

## Open Restaurants

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## A New Initiative To Save New York City Restaurants Offers Exclusive Experiences And Incentives

## Al Fresco Dining Is the Restaurant Industry's Best Hope

To survive coronavirus summer, restaurants are rushing to claim space for outdoor seating. But can sidewalk tables and parking-lot patios provide enough revenue?

By [Kriston Capps](#) +Follow  
May 19, 2020, 10:36 AM EDT

REPORT

## Reopening America: The restaurant sector must adapt and innovate to survive

Tracy Hadden Loh and Annelles Goger · Tuesday, June 23, 2020

## How Covid Helped a Neighborhood Rediscover Its Restaurants

In Ditmas Park, Brooklyn, the pandemic brought more change to a neighborhood in flux, as locals rallied around their restaurants.

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## DANNY MEYER WANTS OUTDOOR DINING TO SAVE NEW YORK


*The impresario behind Union Square Café and Shake Shack, appointed by Bill de Blasio to lead the city's reopening, wants to put diners in the Museum of Modern Art's sculpture garden.*

## The People Have Spoken: DOT Study Reveals Vast Support for Outdoor Dining

By Julianne Cuba | Nov 22, 2021 | 56 COMMENTS

REOPEN NYC

## Reopen News: Mayor Bill de Blasio says Open Restaurants Program saved 80,000 jobs in NYC

 By Eyewitness News

Monday, August 3, 2020

DESTINATIONS

## How You Can Support NYC Small Businesses During Lockdown

*Whether you're near or far, there are many things you can do to support the city's local businesses.*

BY ALEX ERDEKIAN  
March 30, 2020

# City Planning approves permanent outdoor dining in NYC; city council to vote next

By [David Meyer](#)

November 15, 2021 | 7:30pm | Updated





# 'The West Village Has Become Lawless': Locals Sue To Keep Open Restaurants From Becoming Permanent

BY JAMES RAMSAY

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Coronavirus

# Use 'em or lose 'em: Mayor says NYC will yank away unused outdoor dining areas, restore parking

am By Ben Brachfeld

3 comments Posted on October 18, 2021

## City's Open Restaurants program sparks debate over outdoor dining and parking

BY ROCCO VERTUCCIO | NEW YORK CITY  
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News

# Outdoor Dining Saved Thousands Of NYC Restaurants. Its Future Is Still An Open Question

BIG CITY

## *Dining Sheds Saved N.Y.C. Could They Destroy It?*

The Lower East Side has turned into an all-night fraternity party, locals say, and small businesses are asking for help.

## NYC Residents Suing To Block Open Restaurants Program From Becoming Permanent

Program: CBS2 News At 11 Categories: News, Dining Out, Local News, WCBSTV, Google

FOOD POLICY

# New York City Residents Push Back Against a Permanent Open Restaurants Program

October 28, 2021

## *What's the Future of Outdoor Dining in New York?*

As the city debates a plan to make outdoor dining permanent, vocal opposition is growing in affluent, restaurant-rich neighborhoods like the West Village.



“We’re sick and tired of this Christopher Columbus syndrome, where they’re coming in here and throwing away natives. Please do not approve of this. Our land, they’re trying to take it away from us. All for money.”

Robert Camacho, Chairman of Community Board 4

“Small businesses are suffering because of this program, many businesses have lost street visibility from sidewalk congestion, and are unable to get their deliveries. This program is a burden only advantaging one industry.”

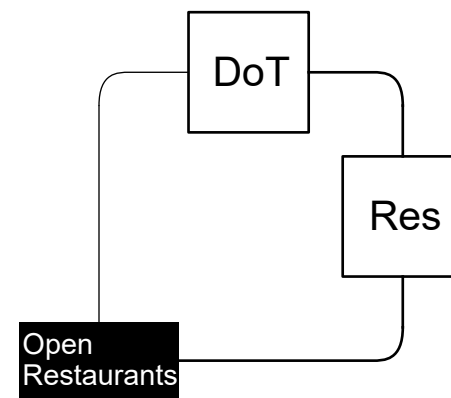
Debra Glick, Assemblymember for 66th District



“I don’t think that we should recover at this cost of quality-of-life and everything else for our neighbors, additional enforcement should make a difference when the program goes permanent.”

Ashwin Deshmukh, *Short Stories* owner

Stakeholders.

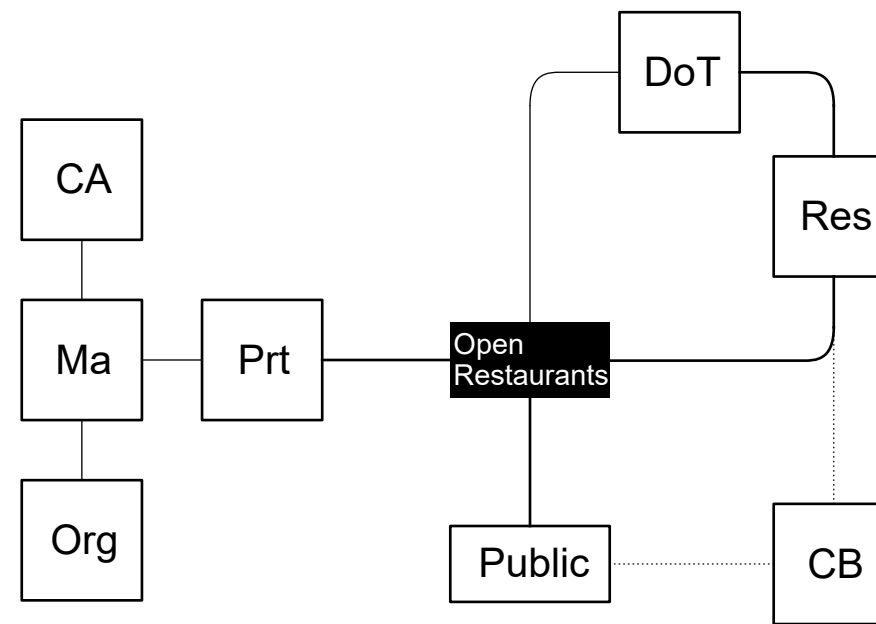


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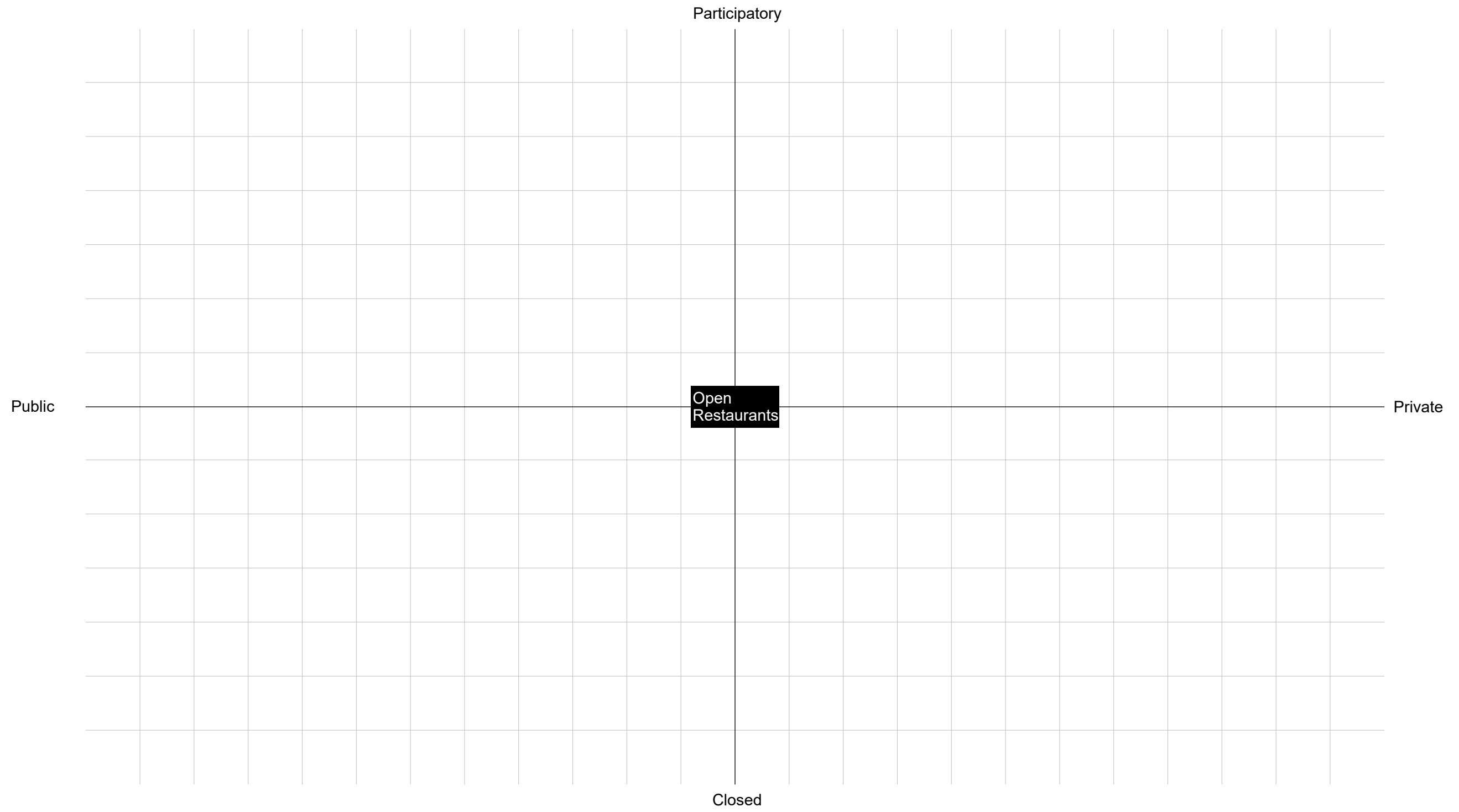
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Legend.

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- DoT Department of Transportation
- CB Community Board
- Prt Partners
- CA City Agencies
- Org Community Organizations
- Ma Mutual Aid groups

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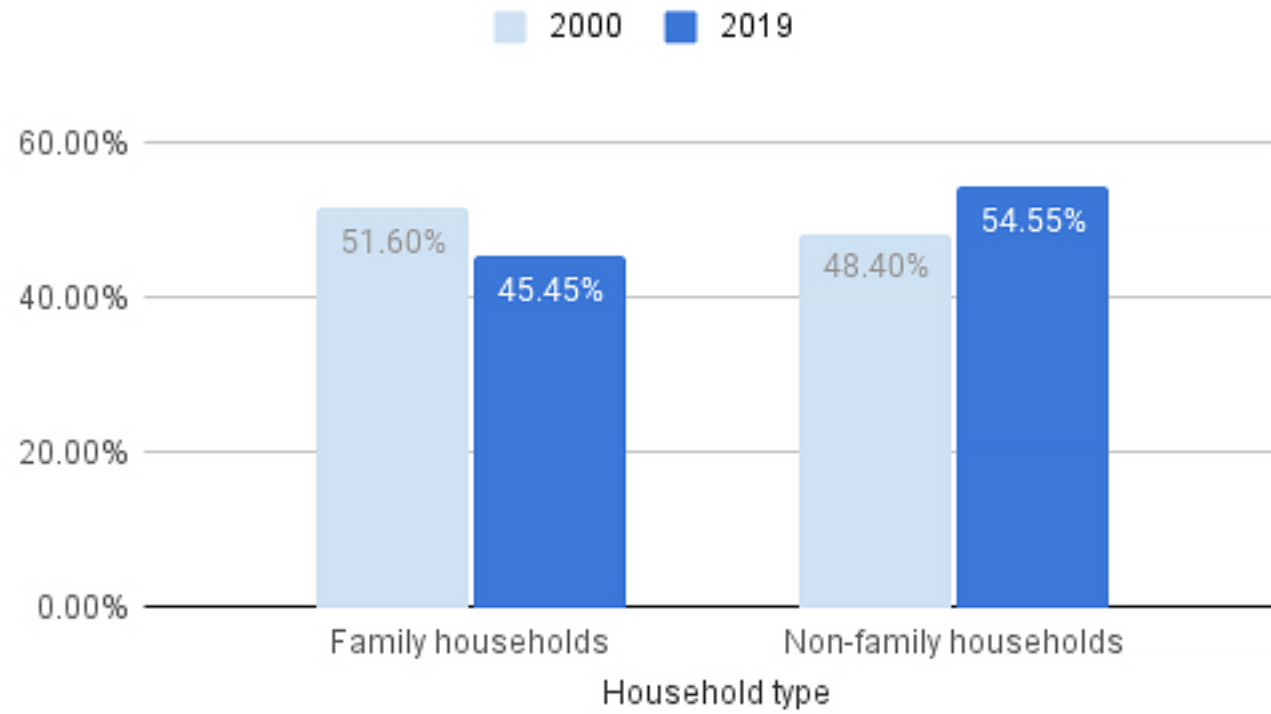




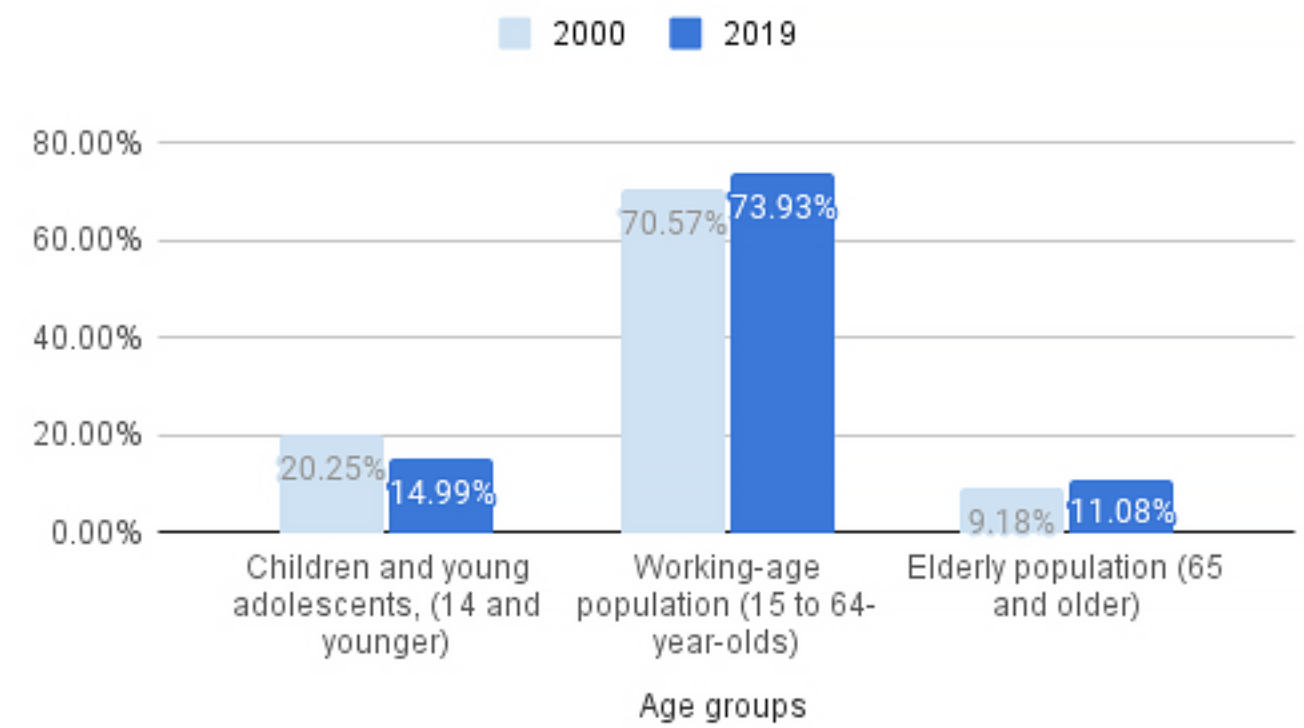
- Research Area
- Open Restaurant
- Green Space
- Community Districts



