

PREFERRED DESIGN CONCEPT



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Water Park, Arlington, VA.
Image Credit: L.F. Jennings

ZONING DIAGRAM



The following concept for the **Centennial Park Food and Activity Hub** organizes improvements around three complementary waterfront experiences: **Dance, Dine, and Play.**

Zone A – Dance: made up of flexible waterfront spaces designed for events, music, and community gatherings.

Zone B – Dine: a vibrant commerce, food, and dining area that celebrates local food culture on the waterfront.

Zone C – Play: a family-focused activity area with opportunities for recreation, informal play, and relaxing by the water.

Together, these areas will create a lively and welcoming destination that supports everyday park use while providing space for food, activity, and community gathering and events.



CONCEPT PLAN - THE MARKET GROVE



“The Market Grove is a flexible, open-air market experience nestled under park trees. Rotating food trucks, kiosks, and modular vendor stalls create a lively, ever-changing destination that moves with the seasons.”

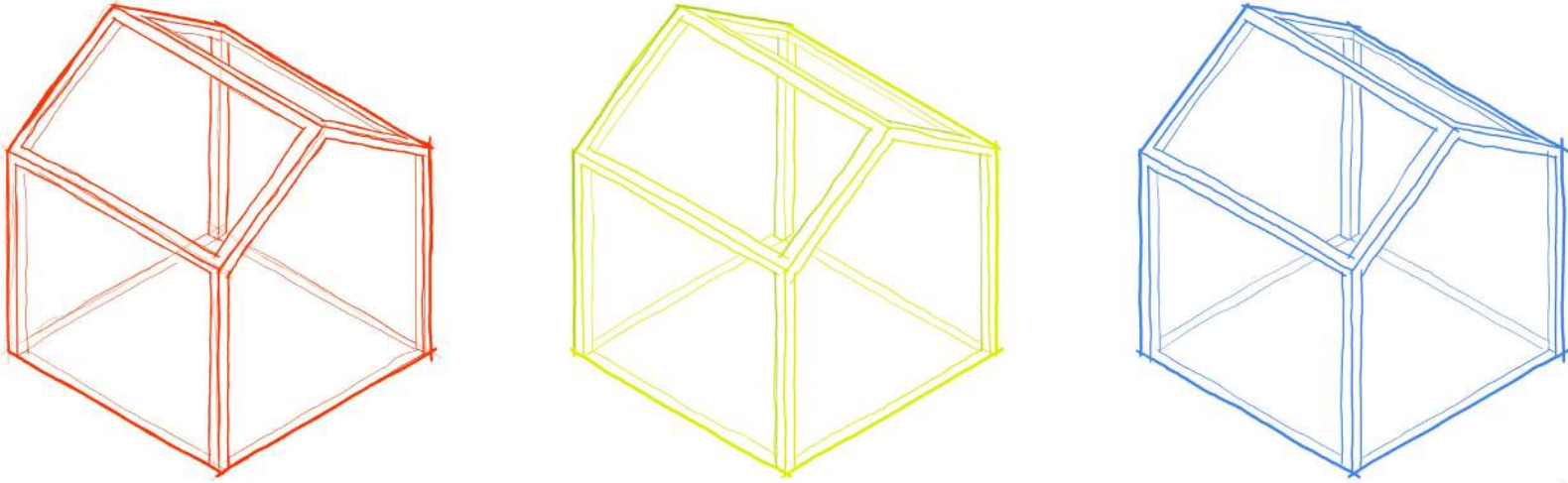
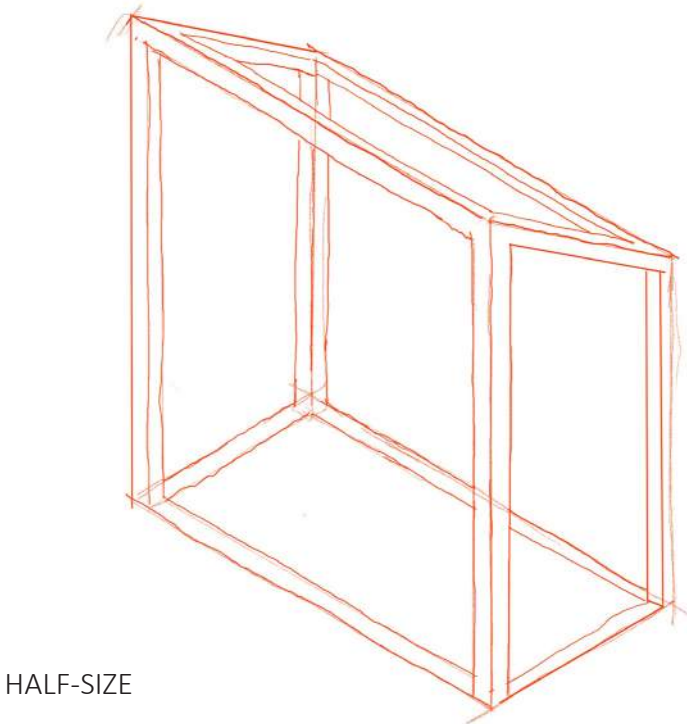
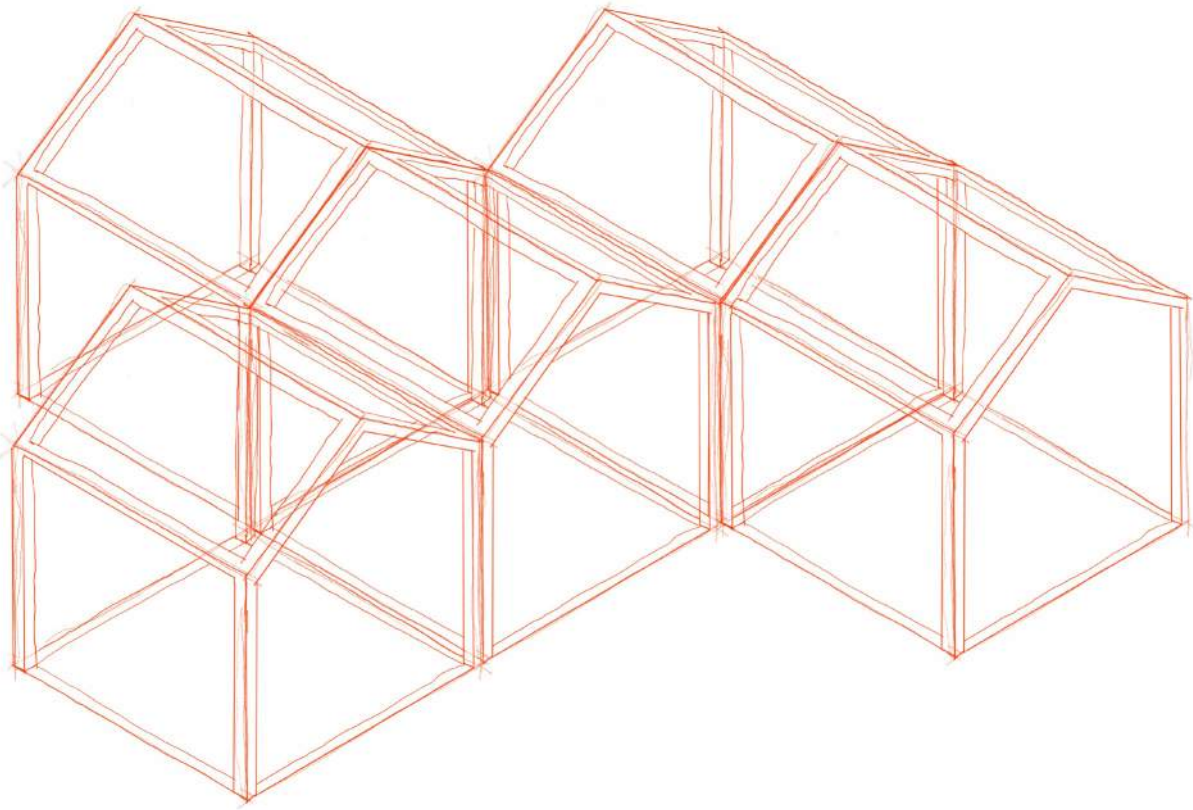
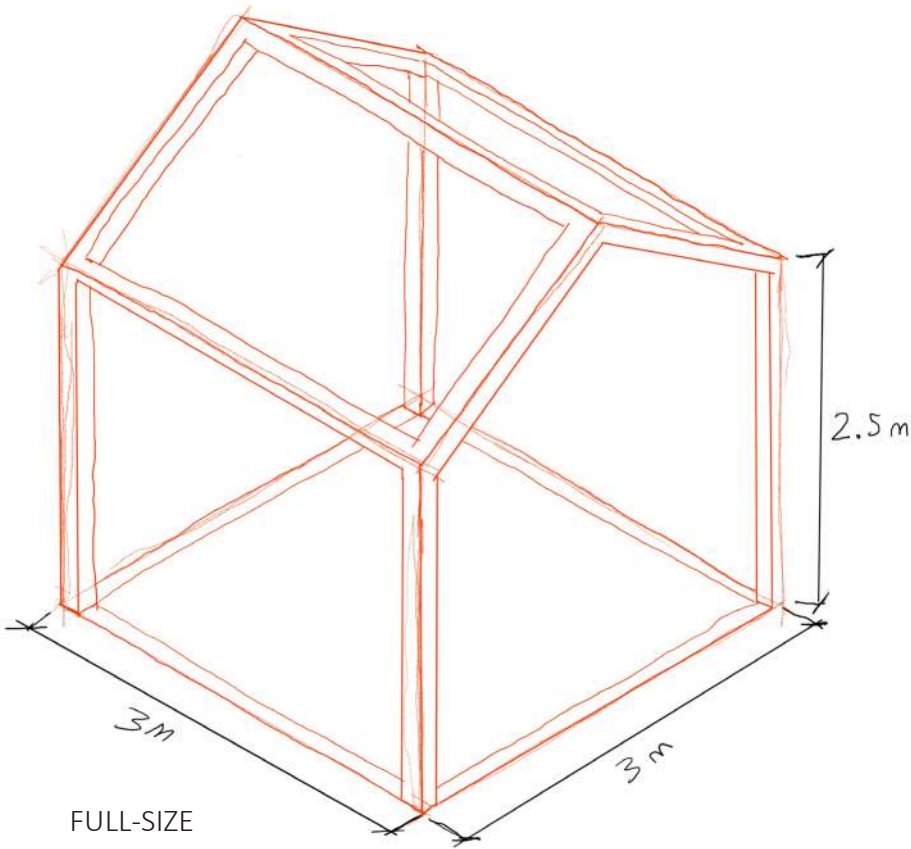


