

STREETS & OPEN SPACE

A Vision for Downtown

A range of high quality public spaces support the growing population of workers, residents, and visitors Downtown. An improved public realm contributes to a livable, healthy, and sustainable community. Open Space is accessible to all and benefits all Downtown communities and is defined broadly and creatively. Streets, parklettes, plazas, and alleys provide high quality and usable public spaces. Much of Downtown's public life takes place on the streets, and community is built in the public realm.

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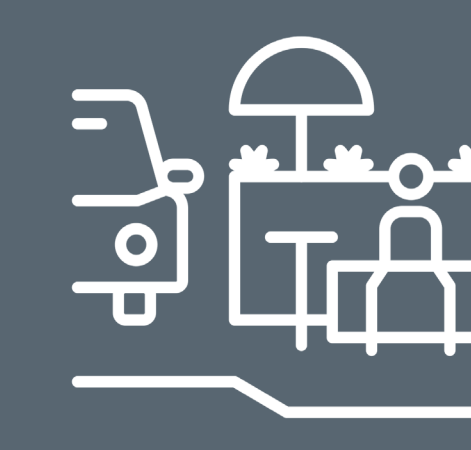


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DOWNTOWN-WIDE STRATEGIES



FIND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN A PUBLIC BENEFITS SYSTEM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE



ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NONTRADITIONAL OPEN SPACES



REQUIRE HIGH QUALITY STREETS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT



TREAT THE STREETS AS DOWNTOWN'S LIVING ROOM



SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CATALYTIC MAJOR PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS



CREATE A NETWORK OF GREEN PEDESTRIAN ALLEYS



SUPPORT THE CREATION OF SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS



DESIGN PROGRAMMABLE PUBLIC SPACE TO BUILD COMMUNITY

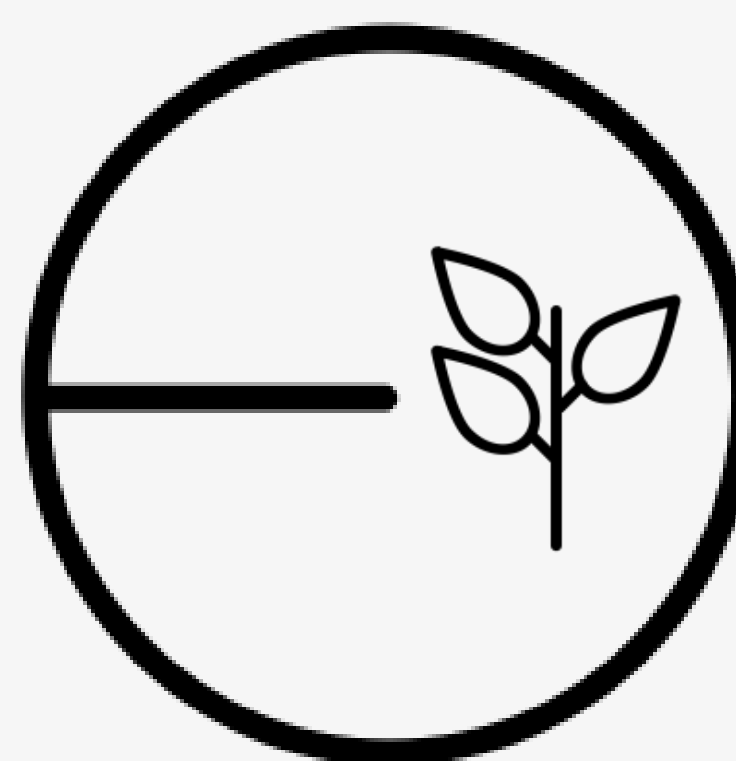
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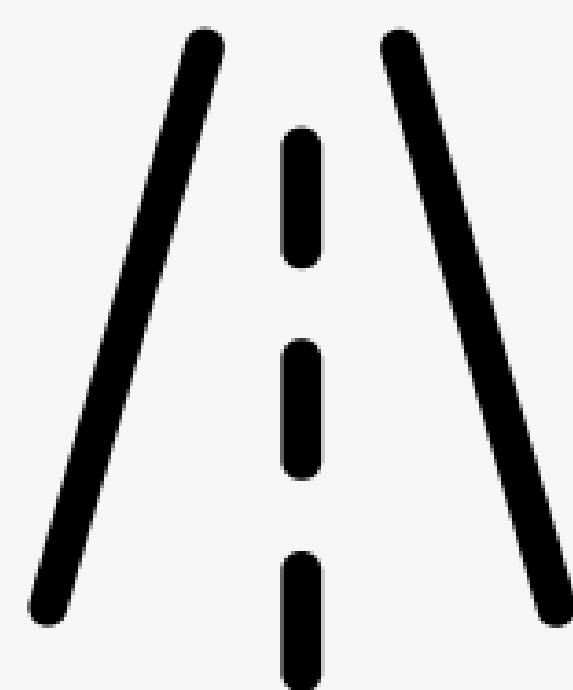
PARK LEVEL OF SERVICE

