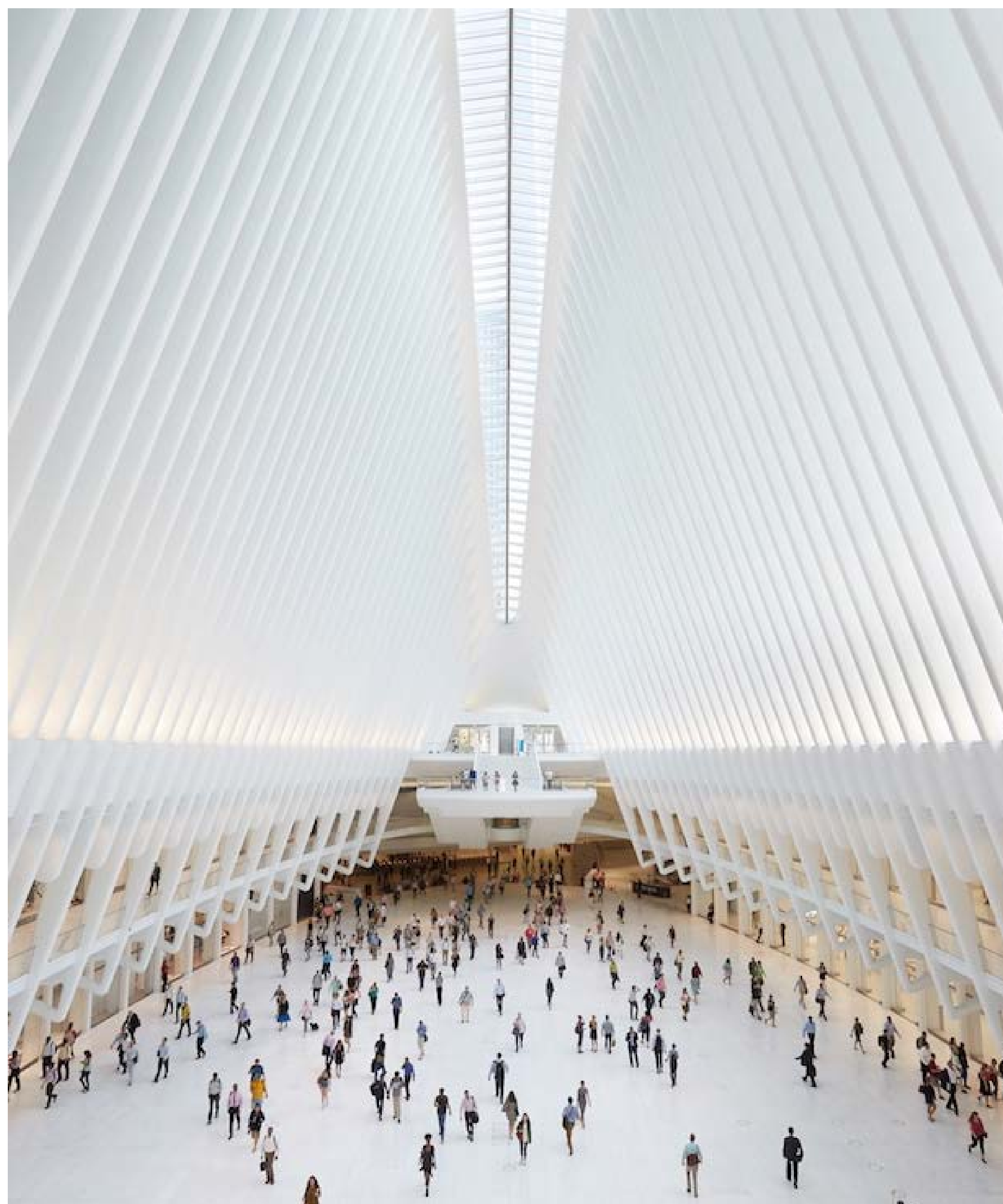


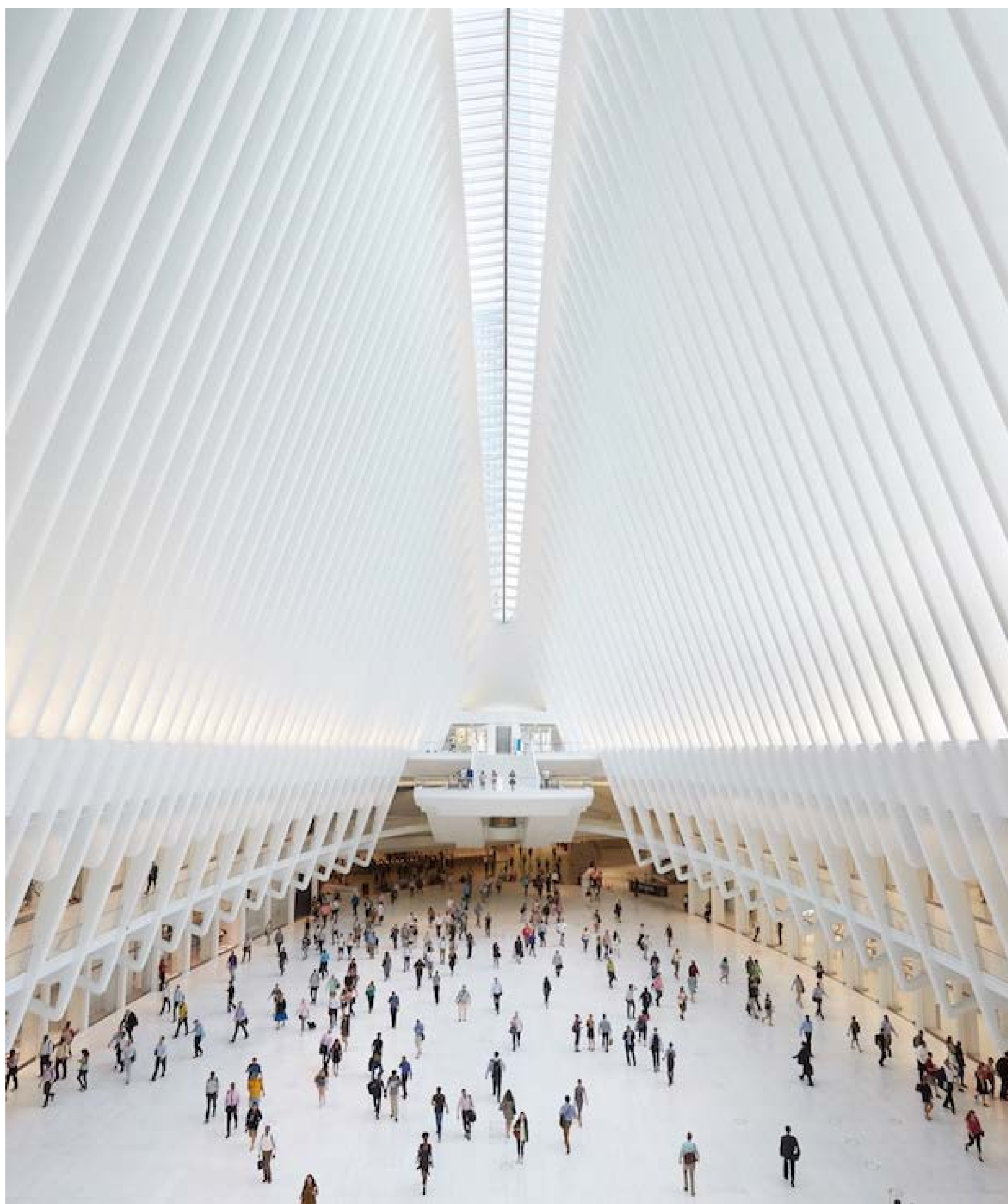


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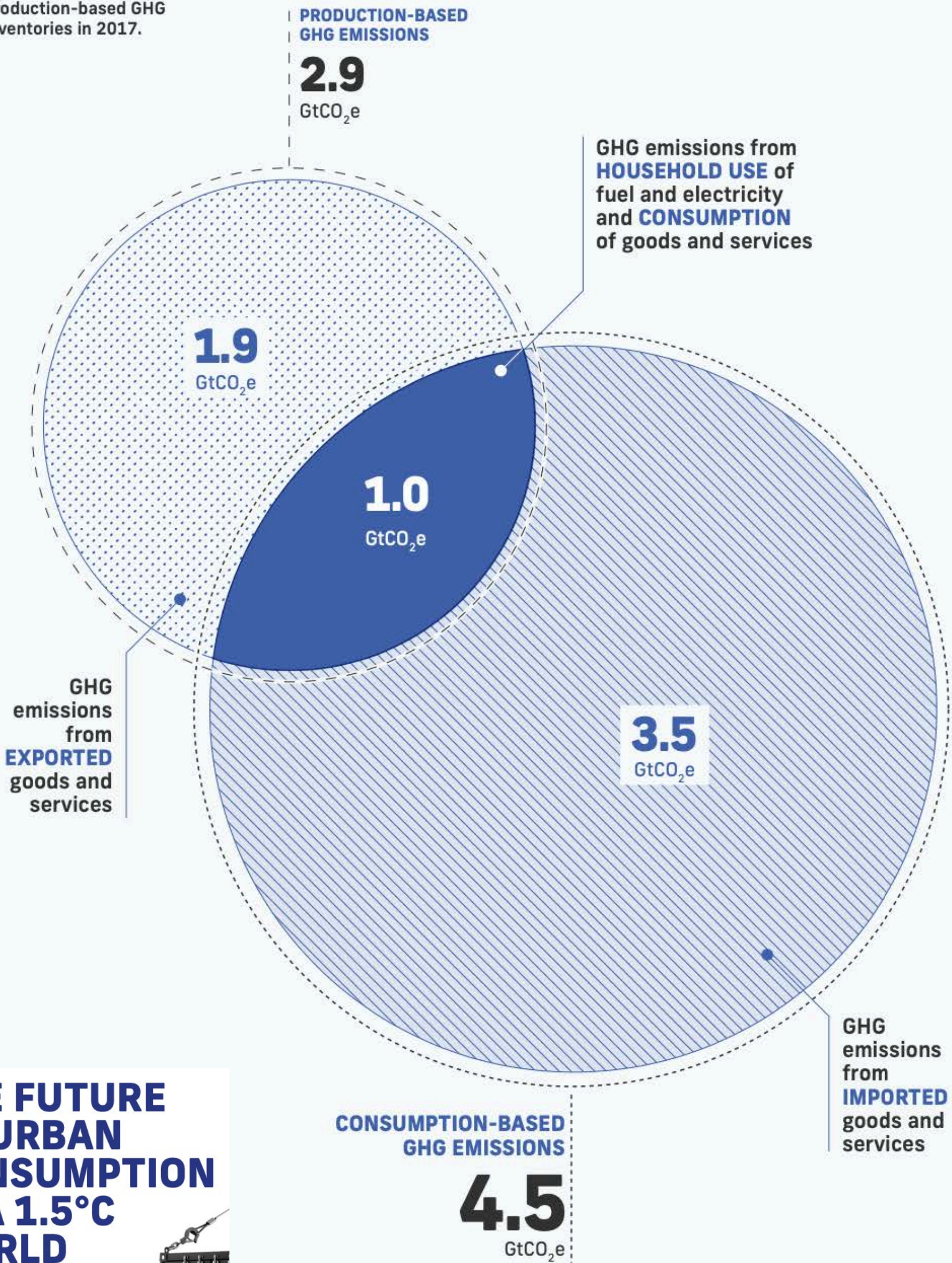
## Design Guidelines


**Design Strategies and Case Studies for a Zero Waste City**





**fig.3**  
Comparison of C40  
consumption-based and  
production-based GHG  
inventories in 2017.



Consumption category	Consumption interventions	Emission reductions per consumption category between 2017 and 2030
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reduce the number of new clothing items bought every year</li><li>Reduce supply chain waste</li></ul>	<b>39%</b> (Reducing the number of new clothing items alone accounts for 37%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dietary change: eat in line with health recommendations and lower meat and dairy consumption</li><li>Reduce household waste</li><li>Reduce supply chain waste</li></ul>	<b>36%</b> (Dietary change alone accounts for 27%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reduce number of flights</li><li>Increase adoption of sustainable aviation fuel</li></ul>	<b>26%</b> (Reducing number of flights alone accounts for 18%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improve materials efficiency</li><li>Enhance building utilisation</li><li>Switch to lower carbon materials</li><li>Adopt low-carbon cement</li><li>Reuse building components</li></ul>	<b>26%</b> (Improving materials efficiency and enhance building utilisation together account for 18%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reduce car ownership</li><li>Increase car lifespans</li><li>Increase material efficiency</li></ul>	<b>28%</b> (Reducing car ownership alone accounts for 24%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Optimise lifetimes of IT equipment</li></ul>	<b>18%</b>

## How Can Design Help Us Change the System?

Mushrooms are decomposers—they break down dead organic matter and return nutrients to the soil for new growth.







*Illustrator: Rachel Hahs*

Increasing collaboration, feedback loops, circularity,  
diversity, resilience

# Strategies for Building Design

Planning  
for Waste  
as a  
Material  
Flow



Waste  
Diversion  
Strategies



Waste  
Reduction  
Strategies

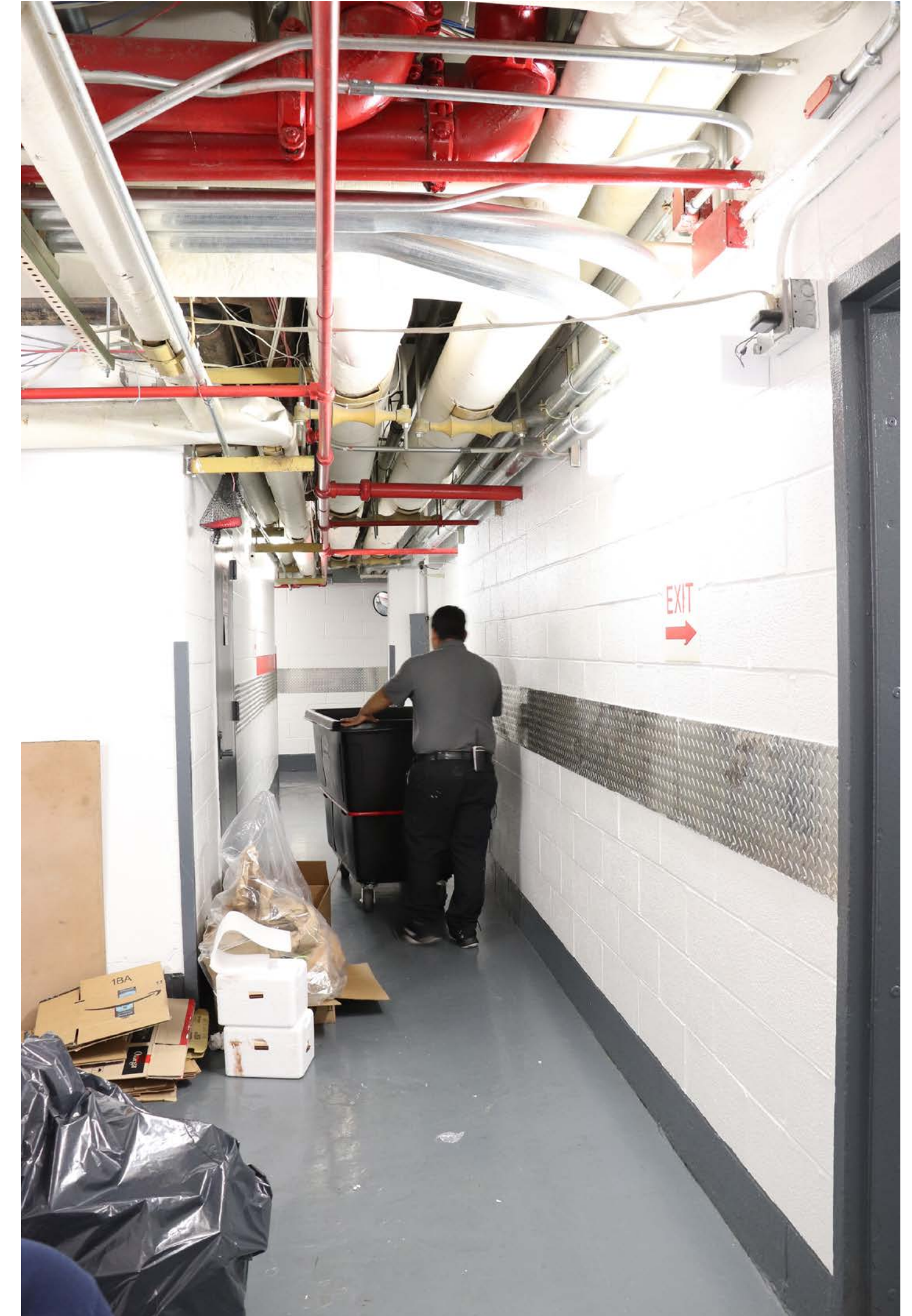


Volume  
Reduction  
Strategies



# Planning for Waste as a Material Flow

- Estimate the volume of all waste streams the facility will generate. This can be done through use of the waste calculator tool.
- Design adequate storage space
- Consider staff procedures





# Waste Management Plan

## 1. Plan for tenant disposal and separation

- Waste stream types and quantities
- Location of waste stations
- Types of bins
- Signage

## 2. Plan for movement of recyclables and waste to central storage

- Responsibility
- Frequency
- Transport containers
- Route

## 3. Plan for waste storage

- Calculate area required
- Volume reduction equipment
- Location
- Layout of storage space
- Accessibility
- Time restrictions

## 4. Plan for collection

If bags on curb:

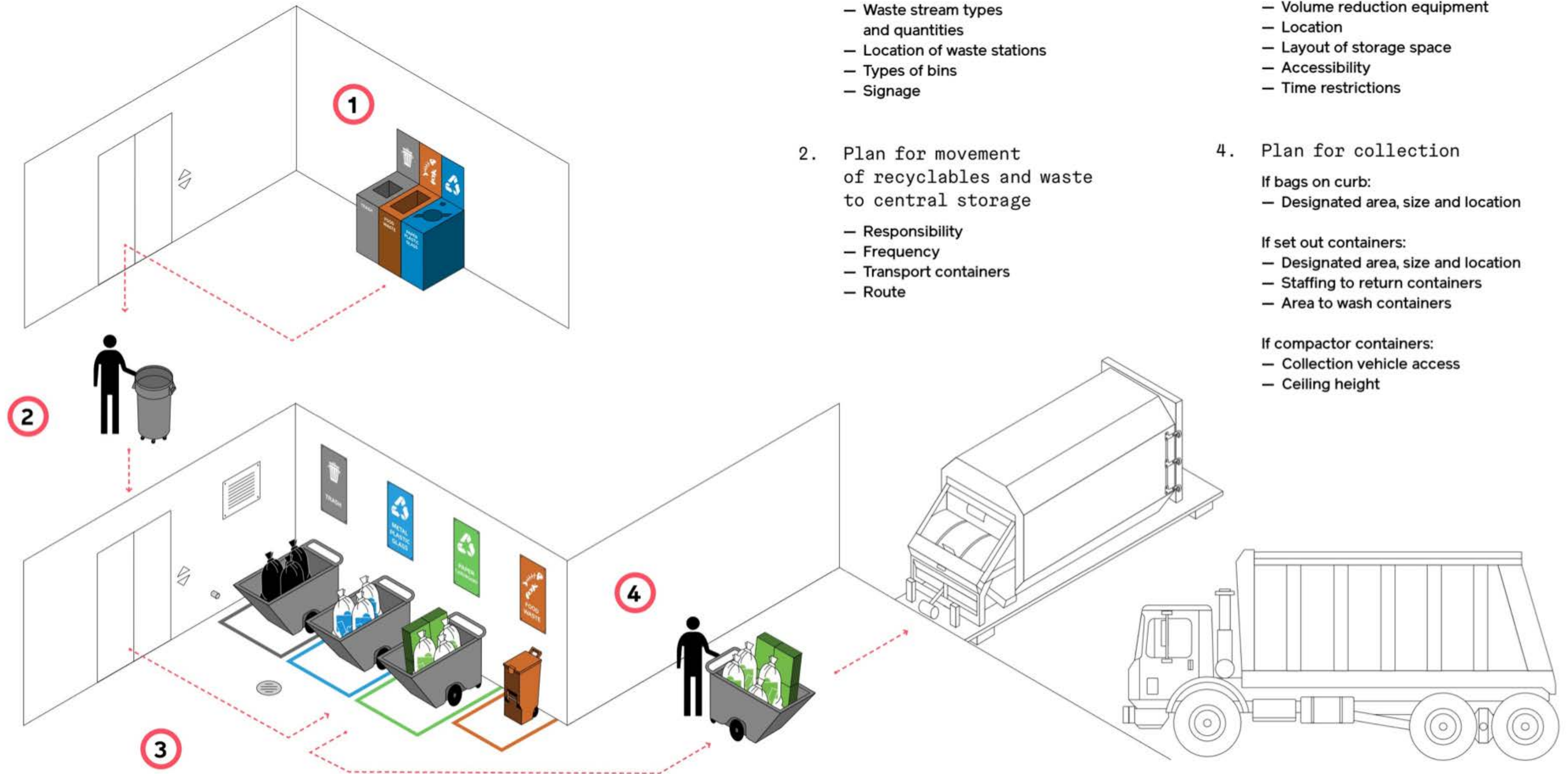
- Designated area, size and location

If set out containers:

- Designated area, size and location
- Staffing to return containers
- Area to wash containers

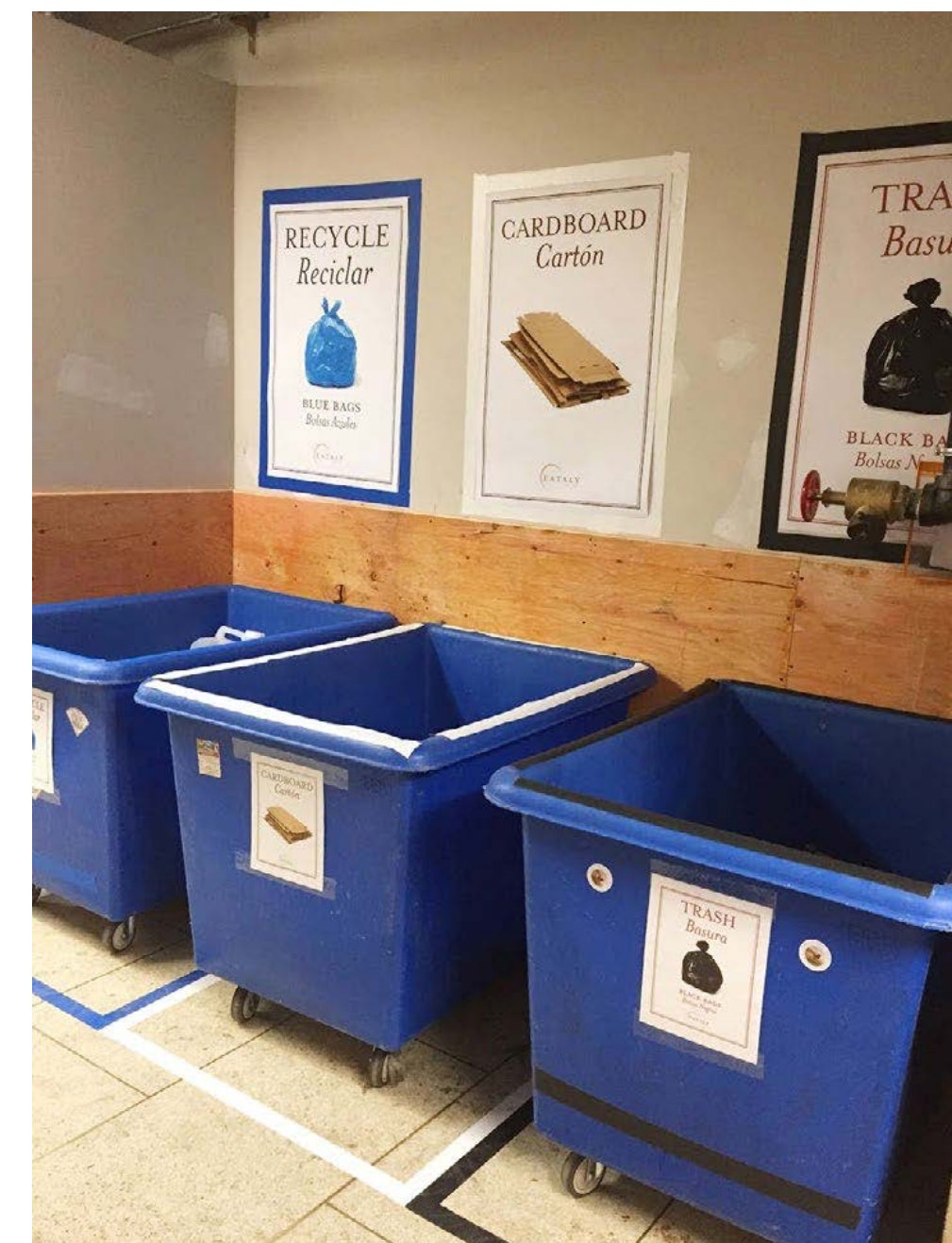
If compactor containers:

- Collection vehicle access
- Ceiling height



# Designing for waste separation

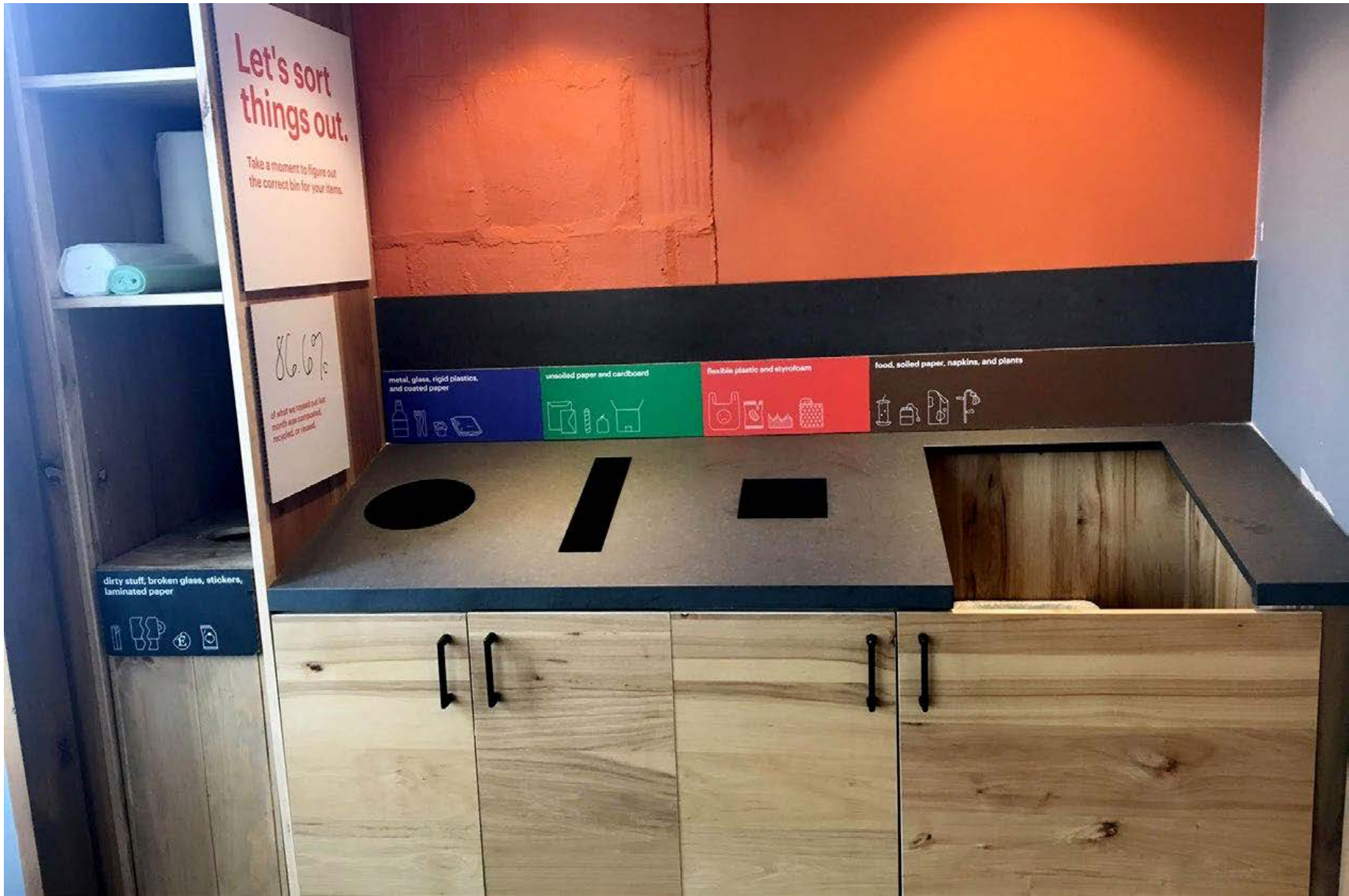
- Clear visual cues and signage, consistent throughout building.
- Opportunities for feedback to encourage behavior change.



