

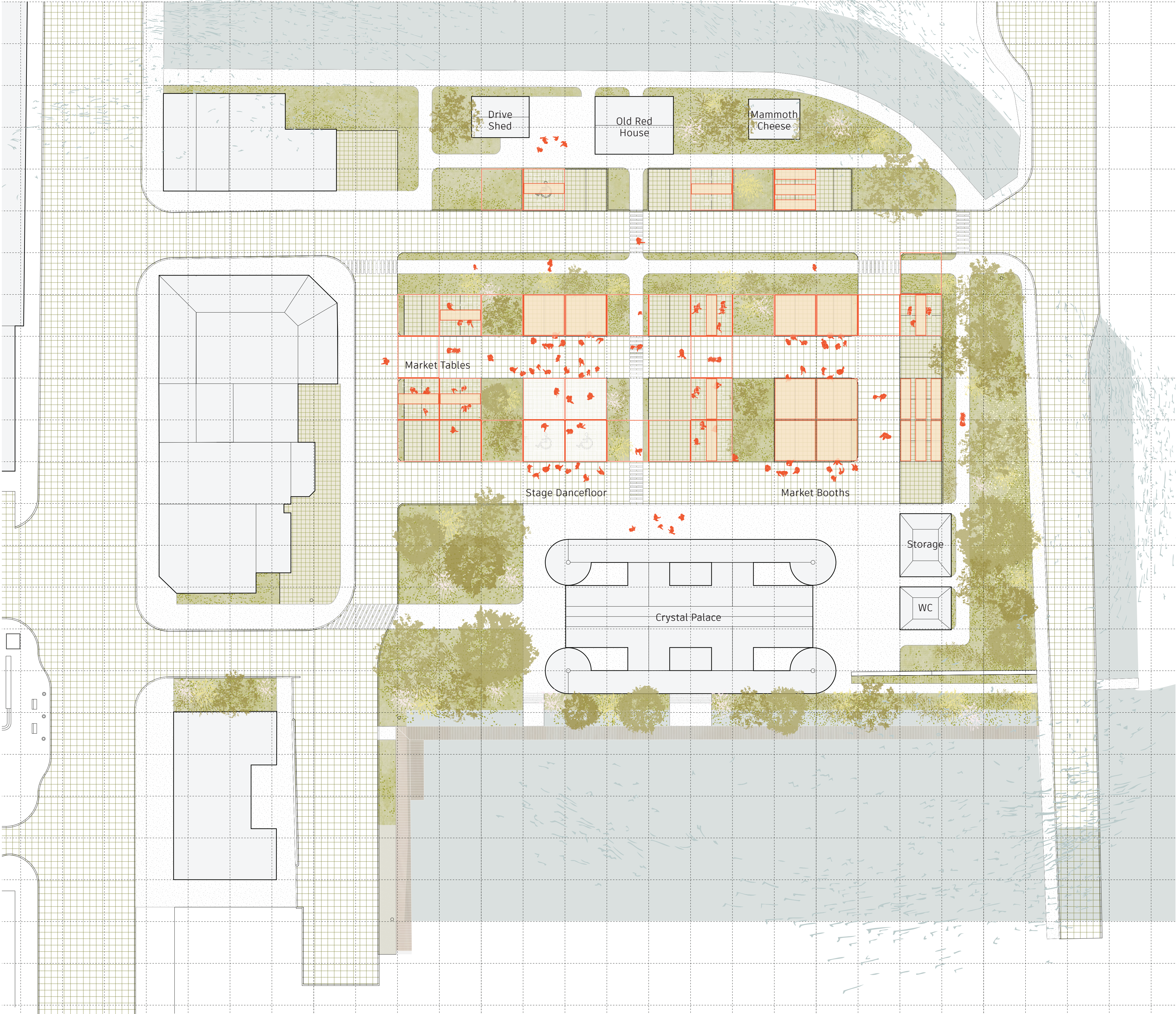
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A Modular, Community-
