# CREATIVE PLACEMAKING in FRANKFORD, Philadelphia

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# DESTINATION FRANKFORD

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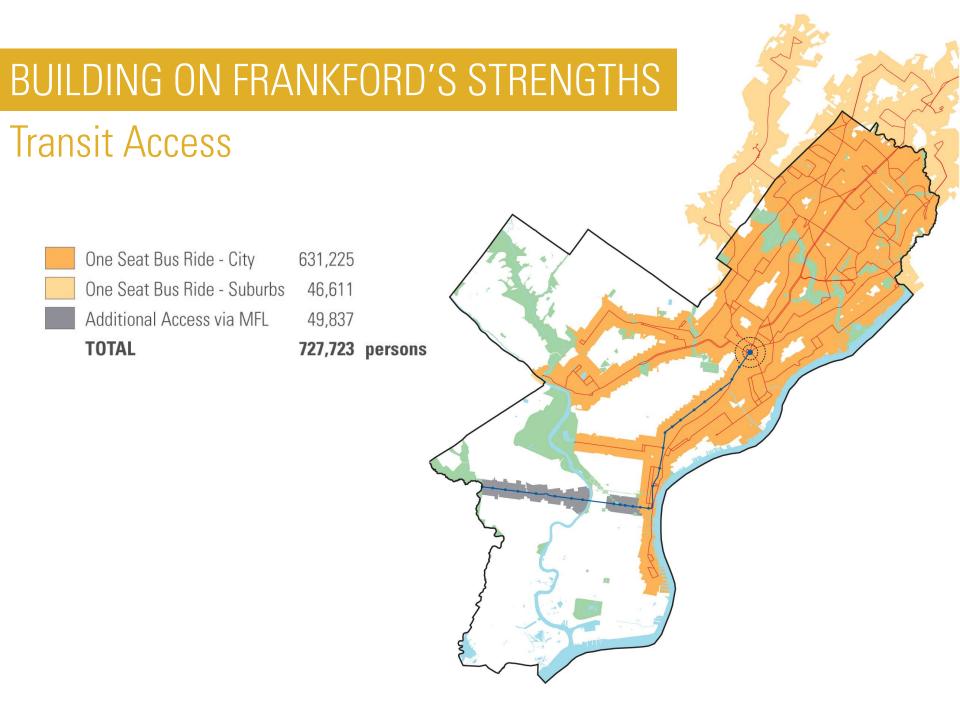
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# BUILDING ON FRANKFORD'S STRENGTHS IT STARTED WITH A PLAN

DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY
THE FRANKFORD PAUSE POP UP PARK
IDENTITY + WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

THE FUTURE OF PLACEMAKING IN FRANKFORD

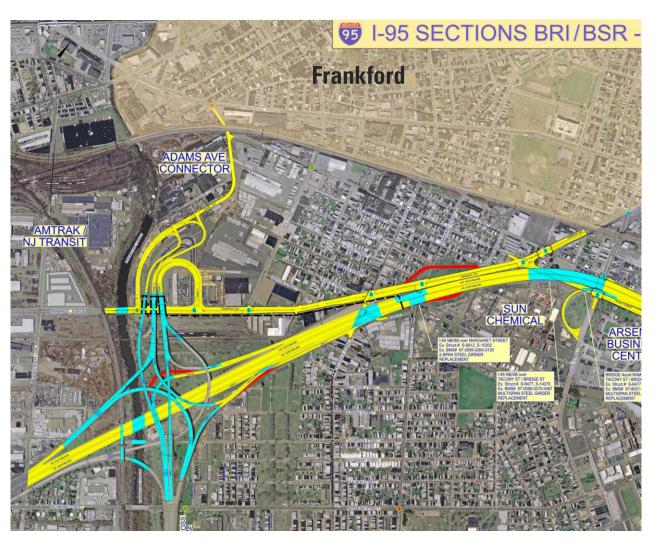
Transit Access
Highway Access
Industrial Heritage and Rebirth
Parks
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# Highway Access