Above:  
Signage for staff

Left:  
Back of house recycling  
storage area with bins in  
marked locations

# Etsy headquarters, Brooklyn NY



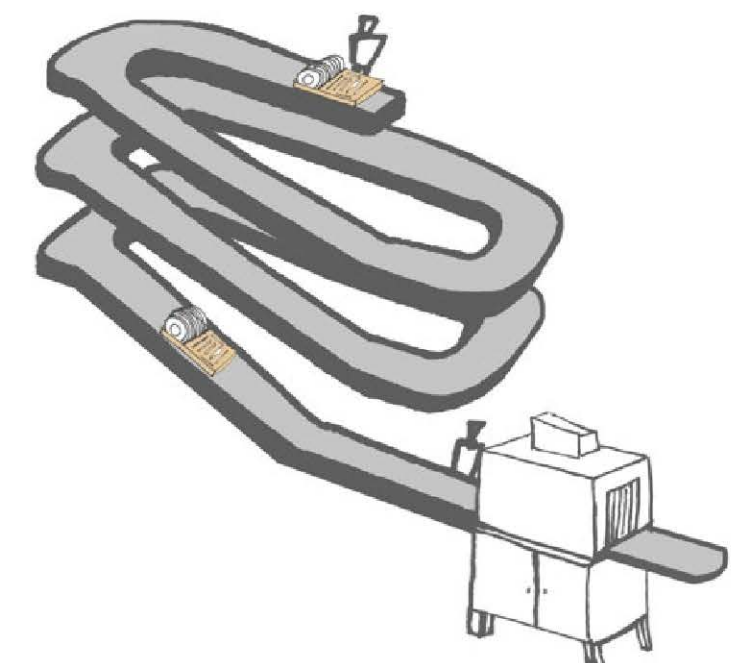


Case Study: Etsy



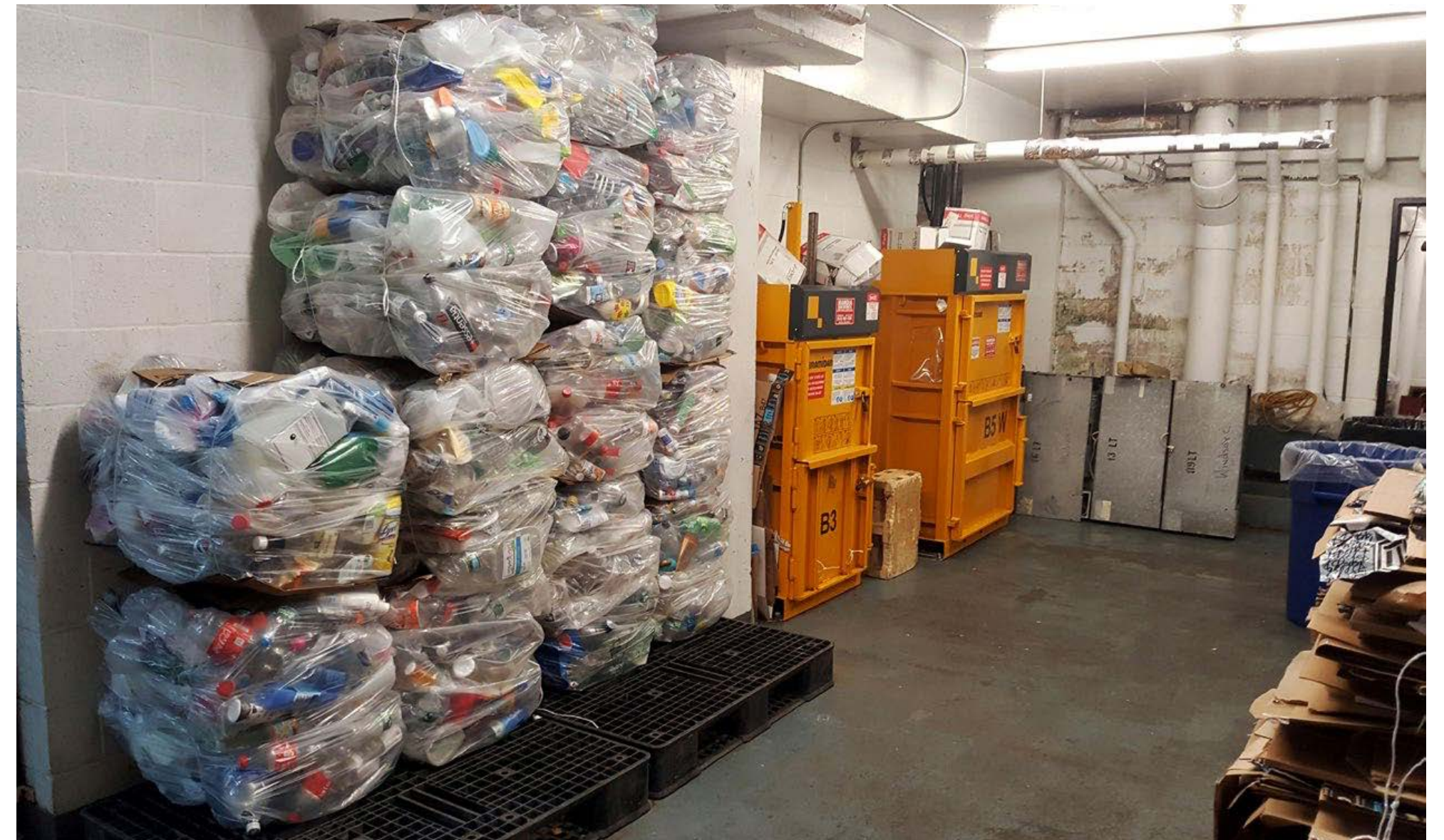
# Reduce material consumption:

- Provide dishwashers in dining spaces to allow the use of reusable dishware.
- Reduce food waste generation through design of food service spaces
- Incorporate financial incentives to reduce waste.



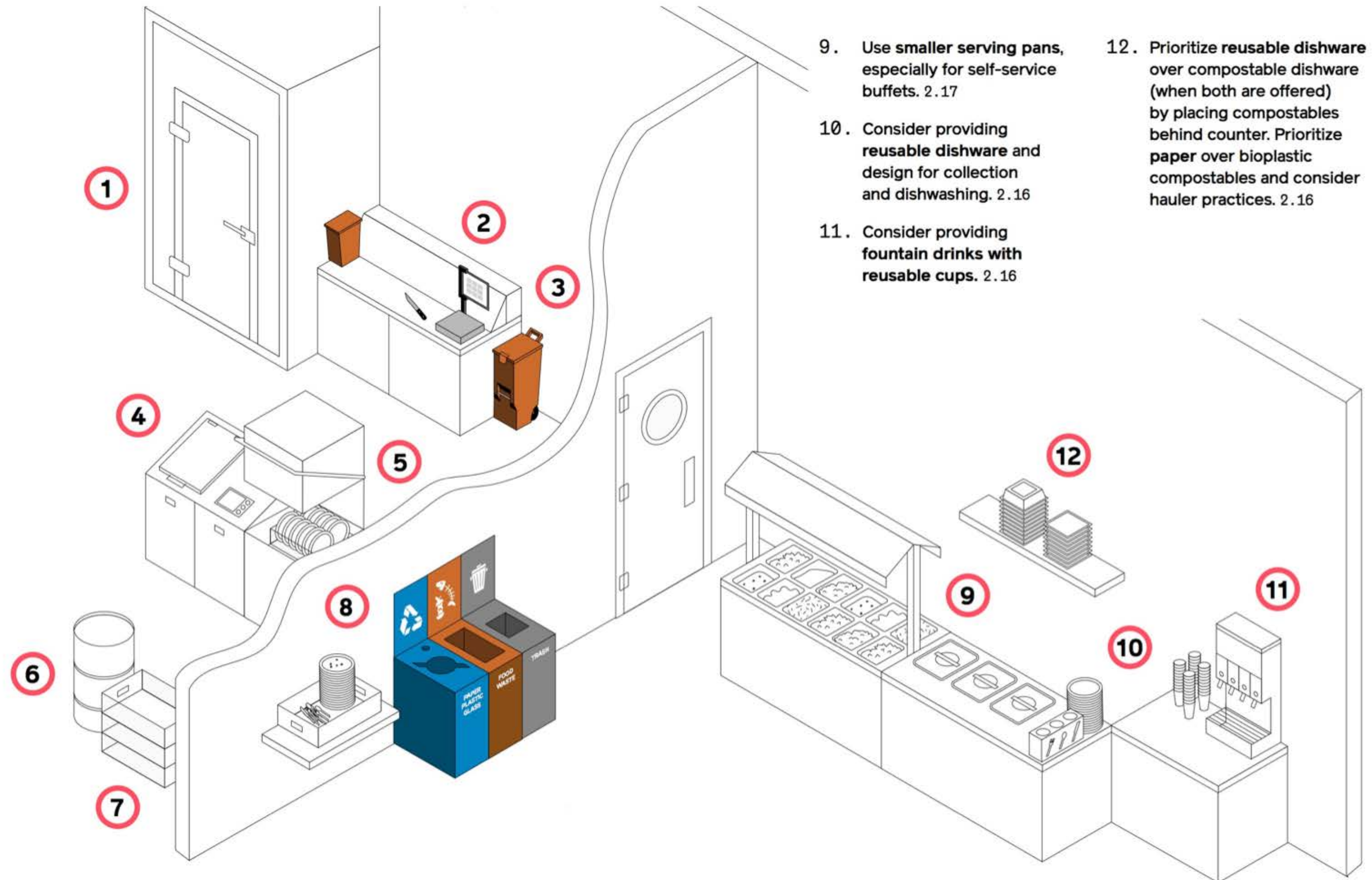
# Reduce waste volume:

- Provide balers, compactors
- Pretreat organic waste onsite to reduce odors and weight.



# Food Service Design Strategies

1. Refrigerator includes **storage for food donations**. Locate food donation storage for convenient collection. 2.18
2. Provide **food waste tracking system with scale**. 2.17
3. Organic waste collection in kitchen: replace refuse bins with **small organics totes**, and **countertop organics caddies**. 2.09
4. For volume reduction, consider **food waste pretreatment equipment**.
5. Provide **dishwashers** and consider path from dish room to dining area. For larger operations consider dish carousels. 2.16
6. Accommodate **cooking oil collection and storage**. 2.14
7. Delivery considerations: Where possible receive deliveries in **reusable crates** that the vendor collects. 2.06
8. Design **customer recycling stations** with clear visual cues and signage to accommodate all waste generated, including liquids. 2.10



9. Use **smaller serving pans**, especially for self-service buffets. 2.17
10. Consider providing **reusable dishware** and design for collection and dishwashing. 2.16
11. Consider providing **fountain drinks with reusable cups**. 2.16
12. Prioritize **reusable dishware** over compostable dishware (when both are offered) by placing compostables behind counter. Prioritize **paper** over bioplastic compostables and consider hauler practices. 2.16

# Circular Building Materials

## Material Optimization Strategies

Lean design that right-sizes the building, optimizes the materials used, and considers end of life

### 2.25 MAXIMIZE ASSET UTILIZATION THROUGH PROGRAMMING

- Program to make the most use of an asset.
- Design to increase the usage of spaces and equipment within a building.

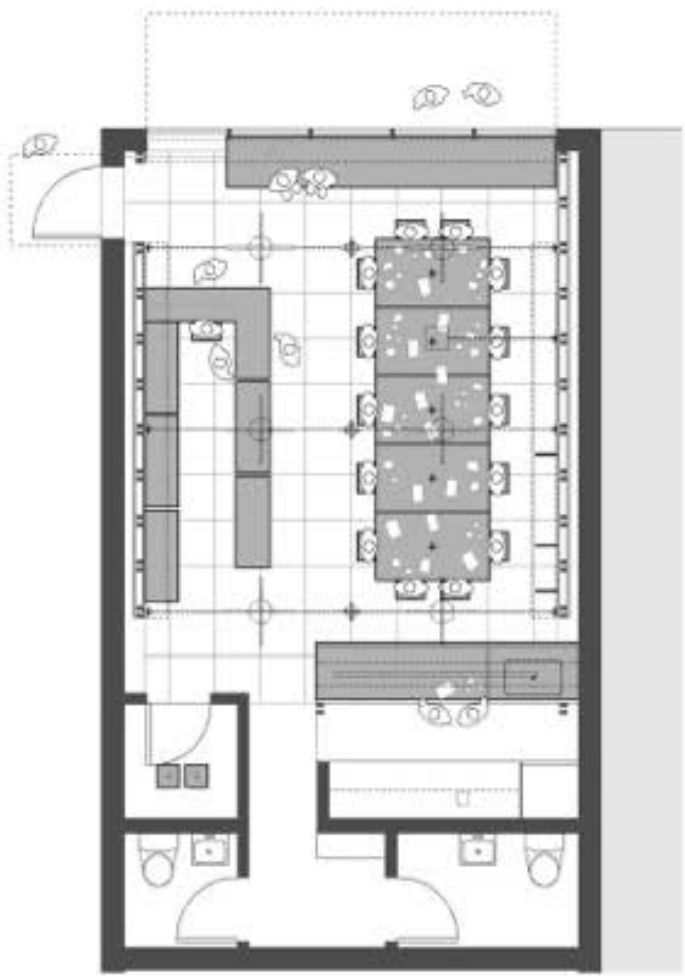
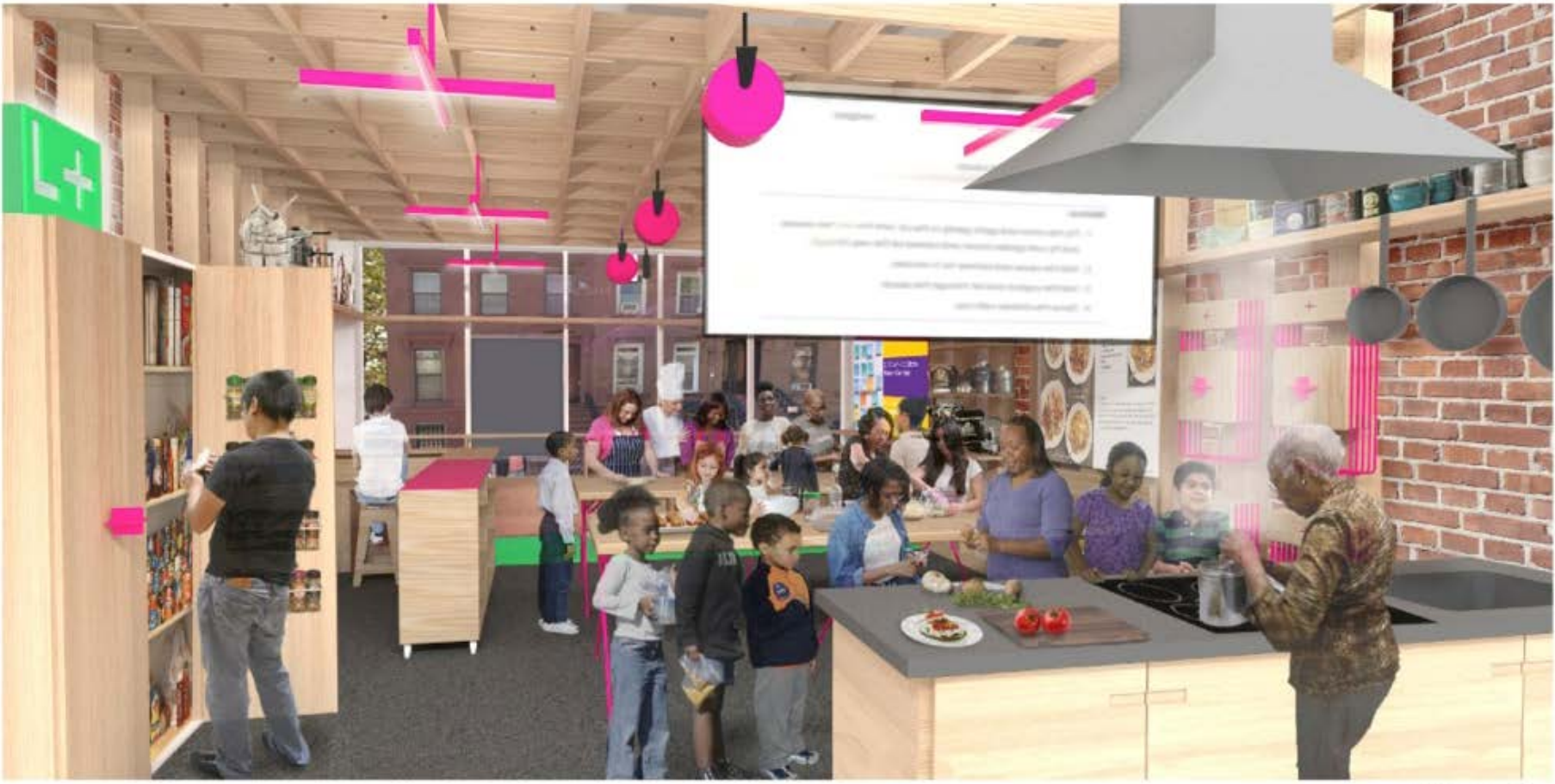
### 2.26 DESIGN TO OPTIMIZE MATERIAL USAGE

### 2.27 DESIGN TO REDUCE WASTE GENERATED DURING CONSTRUCTION

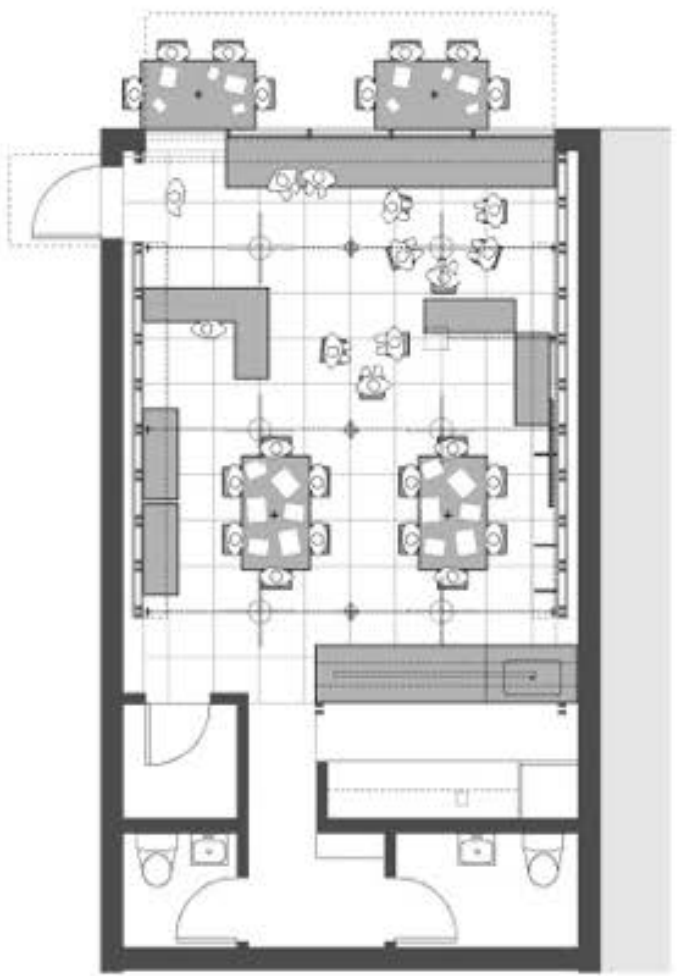
- Coordinate dimensions and minimize finish types
- Design for off-site construction
- Use Building Information Modeling (BIM)

### 2.28 DESIGN FOR DECONSTRUCTION AT THE END OF LIFE OF A BUILDING COMPONENT

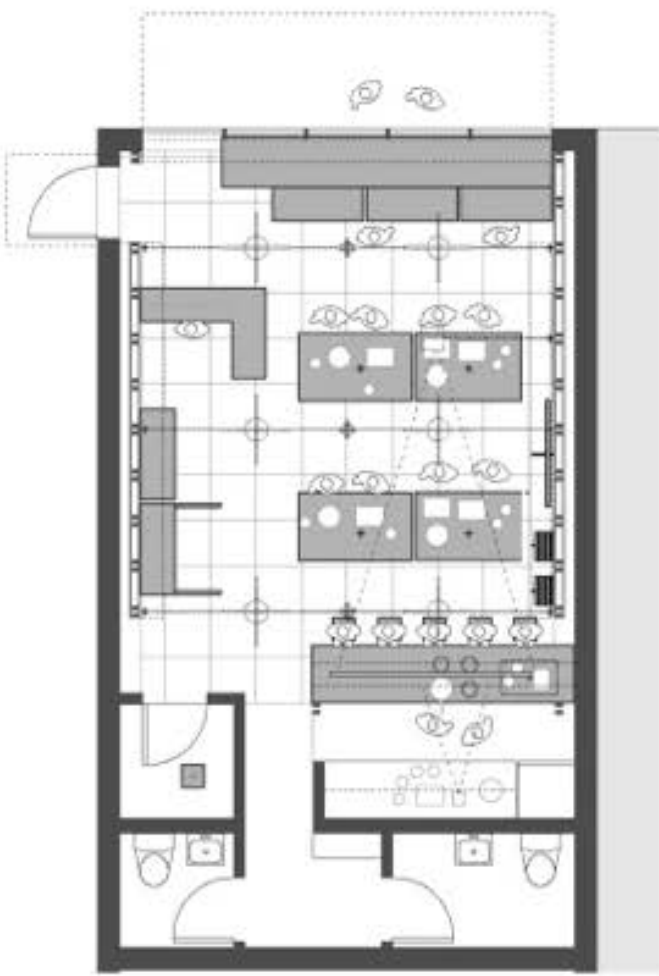
- Design for easy refurbishment of isolated materials.
- Design for deconstruction and disassembly.
- Provide material information: material passports.
- Consider suppliers willing to take back materials



Maker Space



Teen Center



Cooking Class

# Dissemination of Zero Waste Design Guidelines

Exhibition at Center for Architecture

Educating Architects

- Zero Waste Challenge
- Presentations & Technical Assistance
- Referencing in standards, eg LEED

Adapting to other Cities

Non-Profit Center for Zero Waste Design



[ZeroWasteDesign.org](http://ZeroWasteDesign.org)

[CenterforZeroWasteDesign.org](http://CenterforZeroWasteDesign.org)

The New York Times

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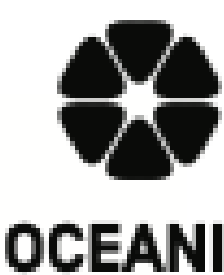
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# Oceanix Floating City