0.4 acre per person in Central City

1.3 acres per person in Central City North

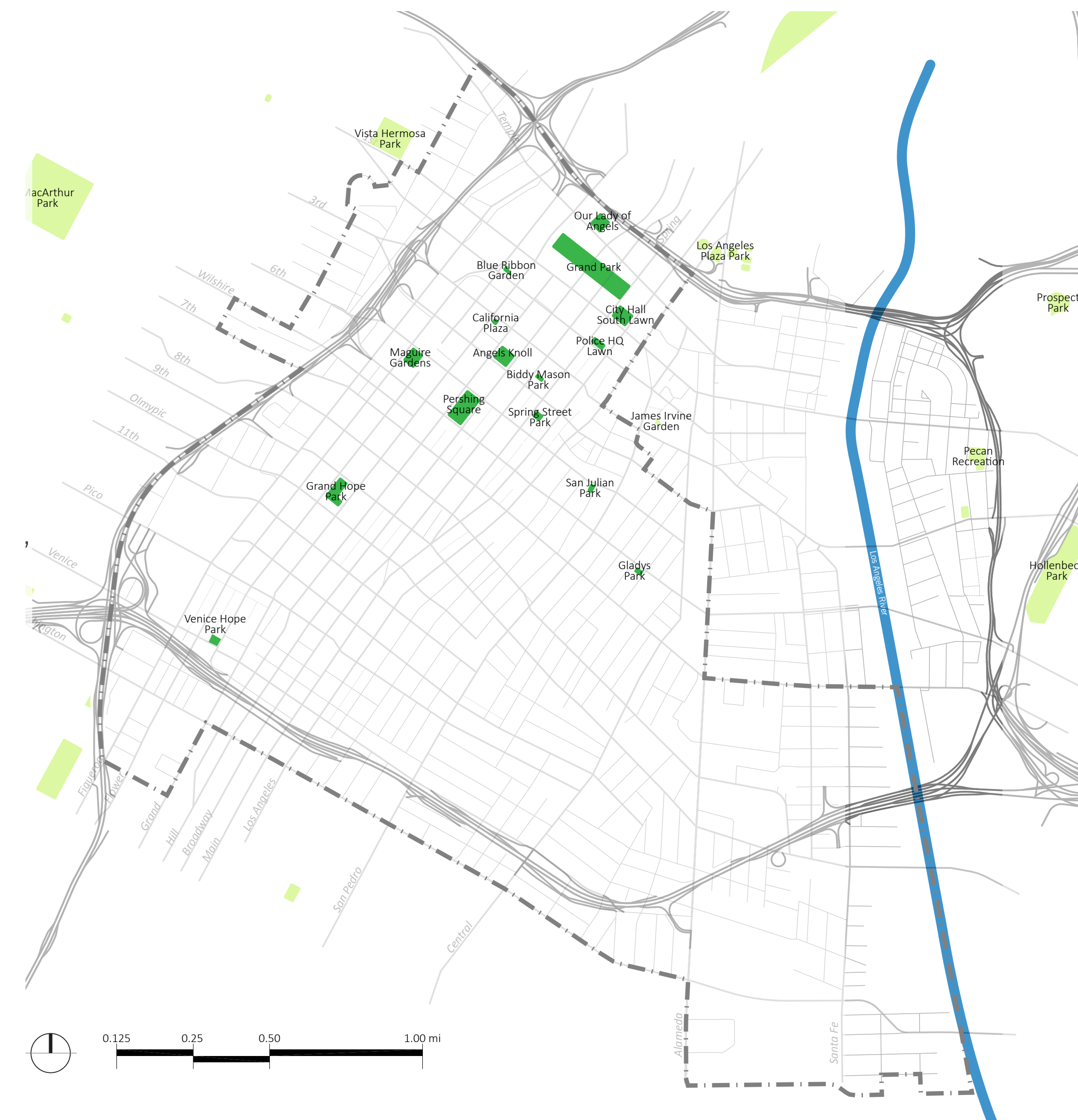


82% of Central City and 57% of Central City North residents are within a 1/2 mile walking distance of a park.



