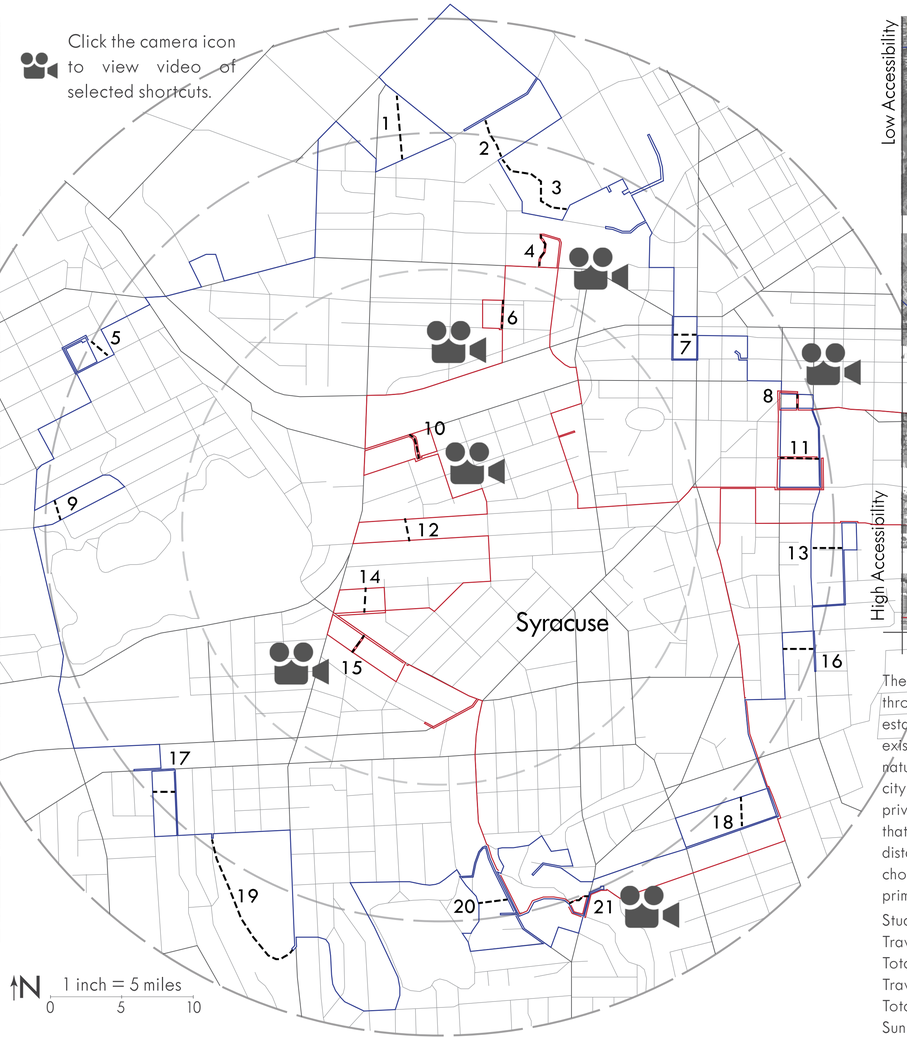
Whittier/Bryant
9 315/950 476/1745 20 Onondaga

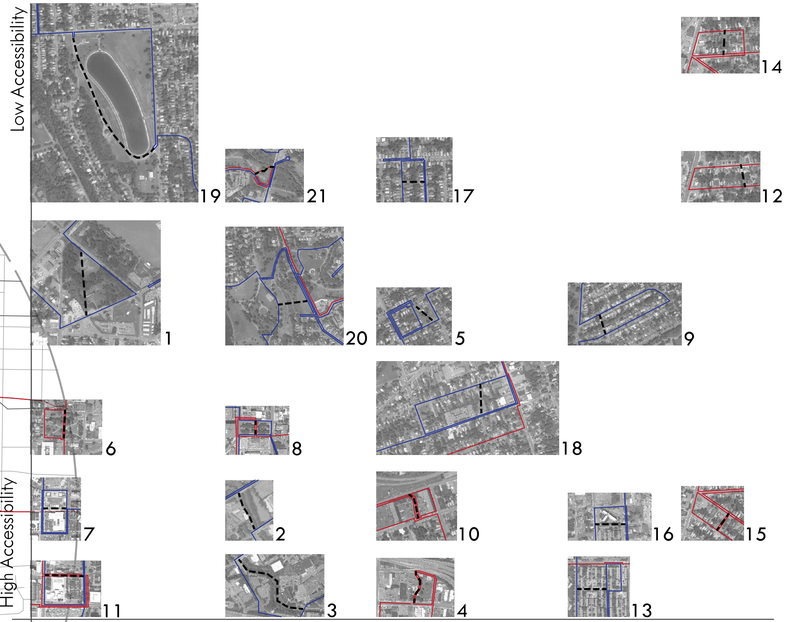
Irish Gifts
10 371/645 260/540 21 Kirk

Everson
11 630/1365

Distance Through (Feet)
Distance Around (Feet)

Click the camera icon to view video of selected shortcuts.





The routes depicted on this map represent paths through the fabric of Syracuse that depart from the established program of movement in the city. Their existence is temporal and perceptual and by their very nature they contribute to the distinct character of the city and the way it is experienced. Crossing public and private property at various levels of service I found that although I had initially expected the reduction of distance to be the most important factor when choosing to take a shortcut I was basing my decisions primarily on how safe I thought I would be moving through it and how easy it would be to cross. This realization led me to reconsider my audience and what I was taking away from the project. While I originally intended this map to be something all residents of the city could use, experiencing first hand reluctance to walk some of the routes I picked reinforced the importance of comfort in publlic space and the thought that this map would be best suited for use by the residents of the neighborhoods within which each shortcut lies.

Study Area 2: 1.69 square miles
Travel Distance: 16.9 miles
Total Shortcut Distance: .42 miles
Travel Around Shortcuts: 1.23 miles
Total Distance Saved: .81 miles
Sunburnt Skin: 150 square inches

Transect Distance 1: 14 miles
Travel Distance: 22 miles
Total Shortcut Distance: 1.69 miles
Travel Around Shortcuts: 3.62 miles
Total Distance Saved: 1.93 miles
Times Jin Fell Through Ice: 1