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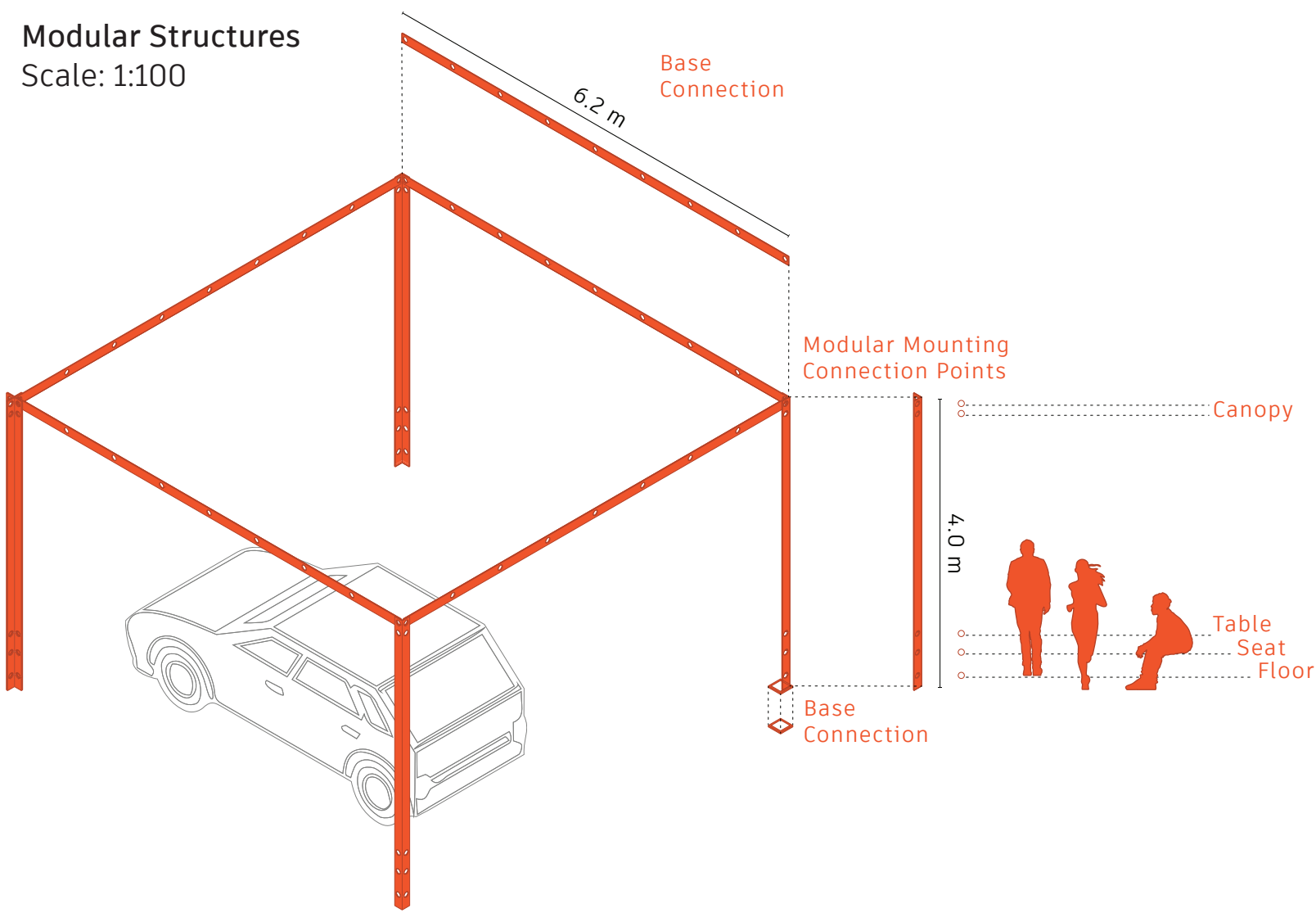