There are at least 714,000 linear feet of streets Downtown.

EXISTING OPEN SPACE & PUBLIC REALM OPPORTUNITIES



Source: DLANC Vision Plan

RELATED INITIATIVES: Pershing Square Renew

Pershing Square Renew is a collaborative partnership between public, private, and local community leaders with the sole mission of ensuring that our new Pershing Square not only keeps pace with Downtown's ongoing revitalization, but also represents Los Angeles on the map of inspiring public spaces around the country. Pershing Square is an authentic reflection of Downtown LA's thriving renaissance by creating a public space for those who live in, work in, visit, and love DTLA.



Source: DLANC Vision Plan

RELATED INITIATIVES: LA River Revitalization Corp.

The Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, is a nonprofit whose mission is to ensure the 51-mile Los Angeles River integrates design and infrastructure to bring people, water and nature together. A key initiative is Greenway 2020, a collaboration of many stakeholders to create a continuous 51-mile active transportation and recreational corridor to drive significant social and economic benefits for the region as a whole.



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Draft Policy Concepts

PRIMARY STREETS

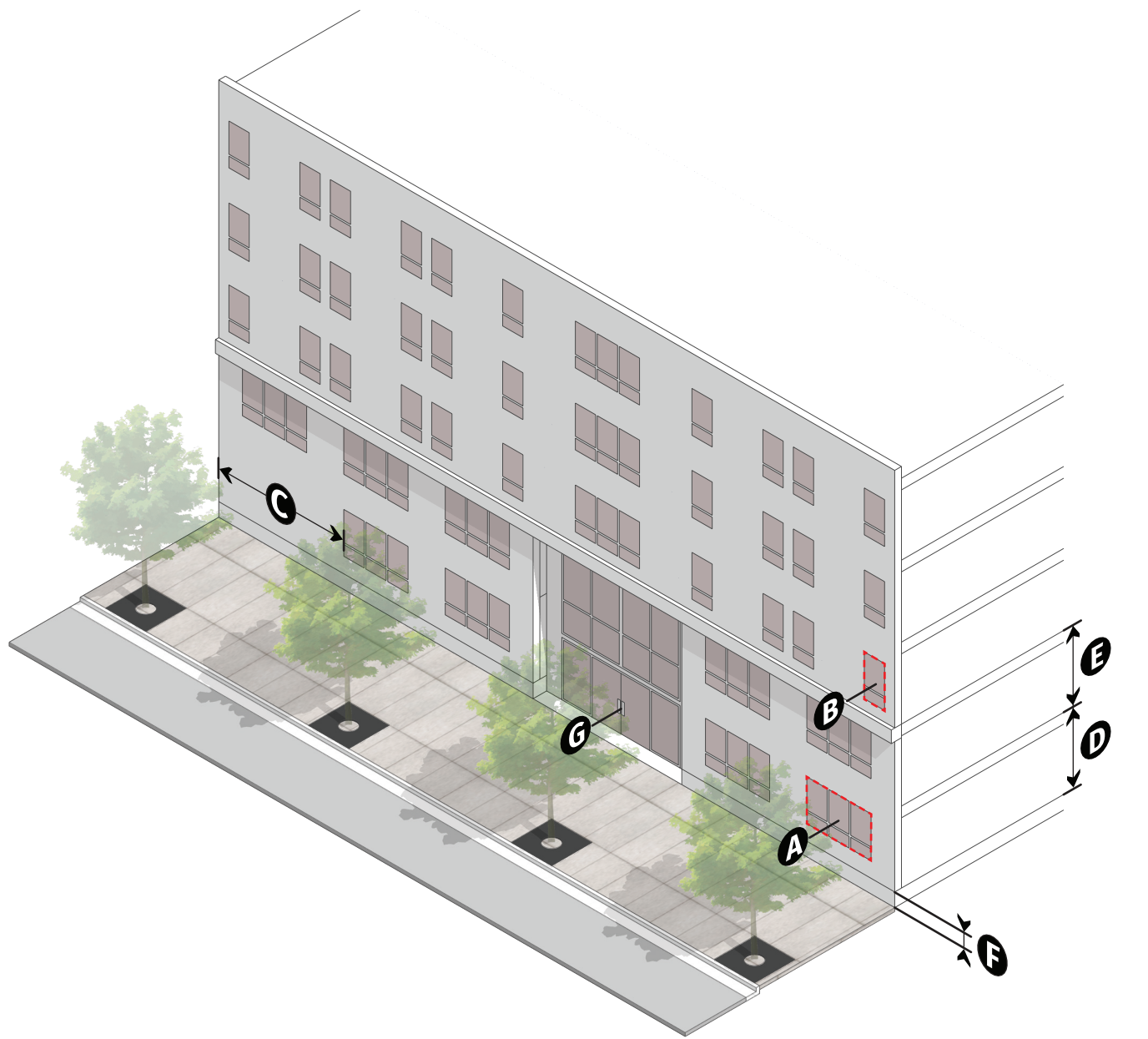
Downtown’s key corridors connect people to important destinations and link districts. These corridors, designated as Primary streets, have enhanced form standards to provide a high quality pedestrian experience. Primary streets serve as neighborhood focal points and help define neighborhood character.