## Highway Access



## Industrial Heritage and Rebirth





























#### **Wilmot Park**







#### **Meadow Street Garden**





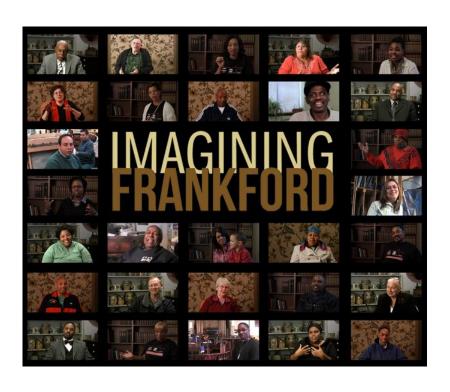
#### **Hedge Street Park**







# Imagining Frankford Murals







# IT STARTED WITH A PLAN

## Philadelphia2035

Lower Northeast District Plan

#### **ArtPlace**

**Grant Application** 

**Grant Structure** 

# IT STARTED WITH A PLAN Philadelphia2035

#### Philadelphia's Integrated Planning and Zoning Process



Received 2013 National Planning Excellence Award for a Best Practice

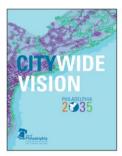
from the American Planning Association

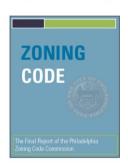
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Phase I

Citywide planning and zoning

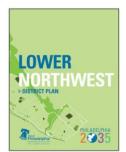




Phase II

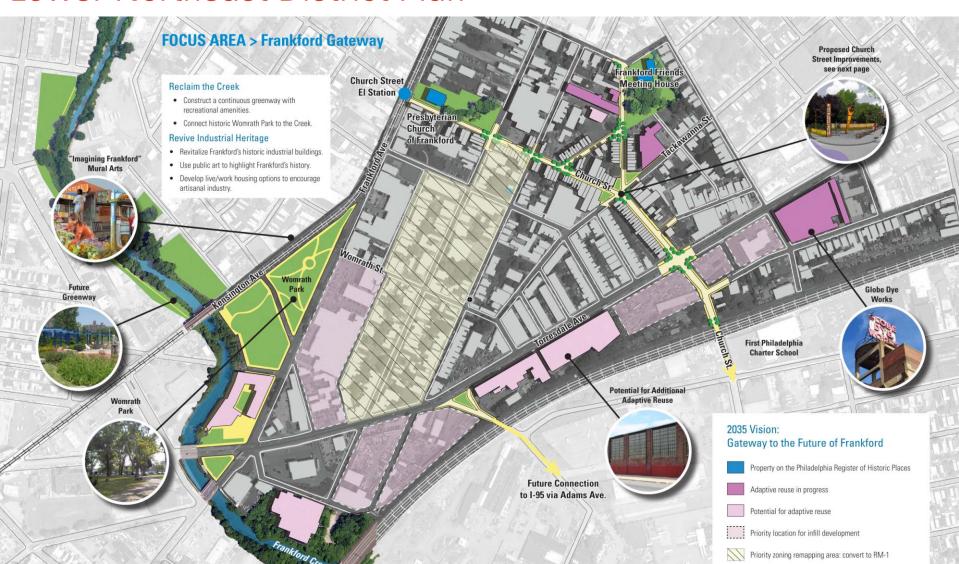
District planning and remapping





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#### Lower Northeast District Plan



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# IT STARTED WITH A PLAN ArtPlace

ArtPlace America (ArtPlace) is a ten-year collaboration that exists to position art and culture as a core sector of comprehensive community planning and development in order to help strengthen the social, physical, and economic fabric of communities.

ArtPlace focuses its work on creative placemaking, the set of practices in which art and culture work intentionally to help to transform a place.

# IT STARTED WITH A PLAN ArtPlace

In 2013, 54 grants were awarded from over 1,200 applications.

Philadelphia was awarded the most grant dollars of any community: \$1,195,150

- > Philadelphia City Planning Commission
- > Delaware River Waterfront Corporation
- > FringeArts
- > Science Center

# IT STARTED WITH A PLAN Grant Application

**DESTINATION FRANKFORD** is an arts-based initiative using **MARKETING** and **CREATIVE PLACEMAKING** to enhance and expand the resources of Frankford's growing **ARTS**, **ARTISANAL INDUSTRY**, and **CREATIVE BUSINESS** economy.

Destination Frankford will create vibrant public spaces through art and arts-based programming, a pop-up gallery dedicated to local artists, and distinctive neighborhood signage.

- > DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY
- > FRANKFORD PAUSE
- > IDENTITY + WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

# IT STARTED WITH A PLAN Grant Structure

ArtPlace: **\$335,150** 

William Penn Foundation: \$20,000

PCPC in kind services: \$92,000 (est)

Community Design Collaborative: \$28,050

Funds are managed by the Mayor's Fund for Philadelphia

- > Bypass select city RFP and contracting requirements
- > Flexibly in contracting and payment option
- > Ability to change scope as needed

#### DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY

The Concept

The Building

The Art

Community

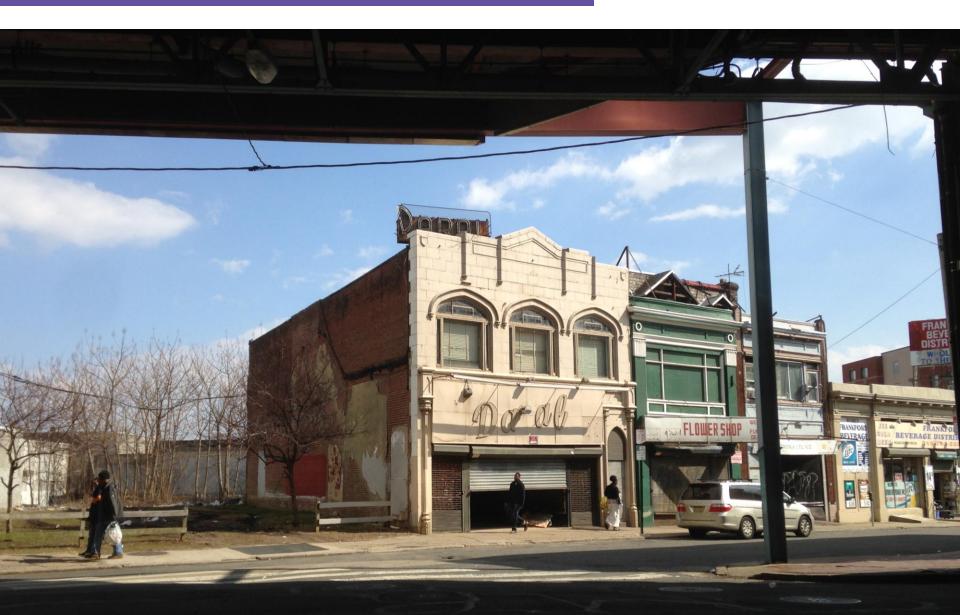
# DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY The Concept

Use art to demonstrate the potential **reuse of vacant spaces** on the Frankford Avenue commercial corridor.

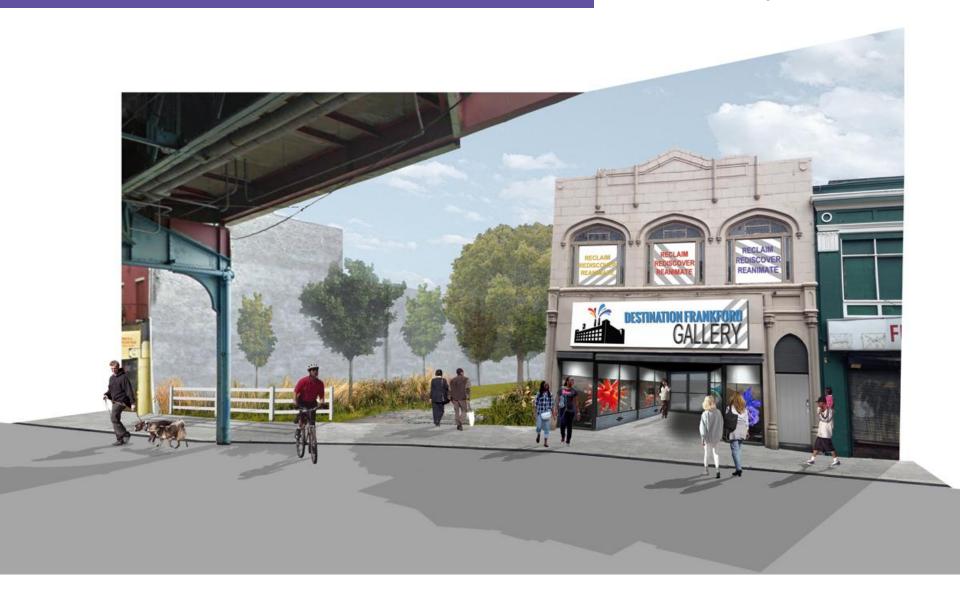
Go beyond 'art in vacant storefronts' to create a community gathering space.

Focus on Frankford Avenue's busiest intersection to **encourage further investment** around Margaret-Orthodox Station.