Tay Basin Landscape Plan
Scale: 1:300

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Modular Structures
Scale: 1:100



Event Schedule

Tree Tear-Down

Private Event

PEP Trivia Night

Frost + Fire Festival

Multicultural Food Festival

Private Event

Private Event

Private Event

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Festival of the Maples + Hospice Hub Dance

Vendor Market Rental

Perth Farmers Market

Private Event

Hike for Hospice

Farmer's Market + BIA Dance

Band Concert

Regional Police Bd Meeting

Kilt Run

Private Event

Private Event

Band Concert

Stewart Park Festival

Band Concert

Bard Under Glass (theatre)

Private Event

Farmer's Market + Private Event

Farmer's Market + Private Event

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Band Concert

Farmer's Market + Private Event

Farmer's Market + Private Event

Night Market

Band Concert

PFM Harvest Festival

Christmas Tree Set Up

PFM Christmas Market

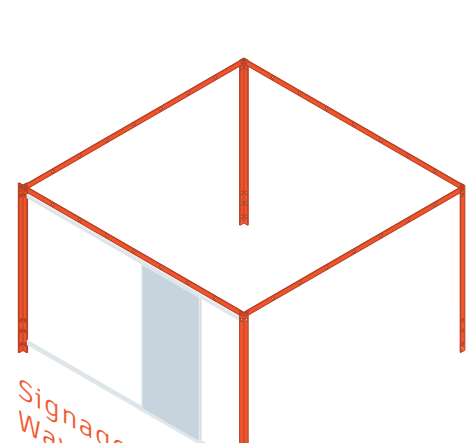
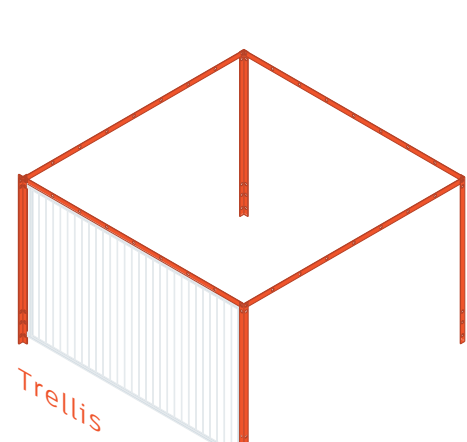
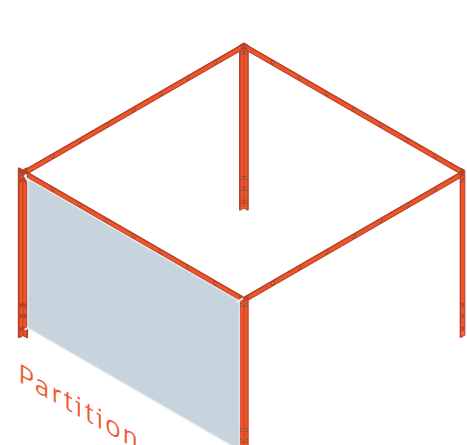
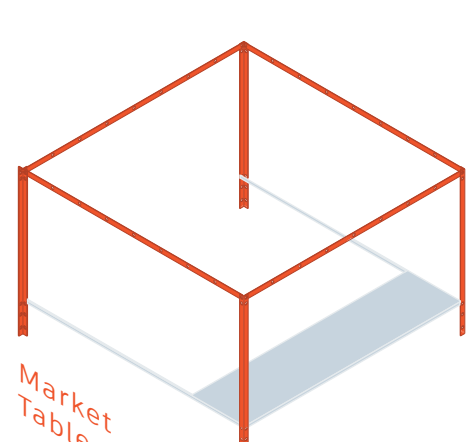
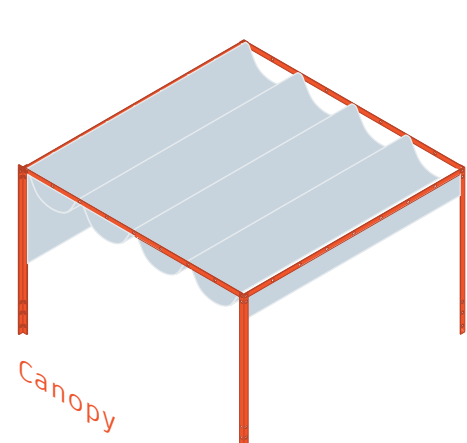
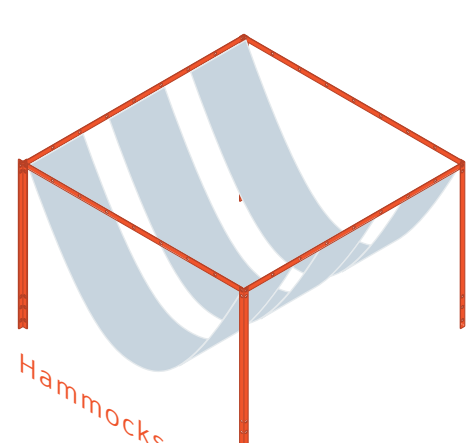
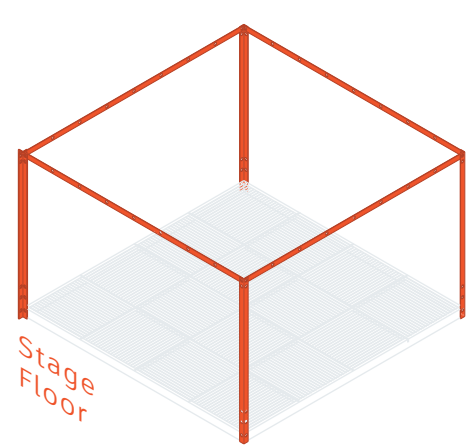
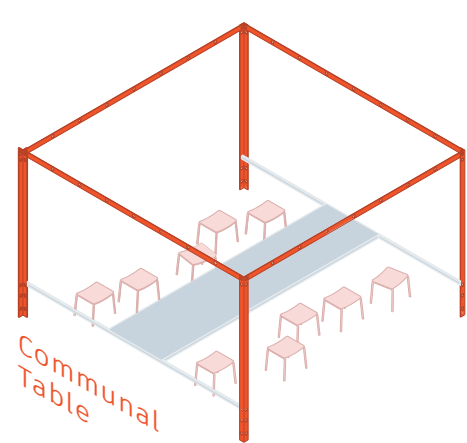
BIA Once Upon a Christmas