Zoning standards along these designated streets would require higher levels of transparency, active ground floor uses, and ensure that structures would be built out to the property line to create a safe and inviting pedestrian environment.

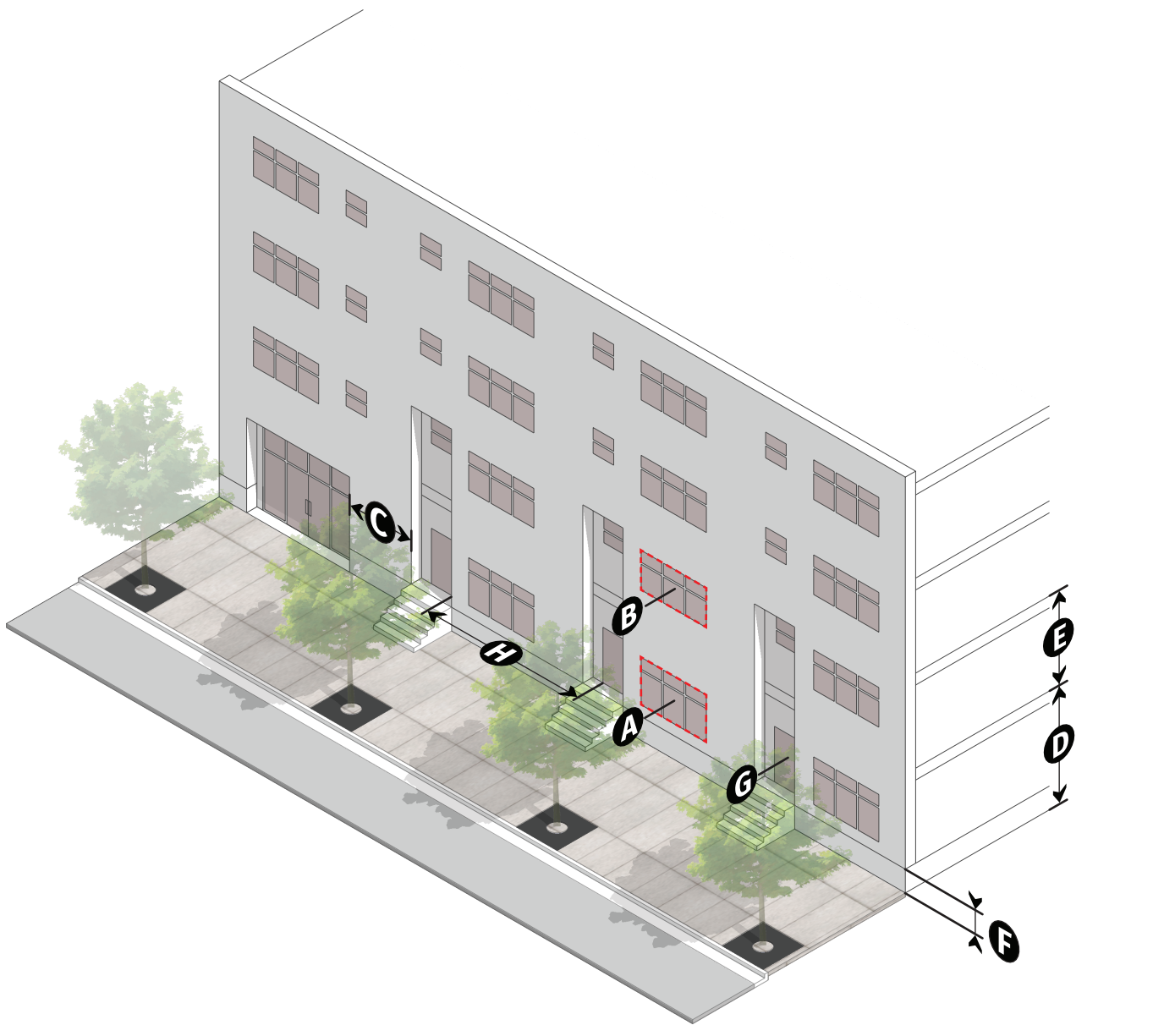


FRONTAGES

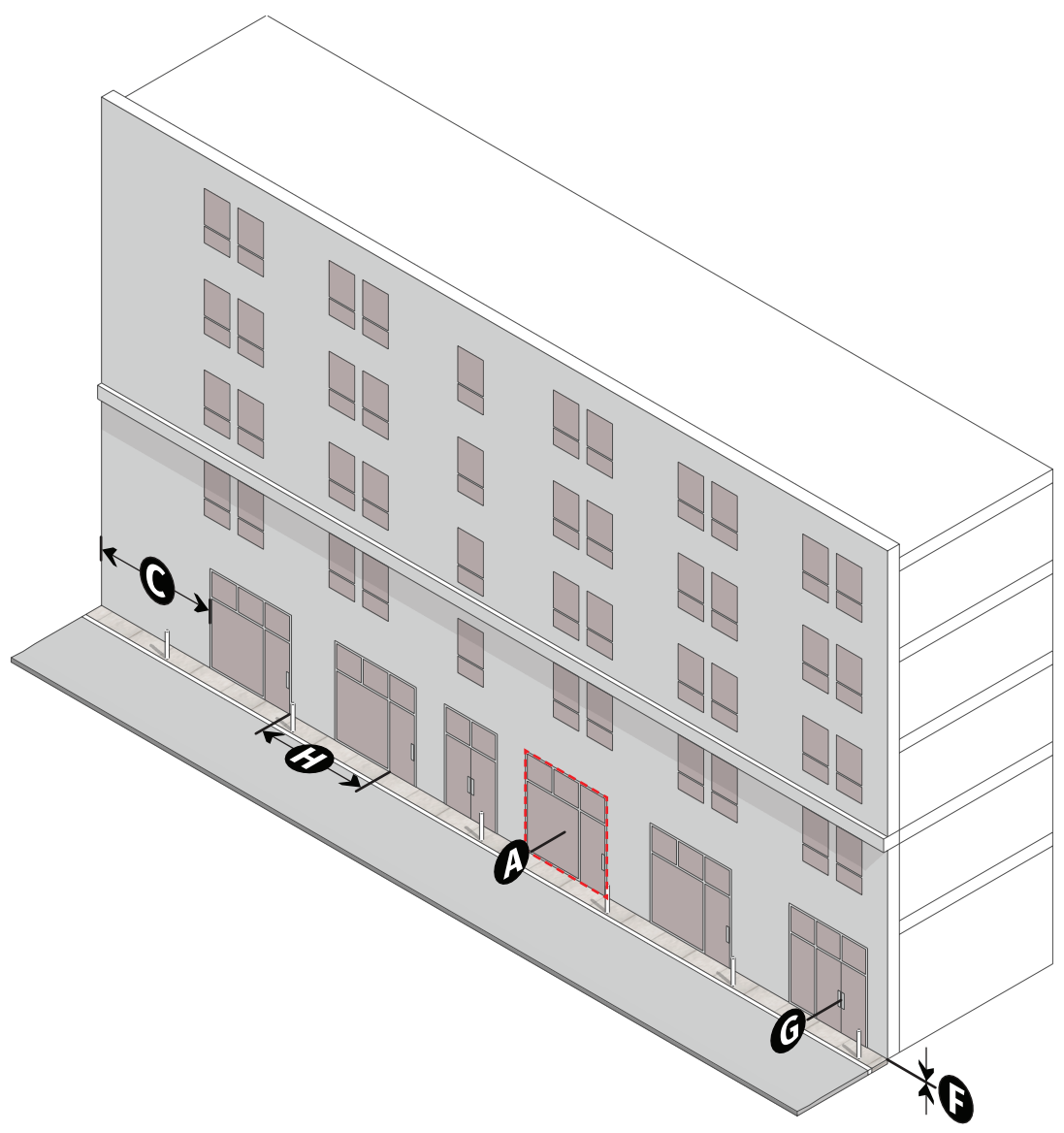
Frontage standards regulate how buildings meet the street through transparency, entrance, and ground story height requirements. New form districts, part of the re:code effort, have a set of corresponding allowed frontages, although specific frontages are required in strategic locations. There are eight frontages in the Downtown Zoning Code. These frontages enhance and reinforce walkability and neighborhood character throughout Downtown’s districts.