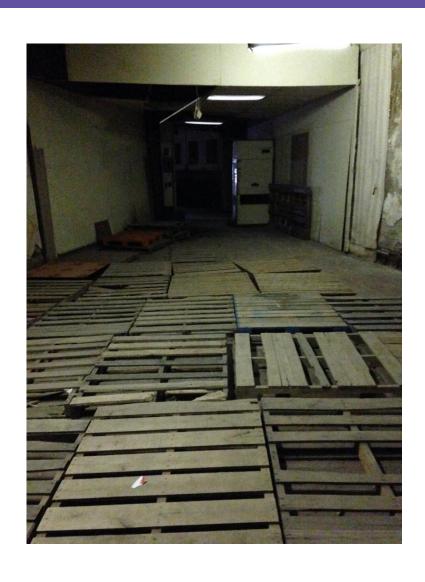
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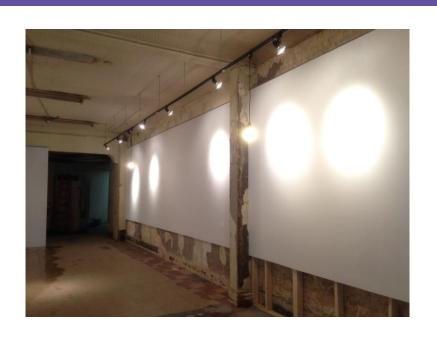


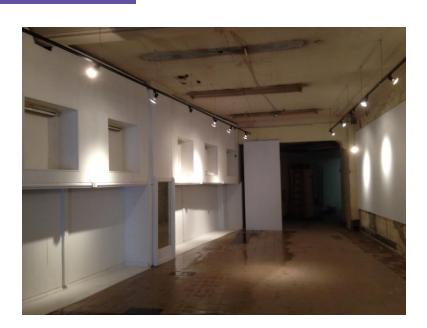
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- > \$12,000 materials and labor
- > Work done by the Globe Development Group
- > 15 day temporary CO
- > Philadelphia Sculptors as gallery operator

# DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY The Building



# DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY The Art

## **RECLAIM** | Dumpster Divers









# DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY The Art

# **REDISCOVER** | Photography









## DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY The Art

## **REANIMATE** | Philadelphia Sculptors









# DESTINATION FRANKFORD GALLERY Community



#### FRANKFORD PAUSE

The Site

The Concept

**Overview** 

**Impact** 

**Events** 

Construct-ability

**Activities** 



# FRANKFORD PAUSE The Site



view from Frankford Ave



view from El Station

# FRANKFORD PAUSE The Site

view down Paul Street



view of Frankford Ave from the site



view of El station from the site



view from the sidewalk



# FRANKFORD PAUSE The Site

#### noise





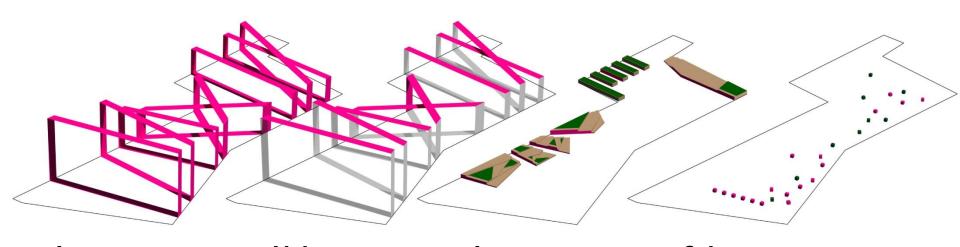
security



dumping



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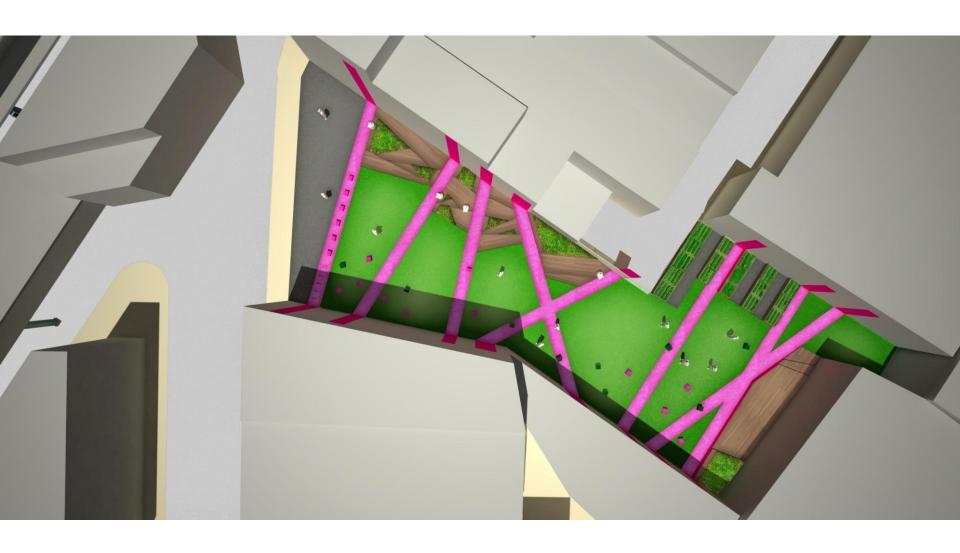
**Loops** spatial experience