Festival of Lights

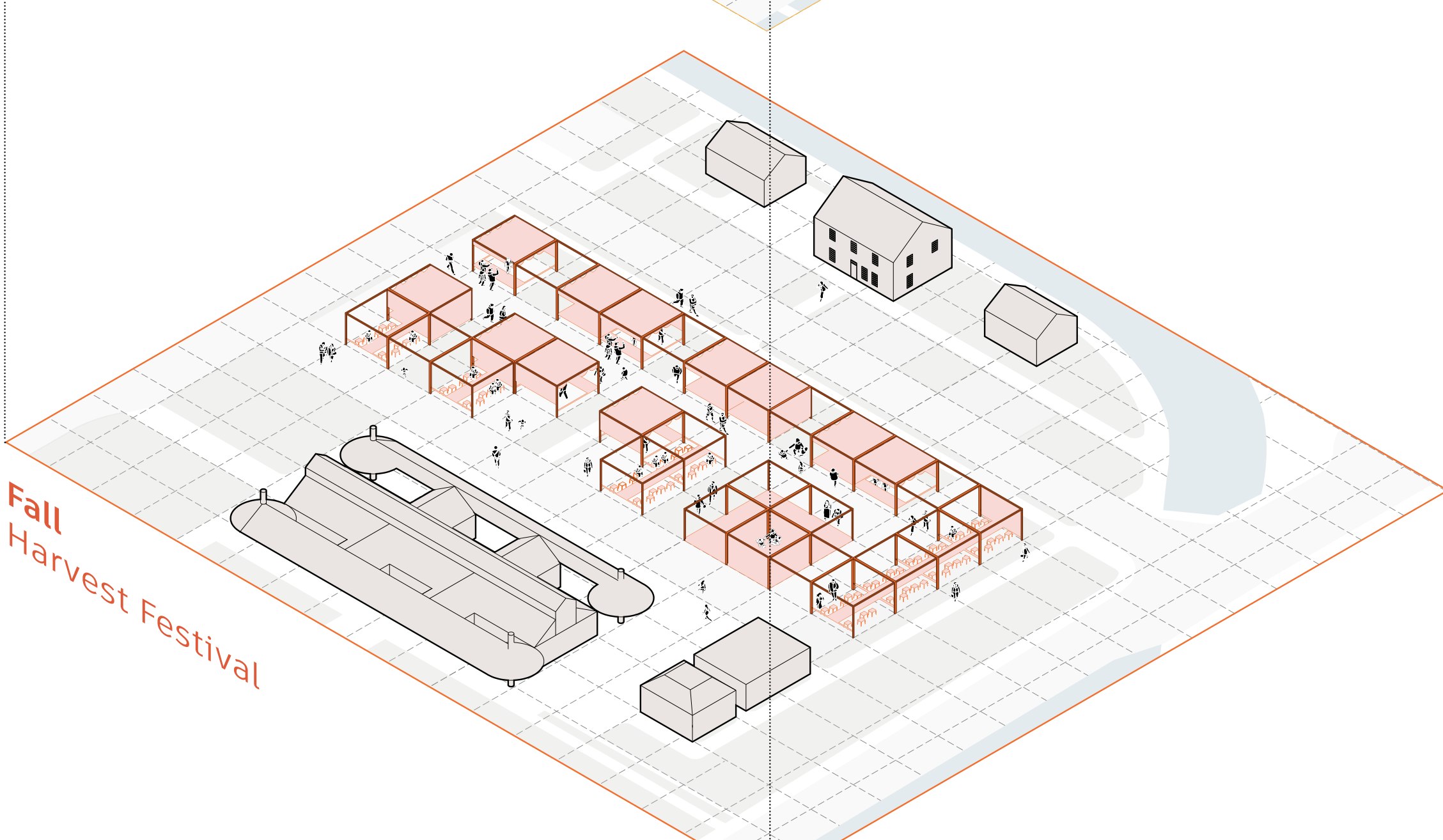