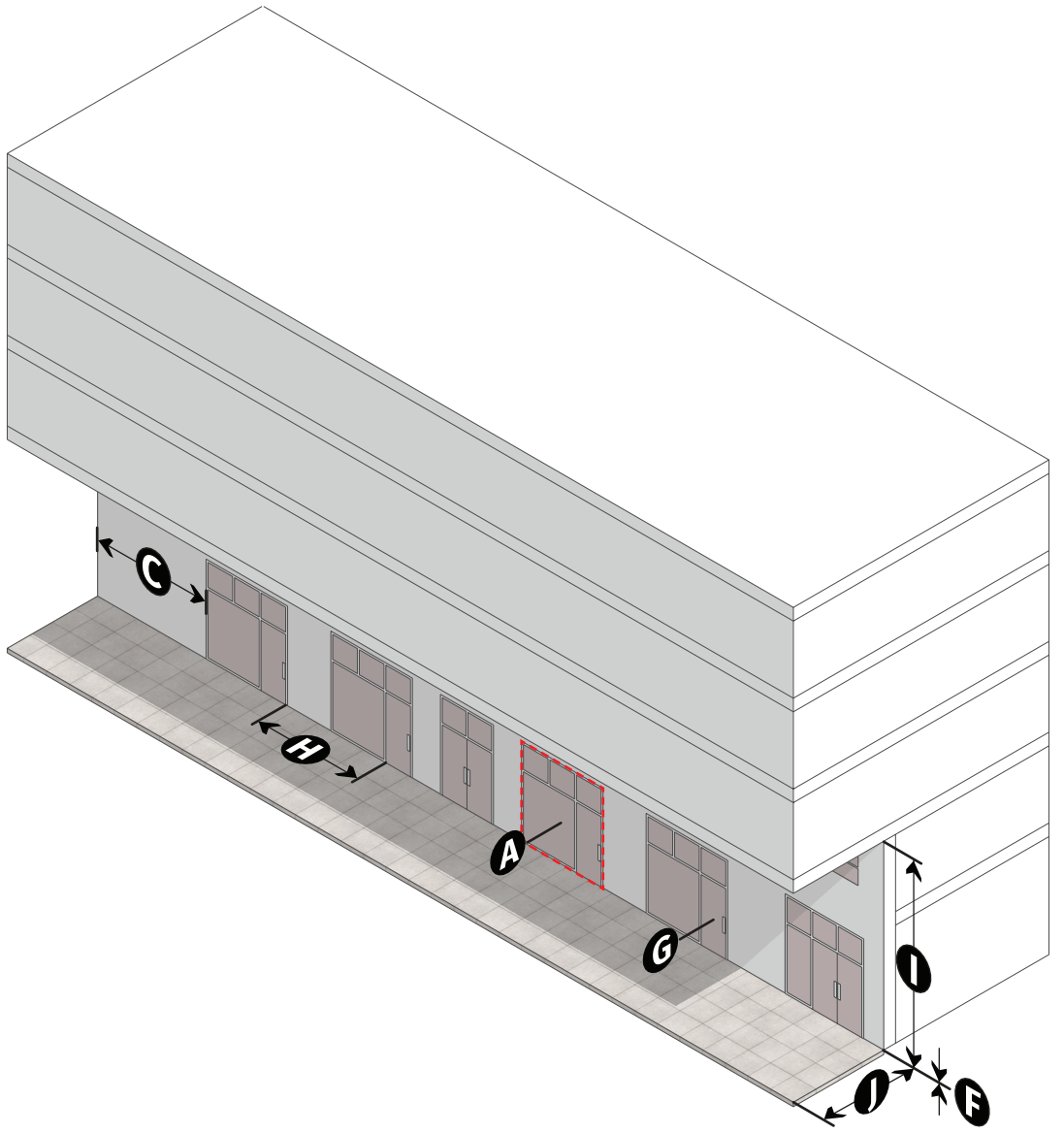
GENERAL