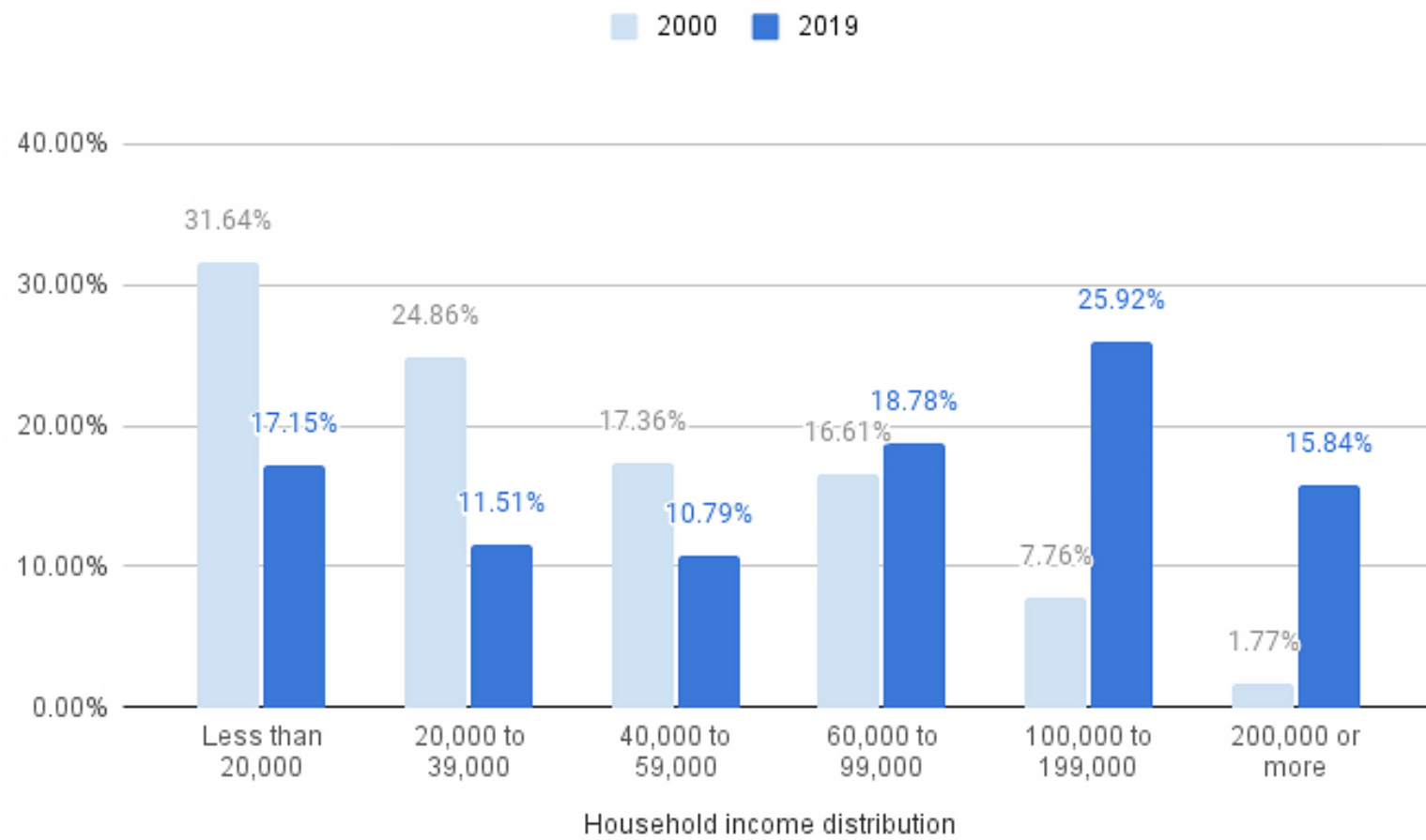
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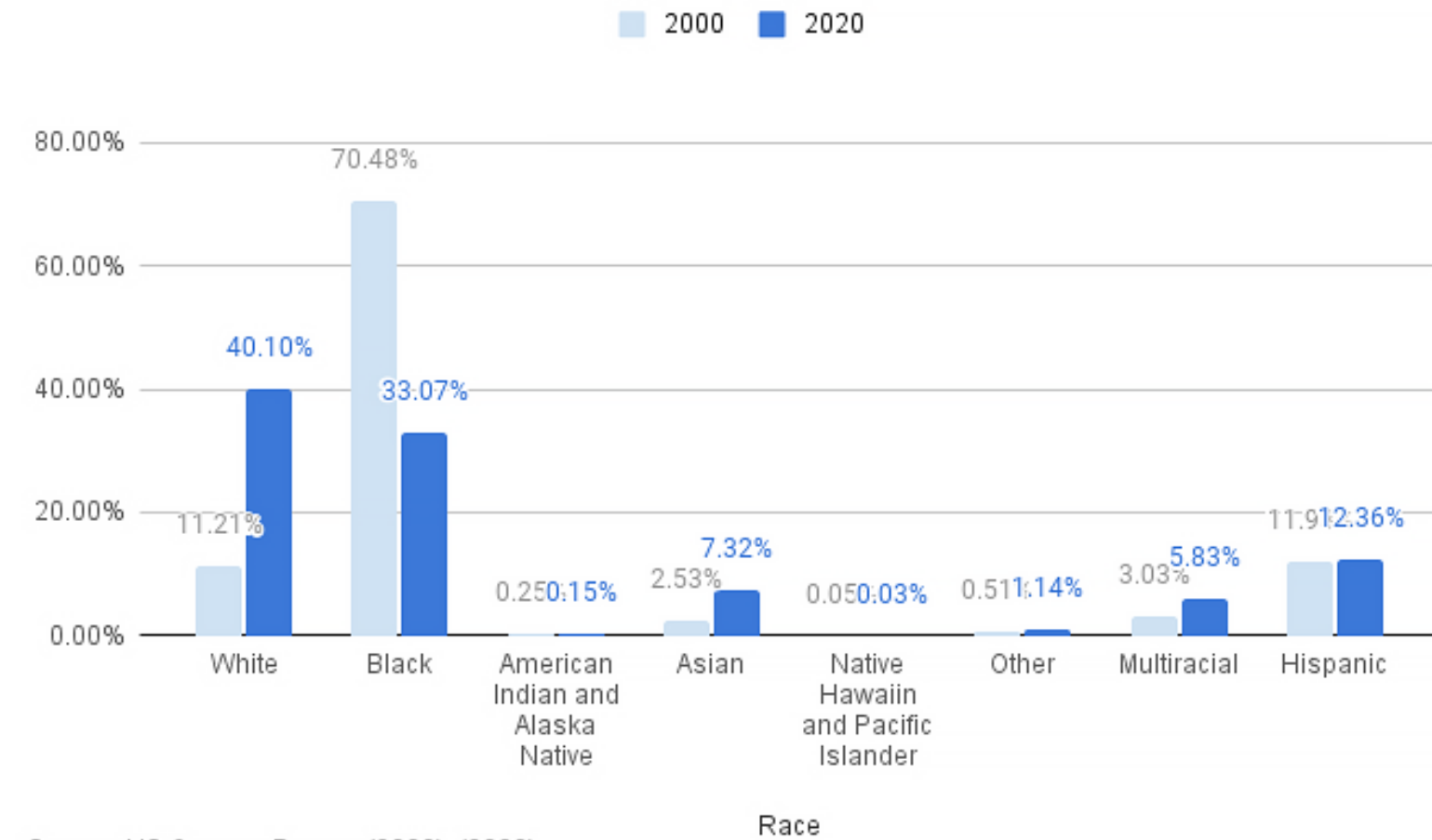
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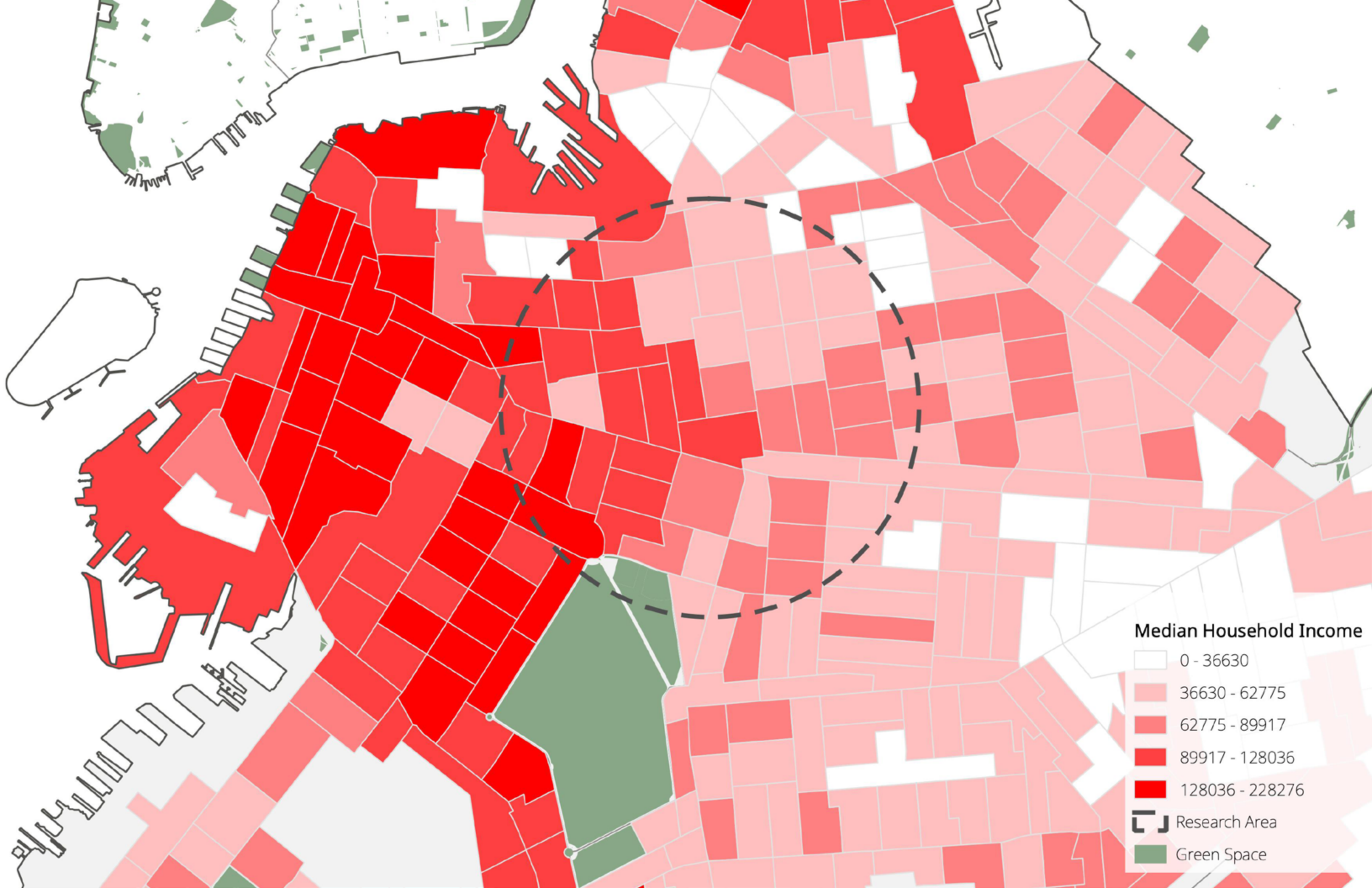


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**Median Household Income**

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Research Area

Green Space

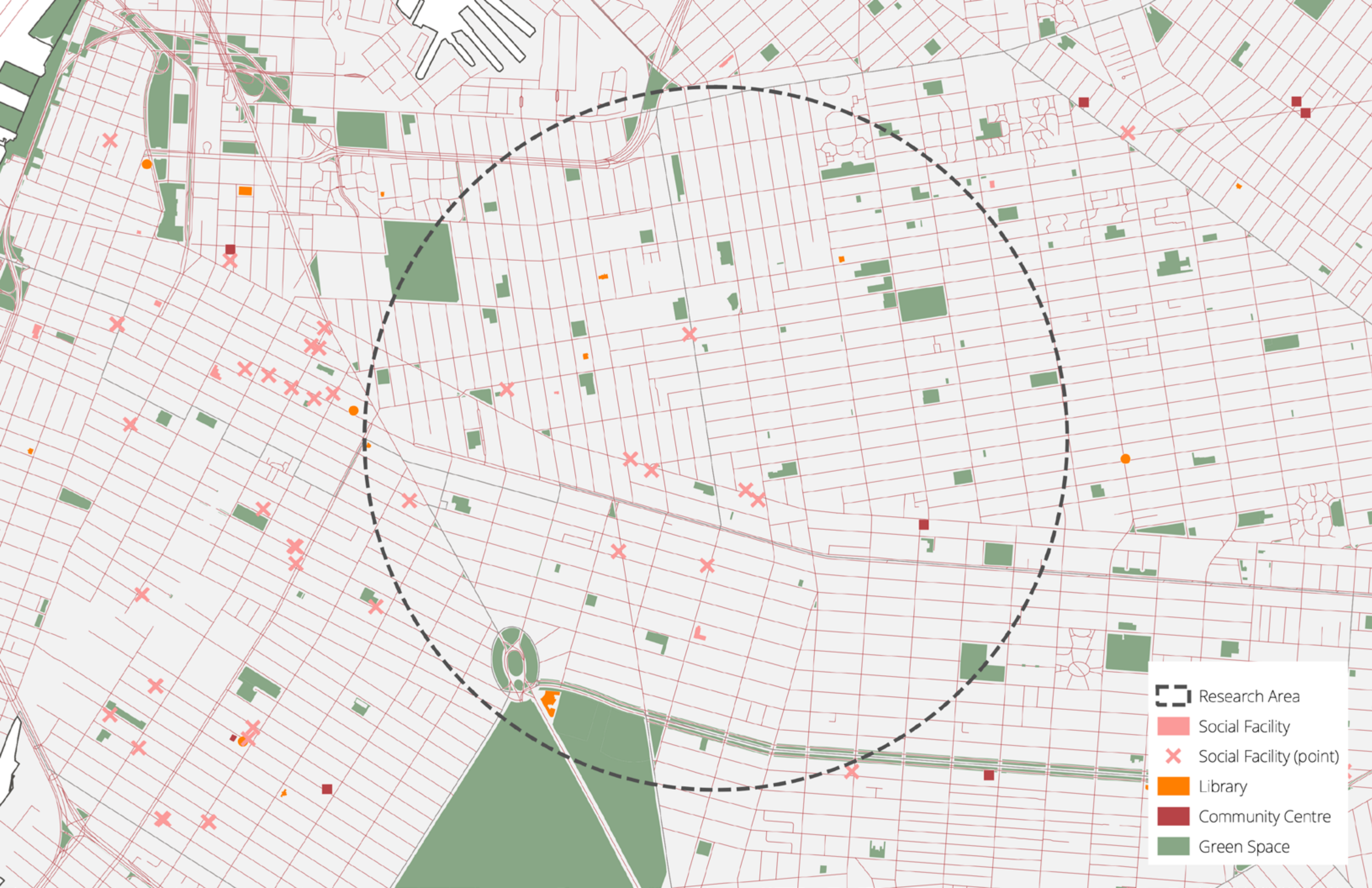


Public Space.



- Research Area
- Social Facility
- Social Facility (point)
- Library
- Community Centre
- Green Space



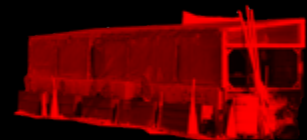
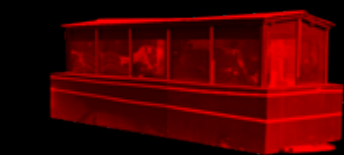
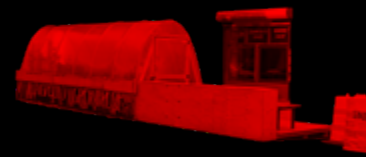
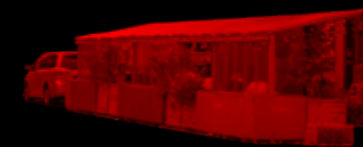
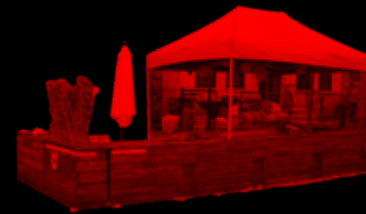
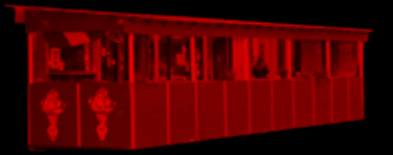
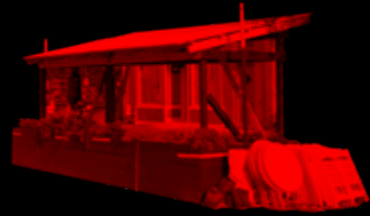




Survey.