**Lights** acoustical landscape

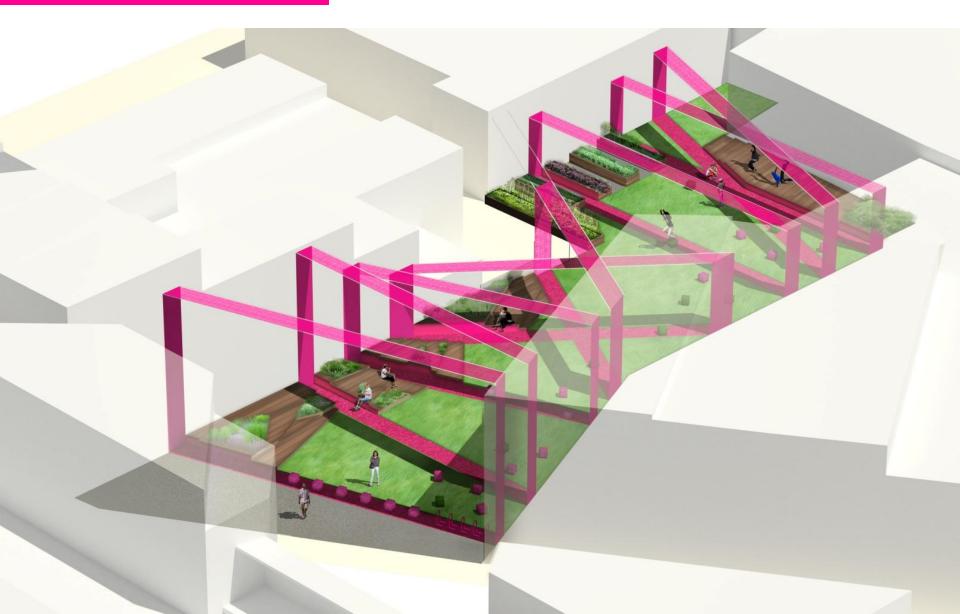
**Layers** community ownership

**Cubes** flexible interactivity

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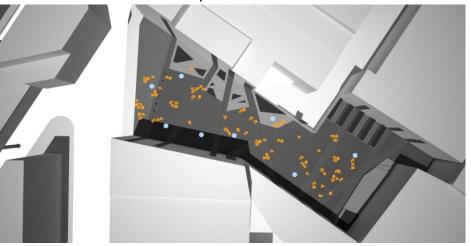


# FRANKFORD PAUSE Impact

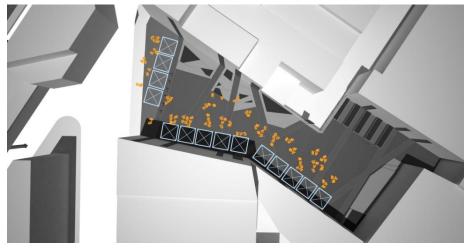


# FRANKFORD PAUSE Events

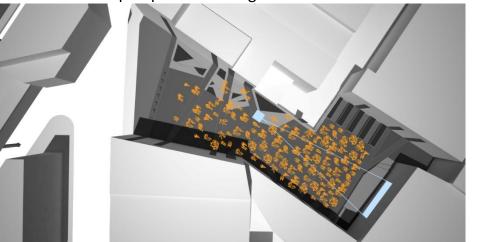
Art Exhibition: 8 art pieces



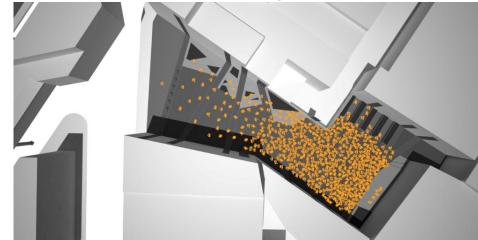
Market: 9 vendor tents (10'x10')