- LEGEND
- LAWN
 - BEACH
 - LAWN - PLAY AREAS
 - BERM
 - PLAZA
 - PLAZA - VENDOR SPACES
 - MULTI-USE TRAIL
 - PRIMARY PATH
 - SECONDARY PATH
 - BOARDWALK
 - BUILDING
 - STRUCTURES
 - FOOD TRUCKS
 - PICNIC BENCHES
 - RAISED PLANTERS
 - MOVABLE FURNITURE
 - TREES



MODULAR SYSTEM CONCEPT - FRAME

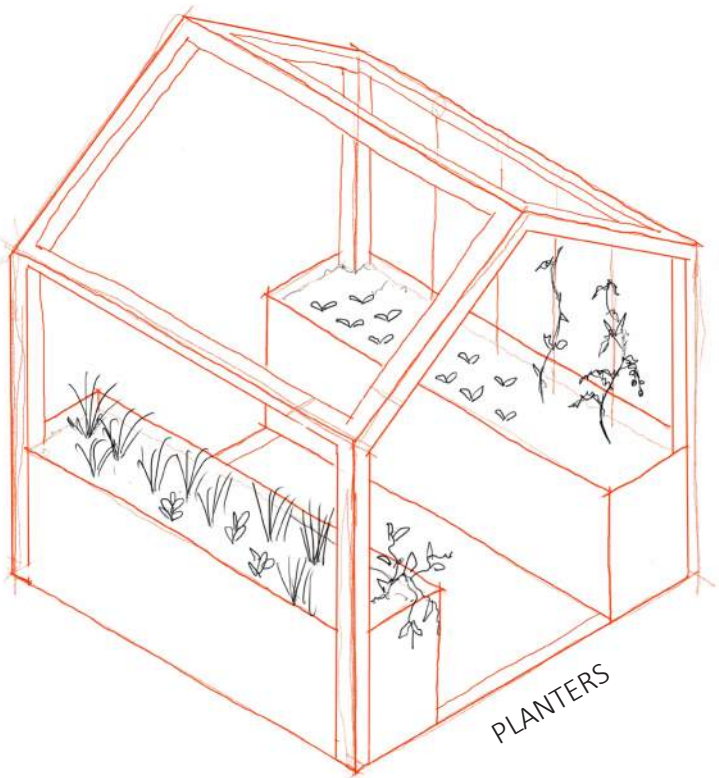
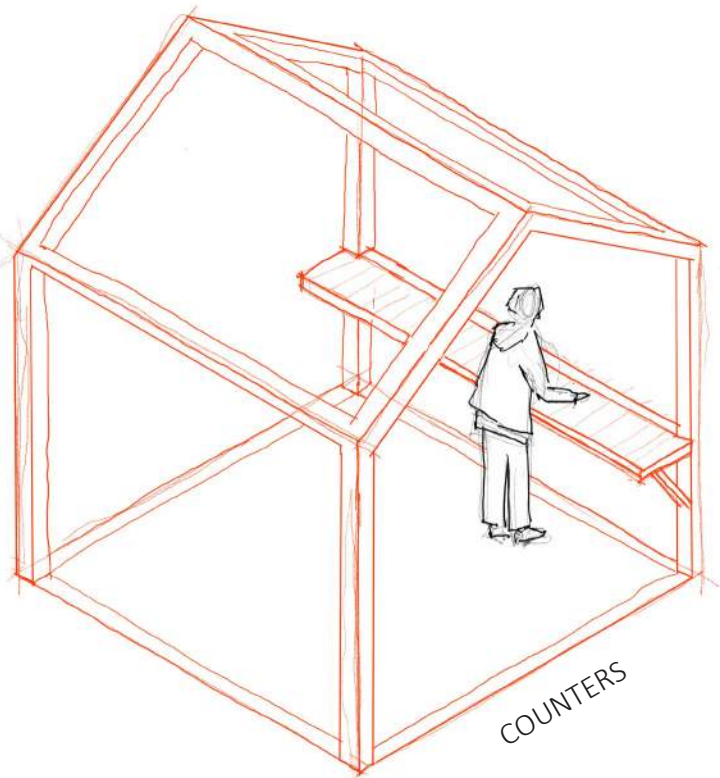
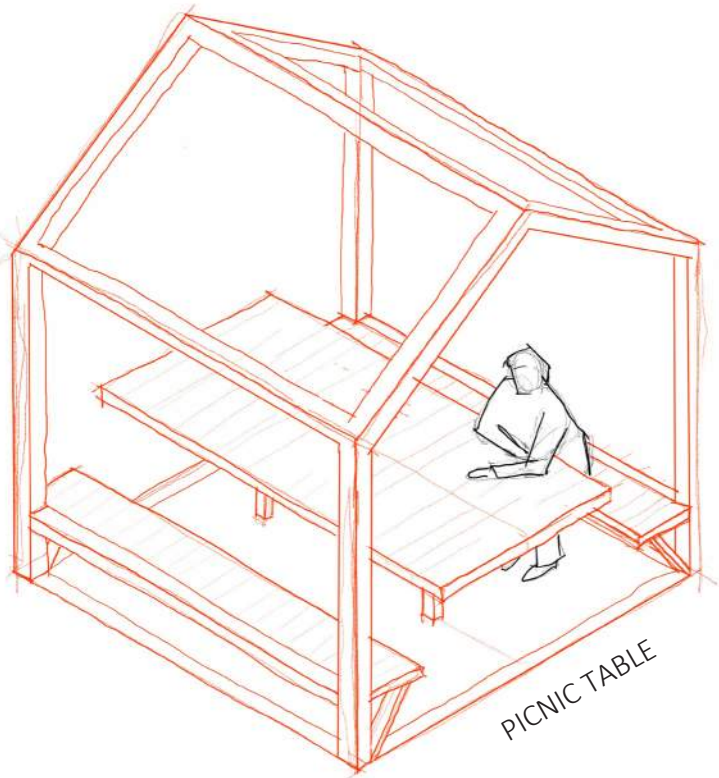
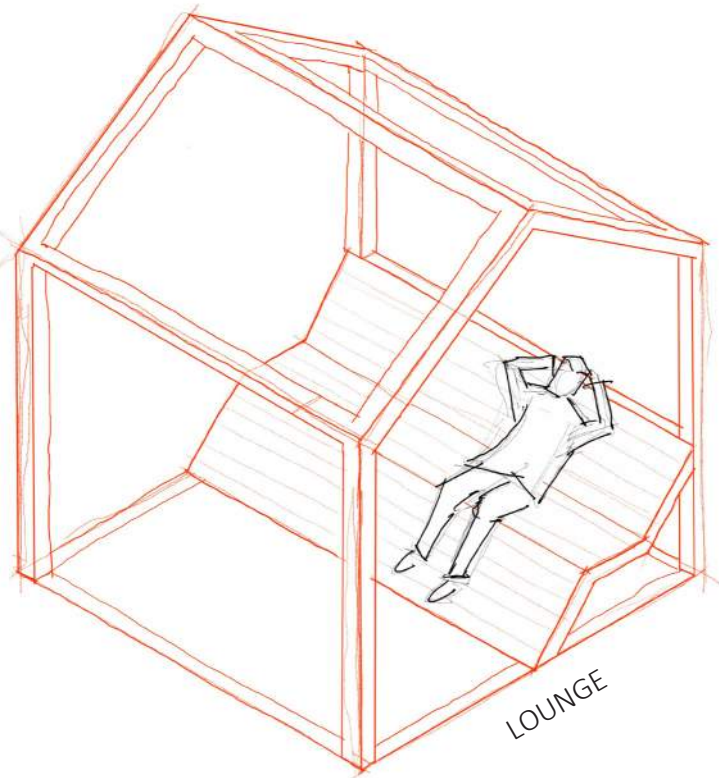
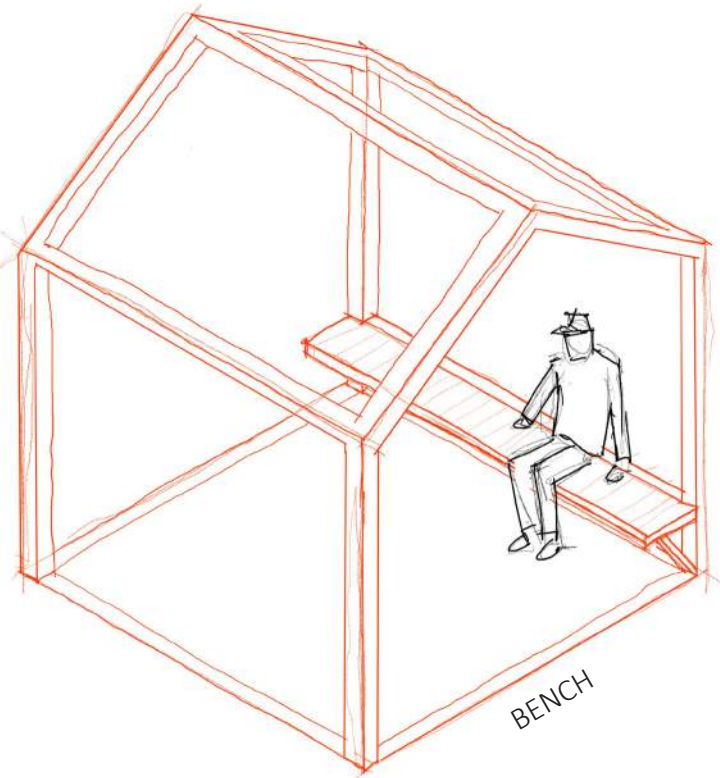
Hollow steel frames create rooms within Centennial Park, ready for activation.