Challenges.





Challenges.



Bedford Manor, 1177 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216.

Challenges.



Post Bar, 307 Clifton Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11216



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Dynaco, 1012 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216.



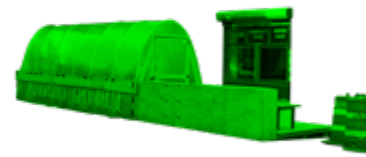
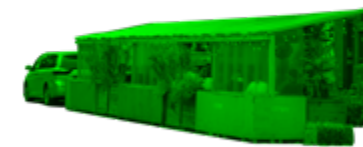
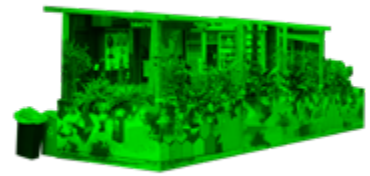
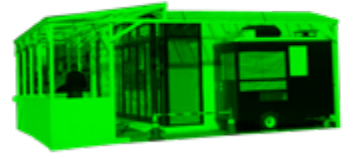
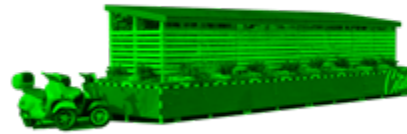
Challenges.



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Opportunities.



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Do or Dive Bar, 1108 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216.



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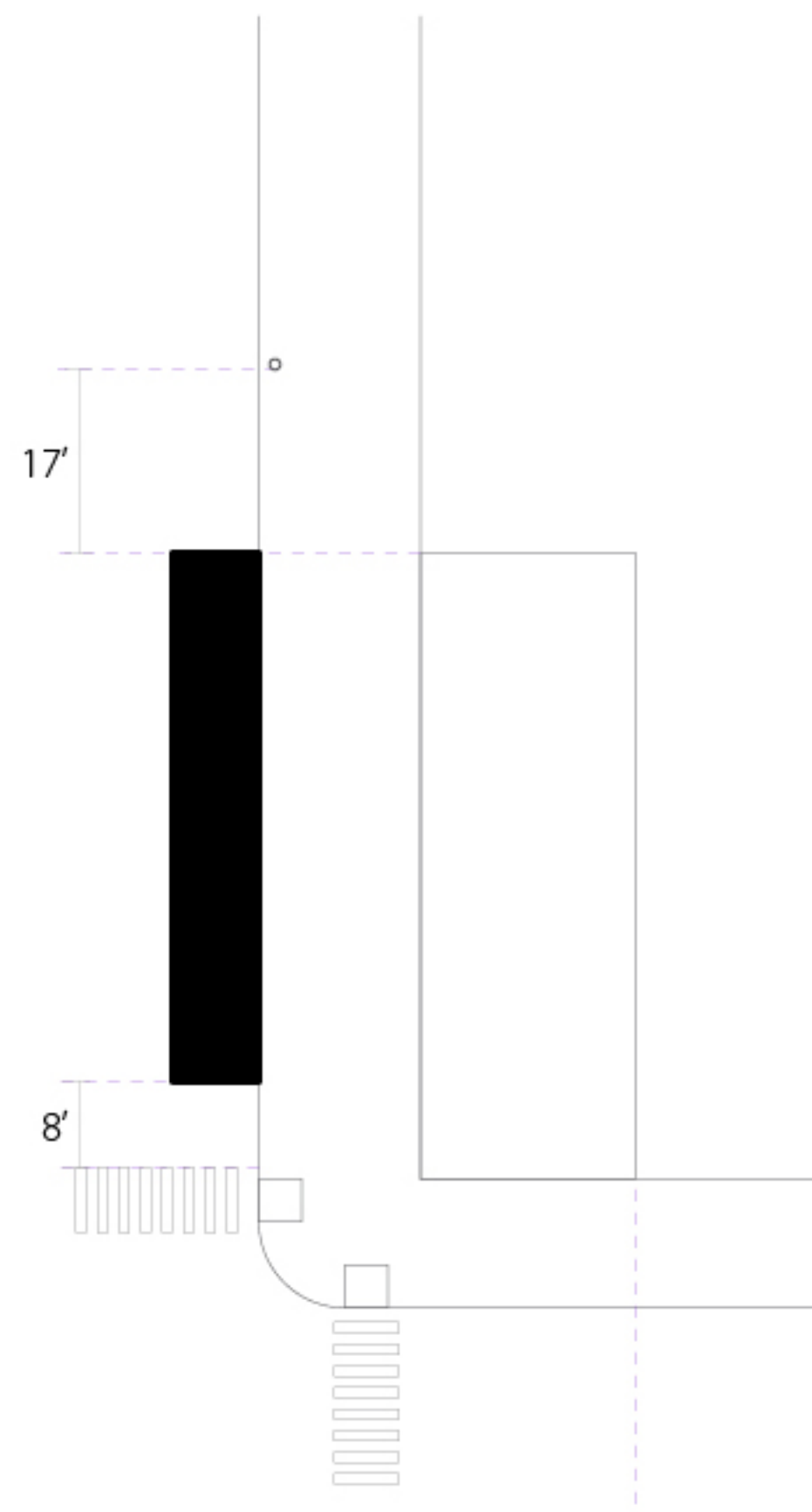
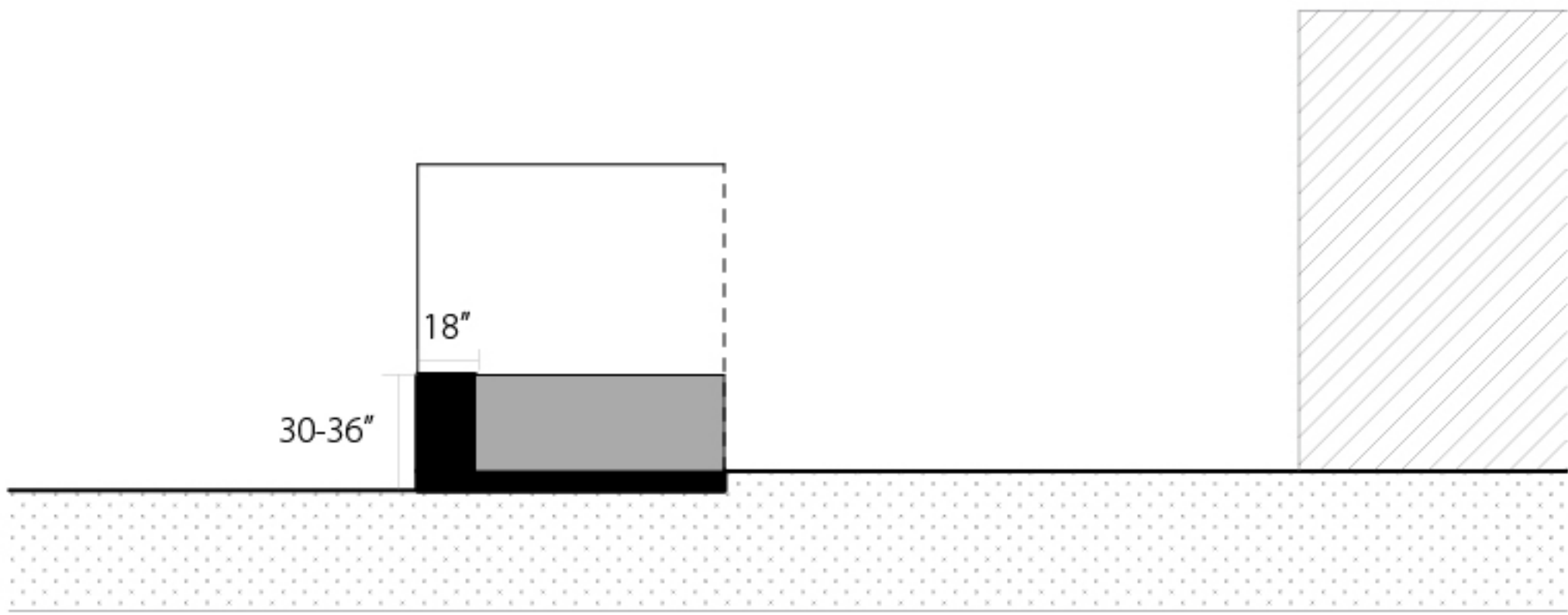
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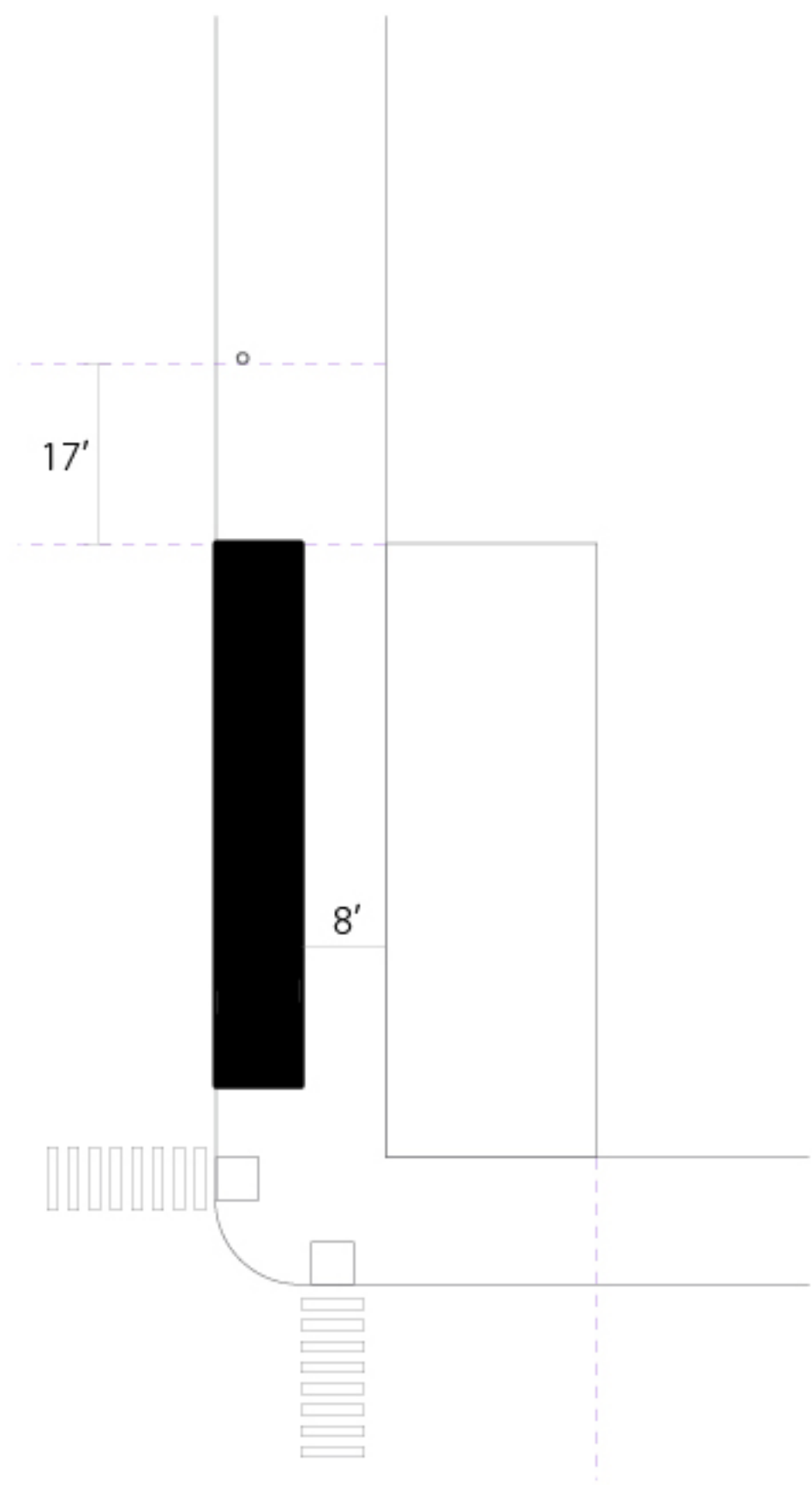
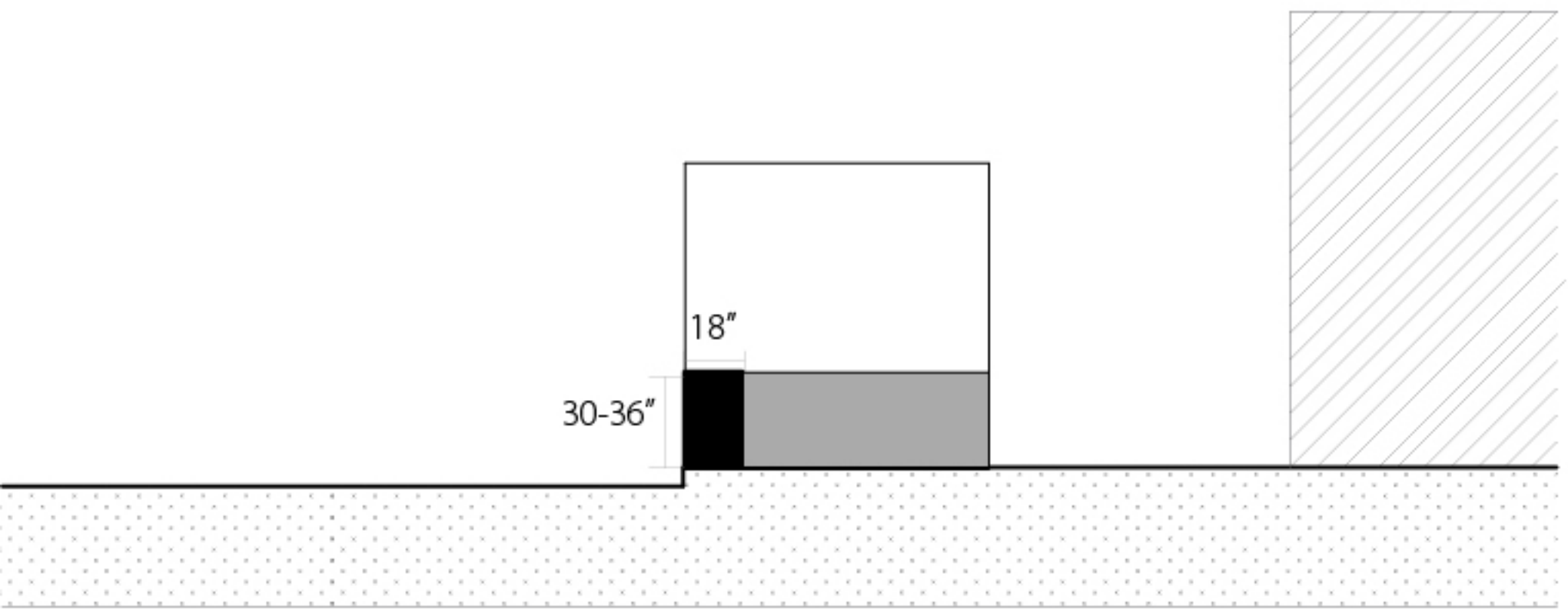
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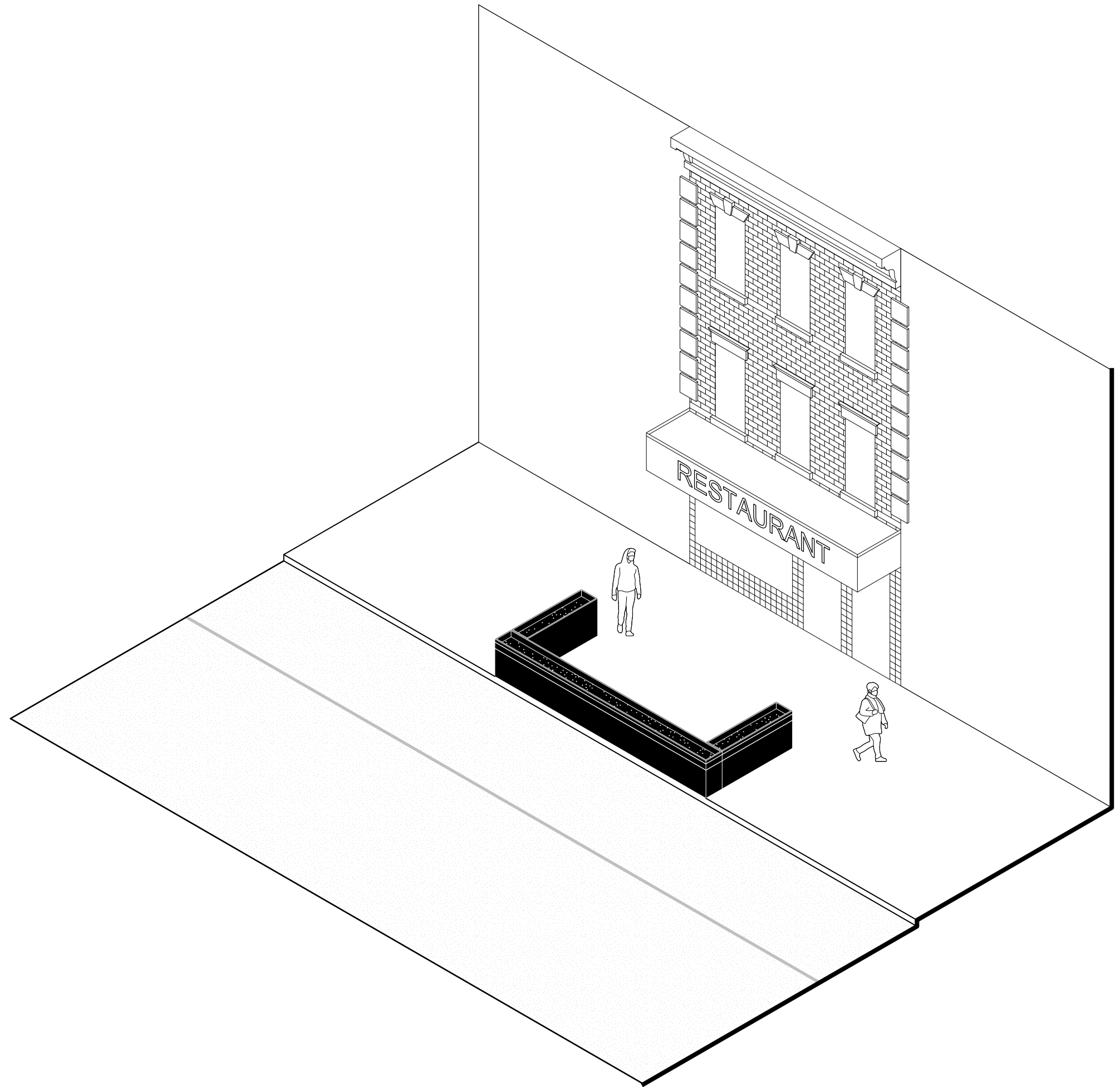
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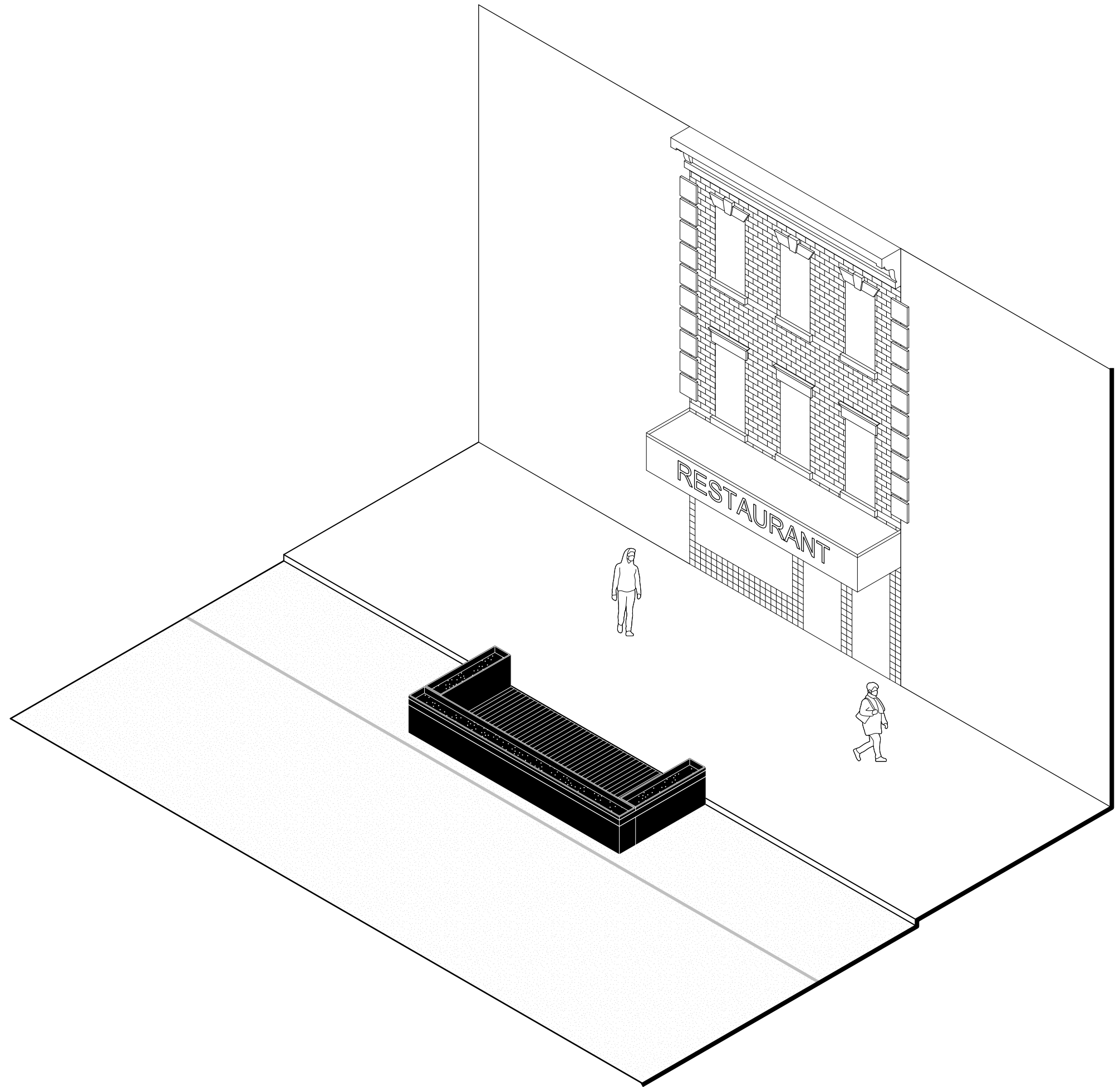