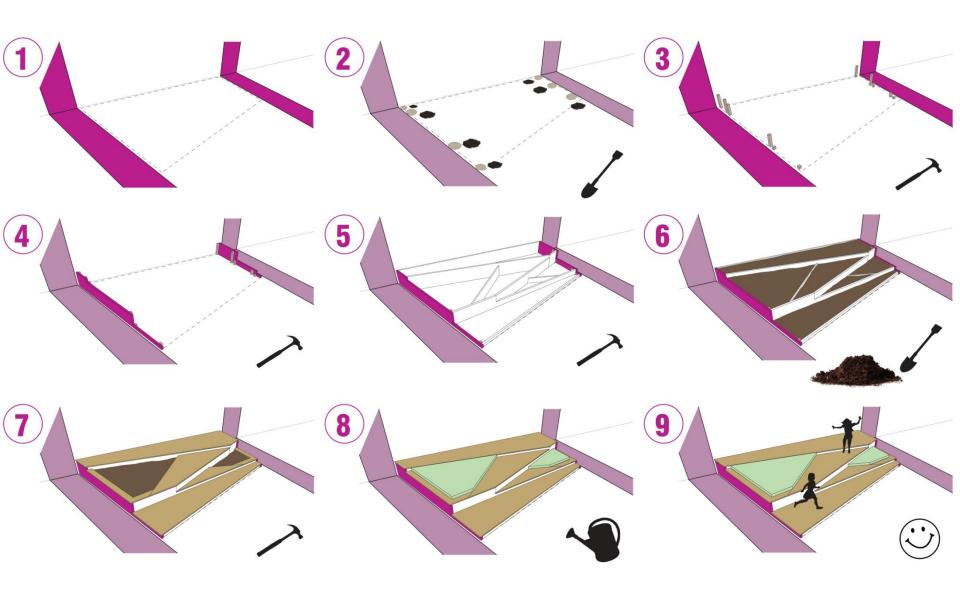
Movie: 180 people reclining



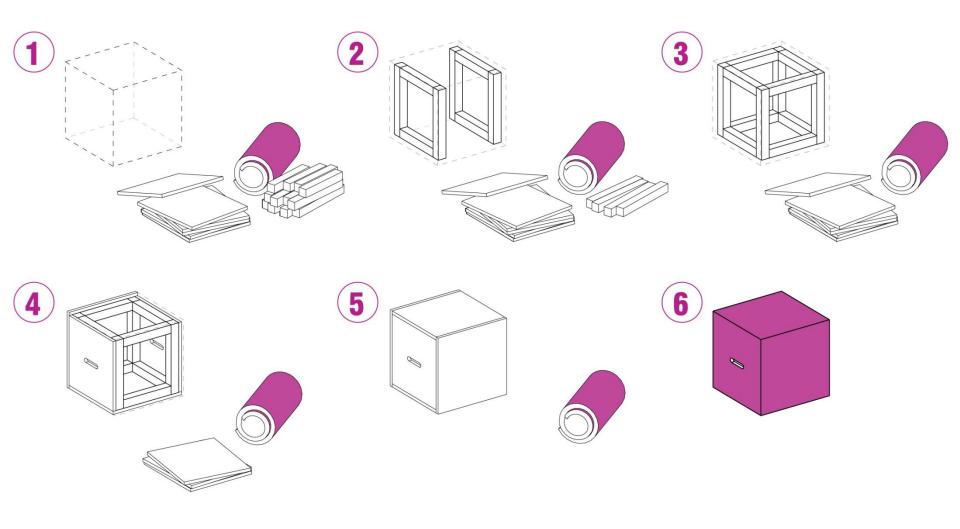
**Concert:** 615 people standing



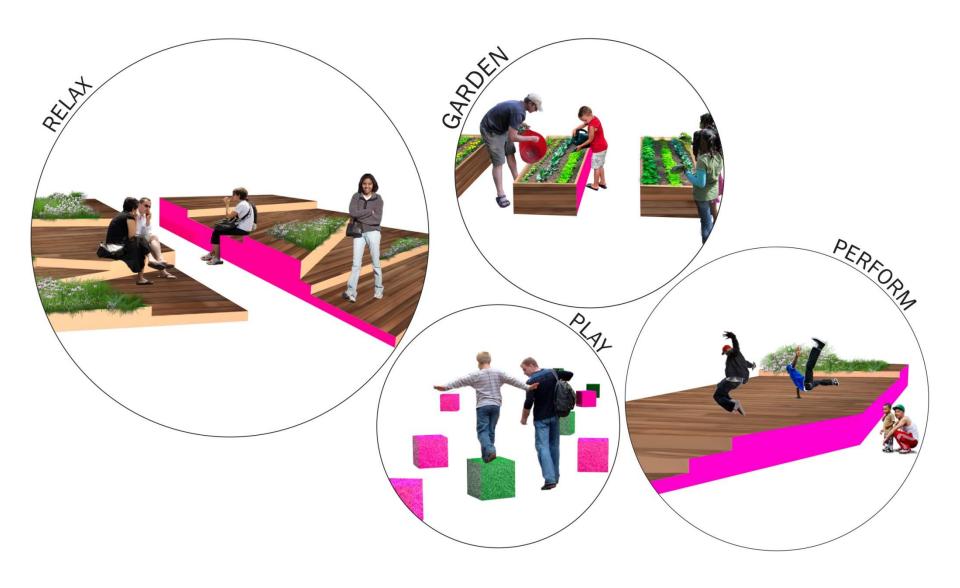
# FRANKFORD PAUSE Construct-ability



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# FRANKFORD PAUSE Activities