THREE COLOUR VARIATIONS CORRESPOND TO PARK ZONES

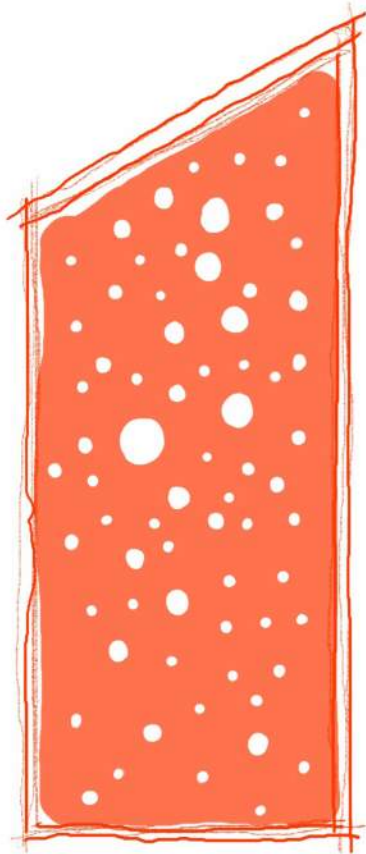
MODULAR SYSTEM CONCEPT - FURNISHINGS

Frames can be left open or furnished with interchangeable features.