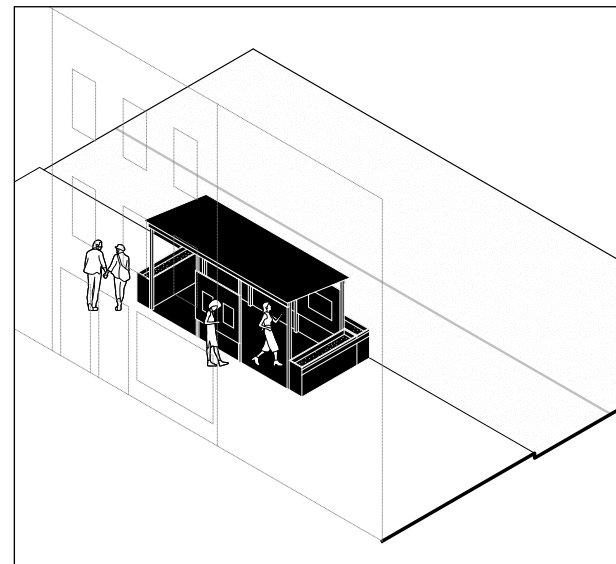
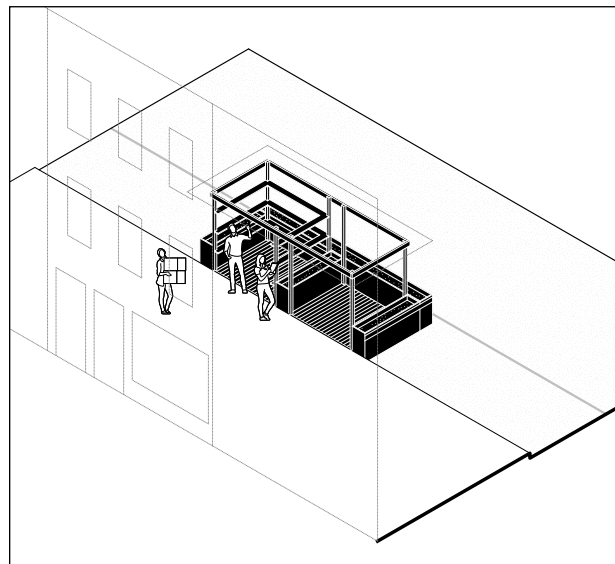
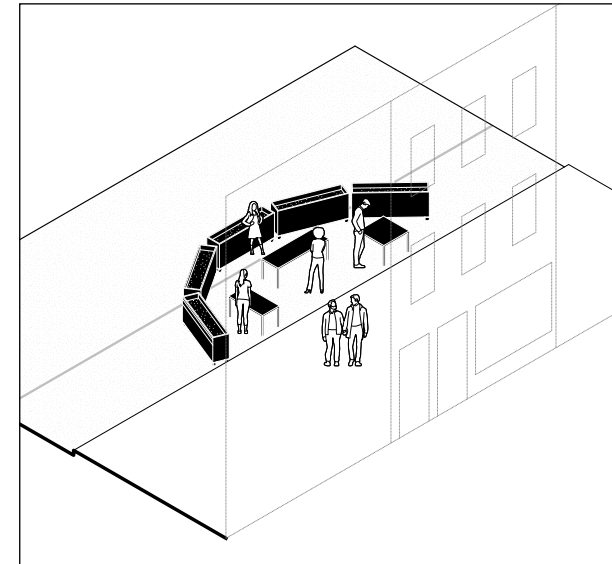
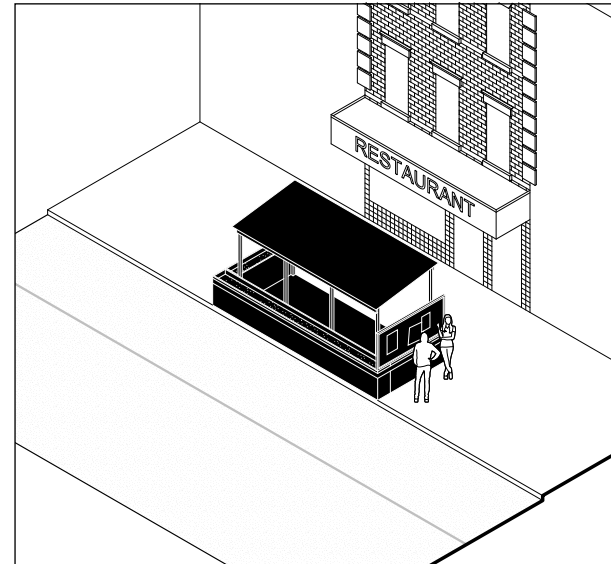
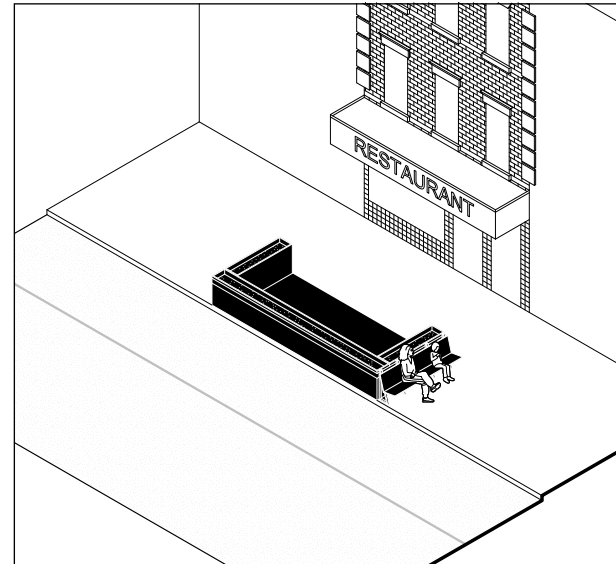
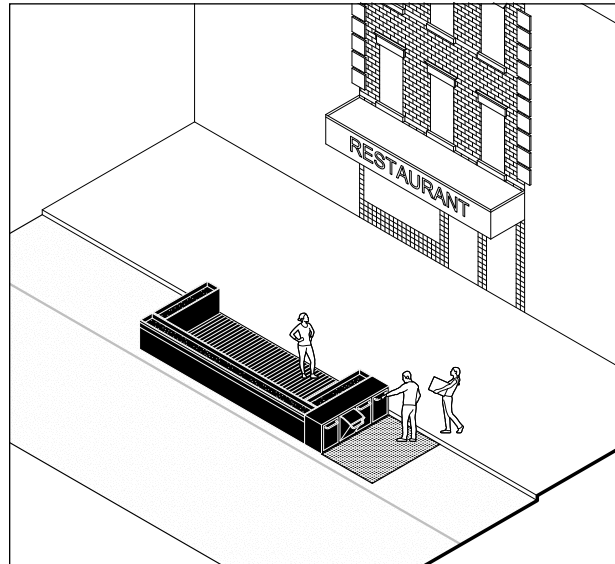
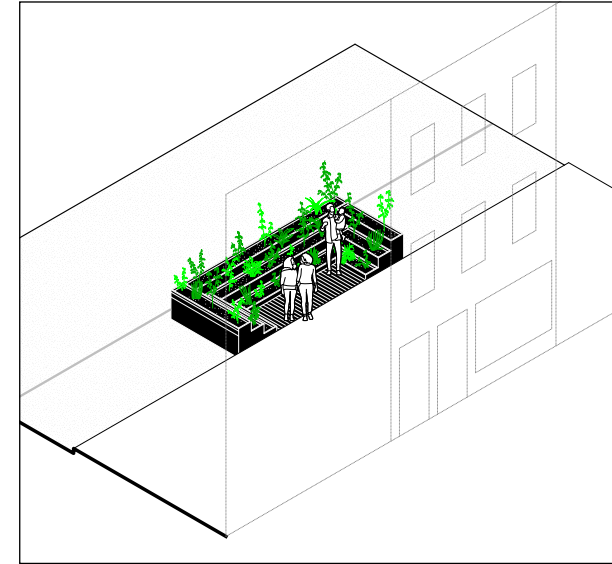
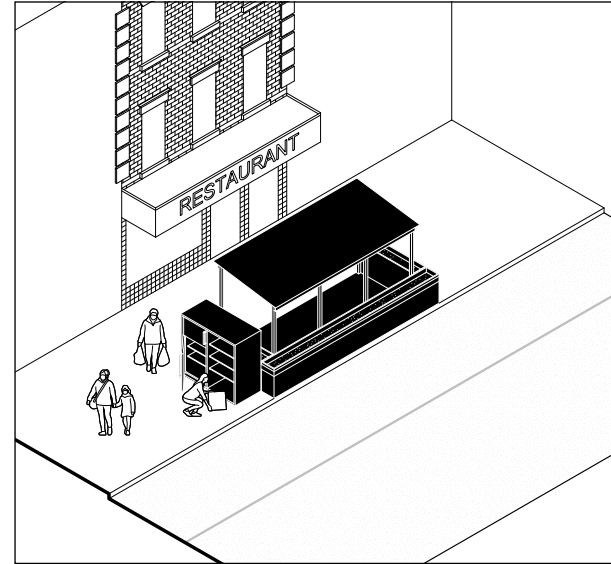
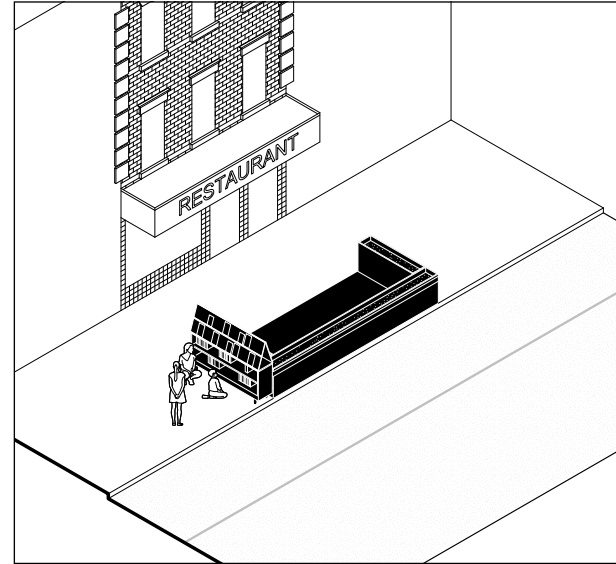