# Oceanix Busan



























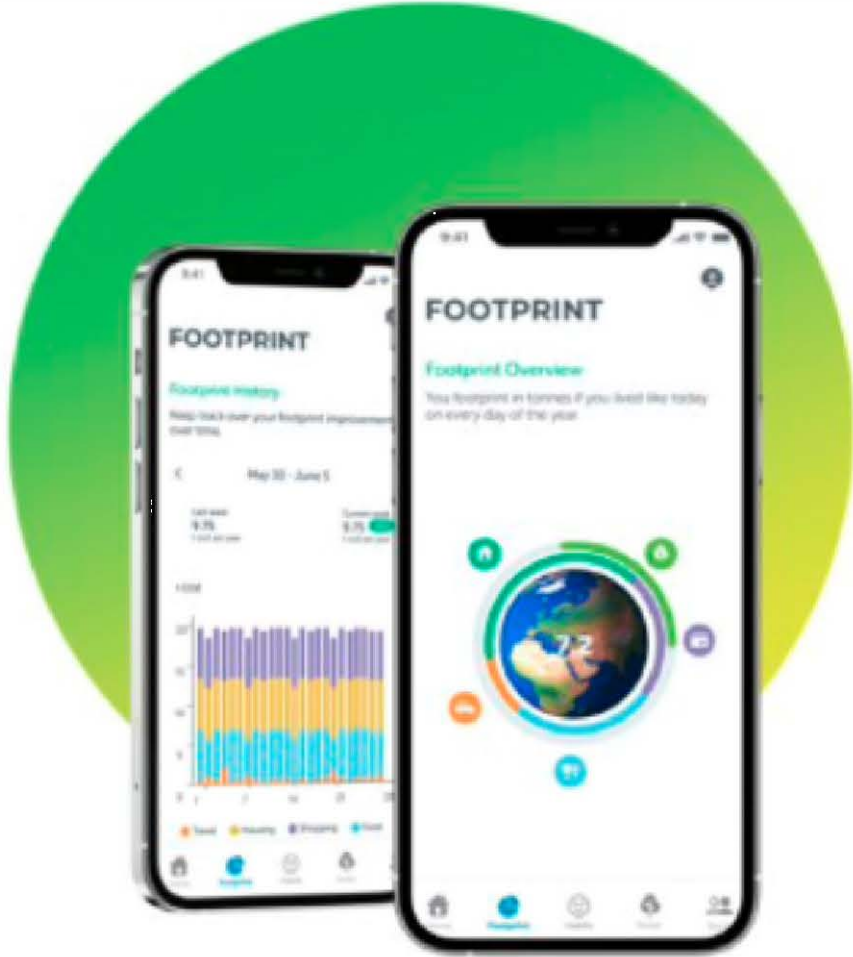
	ENERGY	WATER	RESOURCES	FOOD	MOBILITY	HABITAT REGENERATION
						
	NET- ZERO OPERATING ENERGY	NET-POSITIVE WATER IMPACT	WASTE REDUCTION & RECIRCULATION	LOCAL PLANT BASED DIET	ELECTRIC + SHARED	BIOLOGICAL WATER-CLEANING PERIMETERS
BASELINE	<b>143</b> KWH/M <sup>2</sup> /YEAR Energy Standard for Buildings*	<b>178</b> L OF POTABLE WATER PER PERSON/DAY Standard Korea New Building Water Use	<b>1</b> KG/ PERSON / DAY Busan Typical Waste Generation	<b>.94</b> GLOBAL HECTARES ISHAJ PER PERSON Ecological footprint typical Korean diet	<b>4.6</b> MT CO2 EMISSIONS PER PERSON/YEAR Fuel-based Cars**	<b>0</b> Square Meters Living Shorelines in Busan North Port
REDUCTION STRATEGY	<b>-42%</b> Energy Efection Technology + Reduce Loads	<b>-78%</b> Natural Capture, Re-use + Replenishment	<b>-90%</b> Reduction & Diversion	<b>-50%</b> Reduction in ecological footprint	<b>-90%</b> Eliminate Fuel-Based Cars	<b>100%</b> Regenerative Perimeters added to the Platforms
GOAL	<b>83</b> KWH/M <sup>2</sup> /YEAR Energy Standard for Oceanix Buildings	<b>40</b> L OF POTABLE WATER PER PERSON/DAY Net Positive Replenishment	<b>0.1</b> KG/ PERSON / DAY Trash Generated	<b>0.47</b> GLOBAL HECTARES ISHAJ PER PERSON Vegan + onsite seafood diet	<b>0</b> MT CO2 EMISSIONS PER PERSON/YEAR Electric shared mobility	<b>40,000</b> Square Meters Regenerative living surfaces filtering the water
PRECEDENT	 HACKBRIDGE, LONDON 0 ENERGY	 ATLANTA, GEORGIA NET POS WATER	 KAMIKATSU, JAPAN	 SKY GREENS SINGAPORE	 COPENHAGEN, DENMARK	 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

\* (ASHRAE 90.1)

## BASELINE + GOAL METRICS

Mains		
HLD Spice Bird	1.30	  
HLD Nice Bird	1.30	  
Spinach Pie	0.88	 
Guinness Cottage Pie	4.61	   
Black Bean Chili	1.06	  
Thai Coconut Green Curry	0.68	 
Pad Thai	0.83	 
Pork Ribs	1.28	  

FOOD FOOTPRINT



FOOTPRINT TRACKER

Hotel Footprinting Tool:

[Access tool →](#)

Calculating the carbon footprint of hotel stays for business travel:

[Find out how →](#)

LODGING FOOTPRINT

FOOTPRINT TRACKING



POLLUTION



RESOURCE SCARCITY



CLIMATE

DRIVERS



ZERO WASTE CERTIFIED



NO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS, NO LITTER TO OCEAN

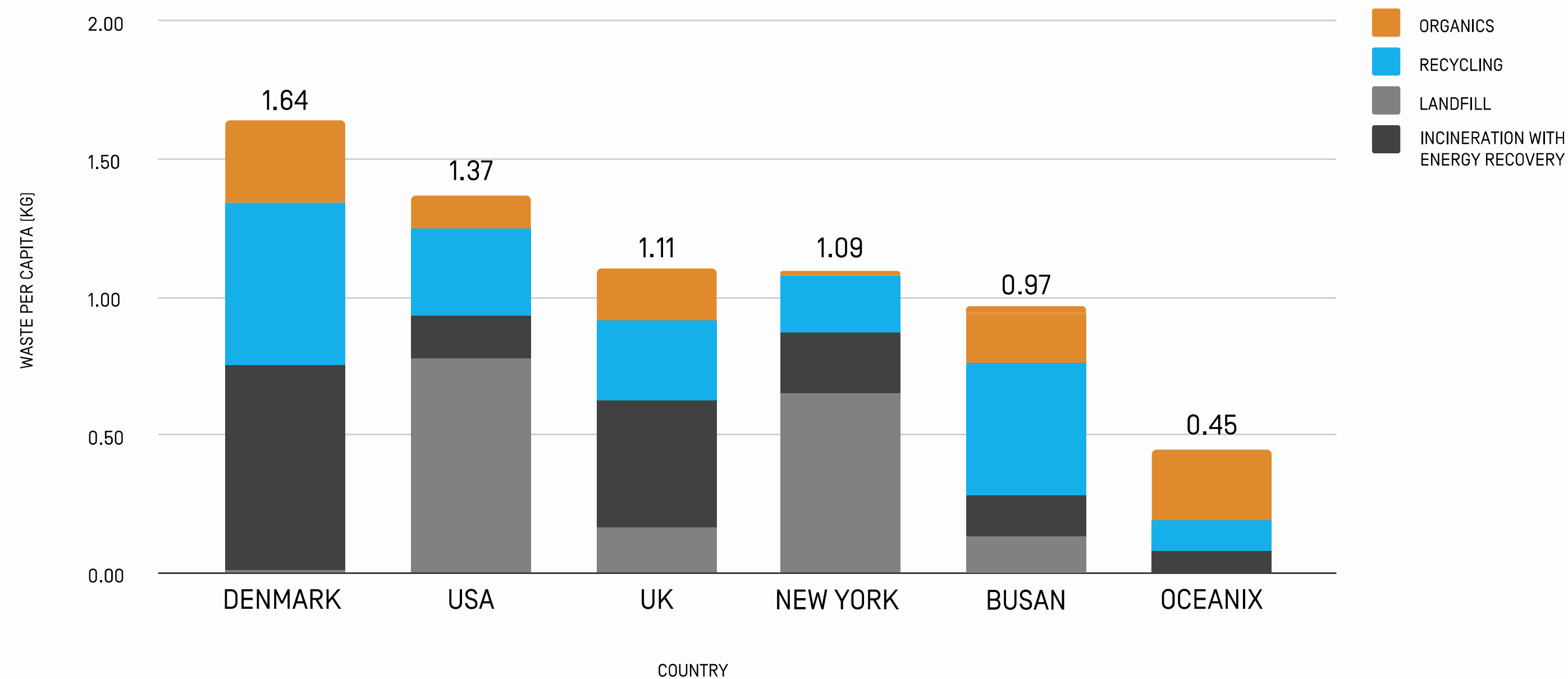


ALL ORGANIC WASTE TREATED ON-SITE



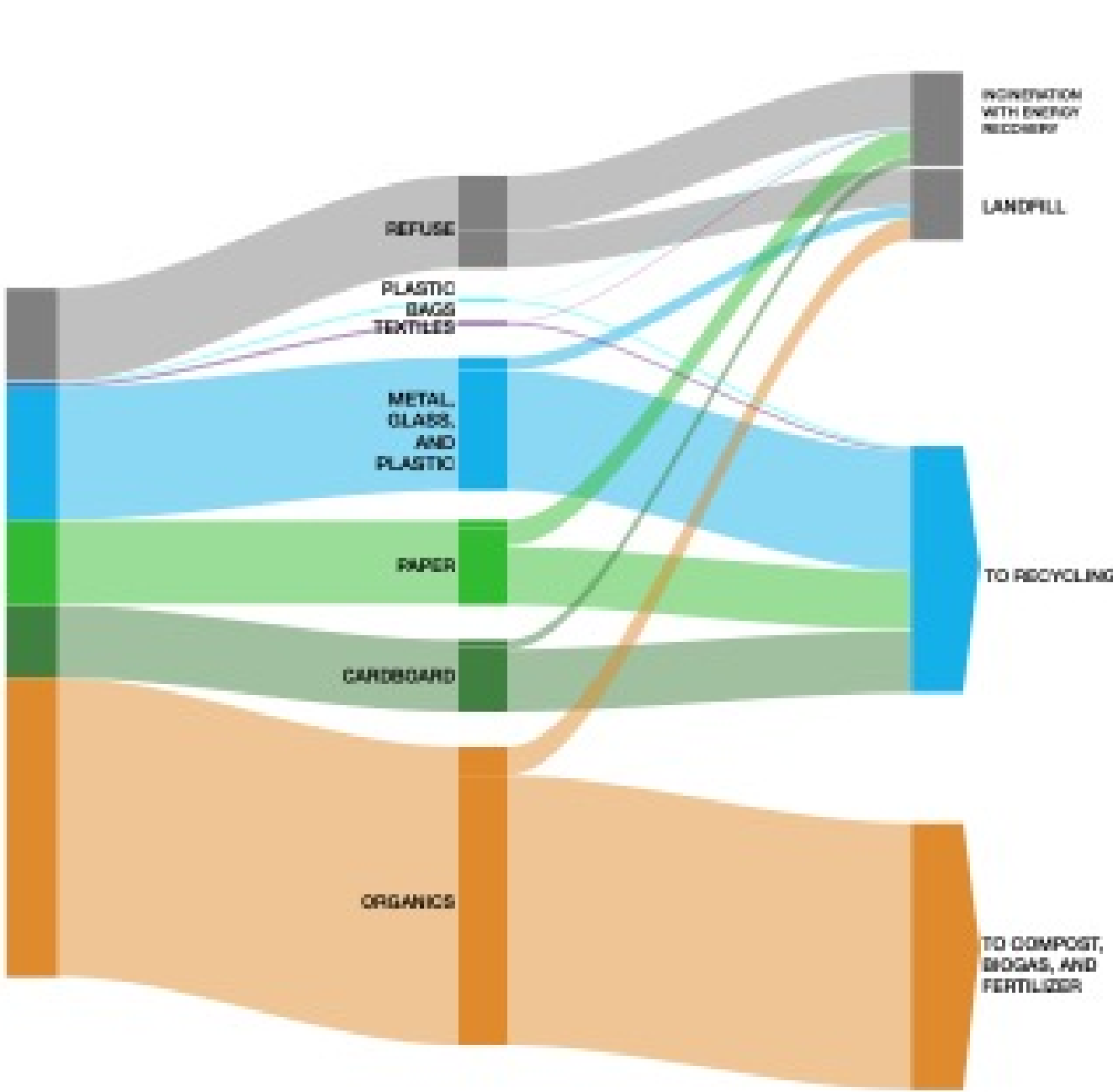
REDUCED USE OF VIRGIN RESOURCES AND EMBODIED CARBON

GOALS

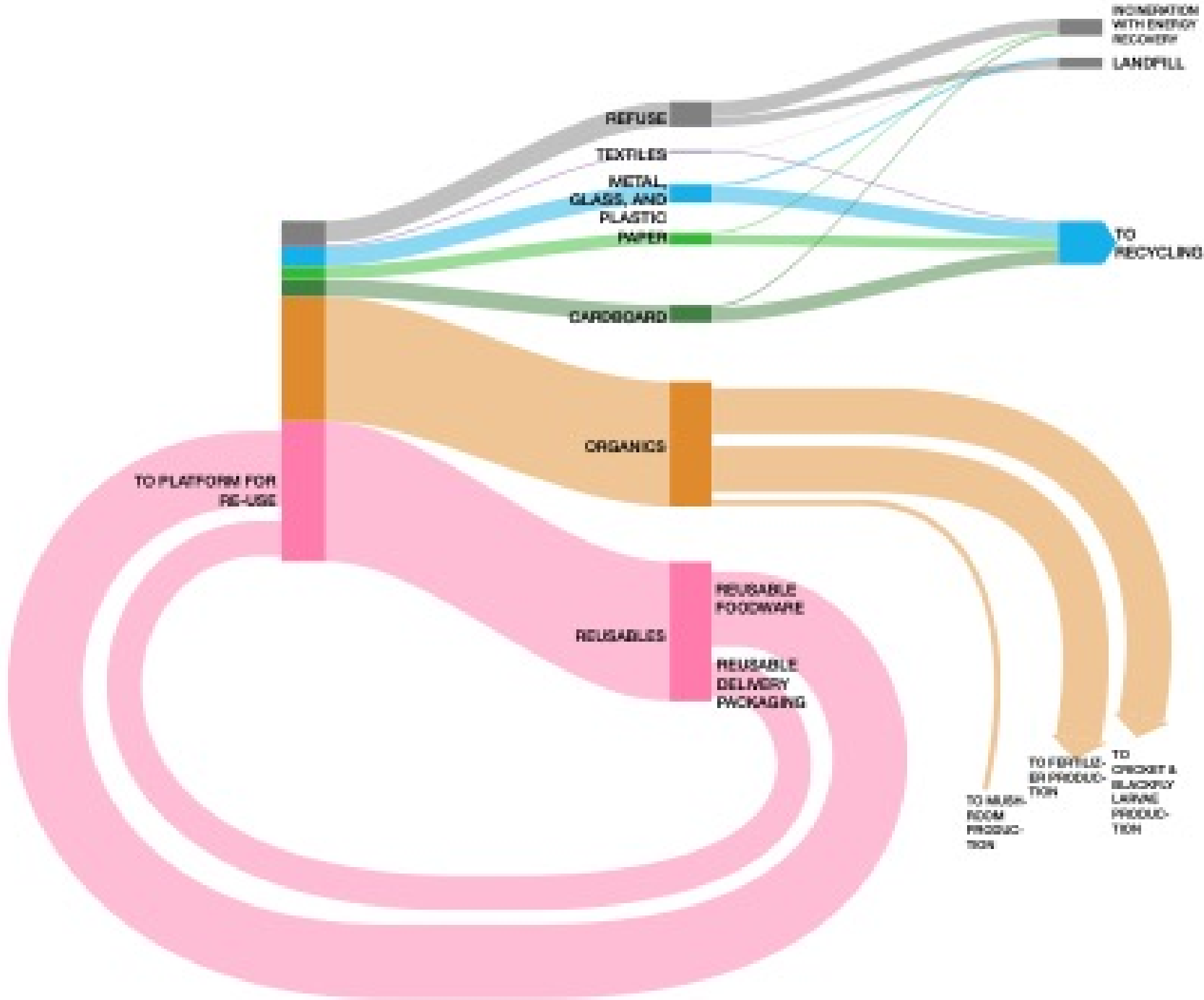


KOREAN RFID FOOD WASTE BIN

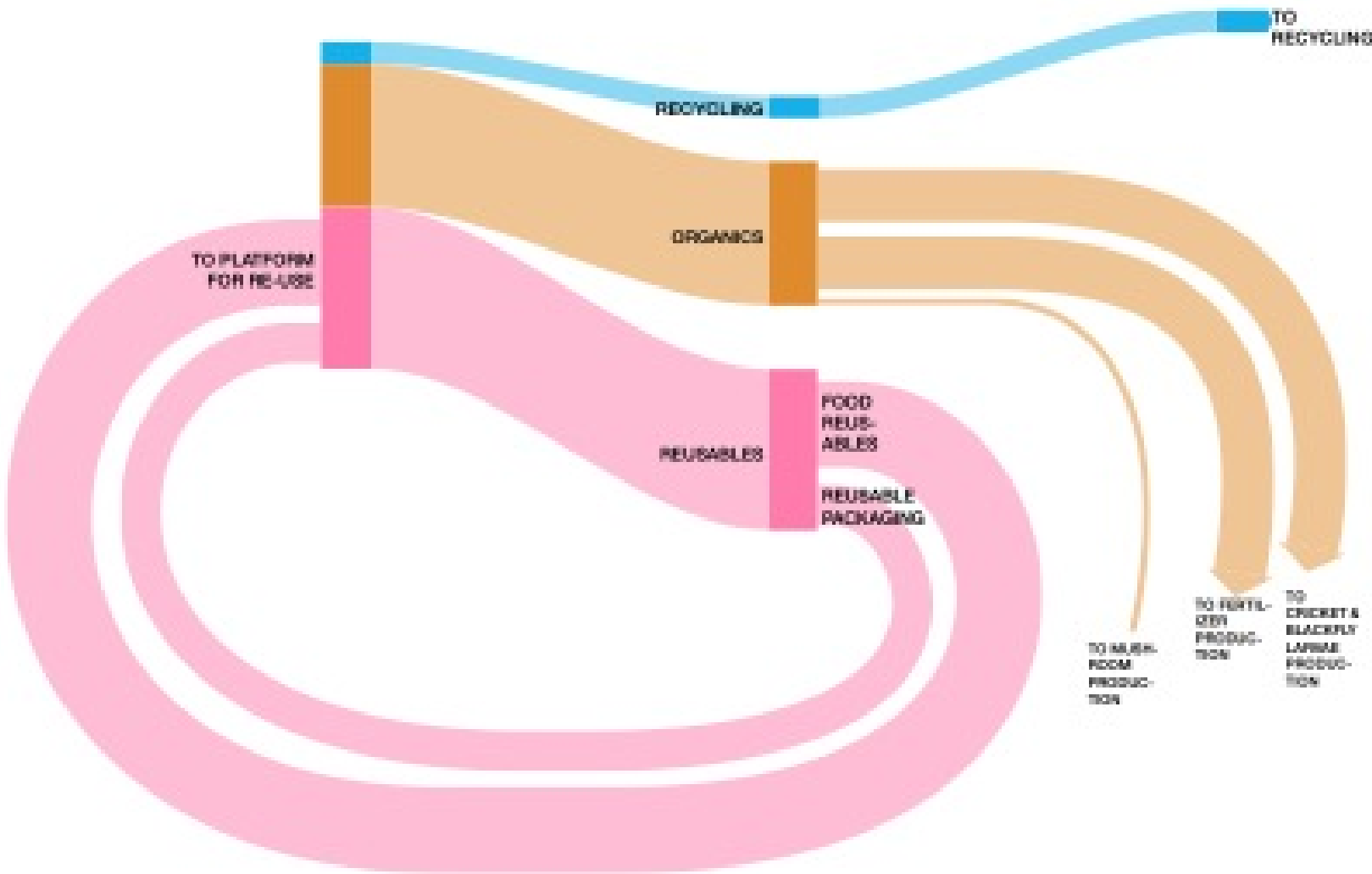
# KOREA'S WASTE SEPARATION POLICIES



TYPICAL WASTE GENERATION

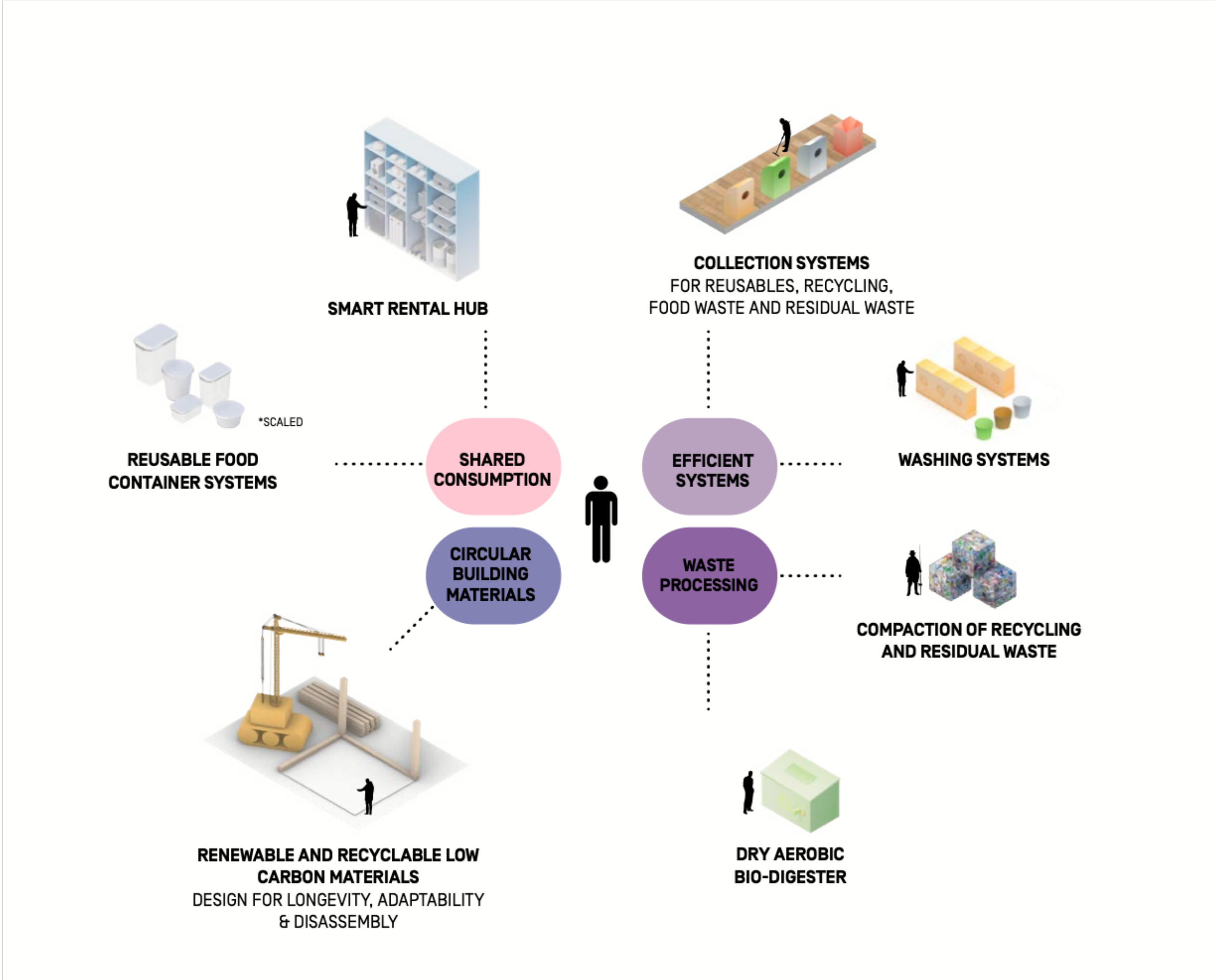


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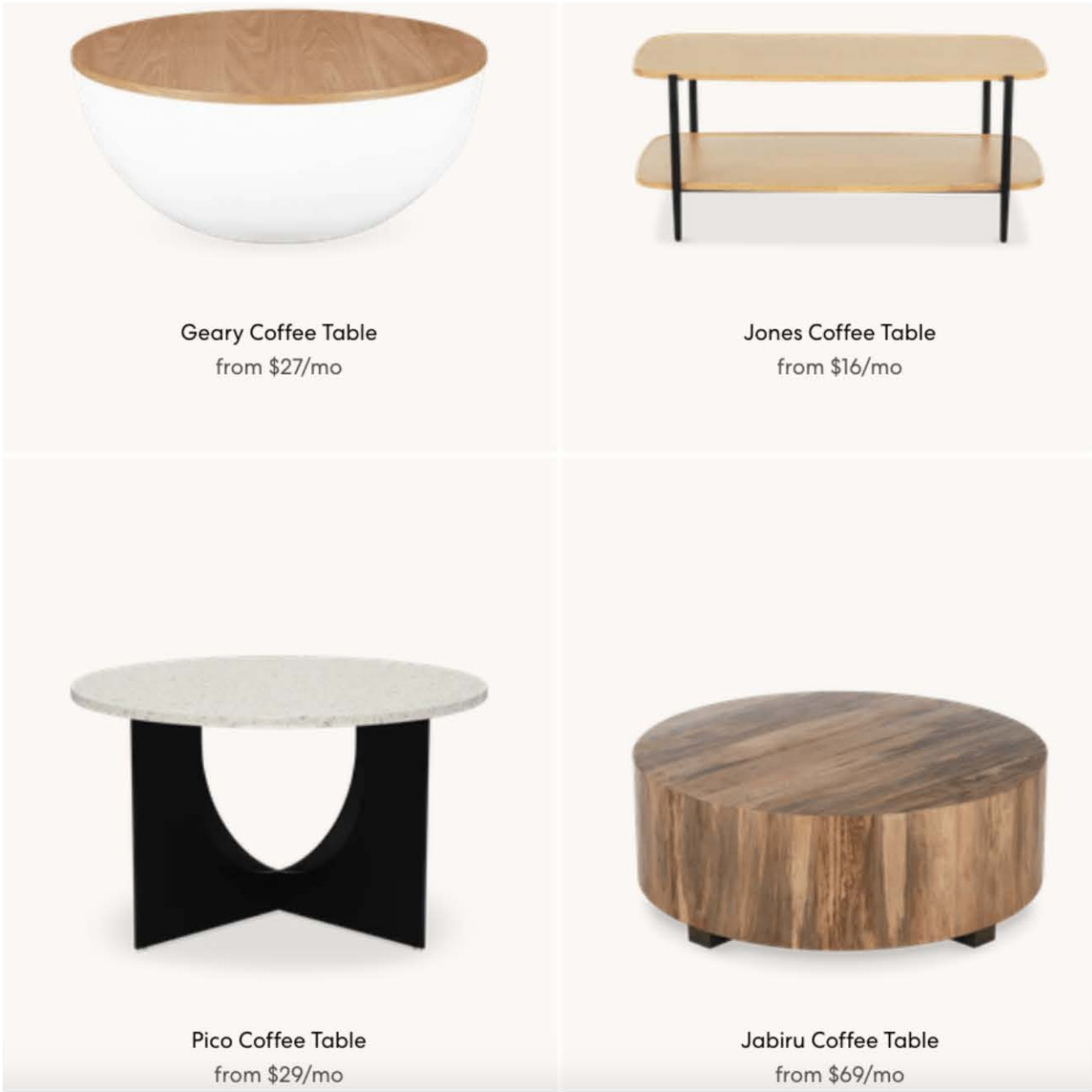