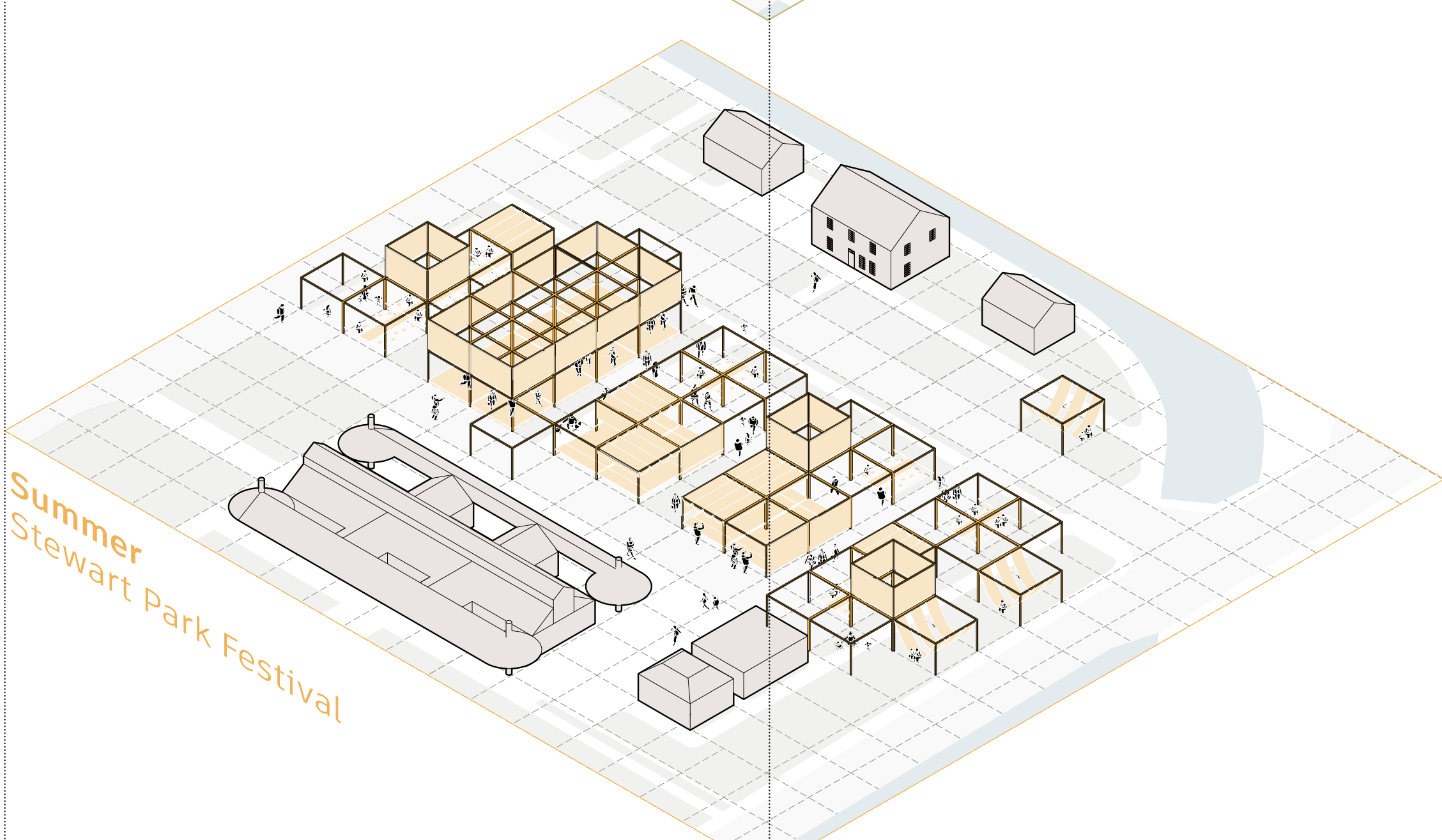