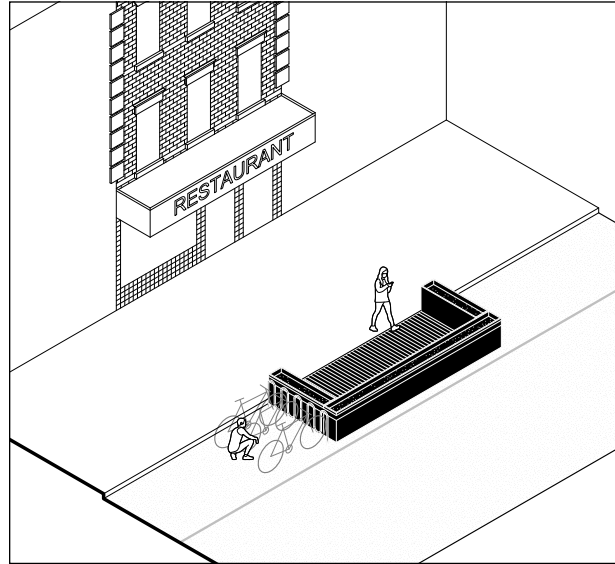
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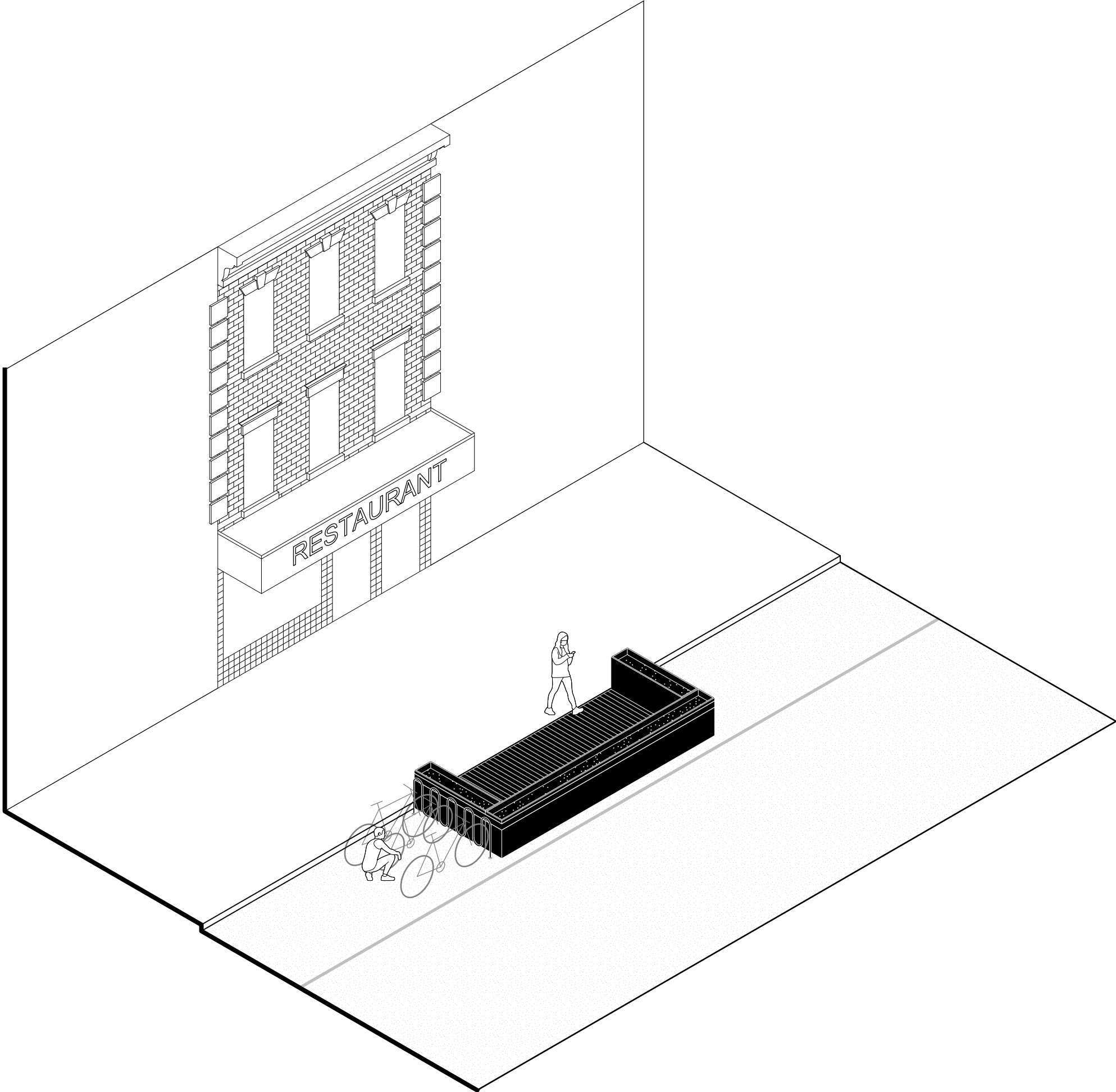
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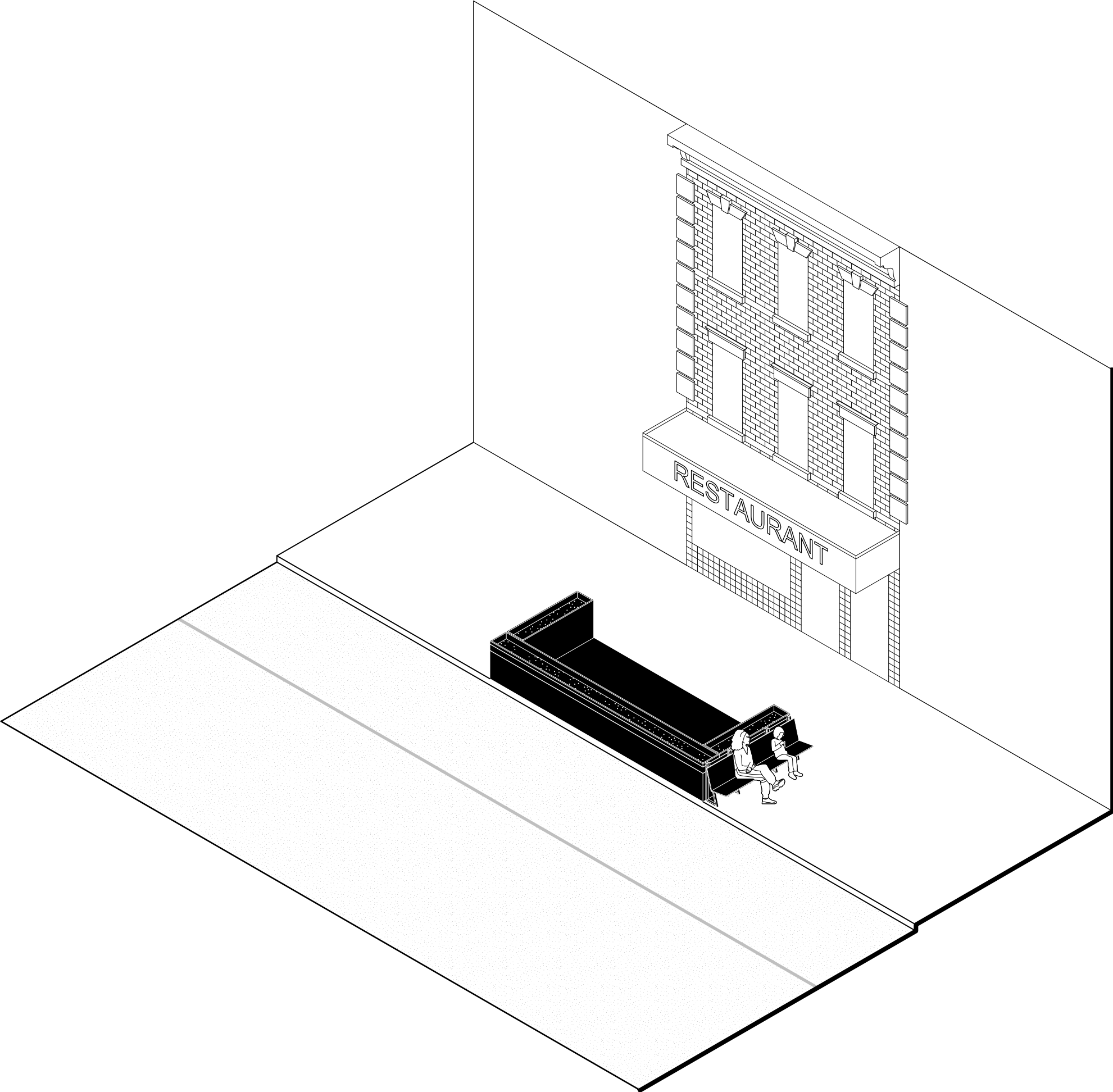
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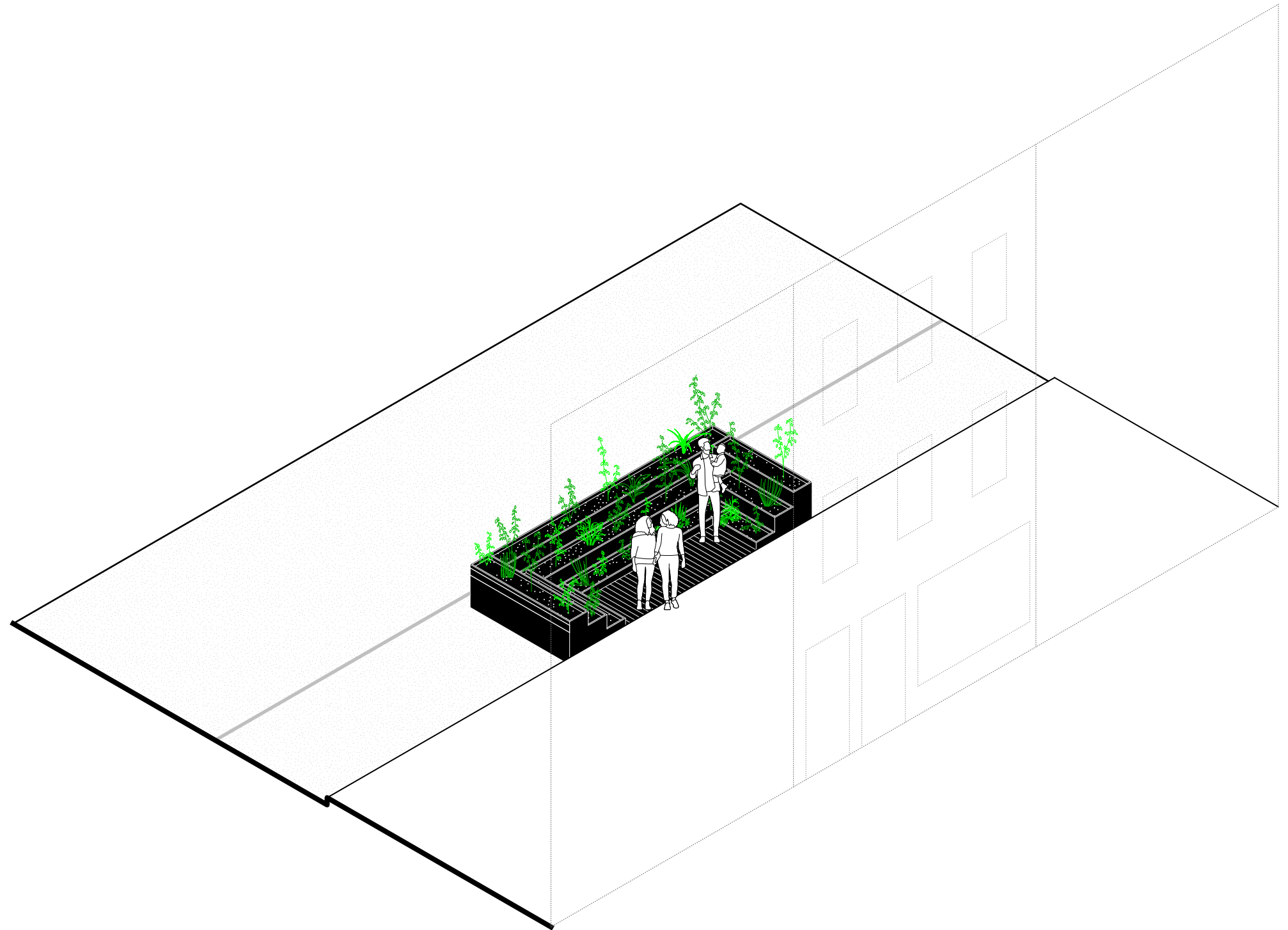
Bike Rack.