FUTURE GOAL

A CIRCULAR ZERO WASTE FUTURE



# ZERO WASTE CIRCULAR SYSTEMS



RETAIL RENTAL



ZEROWASTE RETAIL



RETAIL UPCYCLED GOODS

SHARED CONSUMPTION



**SMART RENTAL AND EXCHANGE HUB**



**REUSABLE FOODWARE**

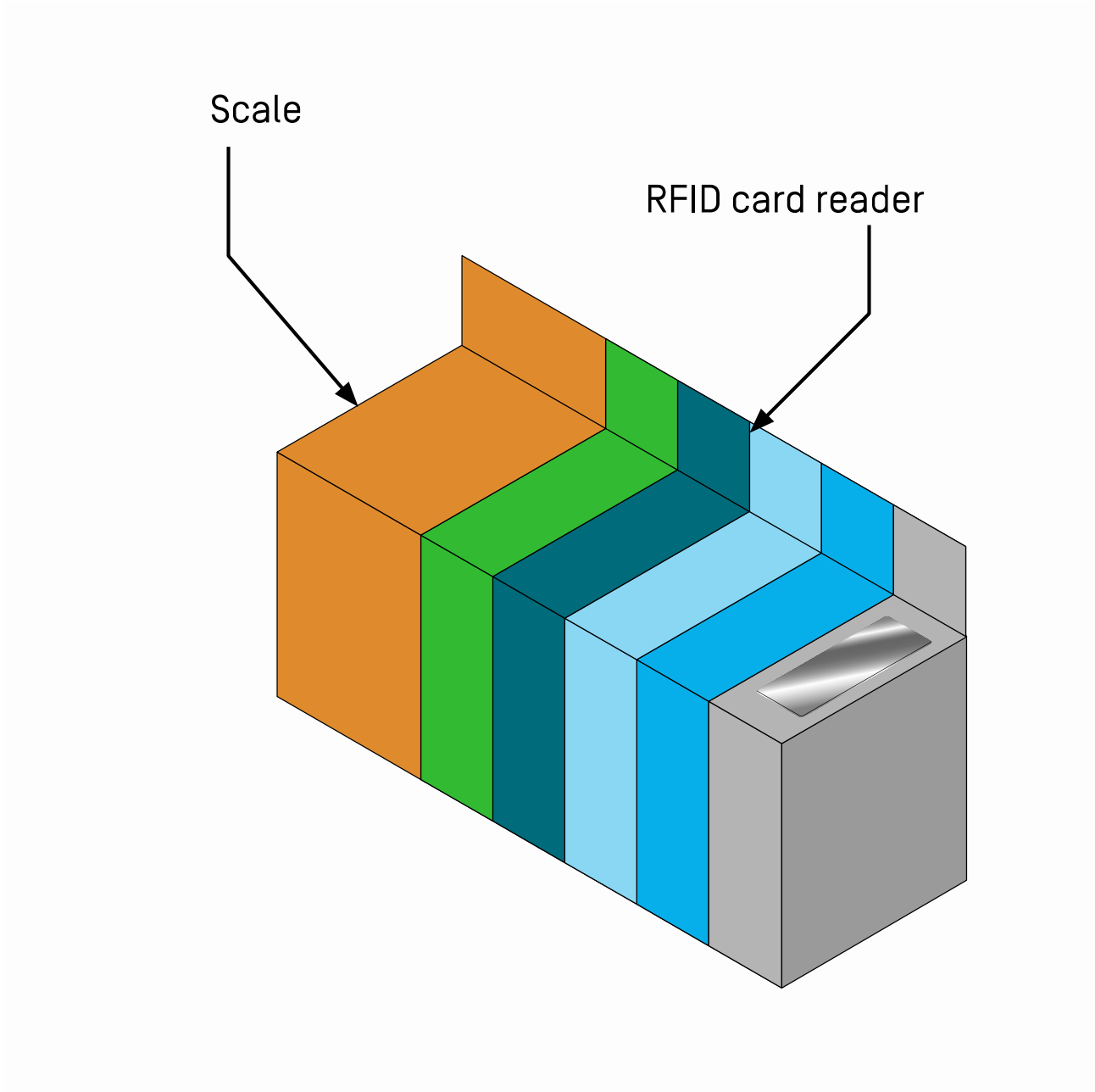


**REUSABLE DELIVERY PACKAGING**

## SHARED CONSUMPTION



placed in  
waste bin



Scale integrated with  
food procurement  
system to track all food  
waste before disposal

Food waste is made into  
a slurry and goes down  
a pipe to processing  
equipment in the hull

EFFICIENT SYSTEMS



BALER



BIN COMPACTOR



RESIDUAL WASTE  
PER WEEK



RECYCLING  
PER WEEK

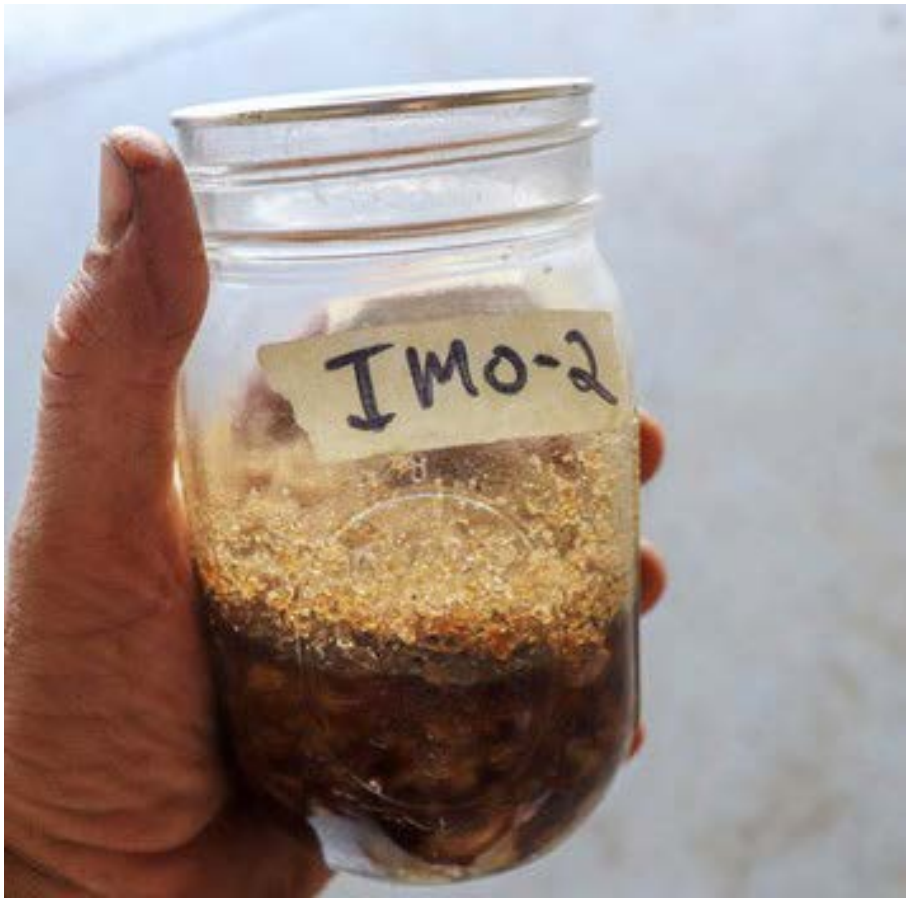
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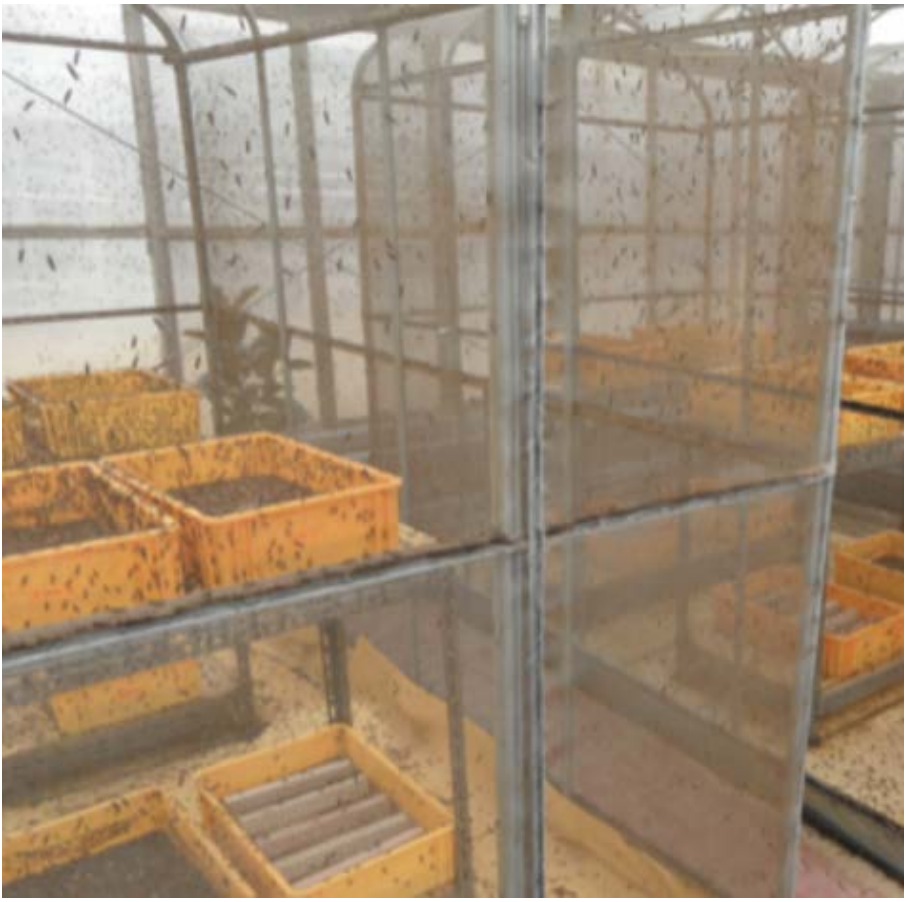
**DRY AEROBIC  
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**COMMUNITY COMPOSTING**



**CONVERSION TO LIQUID  
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**INSECT FARMING**

**WASTE PROCESSING**

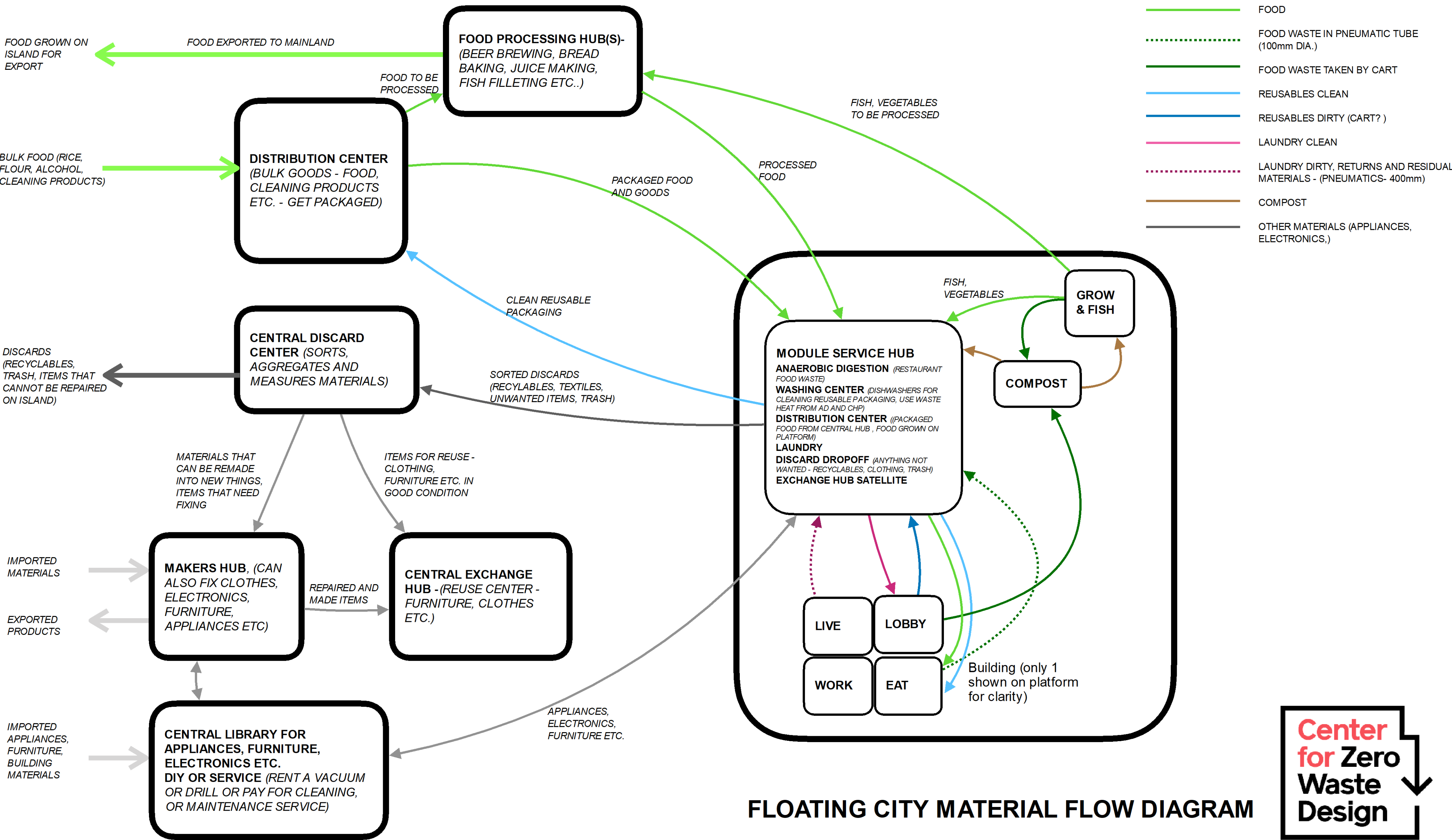


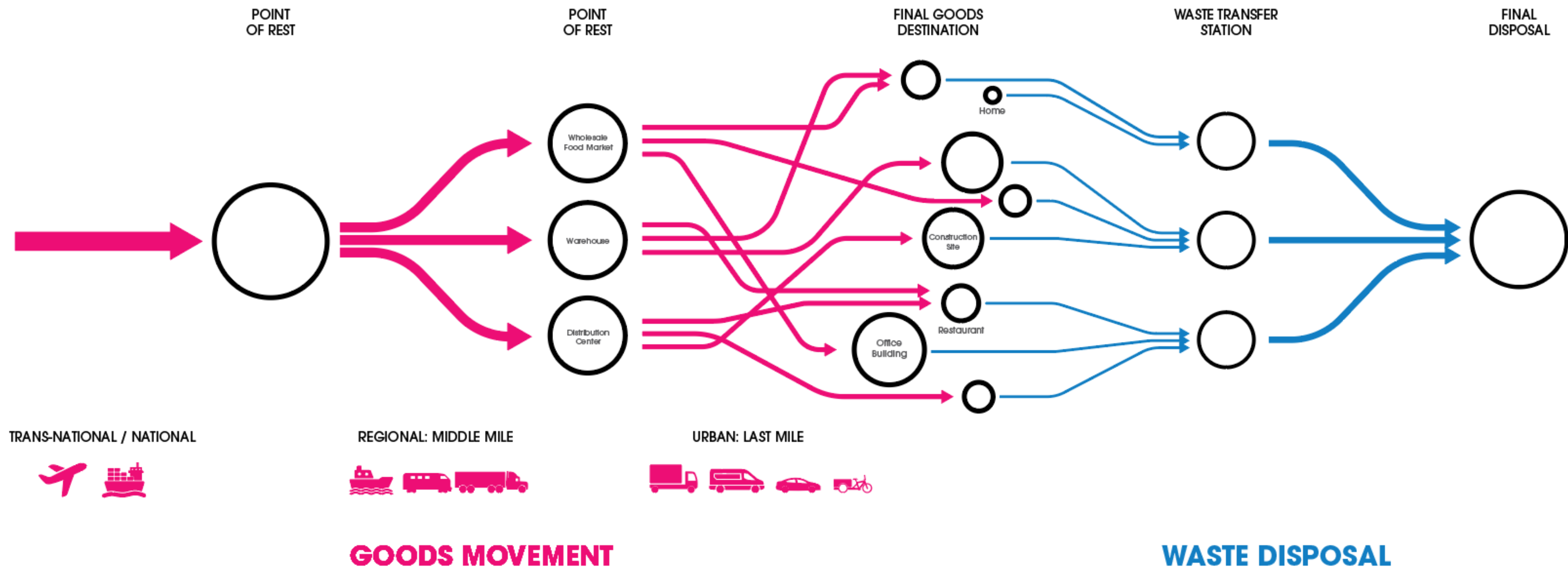
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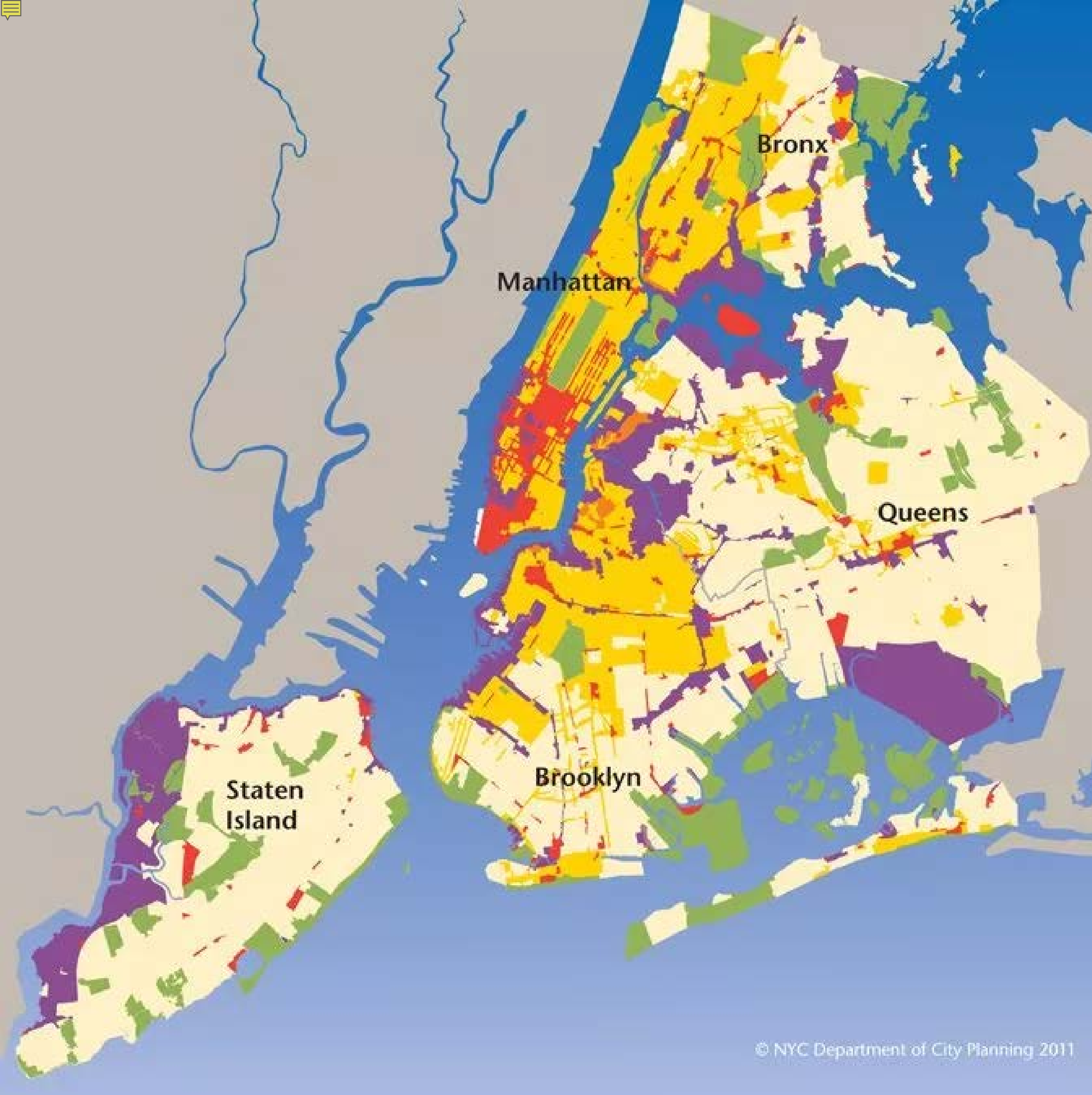
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TYPICAL MODULE

LEGEND:








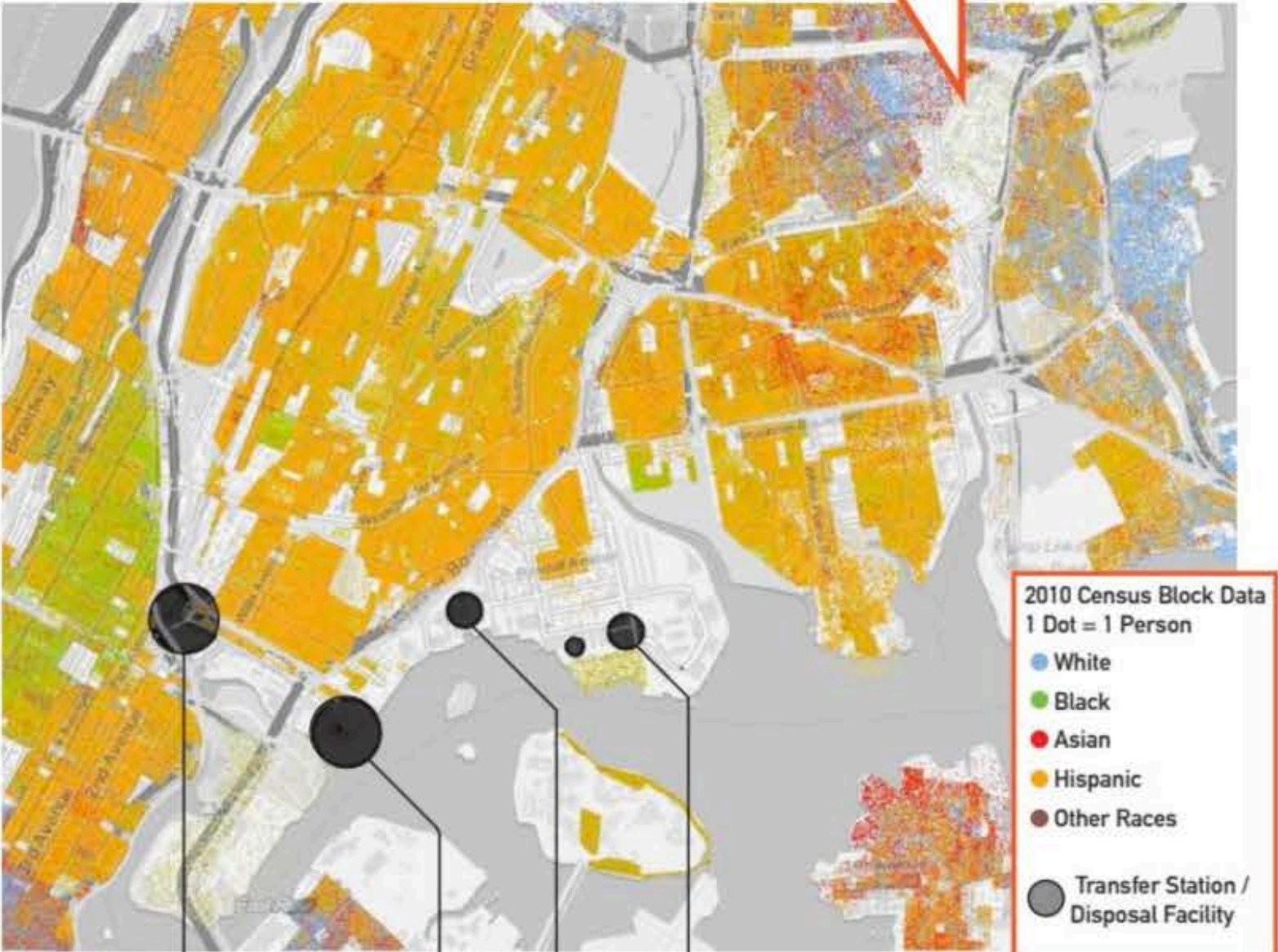
- One & Two Family
- Multifamily
- Commercial / Office
- Manufacturing / Infrastructure
- Open Space

# South Bronx

9 Transfer Stations handled **1,778,698 Tons** of Solid Waste in 2017, the highest in the city

**South Bronx Area**  
Population: 113,075  
White: 1,769 (1.6%)  
Black: 31,488 (27.9%)  
Latino: 77,444 (68.5%)  
Asian: 1,312 (1.2%)  
  
Median Income: \$22,826  
Below Poverty Level: 42.9%  
Source: 2012-16 ACS, NYC DCP





- WM Harlem River Yard**  
627,749 Tons
- Action Environmental Services**  
566,402 Tons
- Metropolitan Transfer Station**  
214,467 Tons
- Environmental Transload Services**  
213,623 Tons

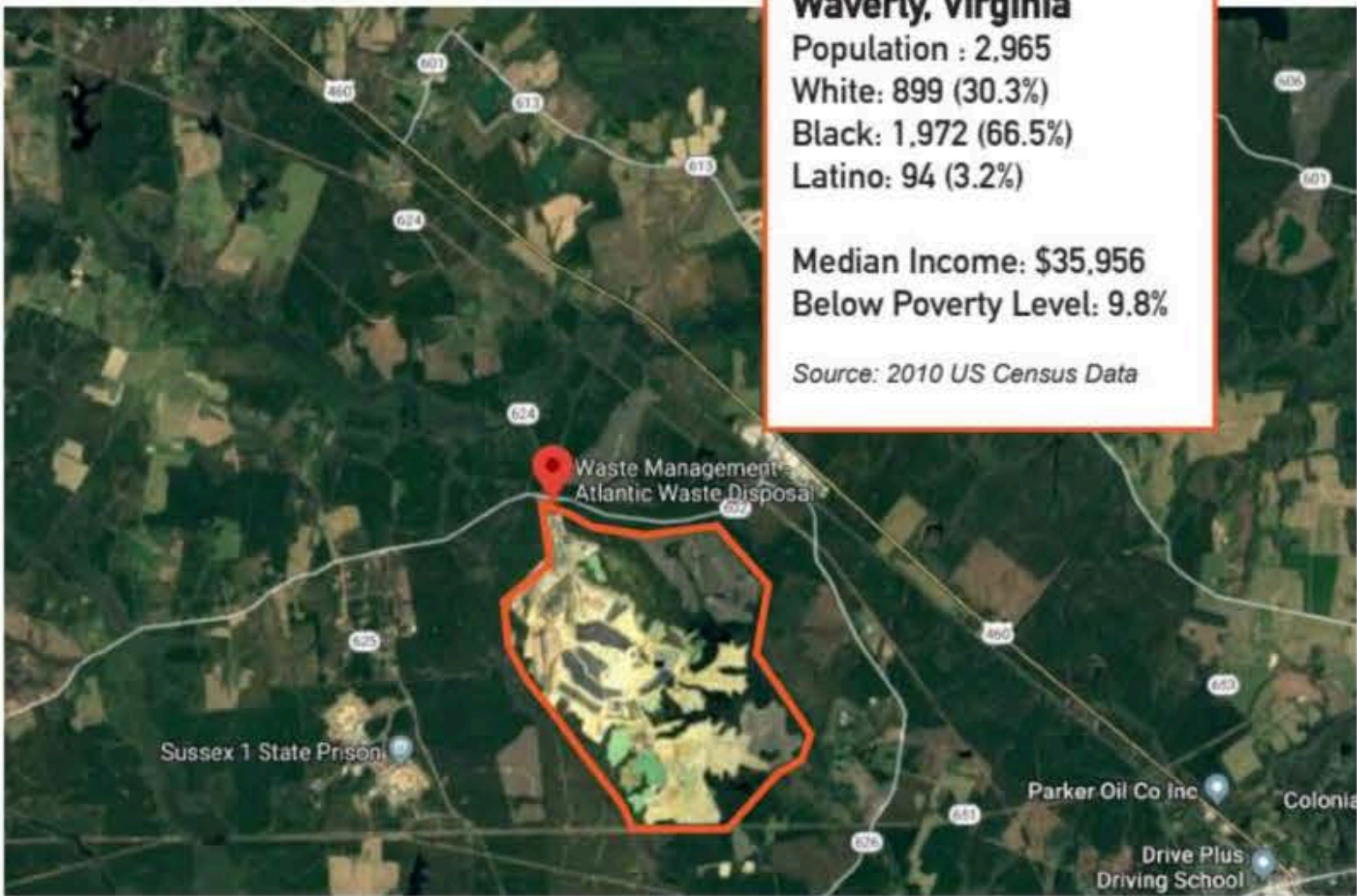
Population by Race Point Map : 2013, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia (Dustin A. Cable, creator) overlaid onto Carto Map by Author  
Population Statistics by Census Tracts : 2012-2016 American Community Survey, NYC Dept of Planning

Figure 21. South Bronx Waste Transfer Stations and Demographics.