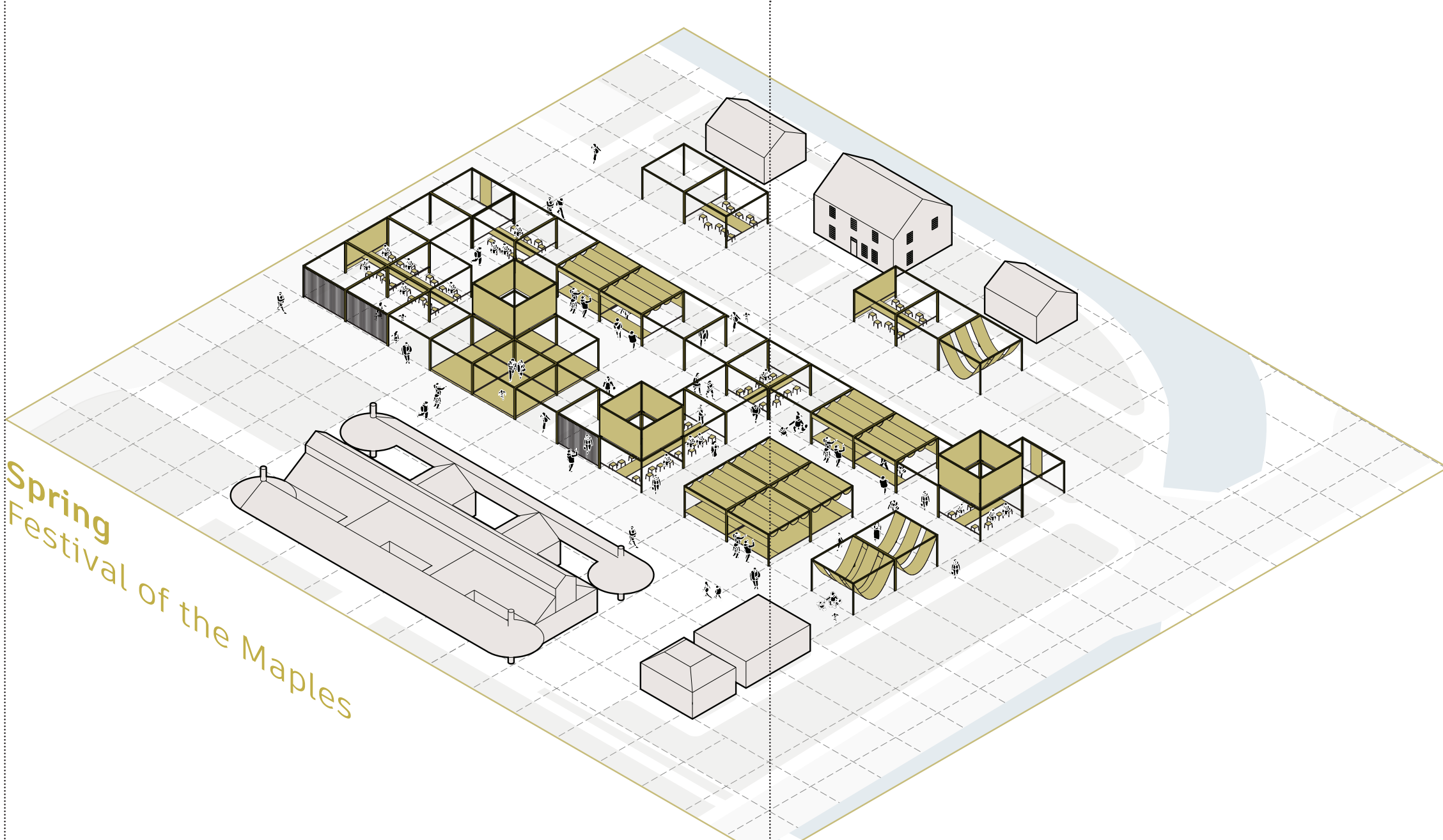