Public Seating.

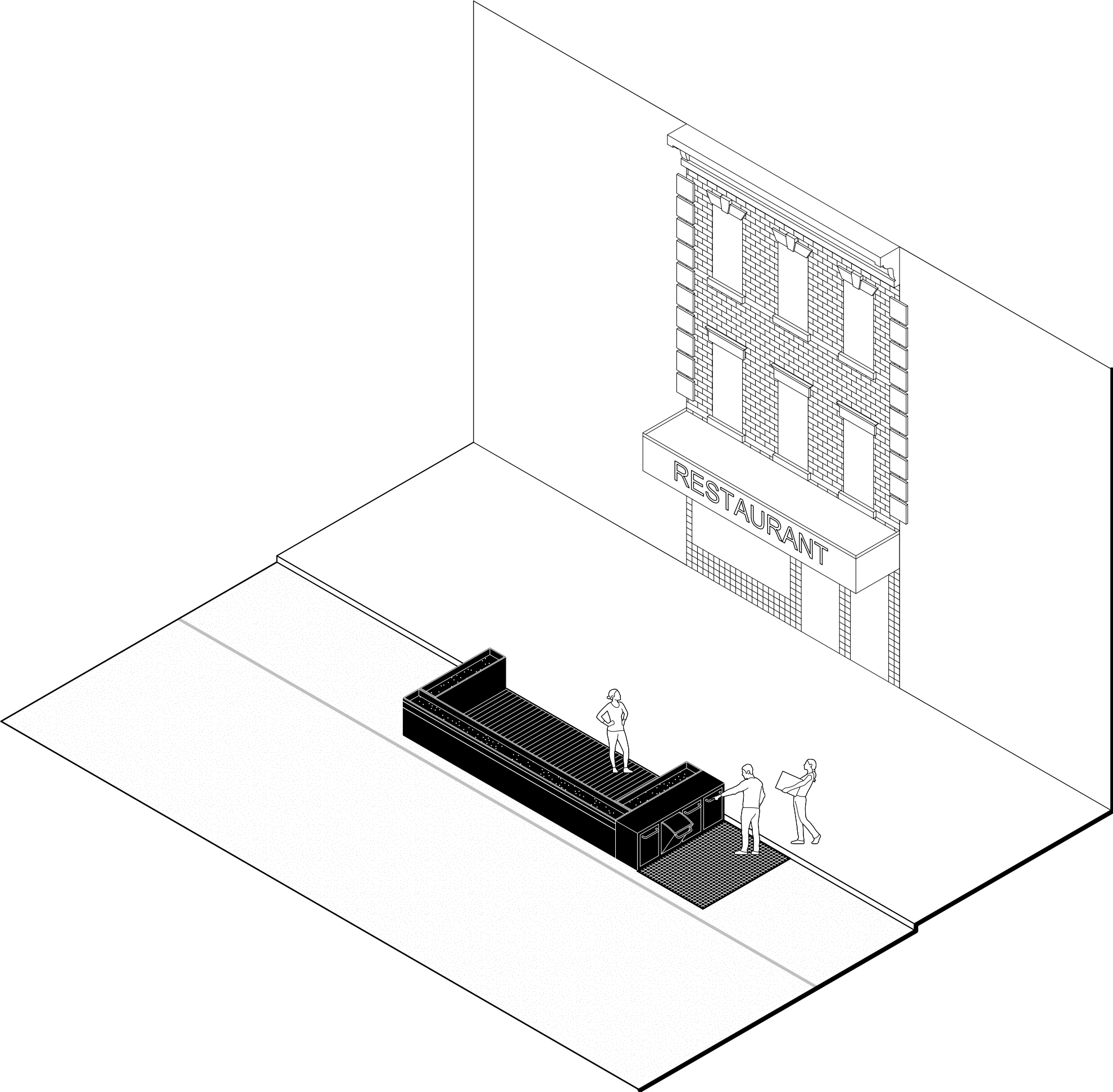


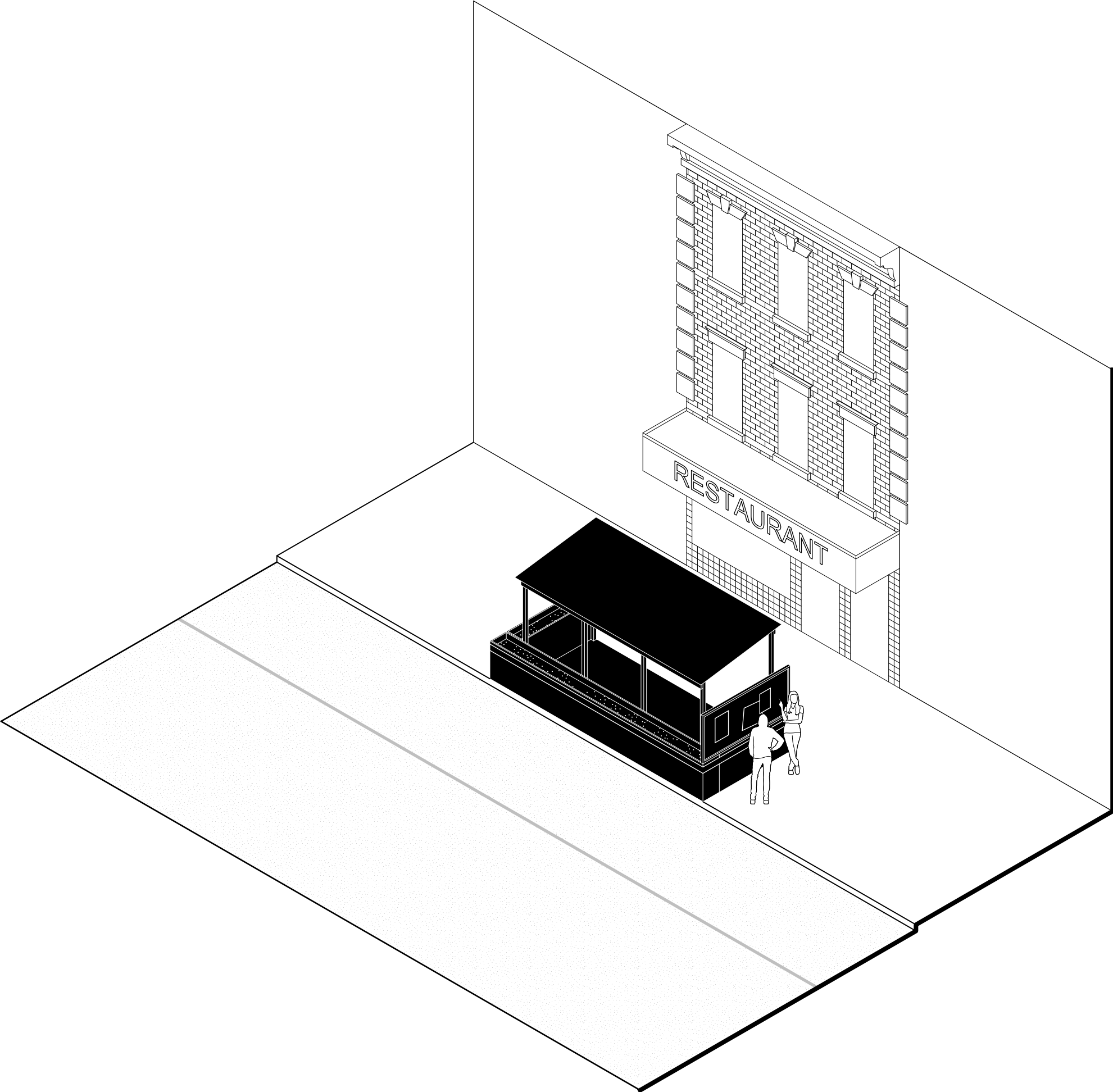
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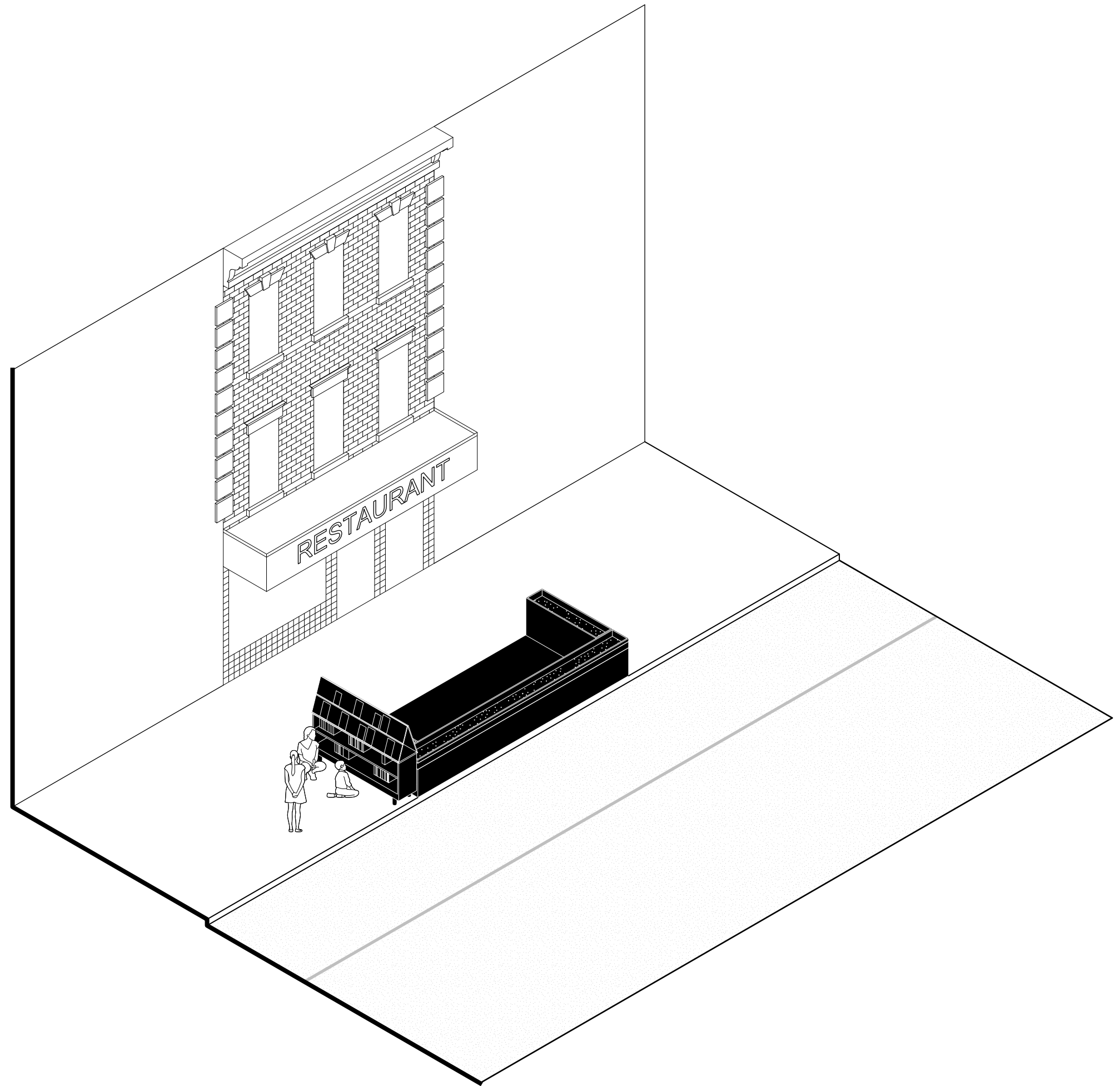


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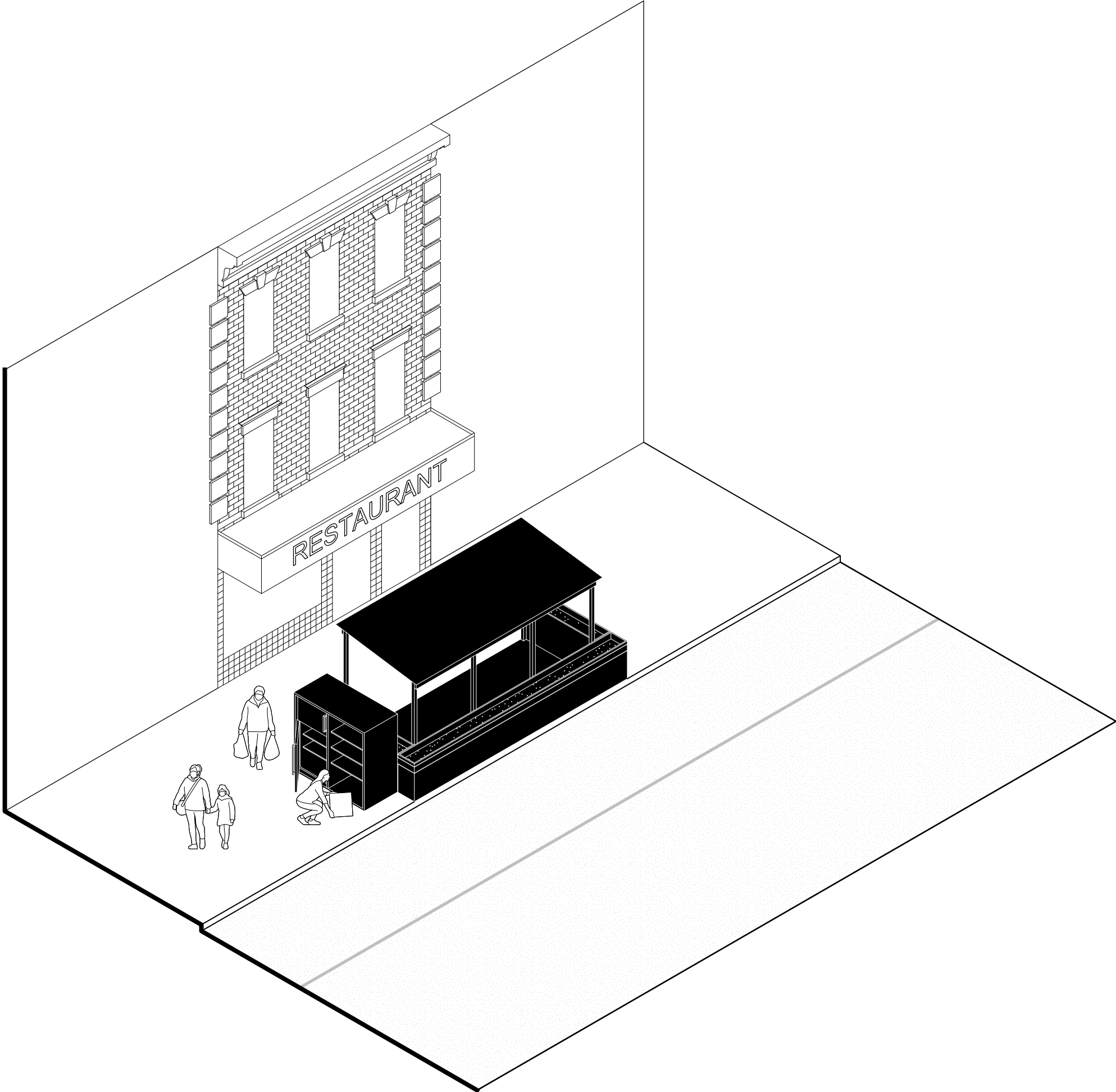




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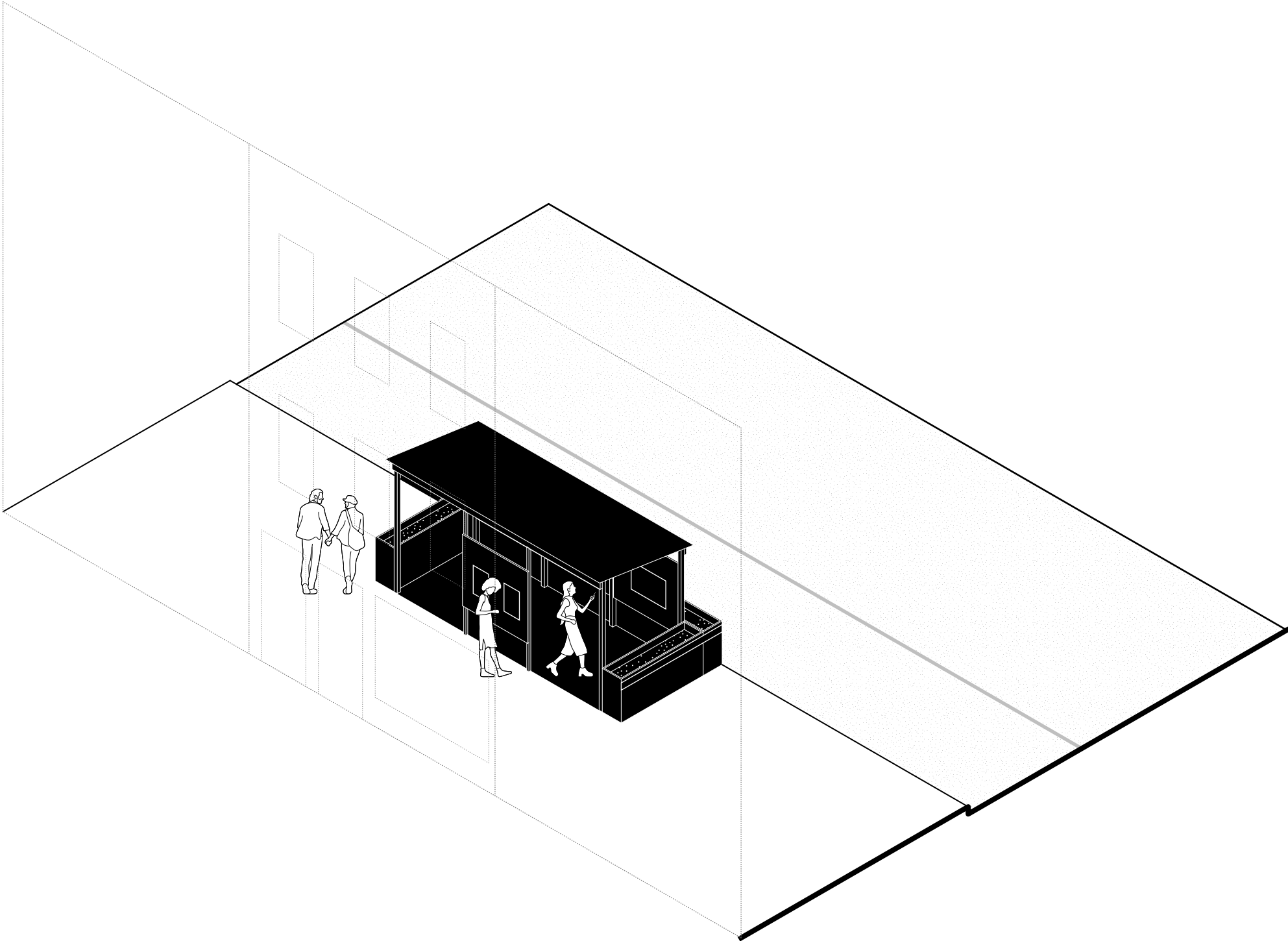