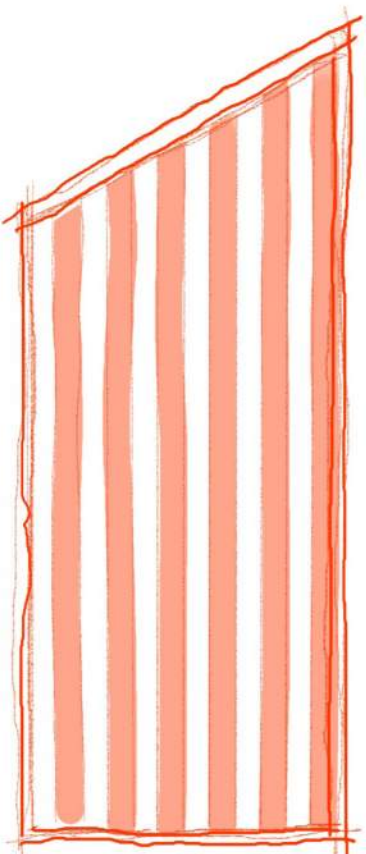


MODULAR SYSTEM CONCEPT - ENCLOSURE

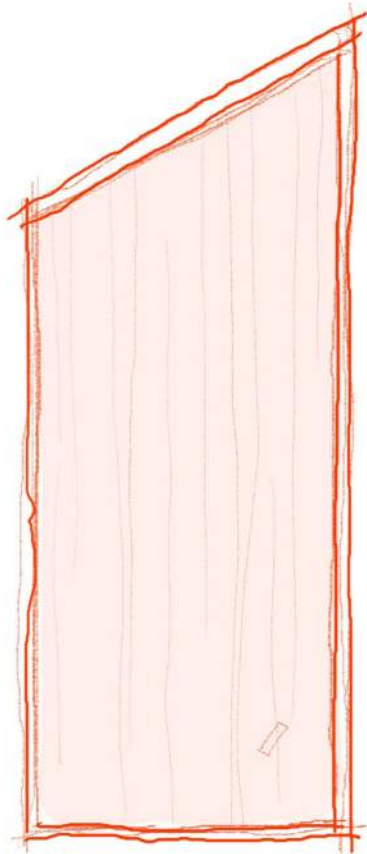
Panels are interchangeable and can be removed and applied seasonally or for specific events. They can break wind, hold warmth, cast shade, and create privacy.



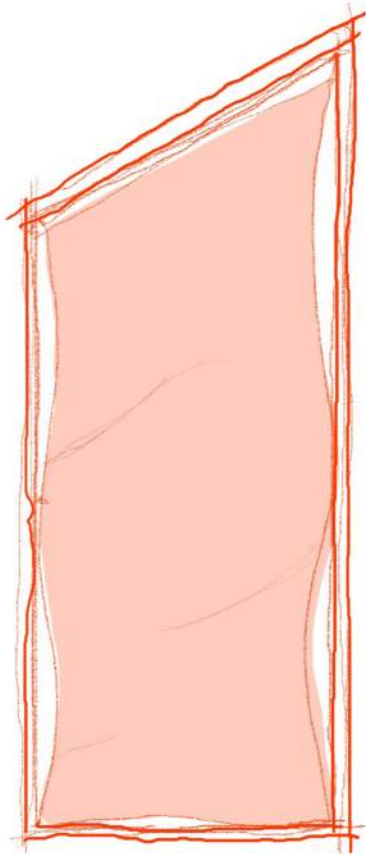
PERFORATED METAL



METAL SLATS



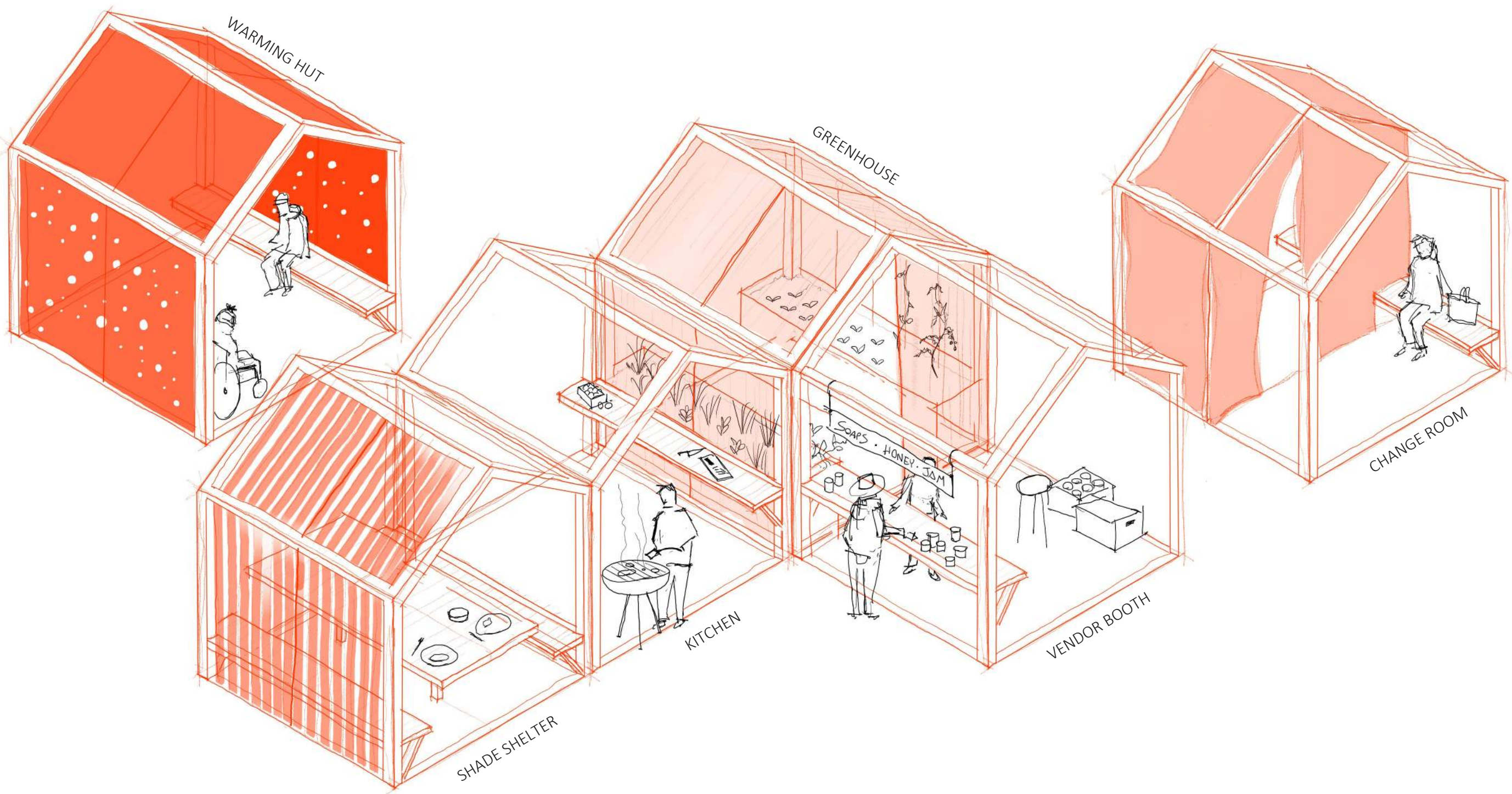
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MODULAR SYSTEM CONCEPT - CONFIGURATION IDEAS