# Design Process Menu of Sign Types Gateway Signage Frankford Pause Signage Pedestrian Directional Signage El Signs

# IDENTITY + WAYFINDING SIGNAGE Design Process

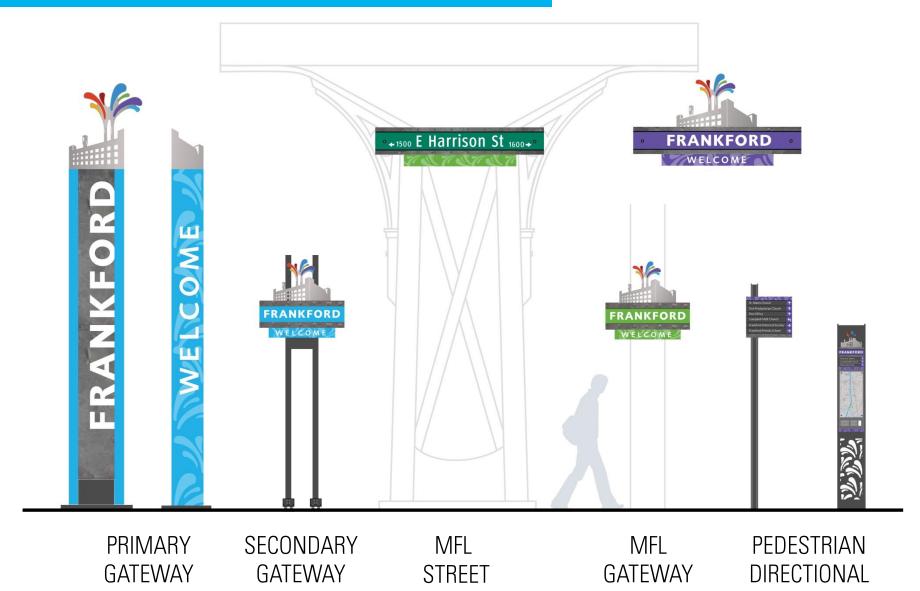




Incorporate Destination Frankford's logo, which represents Frankford's **industrial past**, its **bright future in the creative economy**, and its rich **cultural diversity** in one, powerful image.

- > I-beams to represent Frankford's industrial past
- > Bright colors to represent diversity and creativity
- > Simple, modern typography

# IDENTITY + WAYFINDING SIGNAGE Menu of Sign Types



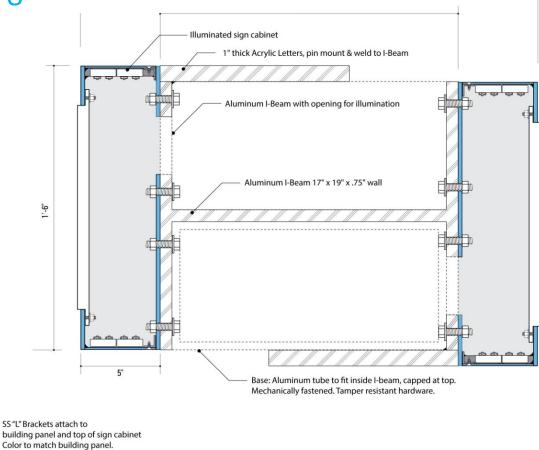
1/4" Splash panel mechanically fastened to I-Beam

1" Acrylic Letters mechanically fastened to I-Beam

Tamper resistant hardware.

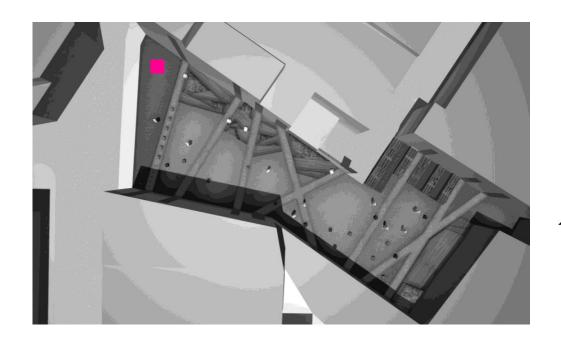
& sign cabinet Tamper resistant hardware.