# Atlantic Landfill Owned by Waste Management



Slated to receive entire 2019 Bronx MSW stream (approximately **420,000 Tons**)



Population by Race Point Map (top): 2013, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia (Dustin A. Cable, creator); Satellite Map (bottom): GoogleMaps screenshot

Figure 22. Atlantic Landfill and Demographics.



# Put Waste To Work

For Vibrant  
Streetscapes, Green  
Jobs and Healthy  
Neighborhoods

[PutWasteToWork.org](http://PutWasteToWork.org)

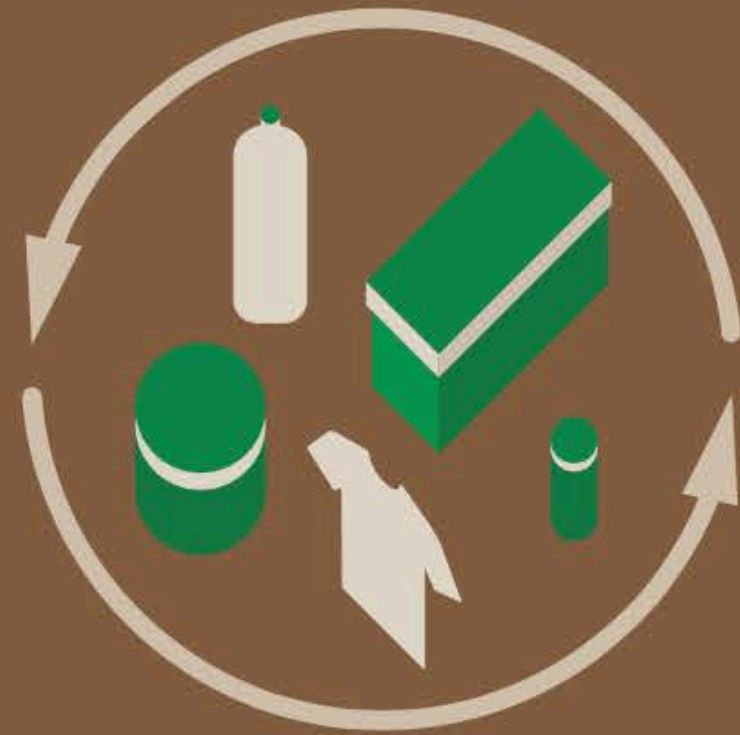
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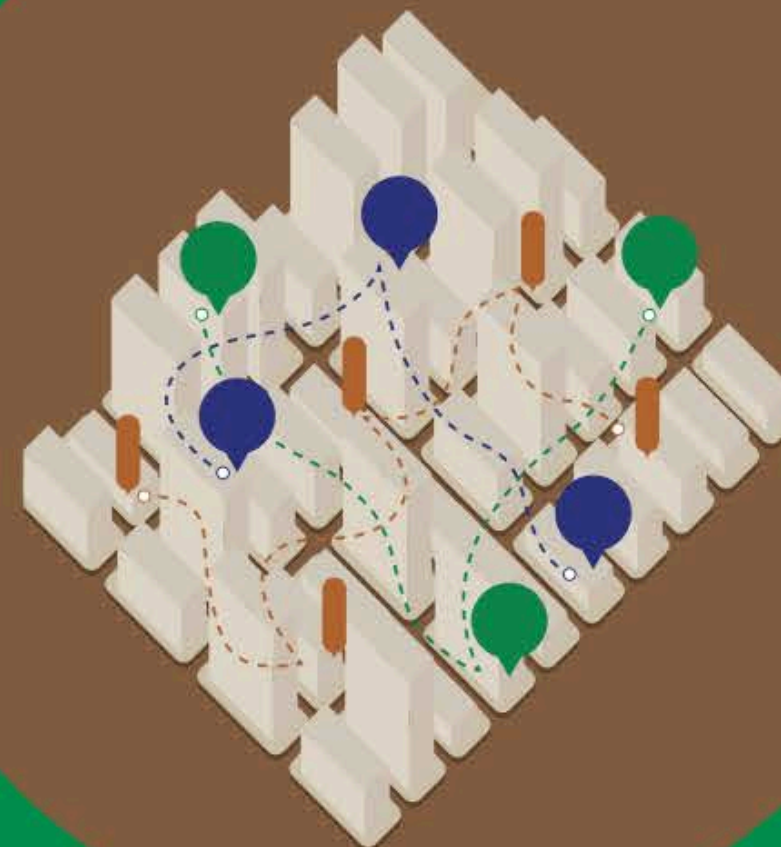
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Promote Facilities  
for Salvage,  
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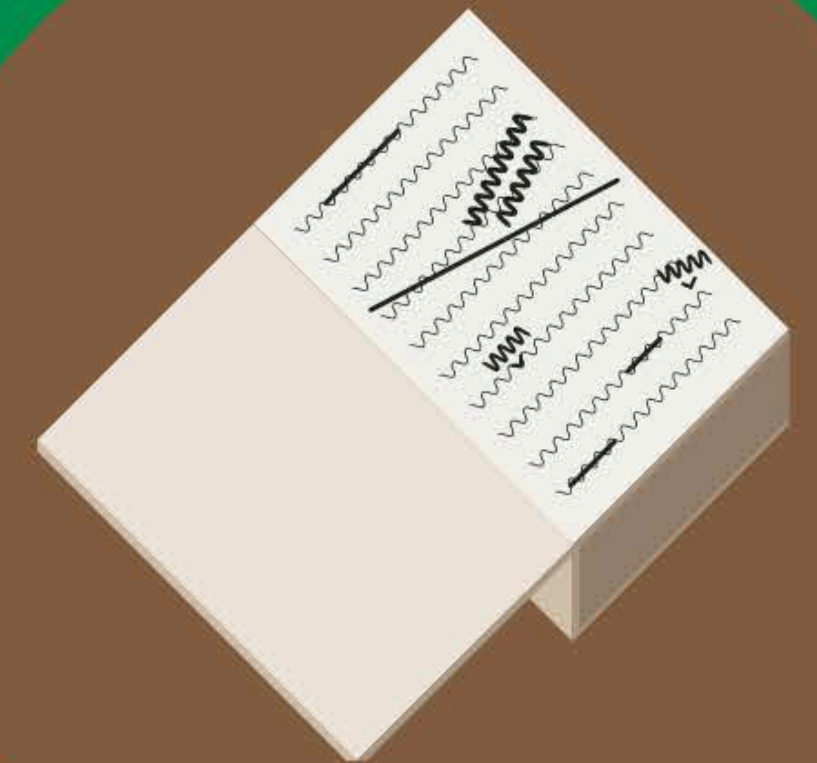
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Integrate  
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Deliveries And  
Waste



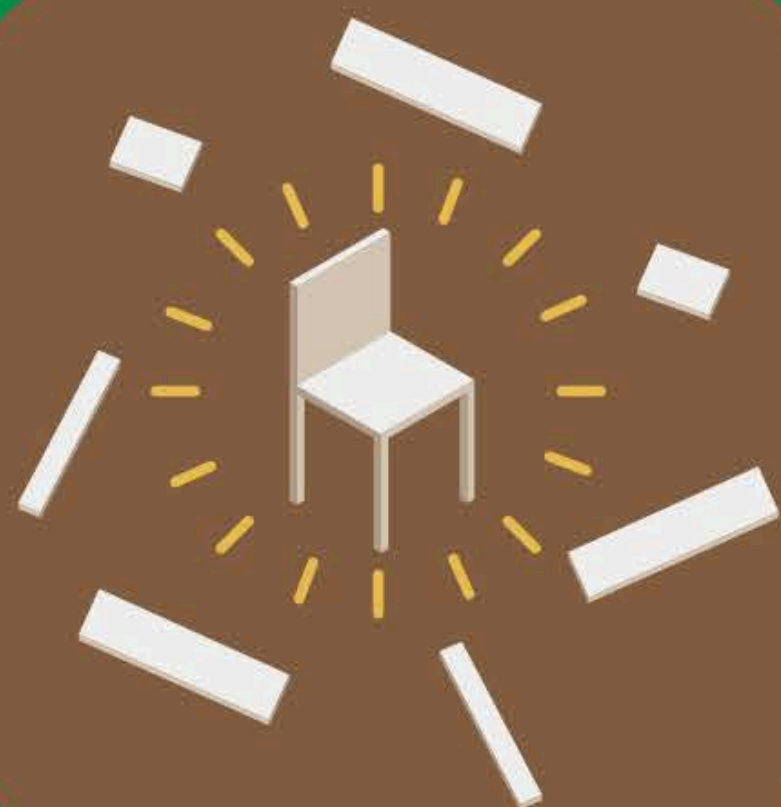
**d**

Incentivize Waste  
Reduction Through  
Policy Changes



**b**

Develop City  
Infrastructure  
for Circular  
Material Flows



# Zoning for circular systems



**Article 89 Made Easy:**  
*Urban Agriculture Zoning For The City of Boston*

## USE REGULATIONS FOR GROUND-LEVEL FARMS

Zoning*	Small (less than 10,000 SF)	Medium (10,000 SF - 1 acre)	Large (greater than 1 acre)
Residential (e.g., 1F, 2F, MFR)	Allowed	Allowed	Conditional Use
Commercial (e.g., L, LC, NS, B, CC, EDA)	Allowed	Allowed	Conditional Use
Industrial (e.g., I, M, LI)	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Institutional (e.g., IS, NI, CF)	Allowed	Allowed	Conditional Use

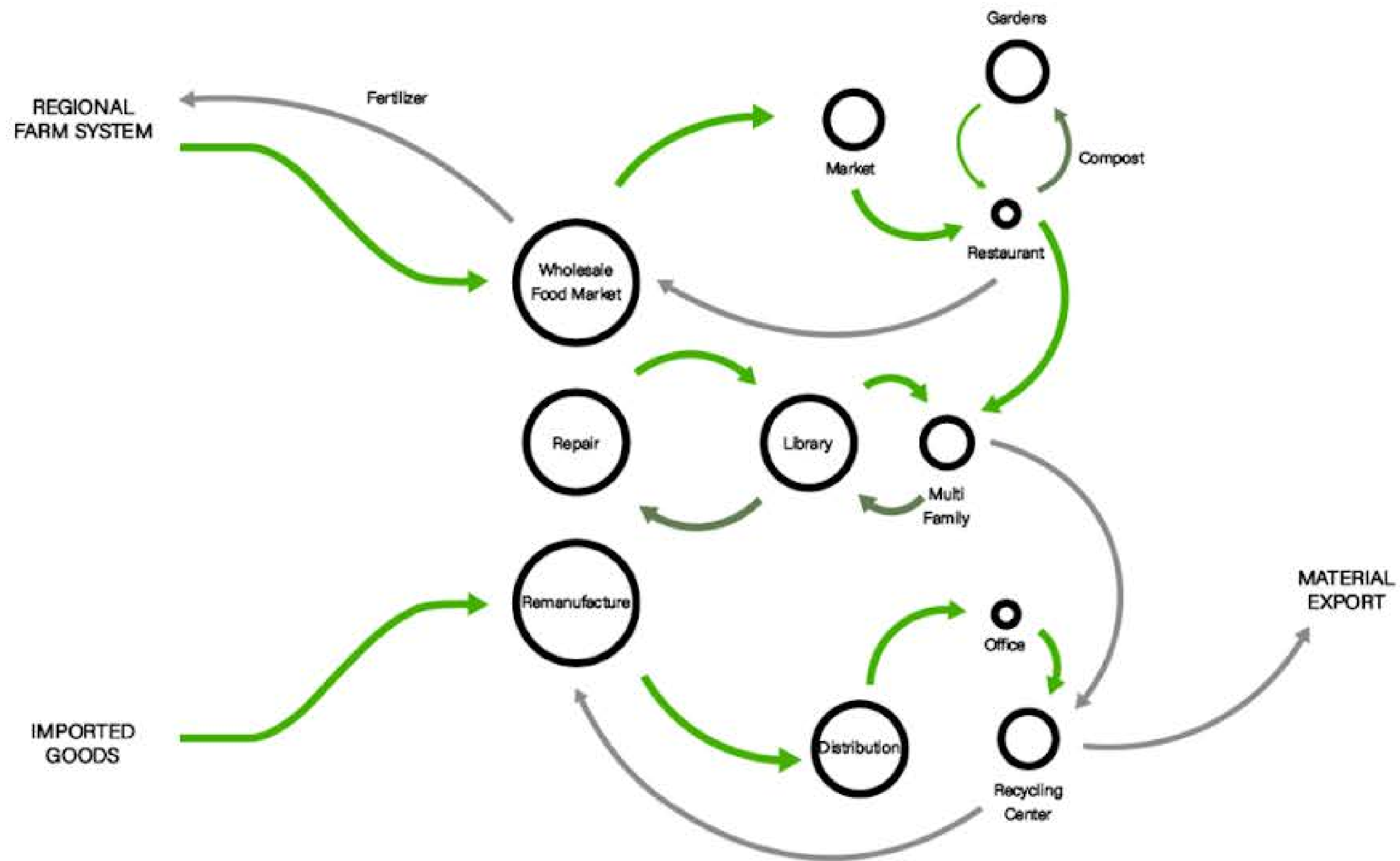
\*Zoning categories in this table and following tables are generalized. For specific zoning sub-districts, see Article 89, Appendix C.

## Model Composting Ordinance for Community-Commercial-On Farm compost sites



A tool for local governing authorities to assist in determining appropriate regulations for composting

Allowable Composting Uses and Permit Requirements											
Permit Types →	A = Allowed by Right			AU = Allowed as Accessory Use			SP = Special Permit (Conditional Use)			N = Use Not Allowed	
			Land Use Permit Required by Zoning Classification								
Zoning Classification →				Industrial	Residential				Agricultural		Commercial
Land Use ↓	Manufactur ing Heavy	Manufacturing Light		Manufacturing General	Rural	1-3 Family	Multi- family	Mixed Use	Manufacturin g Supplies and Services	Urban Farming	Food Scraps Generating Establishments
Large Composting											
Open air - Landscaping residue and similar materials only	A	SP		SP	N	N	N	N	SP	N	SP
Open air - Other materials according to state permit	A	SP		SP	N	N	N	N	SP	N	SP
In-vessel systems (materials according to state permit)	A	SP		SP	N	N	N	N	SP	N	SP
Enclosed building (materials according to state permit)	A	A		A	N	N	N	N	SP	N	SP
Small Composting											
Open air - Landscaping residue and similar materials only	A	A		A	SP	N	N	N	A	SP	AU
Open air - Other materials according to state permit	A	A		A	SP	SP	SP	SP	A	SP	AU
In-vessel systems (materials according to state permit/exemptions)	A	A		A	SP	SP	SP	SP	A	A	AU
Enclosed building (materials according to state permit/exemptions)	A	A		A	A	SP	SP	SP	A	A	AU
On Farm Composting											
Open air, In-vessel systems - Materials according to state environmental regulations	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	A	A	N
Enclosed building - Materials according to state environmental regulations	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	A	A	N



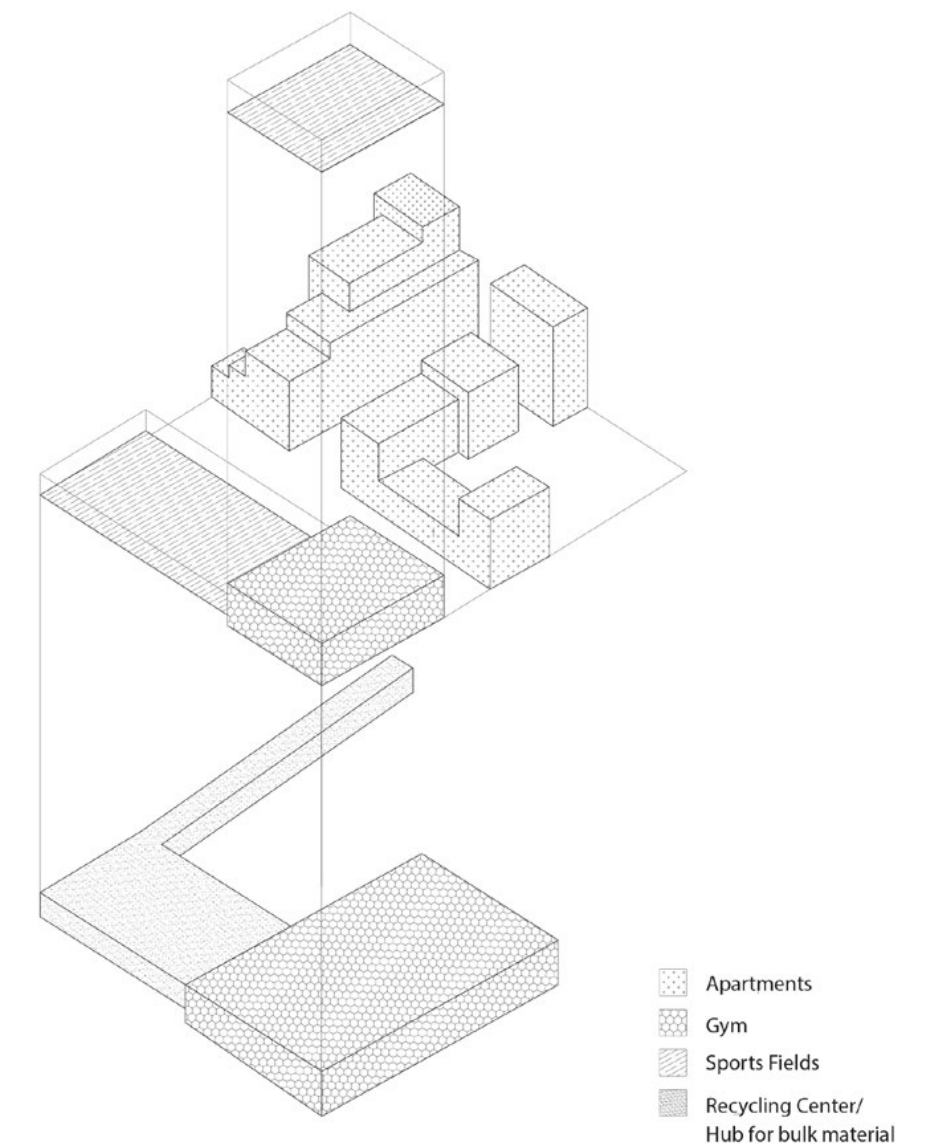
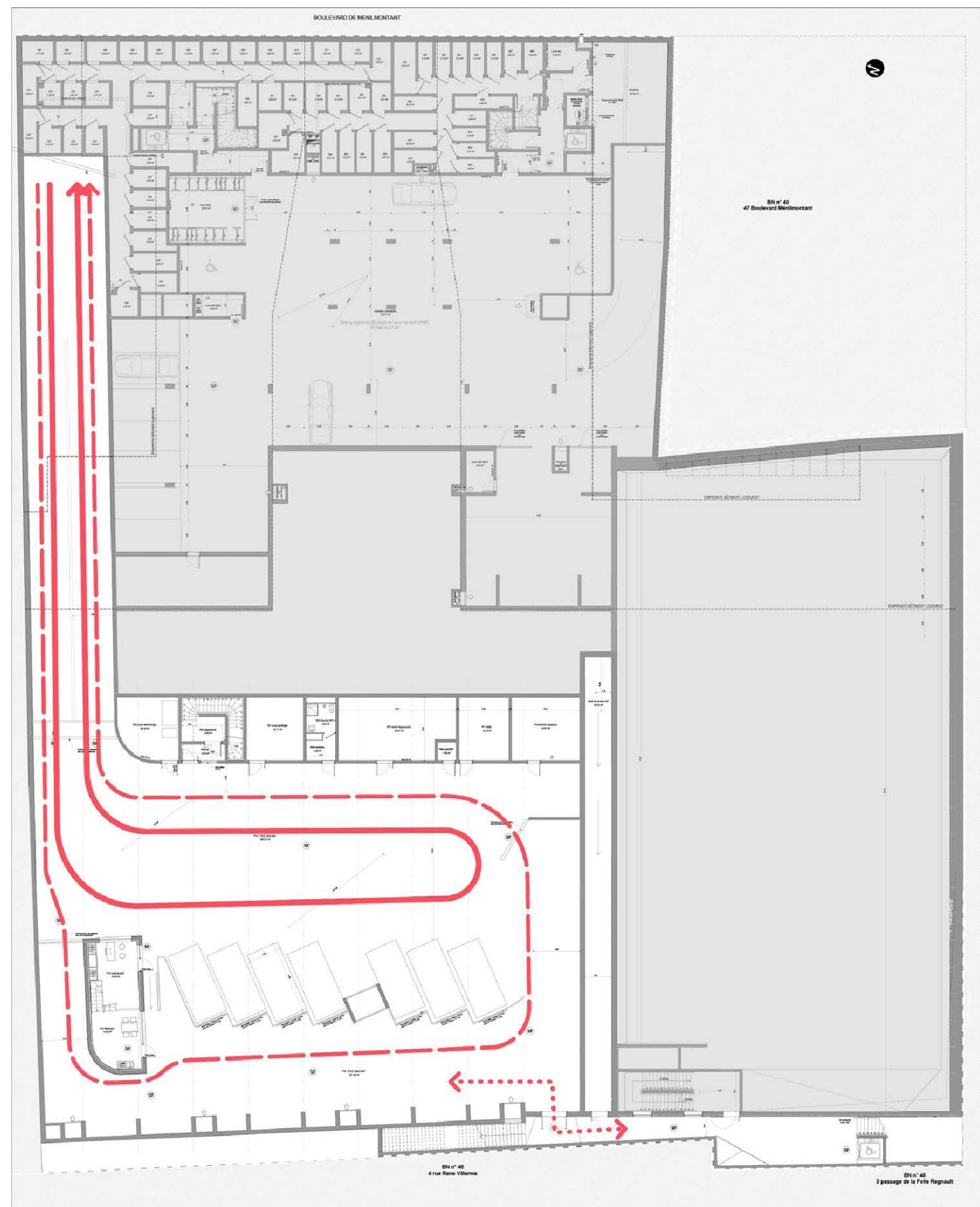
## CIRCULAR MATERIAL MOVEMENT

# New buildings to provide facilities

## Ménilmontant, Paris

### Type

Recycling center and relay point for bulk collection hosted on private property



Clockwise from top: Section perspective showing vehicles driving into the recycling center adjacent to the gym; Diagram showing the various program elements; View showing pedestrian-oriented context

To repair, grow, make, cook, mend...



PARTICIPATORY CITY  
EVERY ONE EVERY DAY ECOSYSTEM



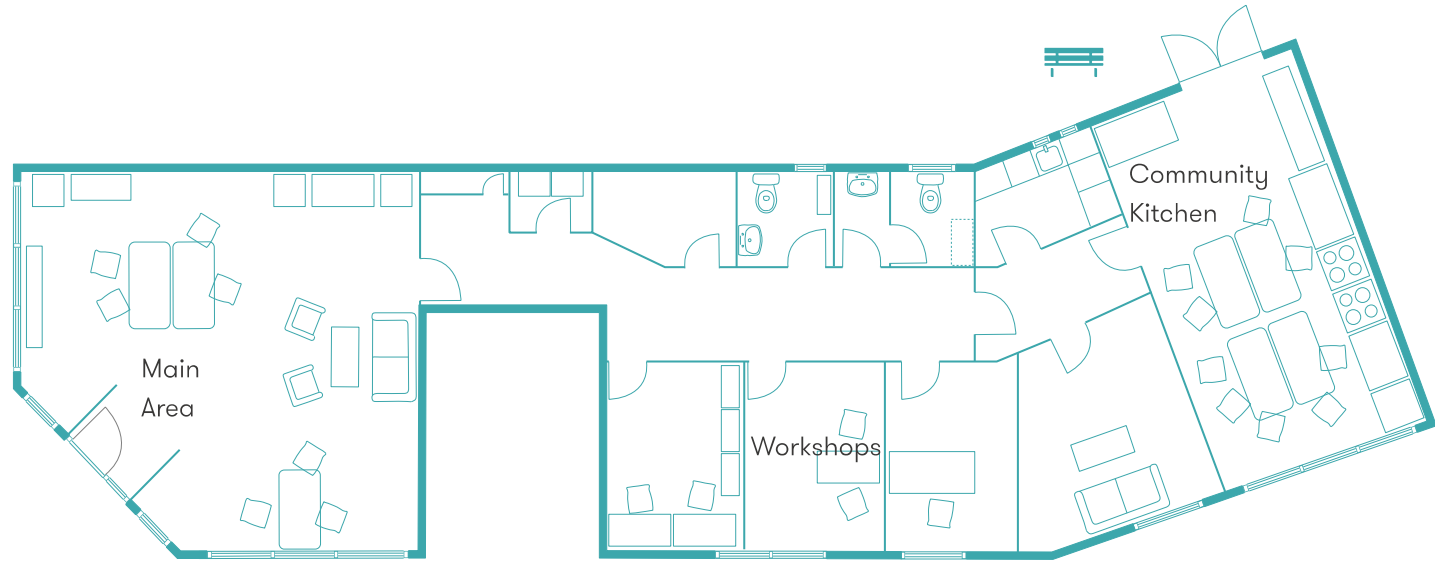
A person-centred approach to learning and development - growing confidence, skills and aspirations.