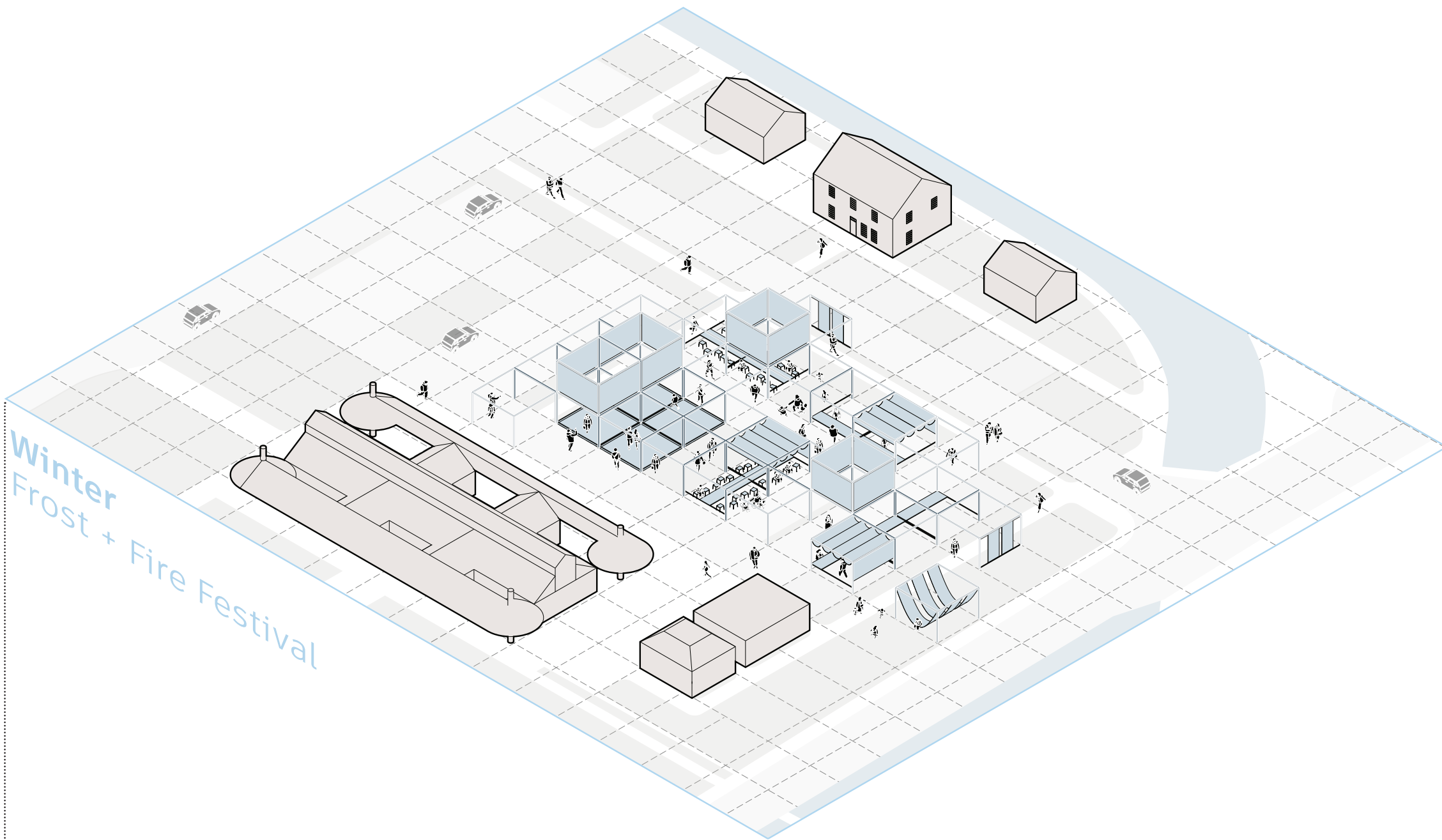
Nick of Time Show