Combinations of different elements are responsive recipes that allow Centennial Park to change and grow with the community.



MODULAR SYSTEM - PRECEDENTS



UTILITY: Structures that can support all the seasonal rhythms of the park. *Source: Alsolu, 2015*



DYNAMIC USES: A simple frame can support vendors, picnicking, seating and lounging.



THOUGHTFUL MATERIALS: Durable metal construction can be softened with wood, fabric, polycarbonate, or perforations. *Source: Leonhard Hilzensau, 2016.*



MODULARITY: Individual units can come together to transform a larger area. *Source: Livelycity, n.d.*

CHANGEROOM BUILDING - PRECEDENTS



LANDMARK: celebrating the new building with form and colour. *Source: Canadian Architect, 2024*



INTEGRATION: Architecture that aligns with existing vegetation and the movement of people through the park. *Source: Kozo Takayama, 2020.*



ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRATION: Organic unification of the site and built forms. *Brett Boardman, n.d.*



THRESHOLDS AND INTERIORS: Even a washroom building can provide a beautiful experience for park visitors. *Source: BSH Architects, n.d.*

WATER FEATURES AND OUTDOOR SHOWERS - PRECEDENTS



TREES AND SHADE: Creating comfortable environments for play. *Source: Lend Lease, n.d.*



NATURAL CHARACTER: Public feedback indicated support for natural landscape character. *Source: John Sturrock, n.d.*



OUTDOOR SHOWERS: Spaceto get sand off. *Source: Ado Urban Furniture, 2018*



PUBLIC ART: Opportunities to integrate public art. *Source: Waterfront Toronto, n.d.*



LIGHTING: Opportunities to integrate lighting. *Source: LEDYi, n.d.*

COMMUNITY KITCHEN AND COOKING - PRECEDENTS



COMMUNITY OVENS: Opportunities for Pizza and Bread Ovens. *Source: The Town of Wolfville,*



COMMUNITY KITCHENS: Shaded and shared kitchen. *Source: Cairns Regional Council, n.d.*



LEARNING: Education and programming opportunities. *Source: TripAdvisor, 2022.*



PUBLIC ART: Opportunities to integrate public art. *Source: Lluís Tudela, 2024.*



GRILLING: A range of BBQ options throughout the park. *Source: MVVA, n.d.*

KITCHEN TABLE - PRECEDENTS



ADAPTABILITY: Tables for large group gatherings and smaller-scale use. *Source: Surface Matter, 2026*



FLEXIBILITY: Tables that respond to site elements. *Source: Jose Hevia, 2024*



PLACEMAKING: Using tables to define spaces and their different uses. *Source: Art and Assembly Studio, 2019*



ATMOSPHERE: tables with interesting shape, colour and material surrounded with vibrant lighting, seating, and art. *Source: Raphael Thibodeau, 2020.*