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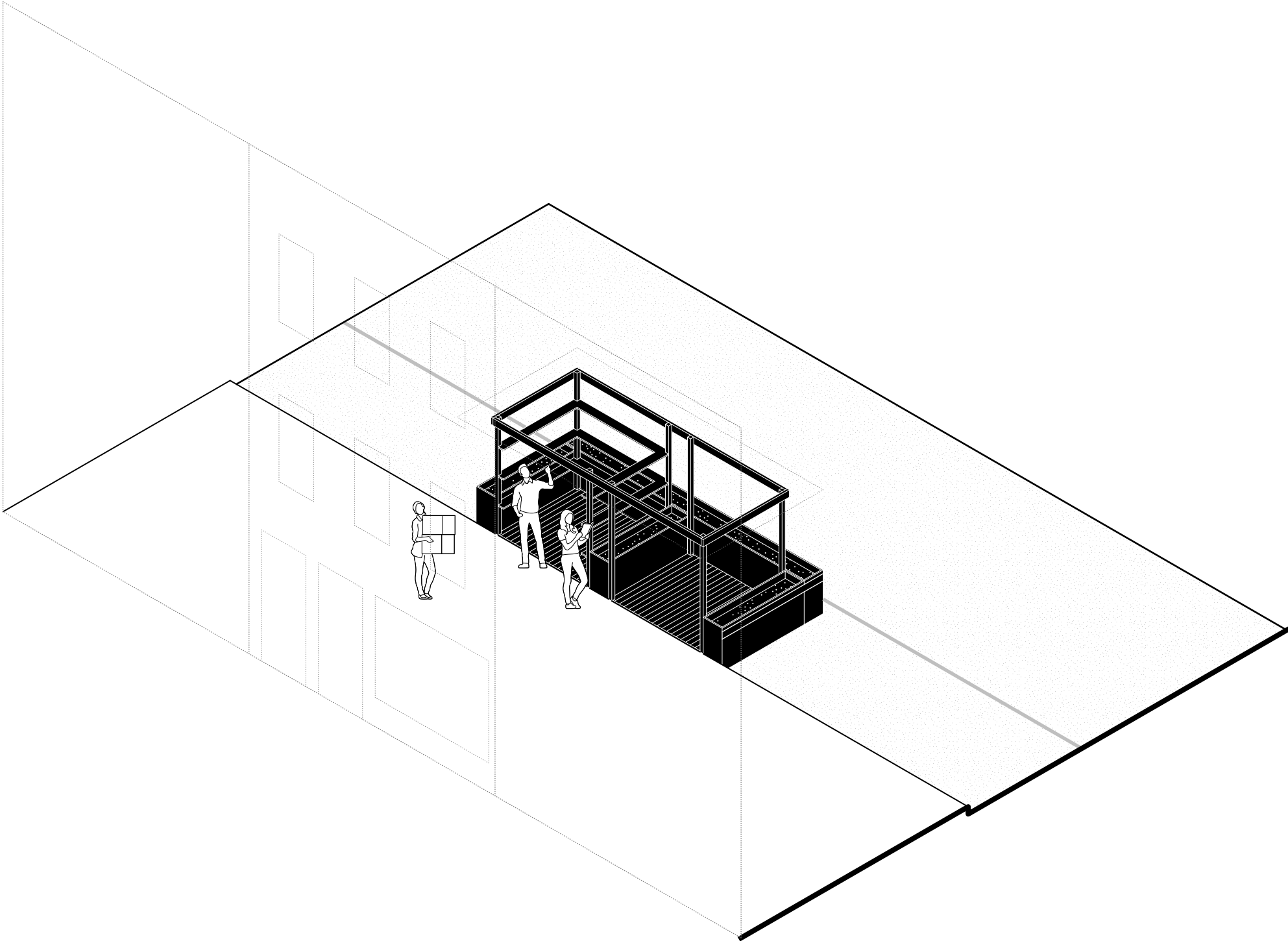




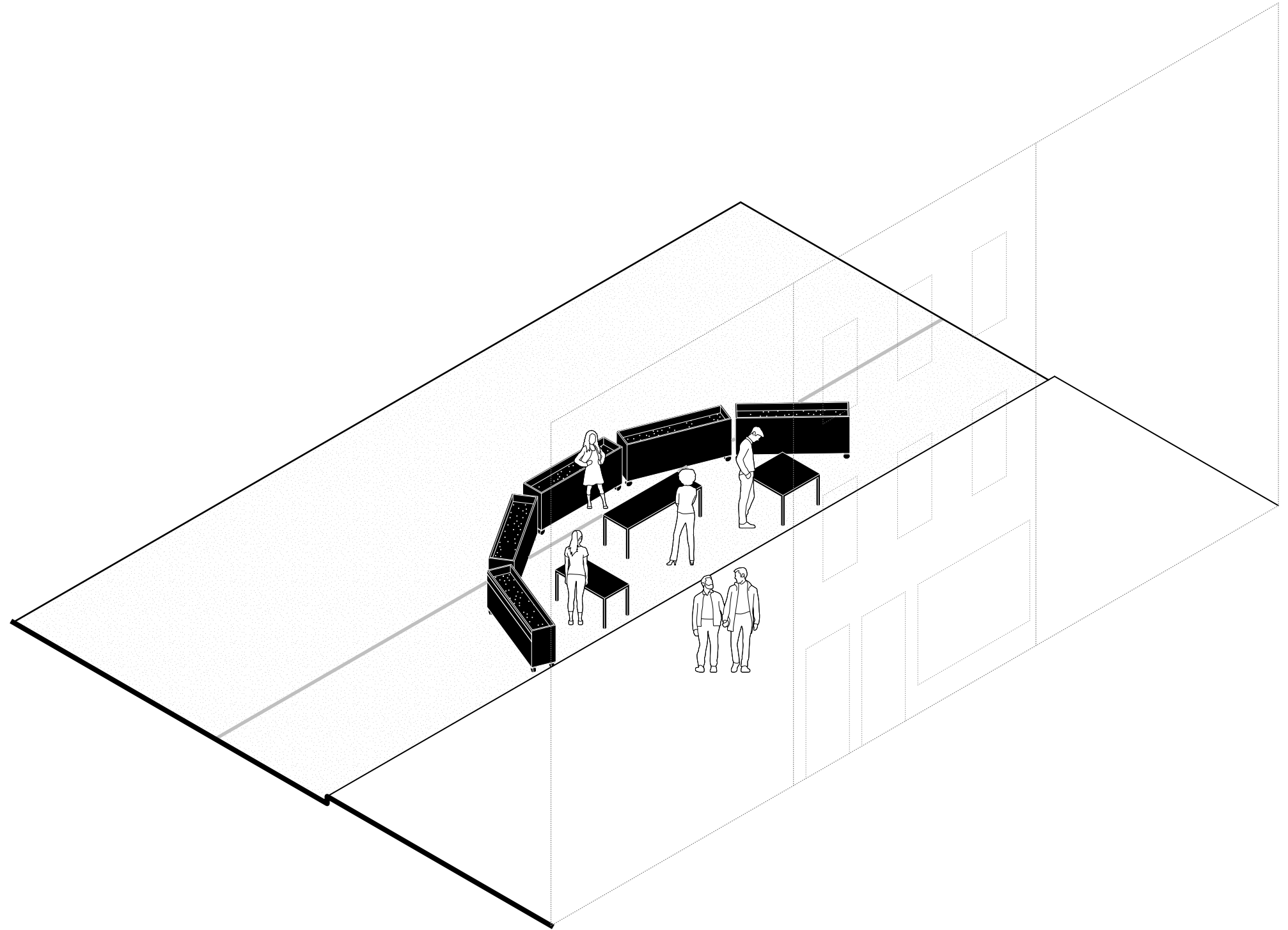
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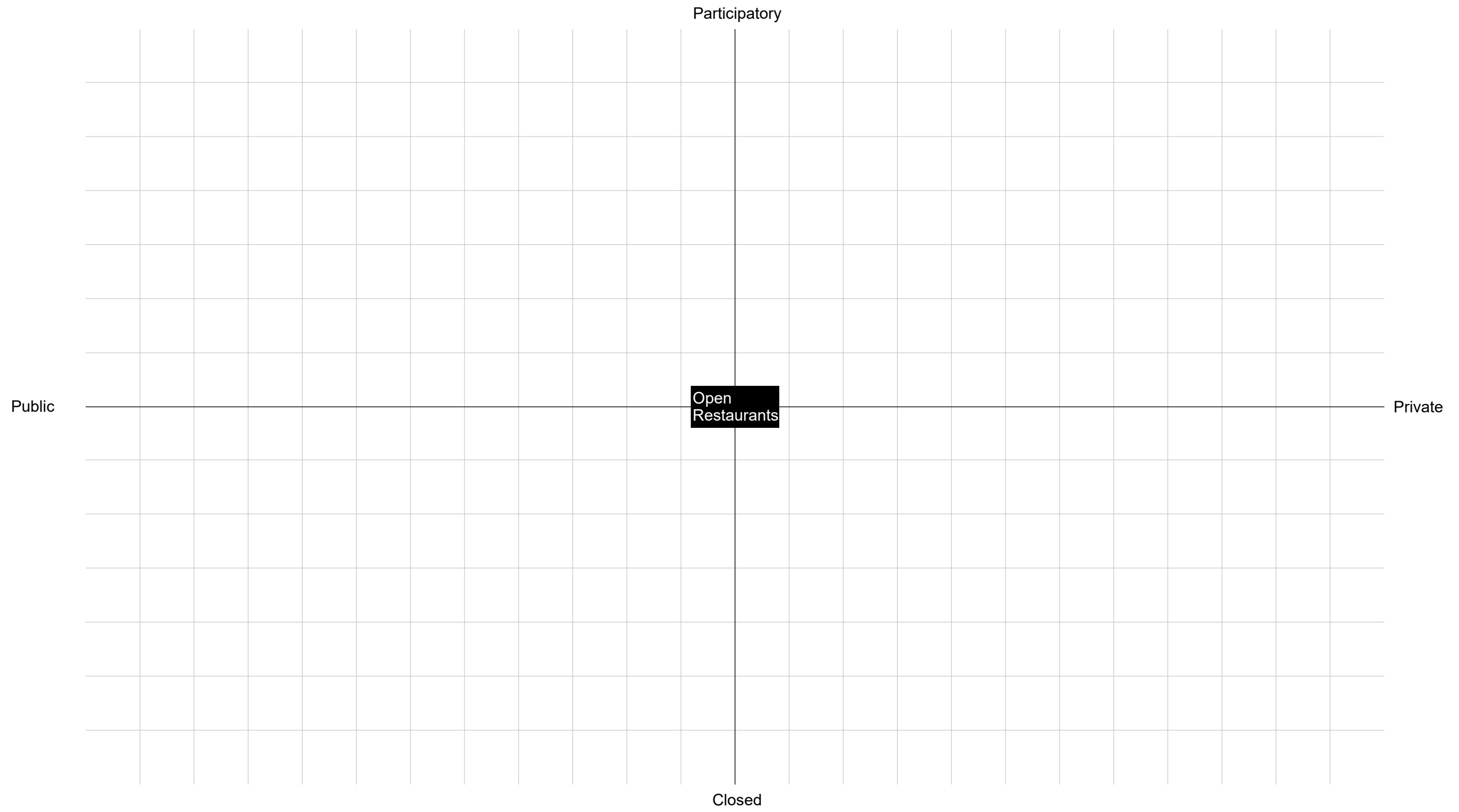


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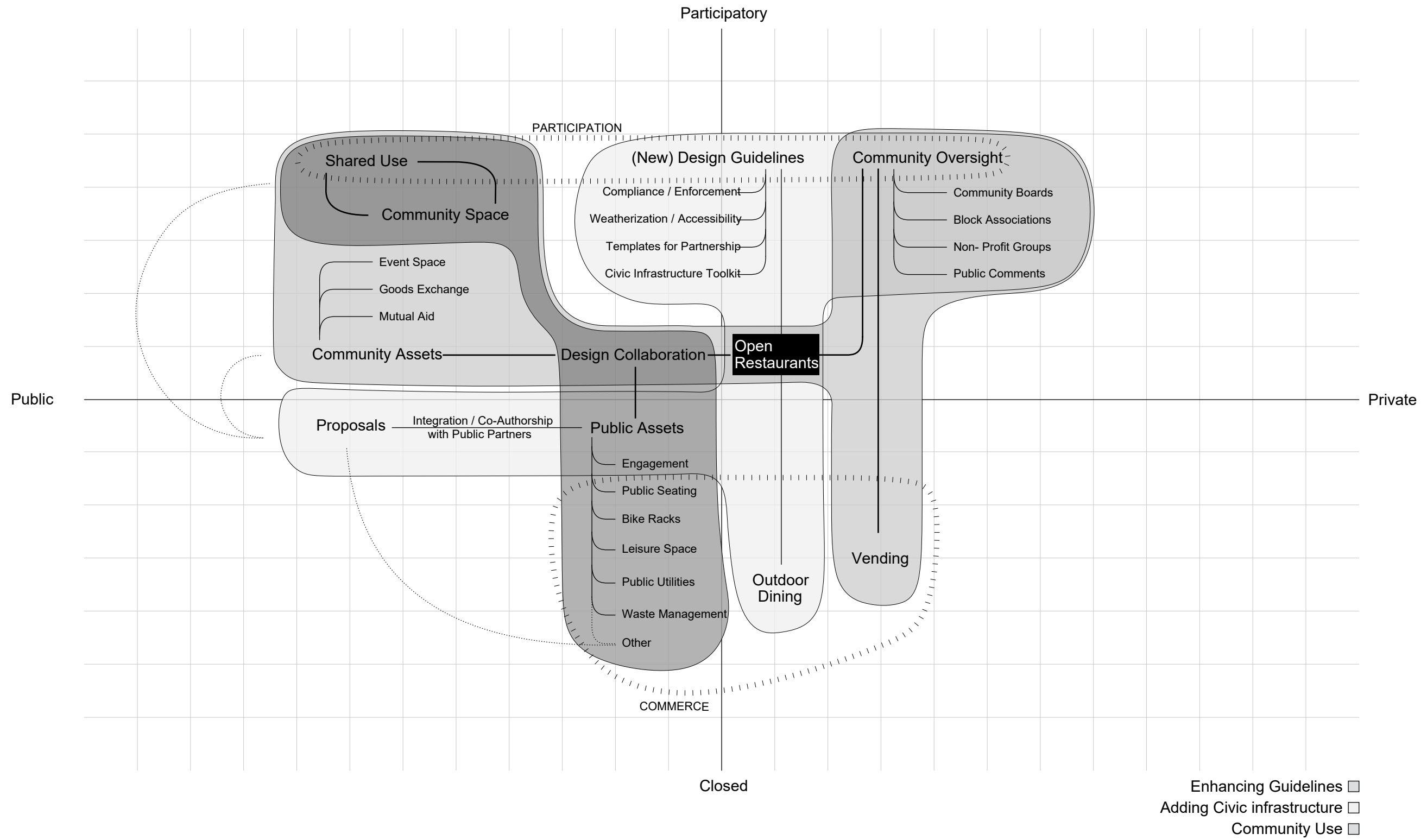


Project Drivers.

01 Enhancing Open Restaurants Guidelines.

02 Adding Civic infrastructure.

03 Framework for Community Use.





Partners.