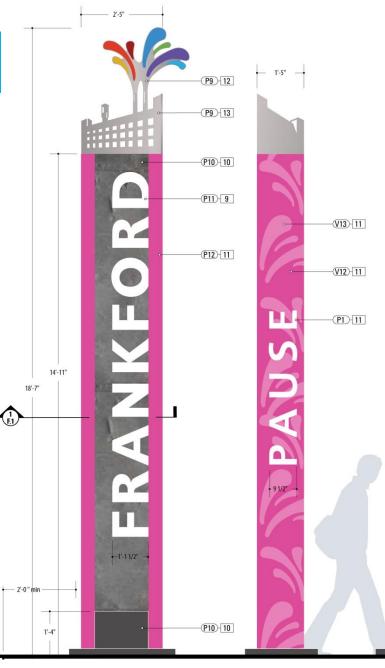
Gateway Signage



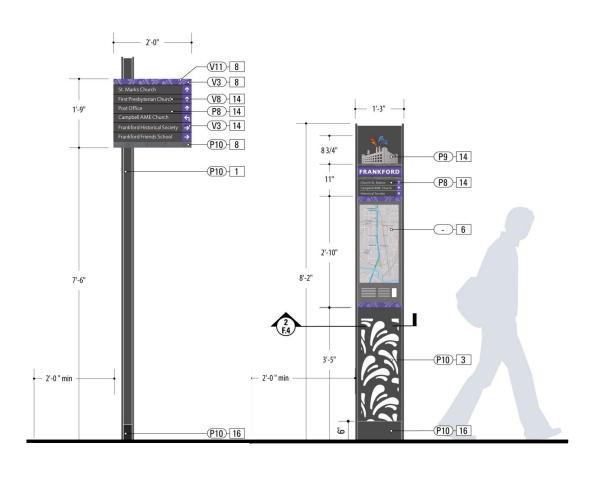


# Frankford Pause Signage



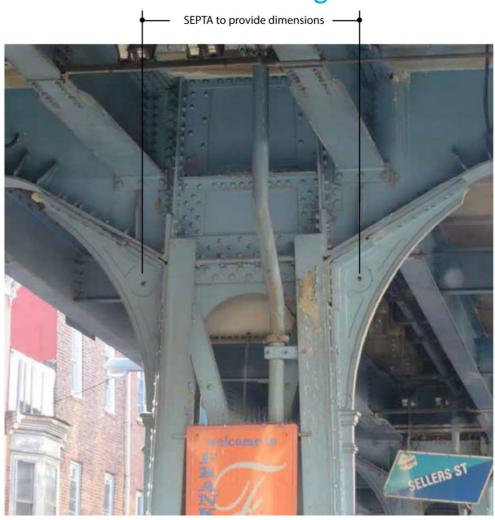


## Pedestrian Directional Signage





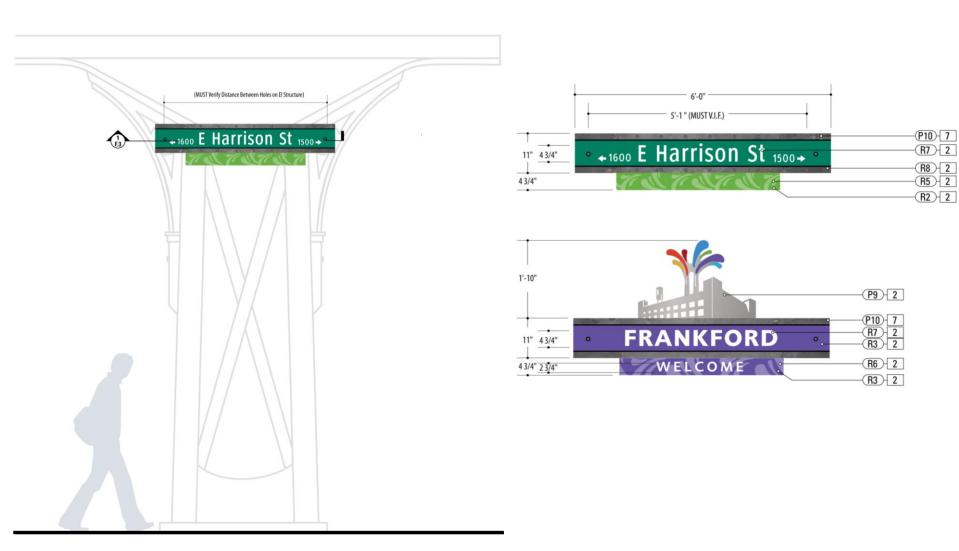
# Market-Frankford El Signs







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#### THE FUTURE OF PLACEMAKING IN FRANKFORD







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