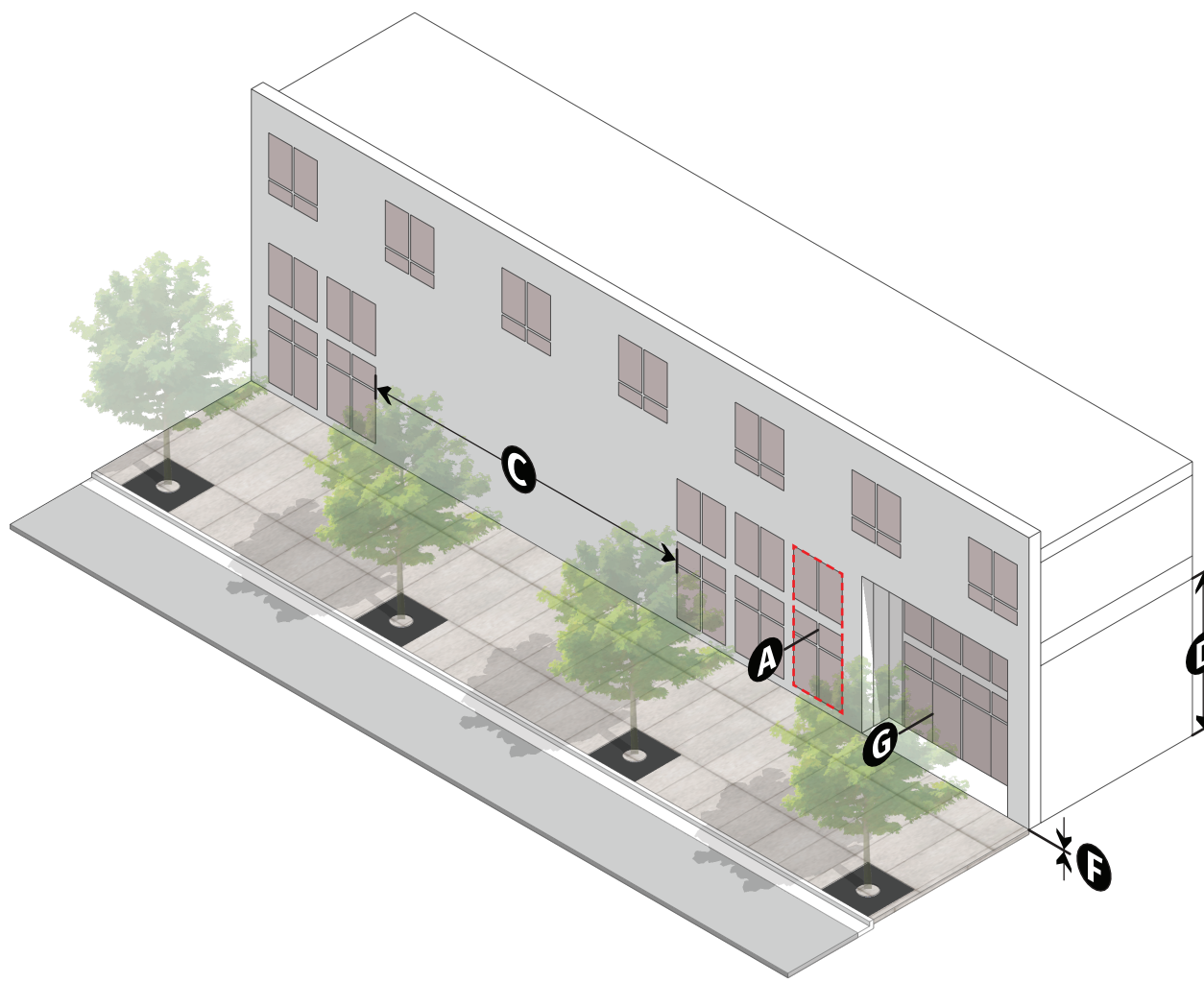
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