Christmas Carols

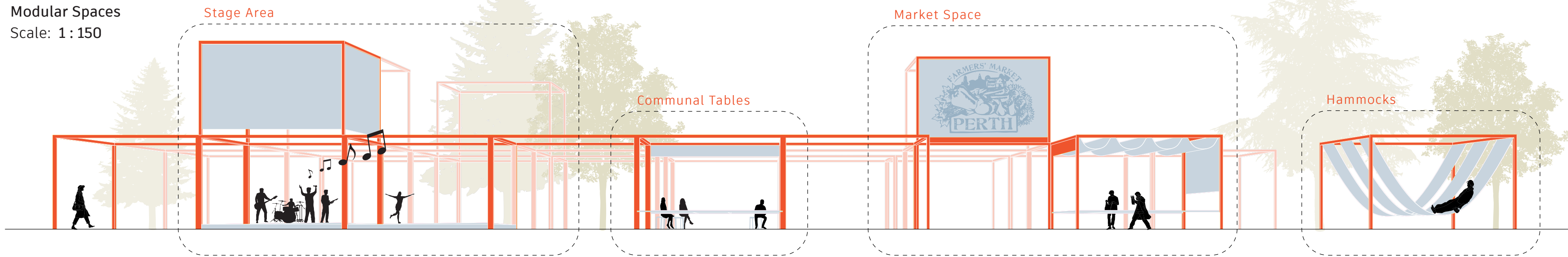
Kit-of-Parts



Seasonal Site Layouts
Scale: 1:500



Modular Spaces
Scale: 1:150



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Tay Basin Competition Submission

March 19, 2026

The Tay Basin is the heart of Perth's cultural and civic life, yet it is currently constrained by its prioritization of a parking lot. Our proposal reimagines the 1-hectare site not as a static lot consisting of impermeable surface, but as a modular programmable public square. At the core of this design is a flexible infrastructure capable of pivoting between a full-capacity parking facility and an intensive event space.

The primary driver of this flexibility is a series of modular structures designed to be installed at strategic set points across a 6.2 meter grid. These structures utilize a system of universal mounting points integrated into the hardscape, allowing for rapid transformation based on the Town's diverse event calendar.

By utilizing a kit-of-parts approach, these modules transform the grid into a series of functional zones. The system provides market and communal tables to support the weekly summer farmers' market and Perth's community of makers. These same frames can be outfitted with trellises for climbing vines and canopies for seasonal shading or partitioning. The modular armatures also host signage and wayfinding, to support education of the town's rich heritage. For more large-scale events, the frames can be equipped with stage components to house live music. While non-habitable, the modules can also be stacked to heighten the vertical profile of enclosures – further delineating spaces. Notably, the hanging canvas canopies and hammocks act as a nod to the Red House's history as the town's first printing press and newspaper. The design meticulously maintains the site's essential infrastructure while improving its aesthetic identity.

Stick, Stack, Stow rejects the idea of a "fixed" design. Instead, it creates a series of outdoor "rooms" which can be rearranged based on seasonal changes or as the community needs evolve. These modular structures encourage the public to have a continuous voice in the layout - experimenting with the placement of band stages, dance floors, craft areas, and quiet seating pockets. This granularity also allows for partial site closures with the modular grid allowing the Town to cordon off specific sections for private functions or small markets while maintaining active parking and through-traffic in other zones.

With the Crystal Palace sited at the south end and the restored Red House to the north, these landmarks are connected by a clear thoroughway and a swath of green space straddling the water's edge. Hardscape areas adjacent to the Palace are designed to be easily cordoned off for events while maintaining public access to the Rideau Trail and the Drummond Street bridge. Furthermore, ecological vegetation buffers are integrated along the site boundaries, respecting the setbacks of the Tay Canal and North Branch while providing natural drainage solutions.

Stick, Stack, Stow offers a flexible toolset, allowing the Town of Perth to shape and reshape its own central square as a living, breathing community asset.