KITCHEN AND TABLE CONCEPT PERSPECTIVE



‘THE GROVE’ PLAZA - PRECEDENTS



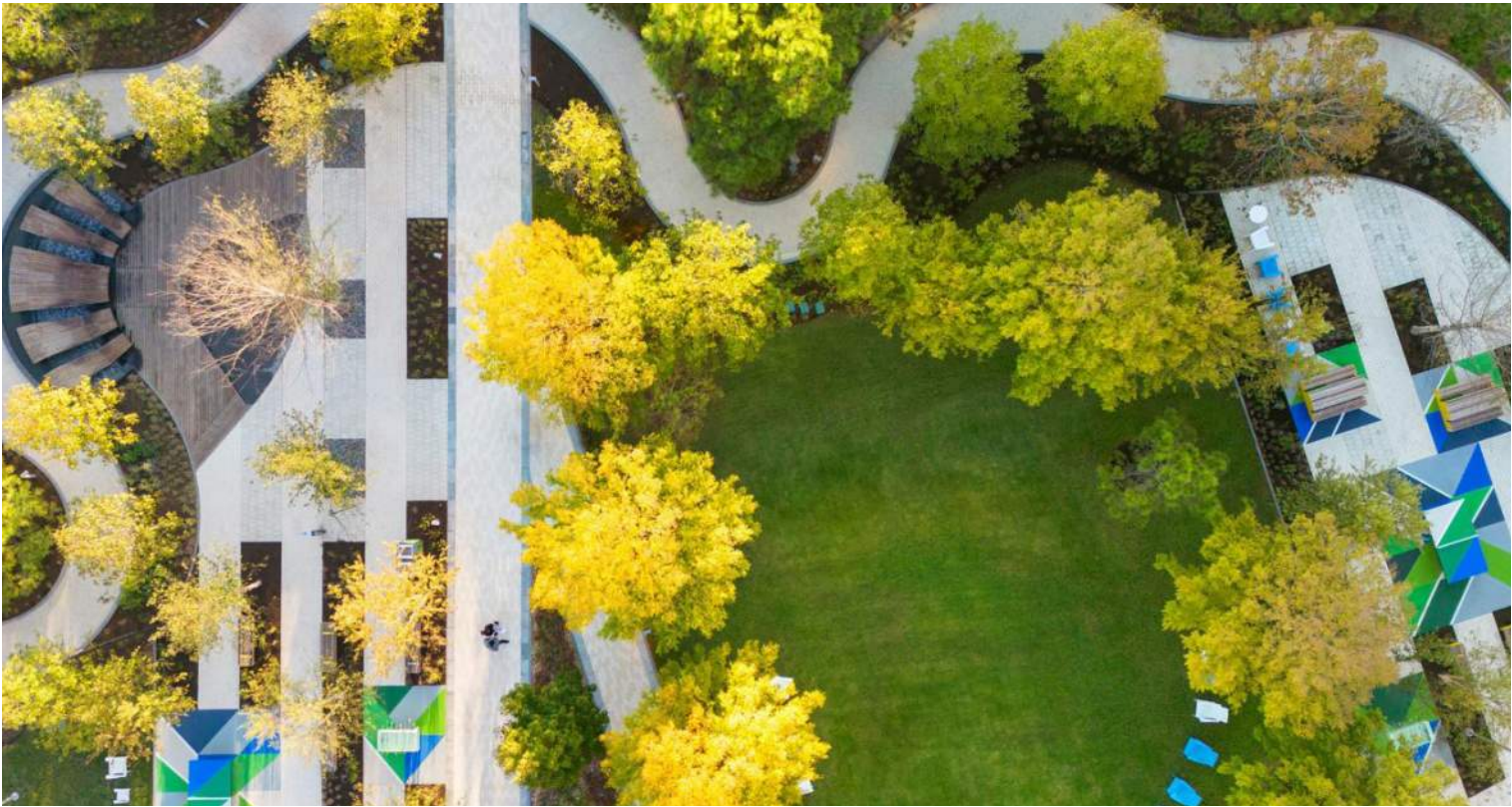
MOVEABLE: Moveable furnishings under a grove of trees and shade structures. Source: Klyde Warren Park, n.d.



WATERFRONT DINING: Dining with a view.



CONNECTED: Seating near and accessible from vendors. Source: The Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, n.d.



PLACEMAKING: Mixed spaces for events, gathering, seating, and dining. Source: Robert Benson, Luis Ayala, n.d.

VENDOR LOTS - PRECEDENTS



ARCHITECTURE: Opportunities for semi-permanent structures in primary vendor lot. *Source: L.F. Jennings, n.d.*



PUBLIC ART: Opportunities to integrate Public Art with Modular Structures. *Source: Jack Hobhouse, n.d.*



DYNAMIC AND FLEXIBLE 1: Flexible lot design to accommodate a range of vendor types and events. *Source: Klyde Warren Park, n.d.*



DYNAMIC AND FLEXIBLE 2: Flexible vendor lot design to accommodate a range of vendor types and events. *Source: Solar Uniquartier, n.d.*