Coming in to chat in on of the local shops.

Participating in 250+ practical neighbourhood projects.

Initiating new neighbourhood projects.

Developing new livelihoods and creating new Collaborative Business.



250  
Square Meters

10  
Number of Rooms

Office Space

Main Area

1  
Number of Floors

Workshop

Kitchen

Outside Seating Area

# Borrow

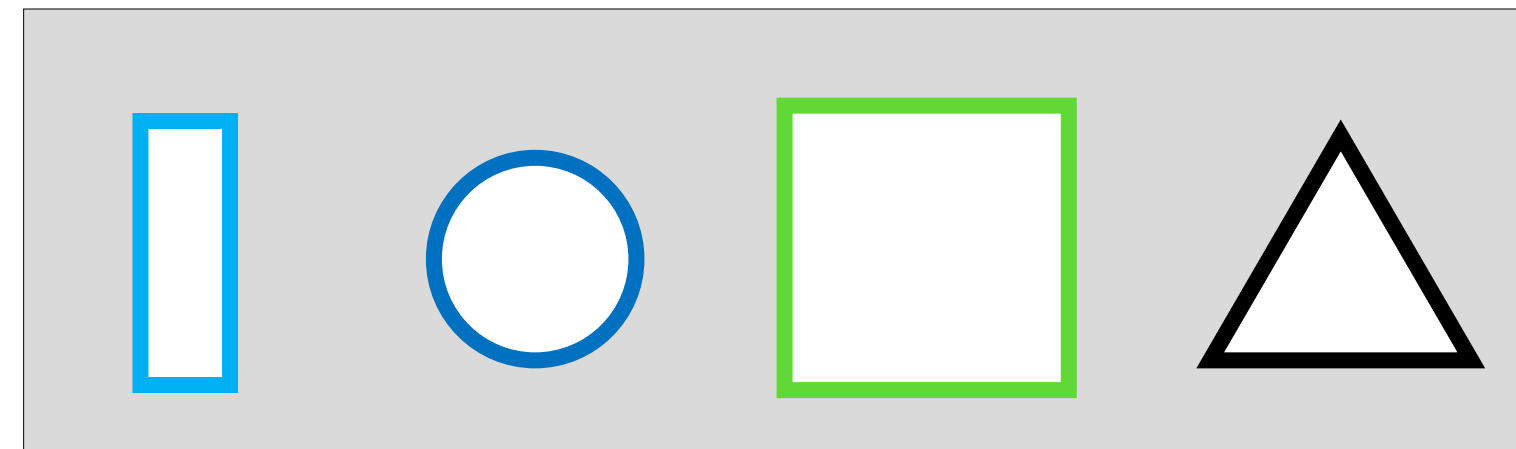


# Redesign waste bins





Paper      Metal  
Plastic      Organics      Trash

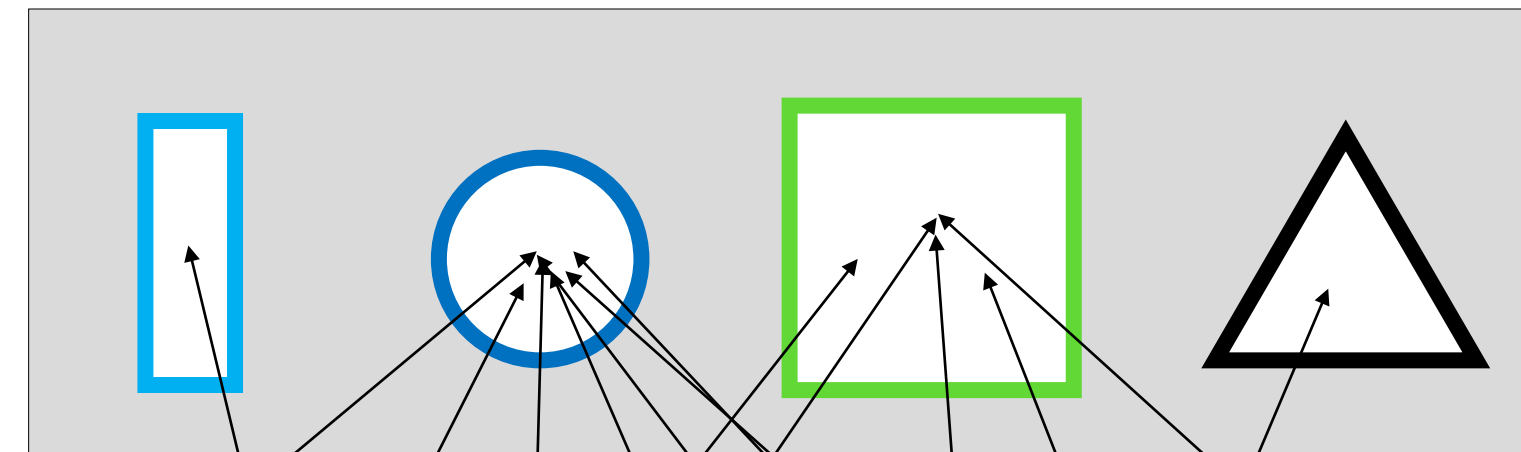


What goes where?





Paper      Metal  
Plastic      Organics      Trash

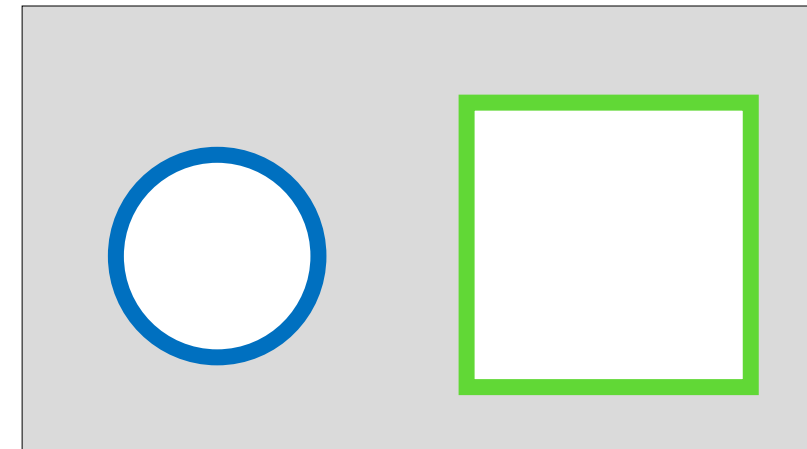


?      Depends if  
compostable or  
plastic





Metal      Organics

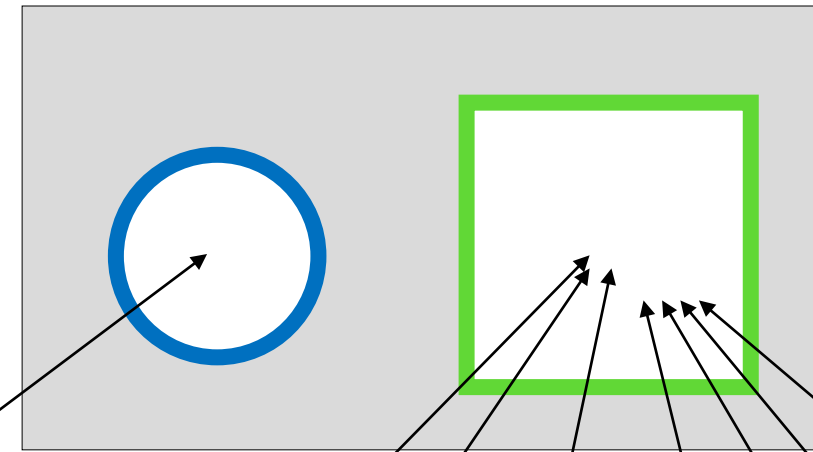


# Control Products - All Compostables



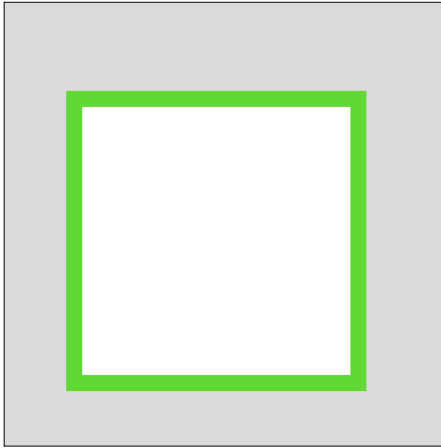


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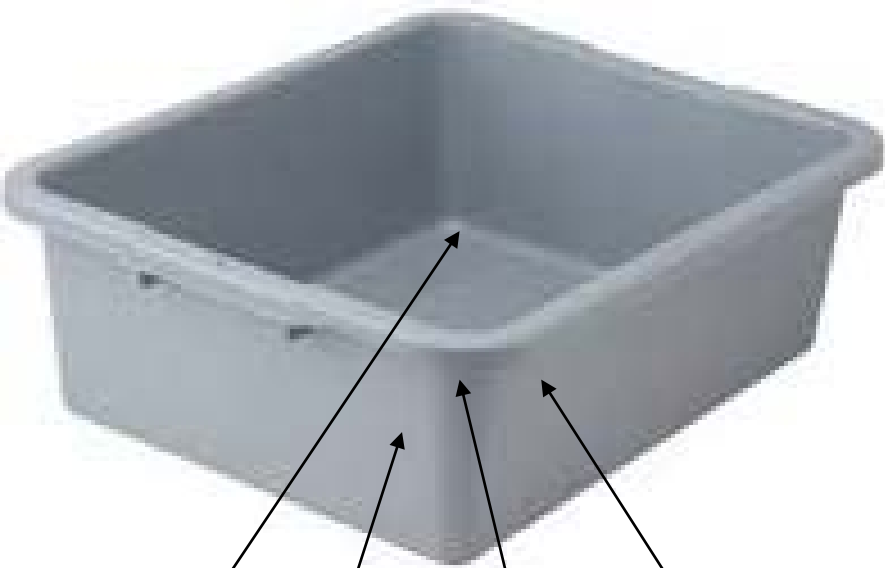
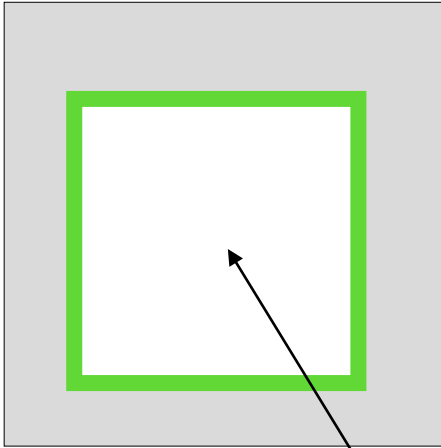


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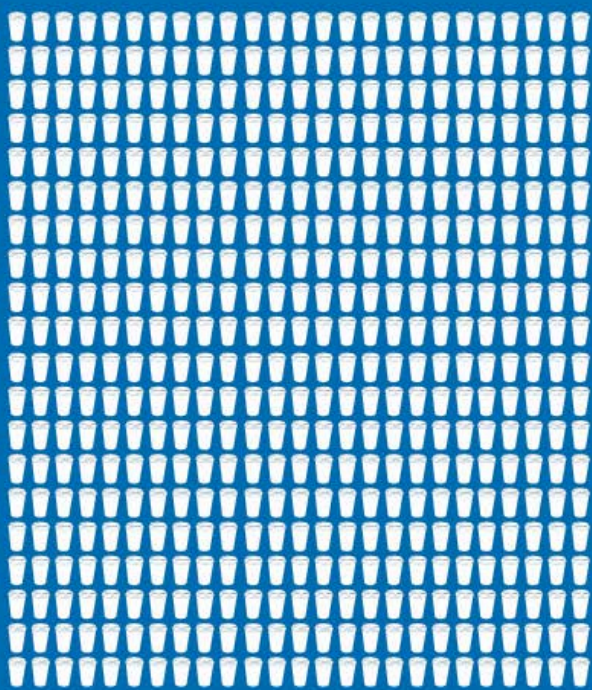


Organics



# Reuse Wins

Using 500 paper cups consumes nearly 370 gallons water



Using and washing one ceramic cup 500 times consumes only 53 gallons of water.



Reuse saves businesses money for on-site dining 100% of the time.

Average savings for a small business:



\$3000 - \$22,000 cost savings



1,300-2,200 lbs. of waste eliminated



110,000 to 225,000 packaging items eliminated

## Today's "one-way throw-away" food service model

High climate and energy impacts, water use and natural resource extraction.

Nearly 1 trillion disposable food-service packaging items, which equals 9 million tons.

\$6 billion spent by businesses and communities on solid waste costs from disposables

Single-use foodware and packaging suppliers

\$24 billion spent by restaurants on disposables

Compost facility

Recycling facility

20 billion pieces of litter from food-service disposables

## Tomorrow's new reuse economy for food service

86% of disposables avoided - reducing climate and energy impacts, water use and natural resource extraction.

193,000 jobs created in new reuse economy. Jobs are created regionally in collection, washing, logistics, delivery, etc.

841 million disposable food packaging items avoided and 7.5 million tons of materials averted annually.

Reuse service providers

\$5 billion saved by food service businesses from no longer procuring disposables for on-site dining.

\$5.1 billion saved by businesses and communities from avoided solid waste costs from no longer using disposables

17 billion pieces of litter prevented through new reuse systems



# Reusable Waste Station Design



# Save as you Throw

- Service cost visibility
- Waste reduction and diversion – average 17% reduction after implementation
  - Independent access to capital
  - Fairness – save money if less wasteful

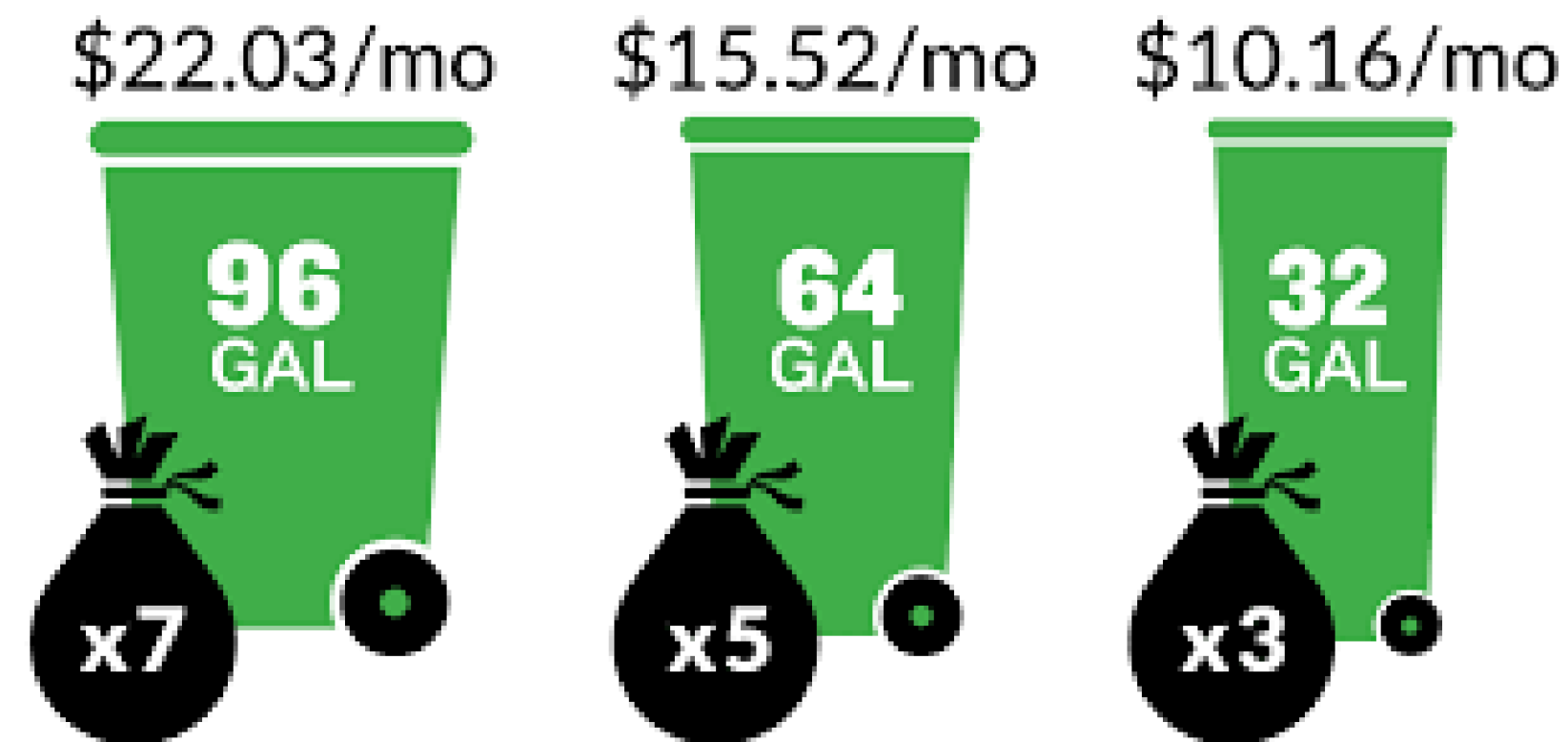
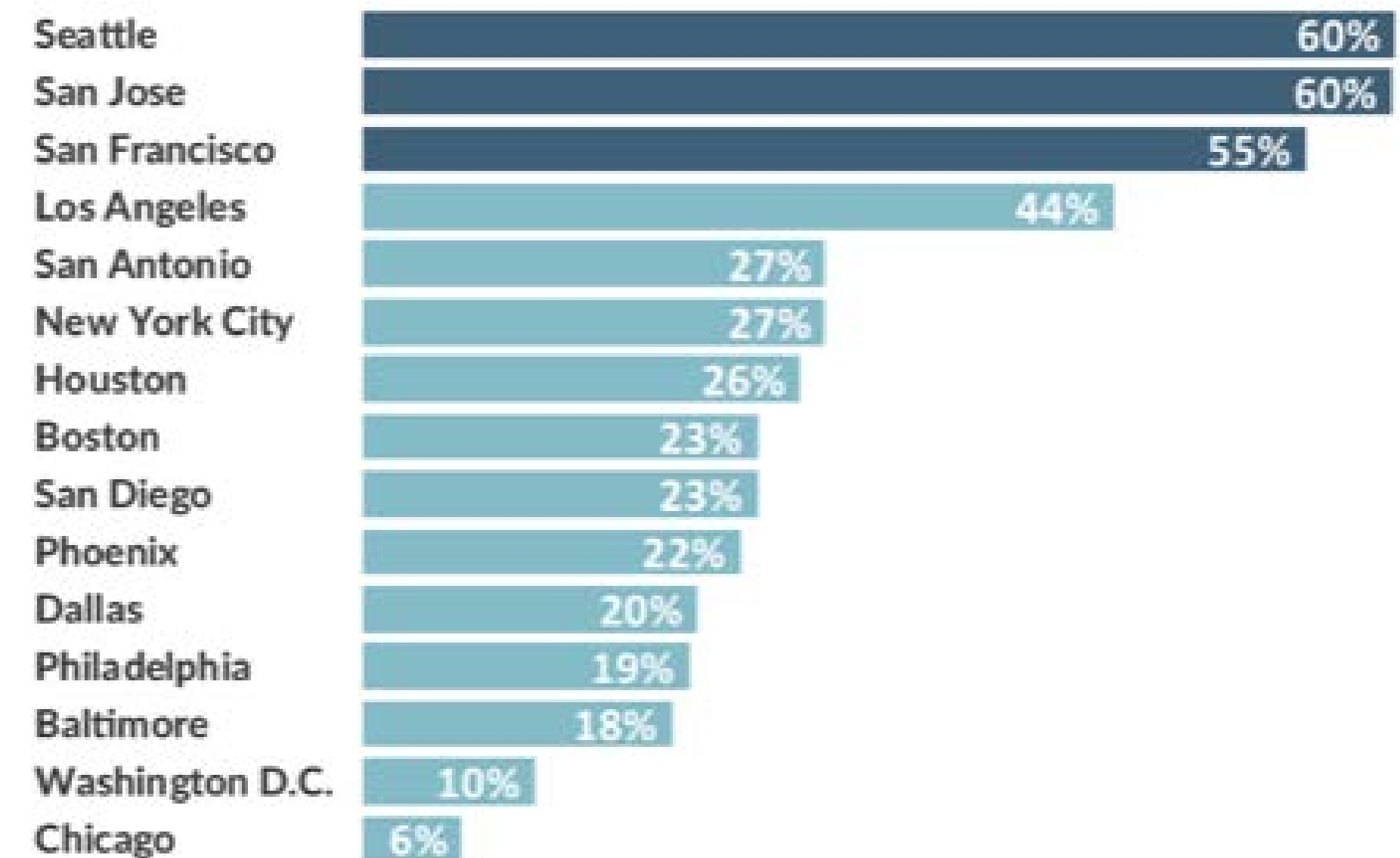


Figure 1: Residential Diversion Rates in Selected Large and Dense U.S. Cities, 2013