01 Government / City Agencies

- Department of Transportation
- New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
- The New York Public Library
- New York City Department of Education
- New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

02 Mutual aid and Non-profit organizations.

03 Community Organizers.

04 Faith Leaders.

05 Business Improvement Districts.





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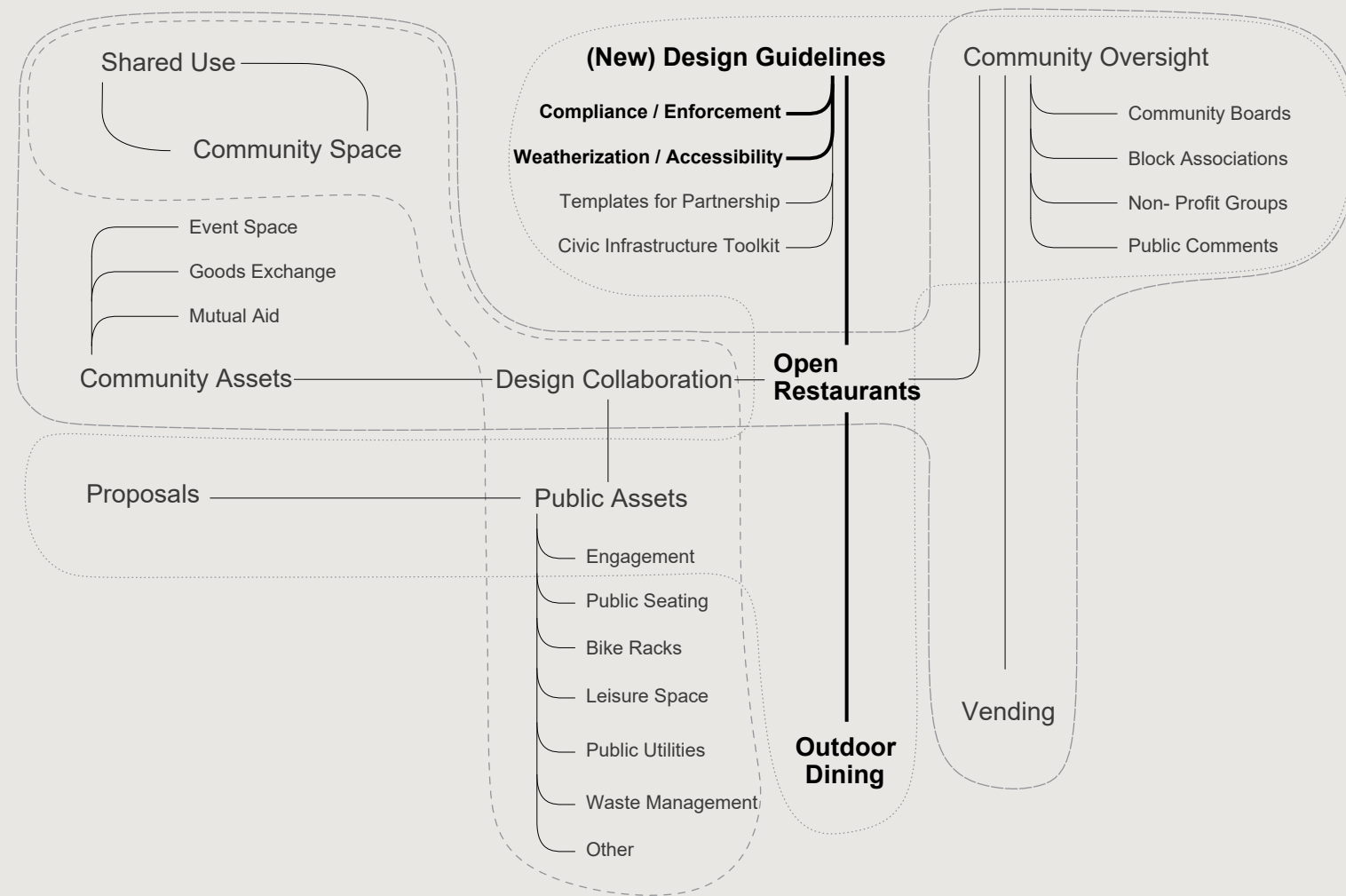
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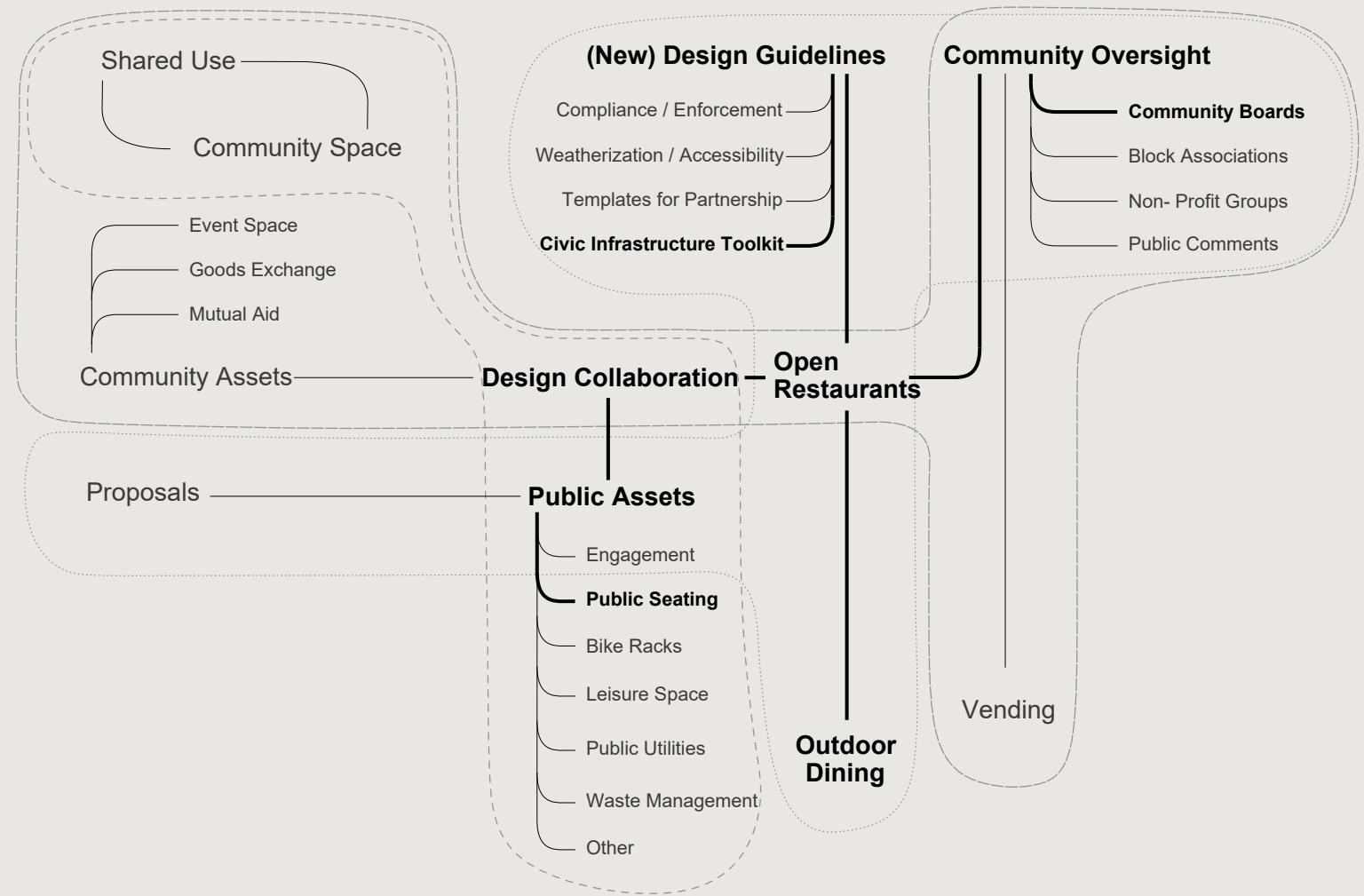
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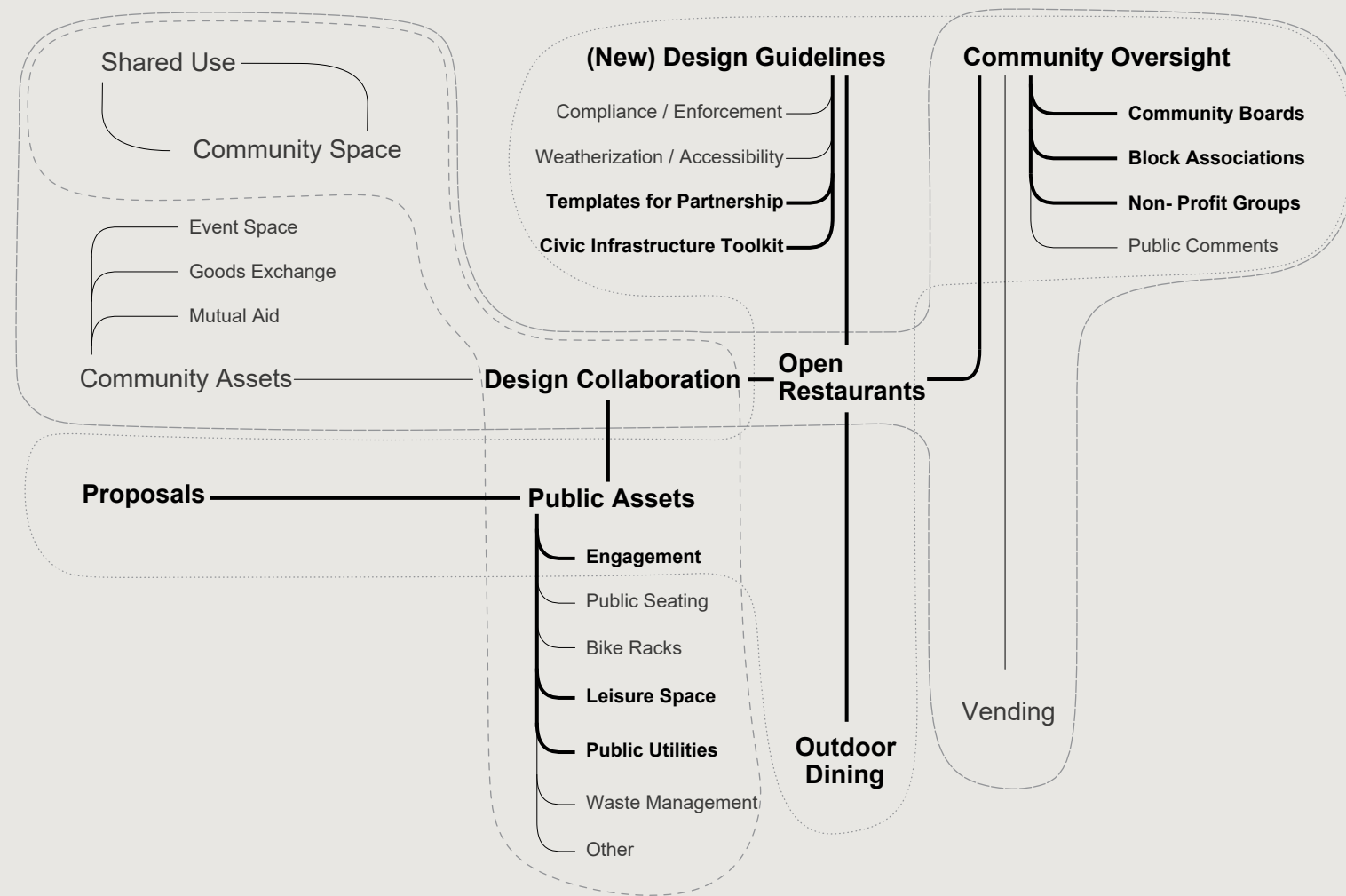
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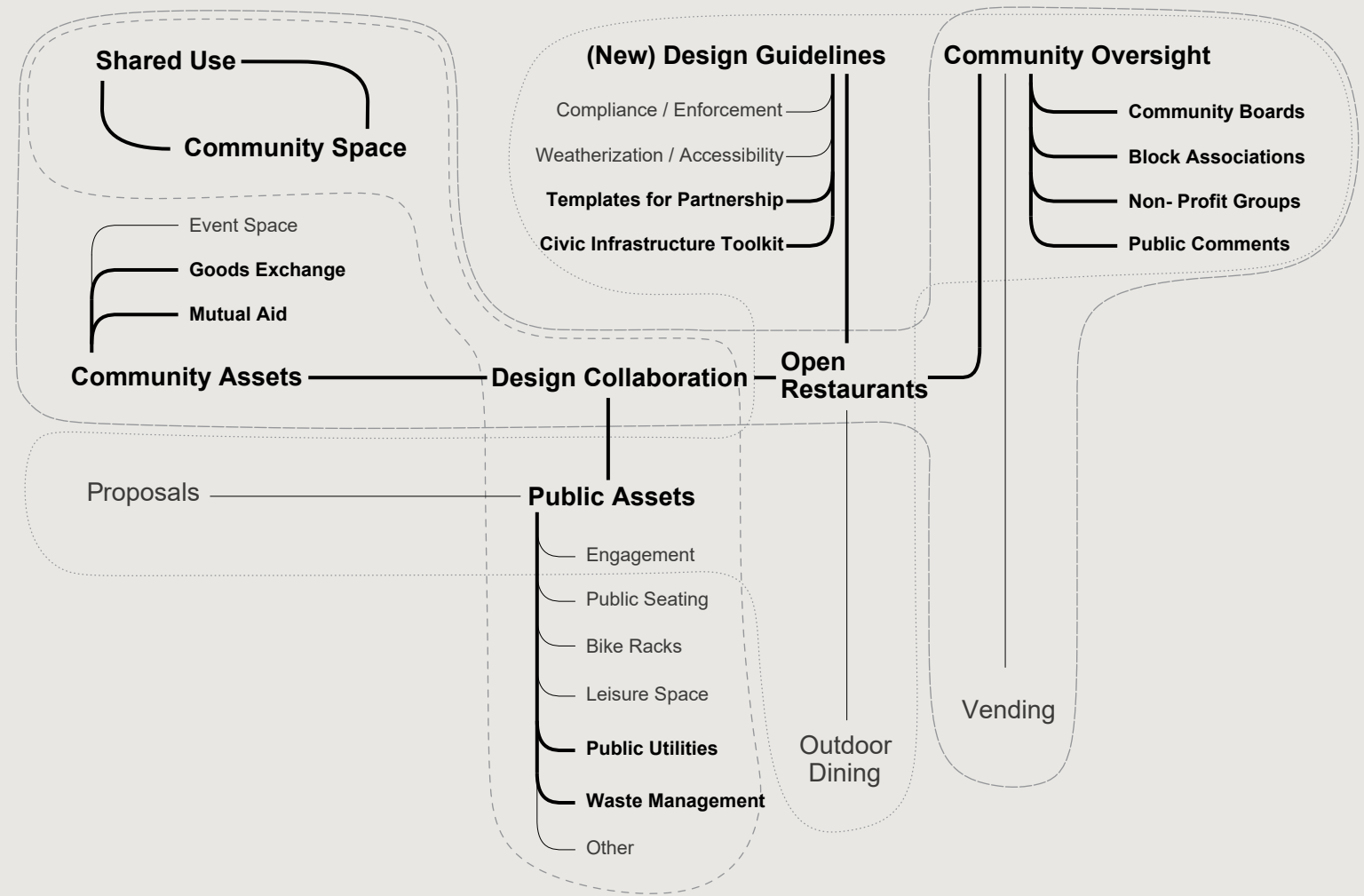
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# Free Store Pop-Up





Outstanding Questions.

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- 01 How to address the critique of taking over parking spaces?
- 02 How do we study and resolve the clashes between Open Restaurants and existing infrastructure and who is the appropriate agency or stakeholder to hold veto power over new structures?
- 03 How to parameter the process of public feedback to encourage discussion whilst mitigating the eventual NIMBYism that might arise with more public scrutiny?
- 04 How does increasing the regulatory burden of expanded guidelines affect the flexibility and usefulness of the Open Restaurant program?