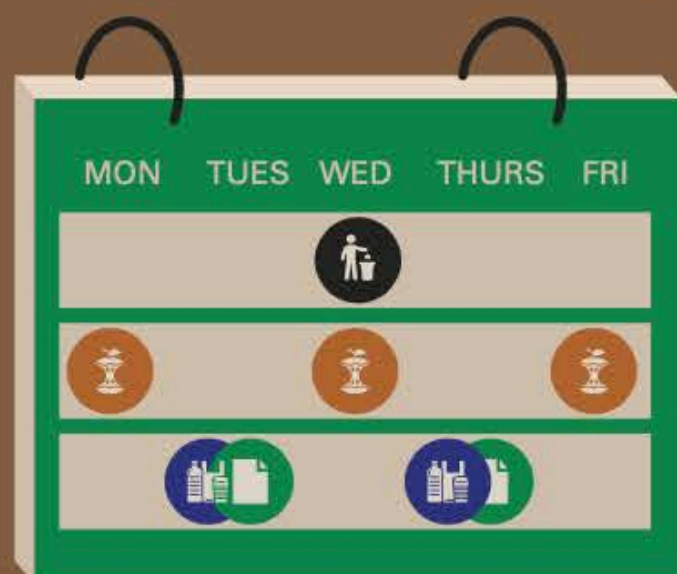


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# Contain

**a**

Rationalize  
Collection  
Schedules



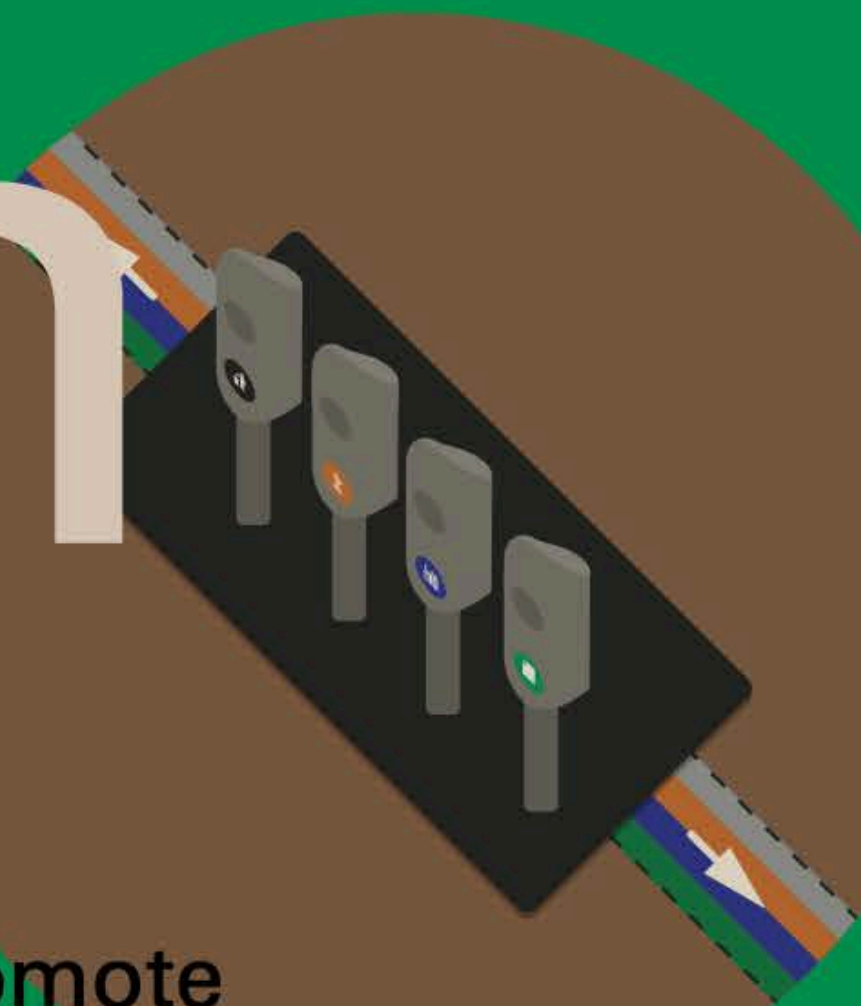
**c**

Collect Containers  
of Waste using  
Semi-Automated  
Trucks



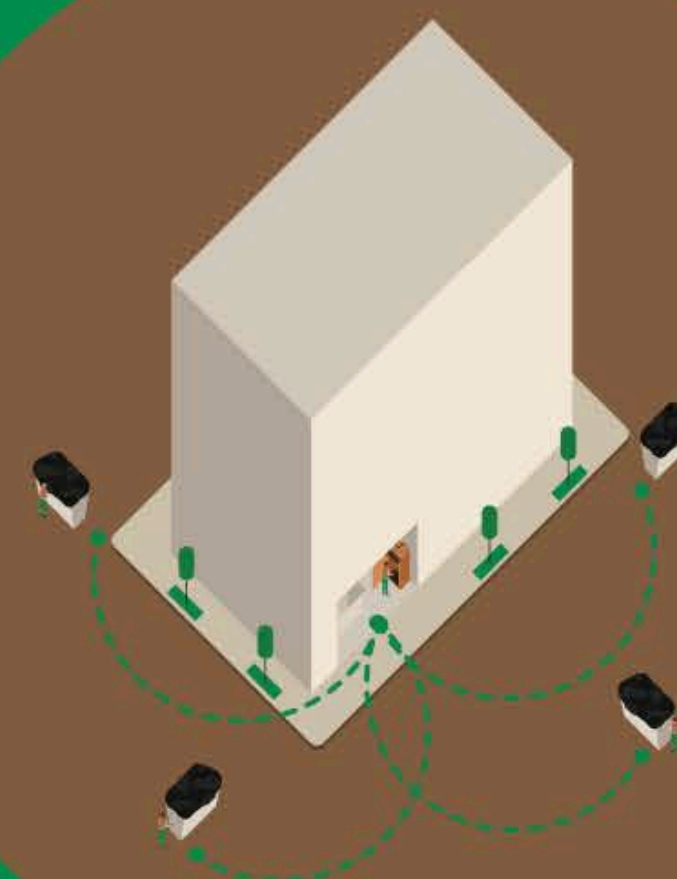
**e**

Promote  
Pneumatic Tube  
Networks



**d**

Provide  
Neighborhood-  
Scale Collection



**b**

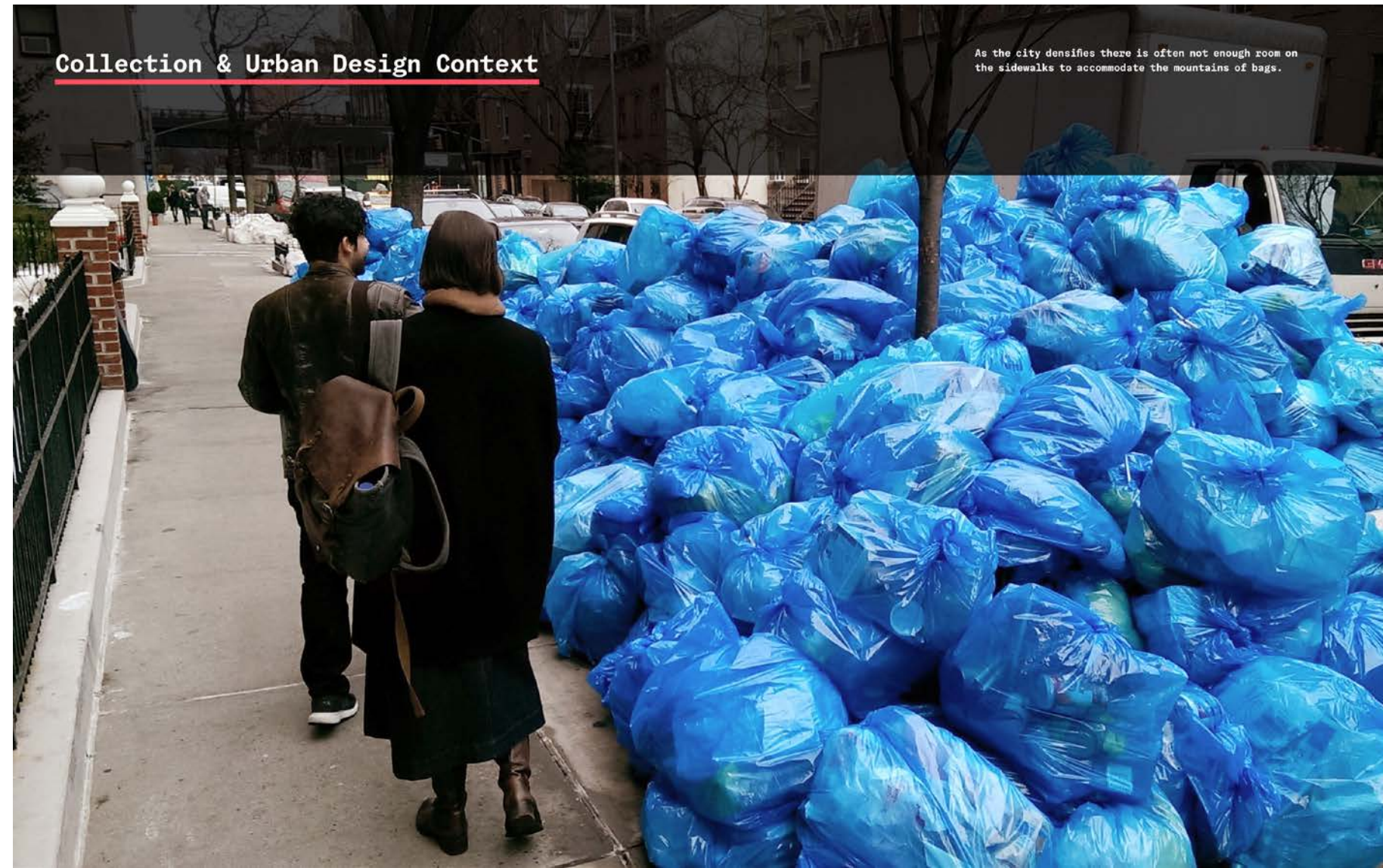
Promote  
Equipment  
to Reduce  
the Volume  
of Waste





Collection & Urban Design Context

As the city densifies there is often not enough room on the sidewalks to accommodate the mountains of bags.



# Shared collection

## Surface containers

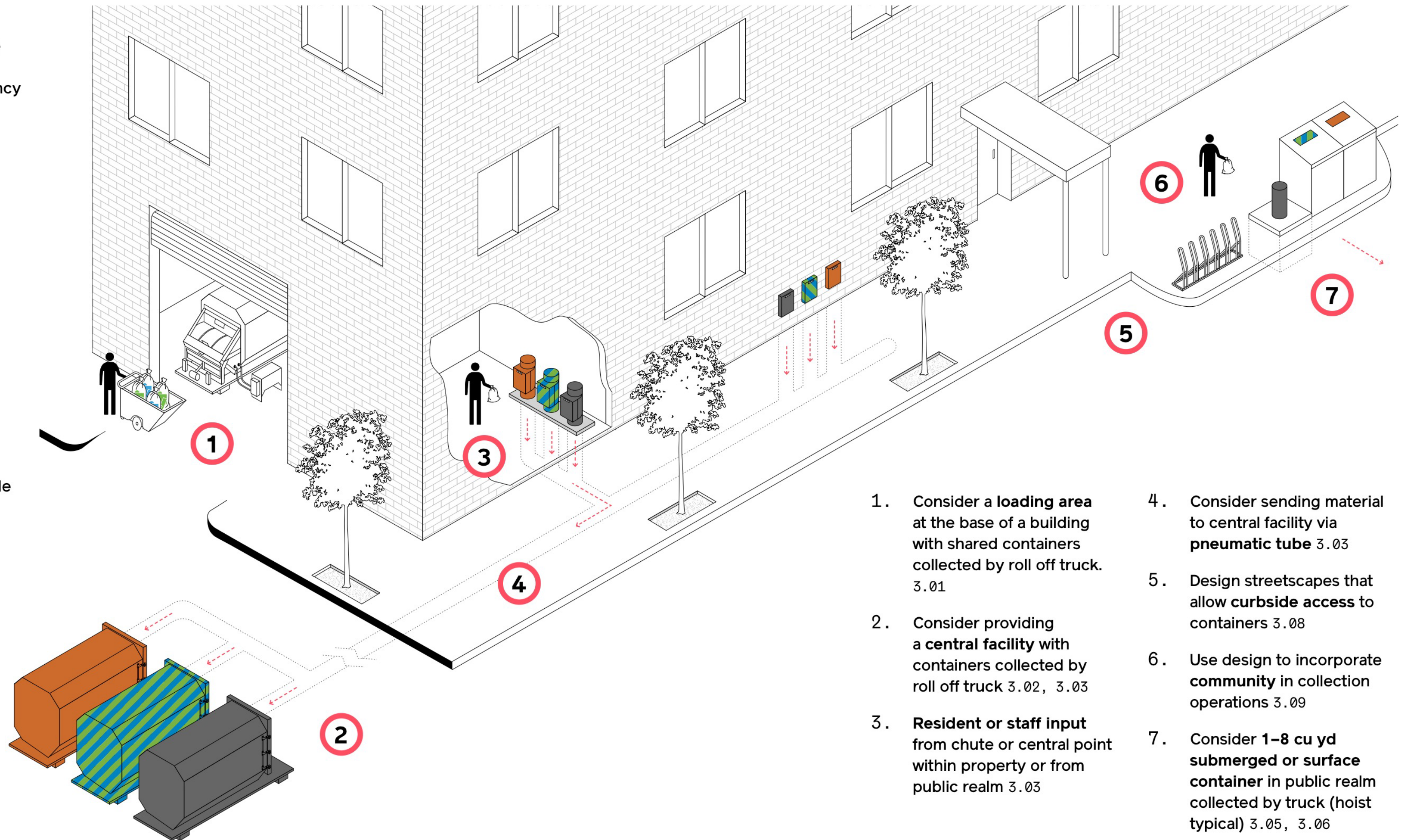
- Least costly and most flexible
- Storage capacity is limited, increasing collection frequency
- Truck access is required

## Submerged containers

- More costly and require coordination with below surface conditions
- Free up space at surface
- Truck access is required

## Pneumatic networks

- Most costly
- Requires coordination with below surface conditions along entire tube path as well as construction of a collection station
- Capacity is highest because inlets may be emptied multiple times in a day
- No truck access needed, except at collection station



# NYC initiatives



DOT curbside use diagrams includes community waste facilities



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# Clean Curbs Pilot Program

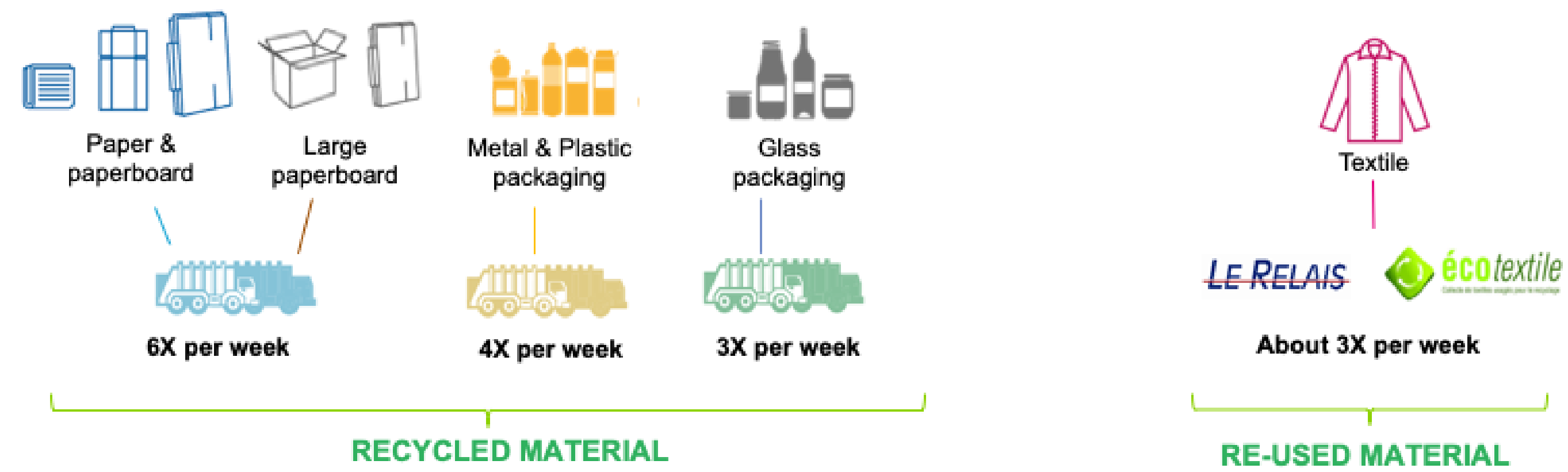
# EXCLUSIVE: City Takes Major Steps to Get Garbage off the Sidewalk

By Gersh Kuntzman | Mar 11, 2020 | 35 COMMENTS



This could be the new way garbage is picked up in New York City. Photo: Marvel Architects and Recycle Track Systems, in partnership with Sam Schwartz Engineering and HR&A Advisors

# Paris initiatives



Trash curbside daily  
Food scraps 2/week



Trash and food scraps curbside collection



Tri'lib, Paris - Pilot of 40 stations

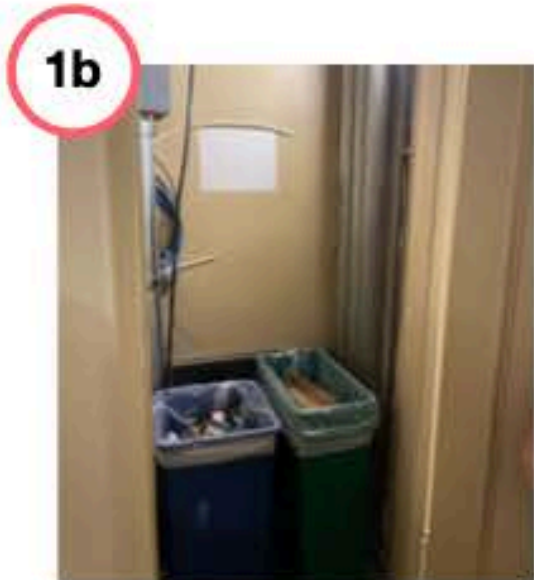


Procurement of 1000 stations

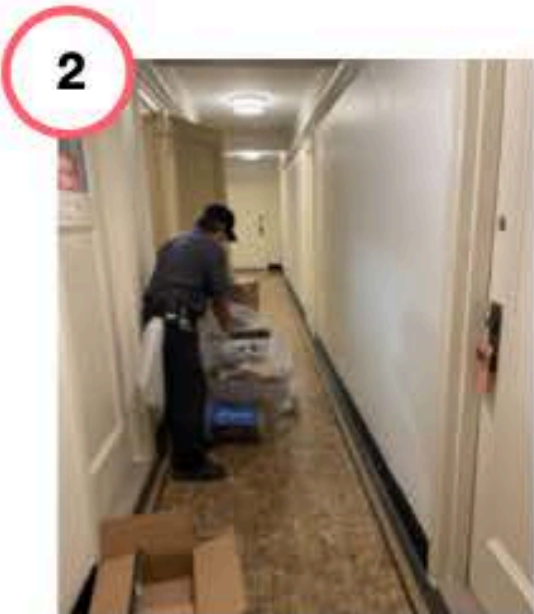
# NYC typical building



Chute



Recycling Closet



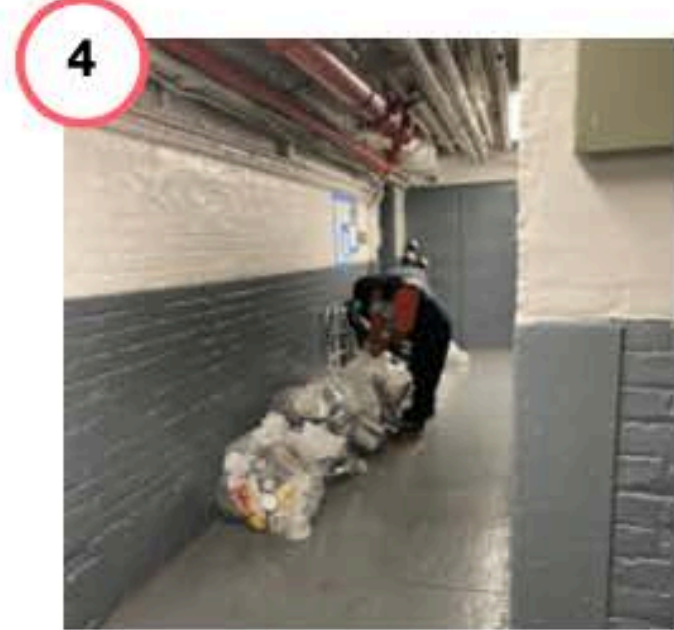
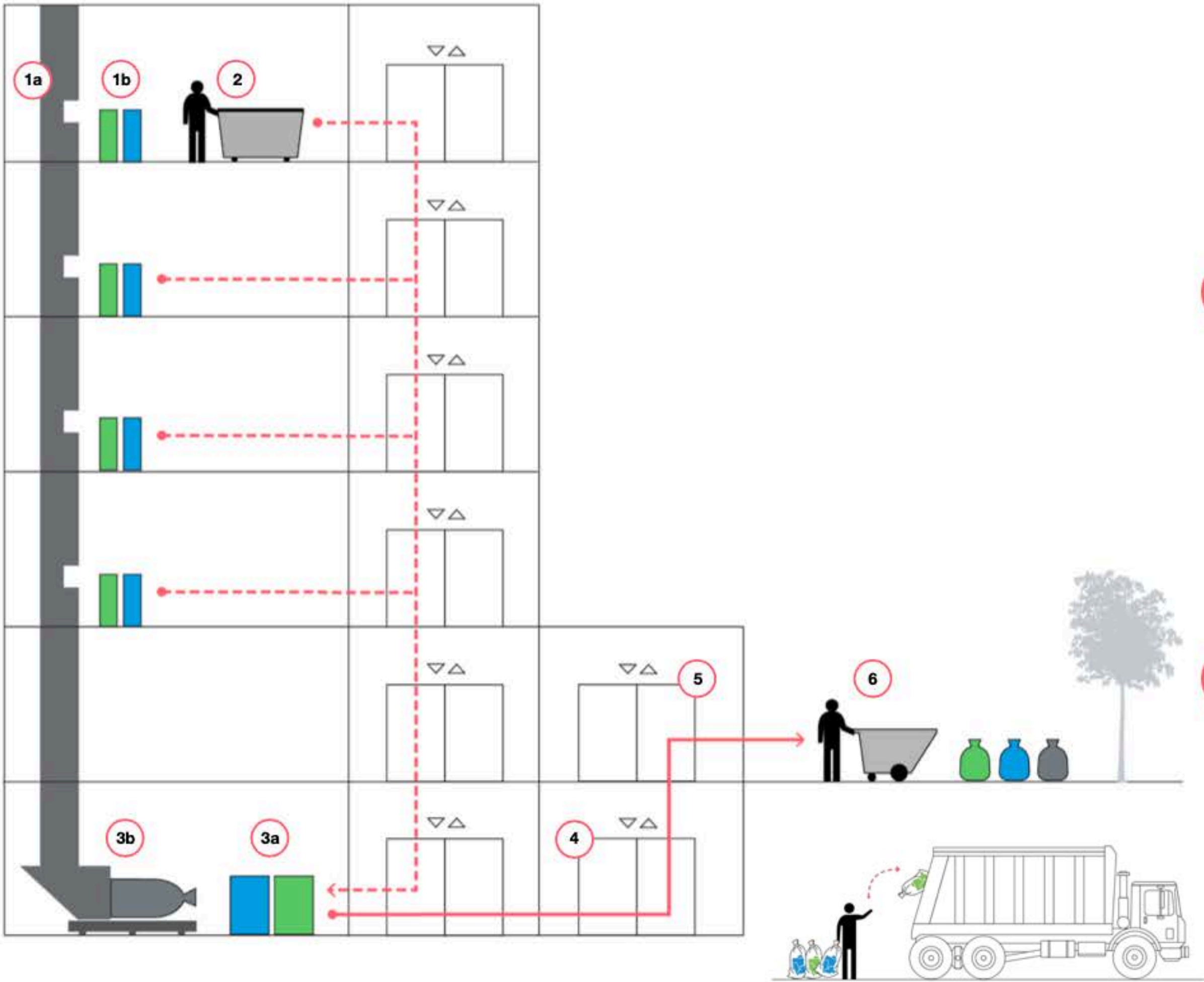
Worker collecting recyclables



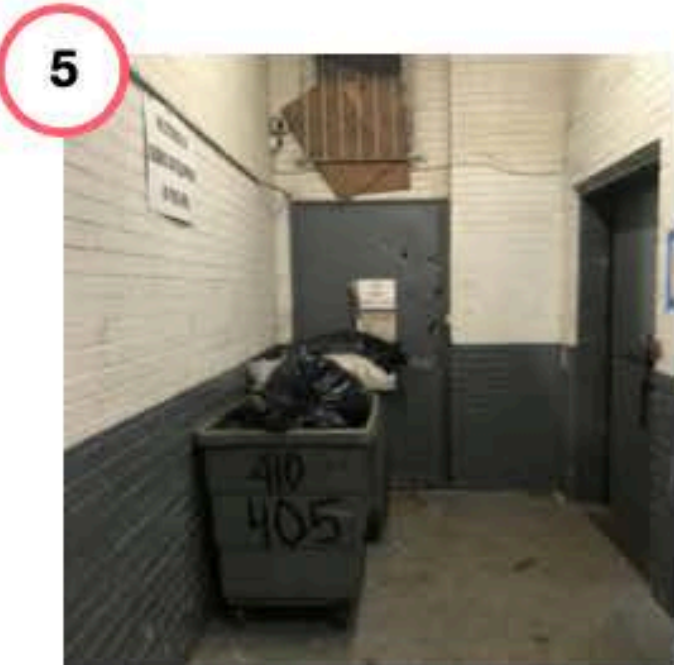
Compactor Room



Recyclables Storage



Waste staged in corridor



Transport to street level

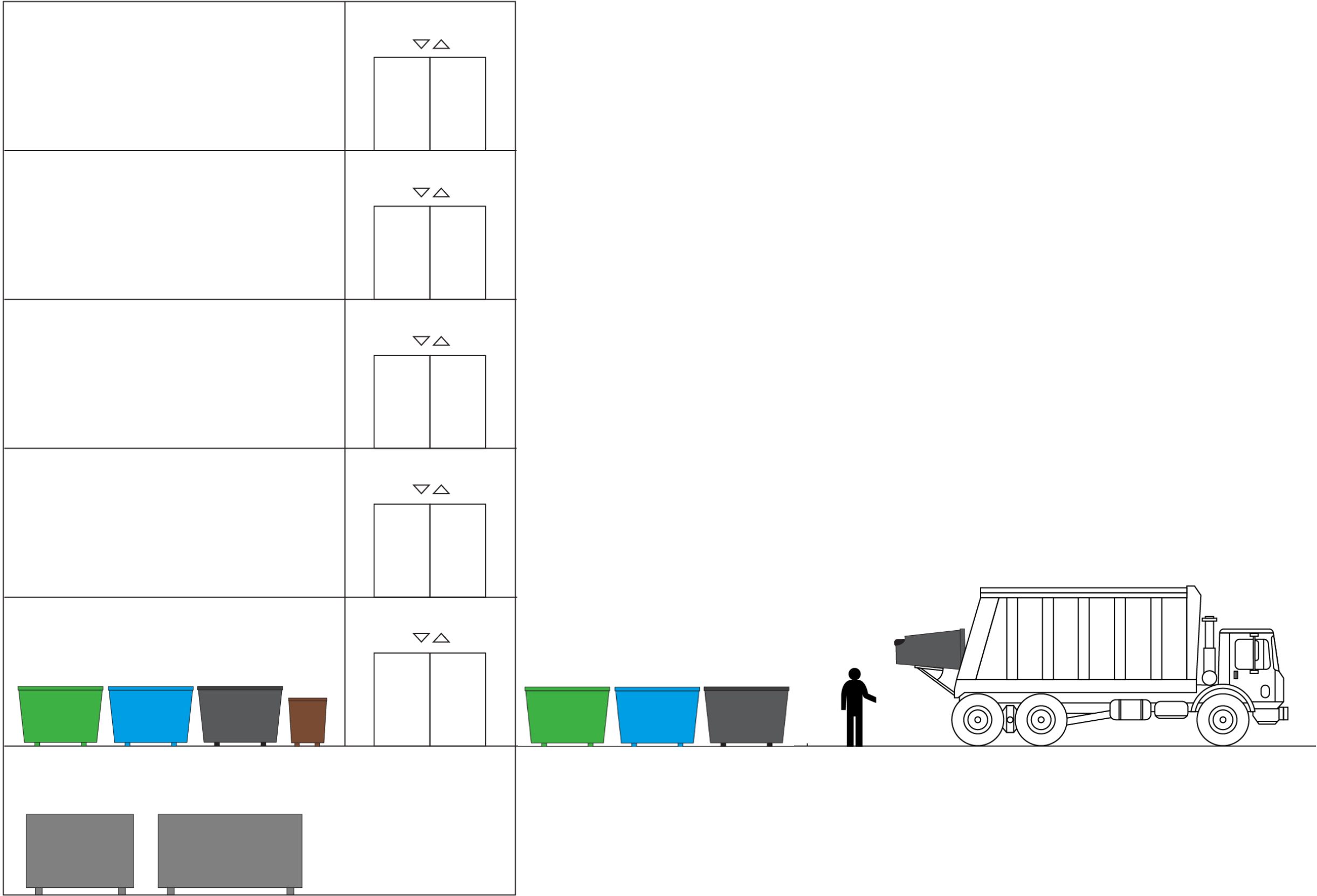
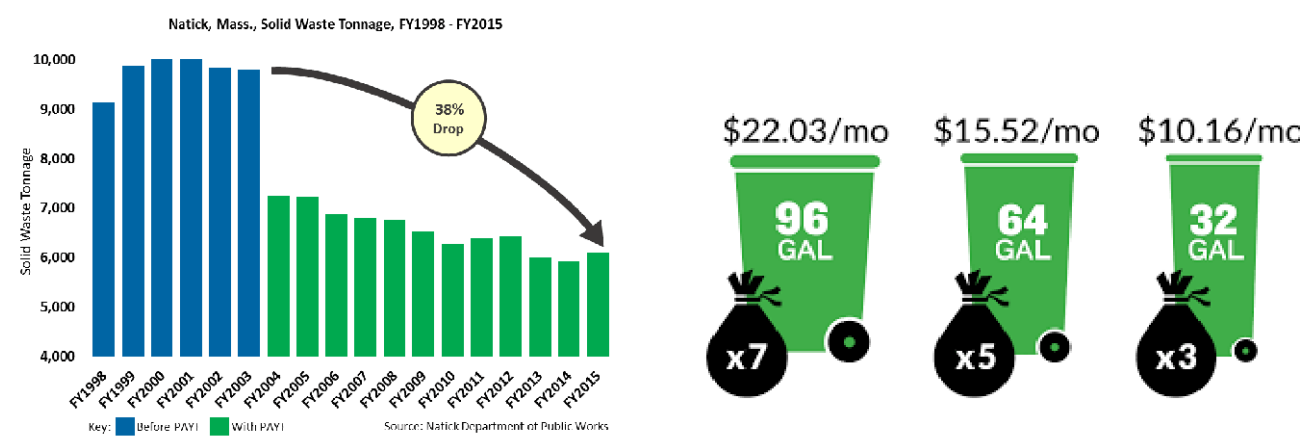


Worker setting out recyclables with tilt trucks and hampers

# Central waste room

- More waste streams accomodated
- Less labor required
- Easier to implement Pay-as-you-throw
- Allows transition to circular material use models - reusable packaging, take-back for repair, loans
- Easier for wheeled containers

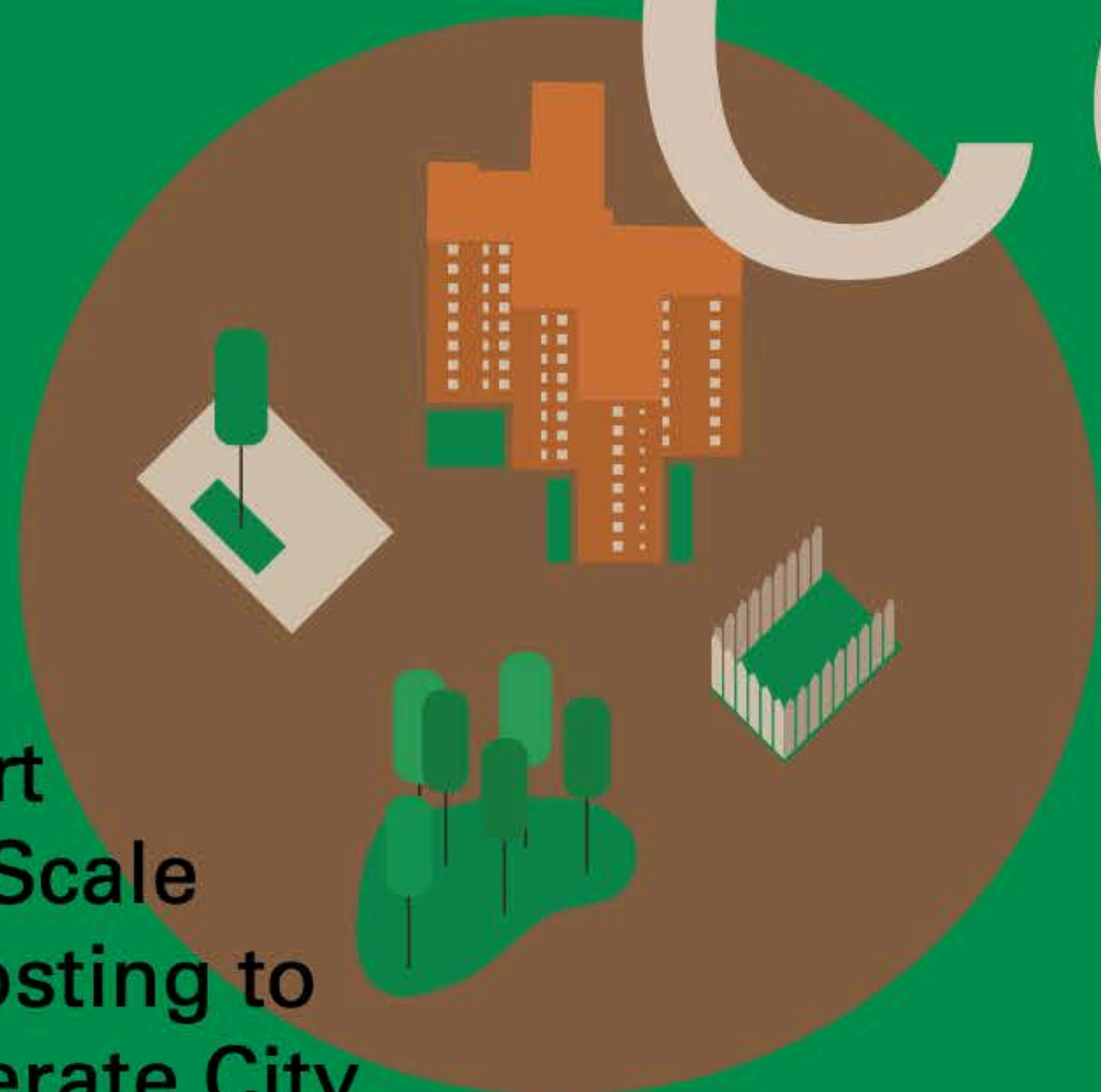
## Metering Waste: Pay As You Throw



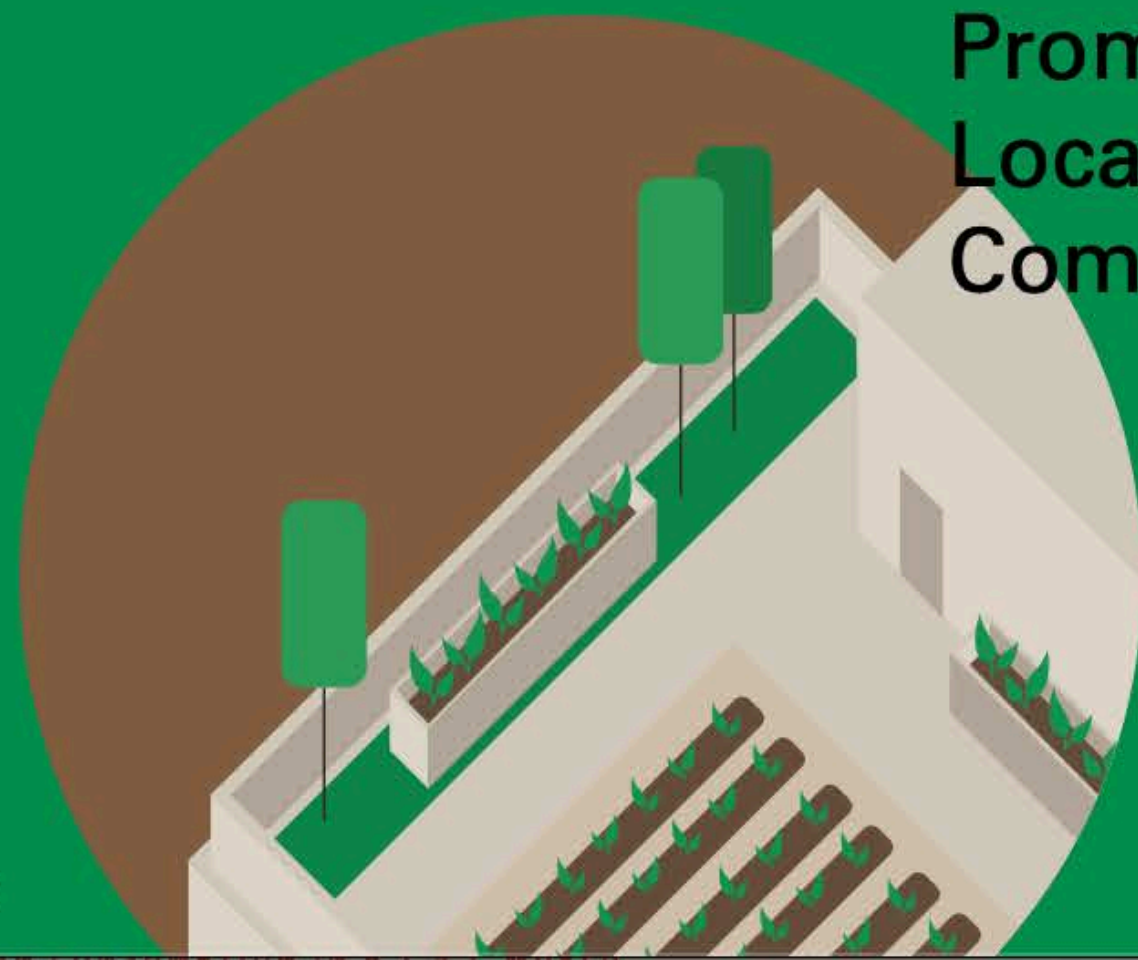
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# Compost

**a**  
Support  
Small-Scale  
Composting to  
Regenerate City  
Soils



**b**  
Promote  
Local Use of  
Compost



**c**  
Develop a  
Network of  
Organic Waste  
Options



**d**  
Expand Opportunities  
for Green Space  
Stewardship



# NYC Compost Project

NYC Compost Project also includes support for onsite composting through New York City, Brooklyn, Queens & Snug Harbor Botanic Gardens



Thousands of New Yorkers drop off their food scraps at farmers markets and other community sites across all 5 boroughs



Transported to five NYC Compost Project sites



Leaves and landscape waste from city parks



## Composting Sites

Lower East Side Ecology Center  
Big Reuse Queensbridge Park  
Big Reuse Gowanus Salt Lot  
Earth Matter, Governors Island  
Red Hook Community Farm

3 of the 5 sites are on Parks Dept Land



Street tree beds



Local parks



Compost give back to community groups



Urban farms



Local produce

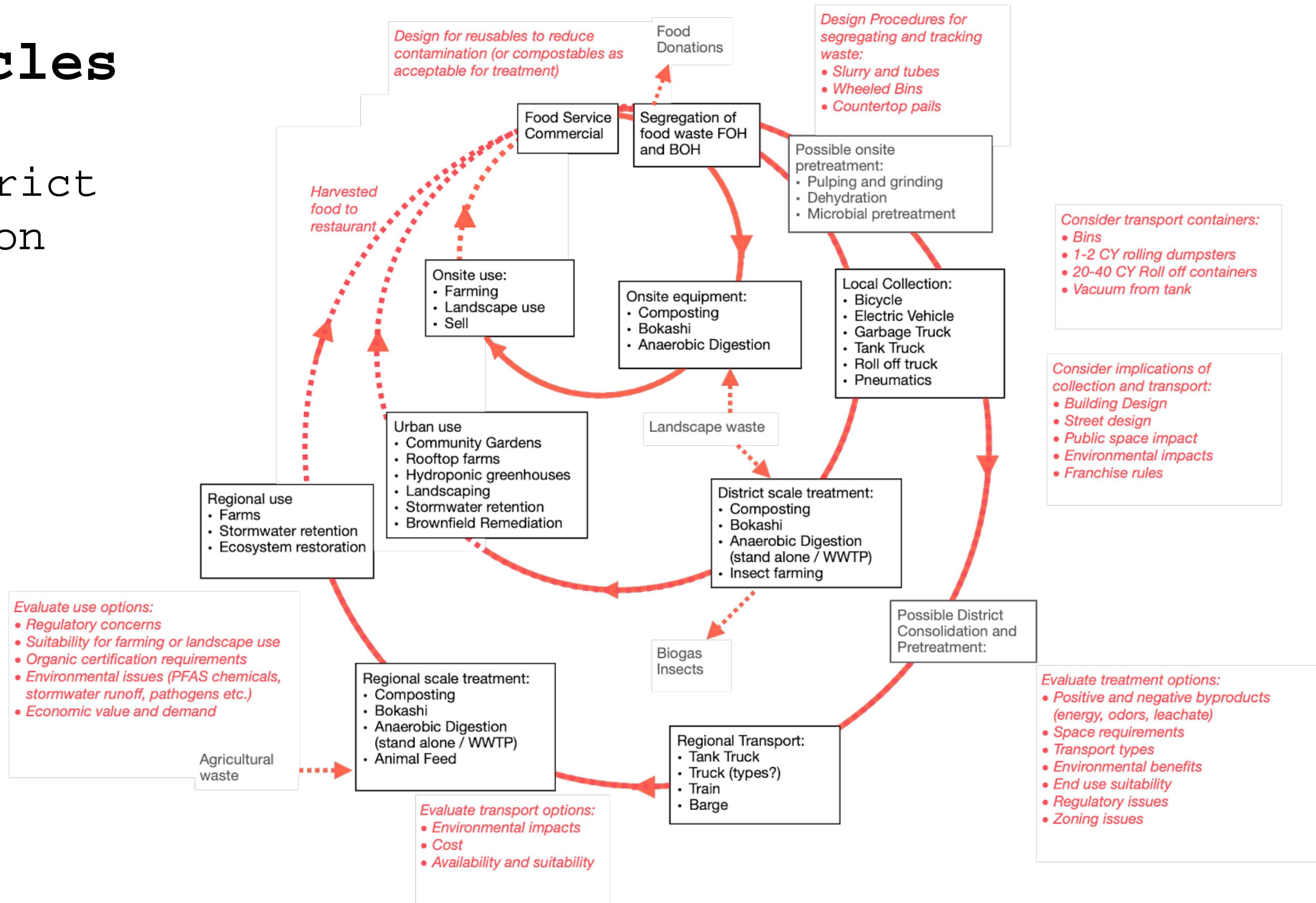
The compost is used to make NYC greener, healthier, more sustainable & resilient

# East River Coastal Resilience Park

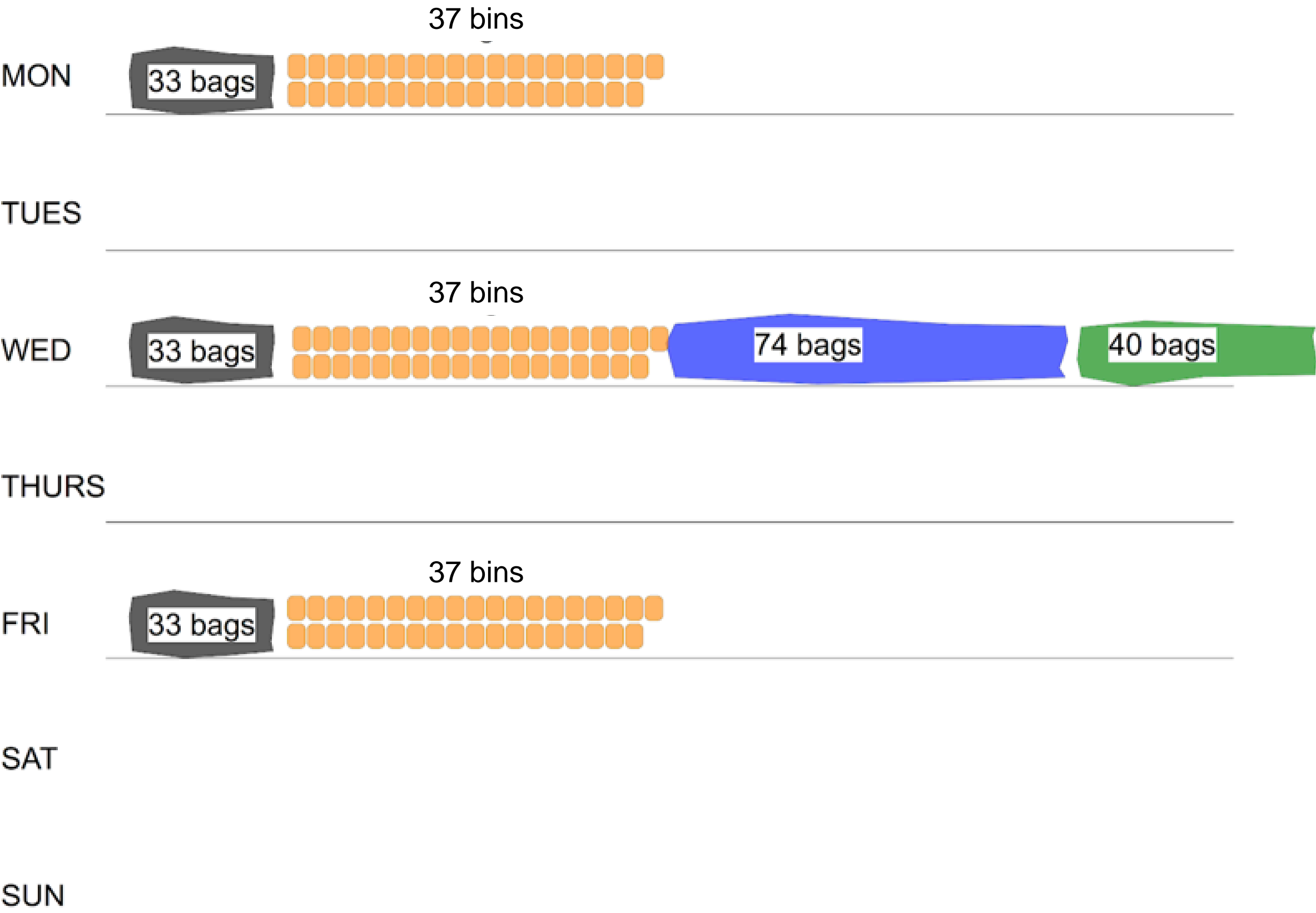




- Site
- District
- Region

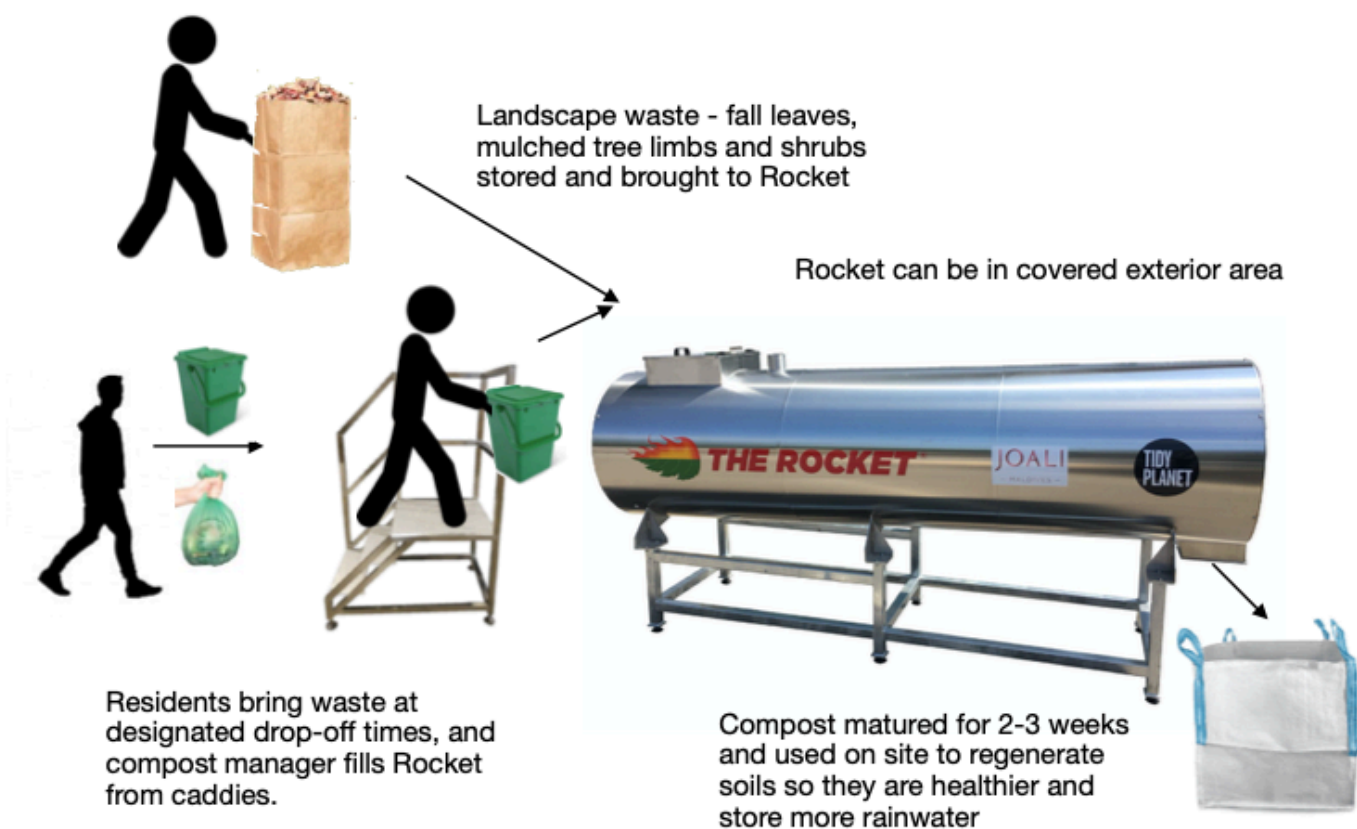


# NYC Curbside Organics Collection

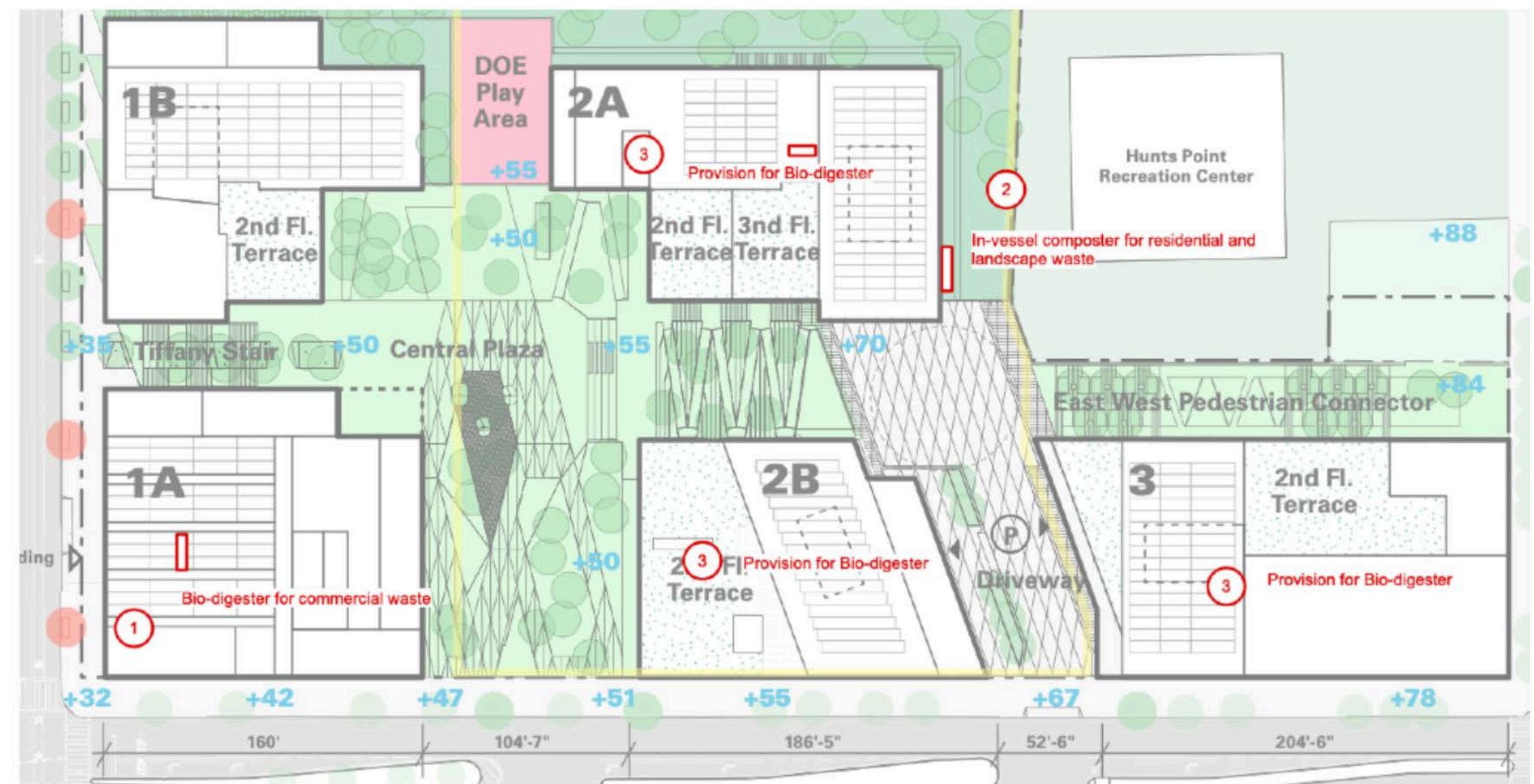


# The Peninsula, Bronx NY

- 734 residential units
- Food incubator, retail, community facilities



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# Domino Park, Brooklyn NY



Linear city

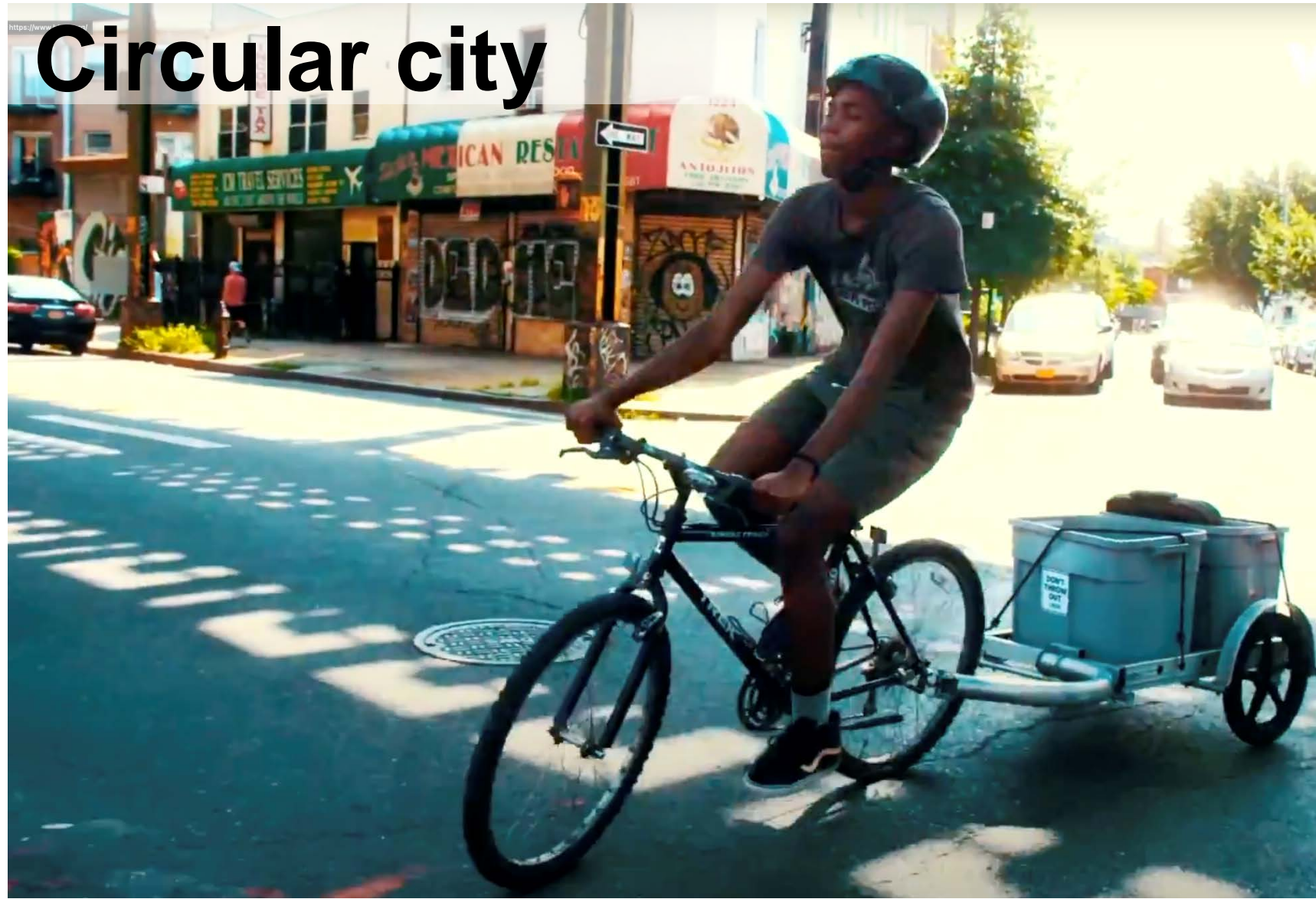
Mini storage facilities



Fulfillment facilities



# Circular city



...helping NYC reduce the costs of waste export and achieve livability, equity, resilience and climate goals.