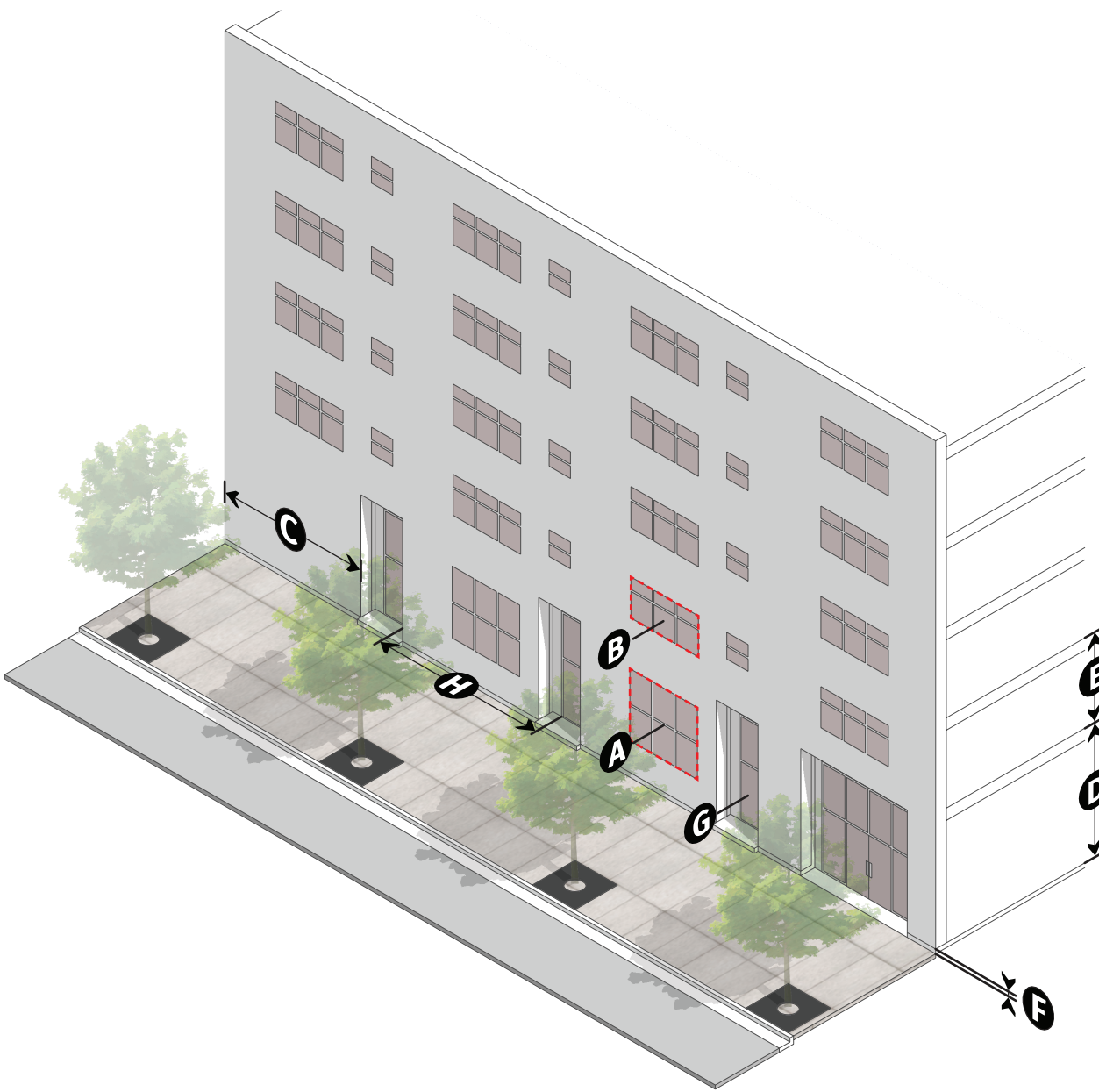
ACTIVE ALLEY



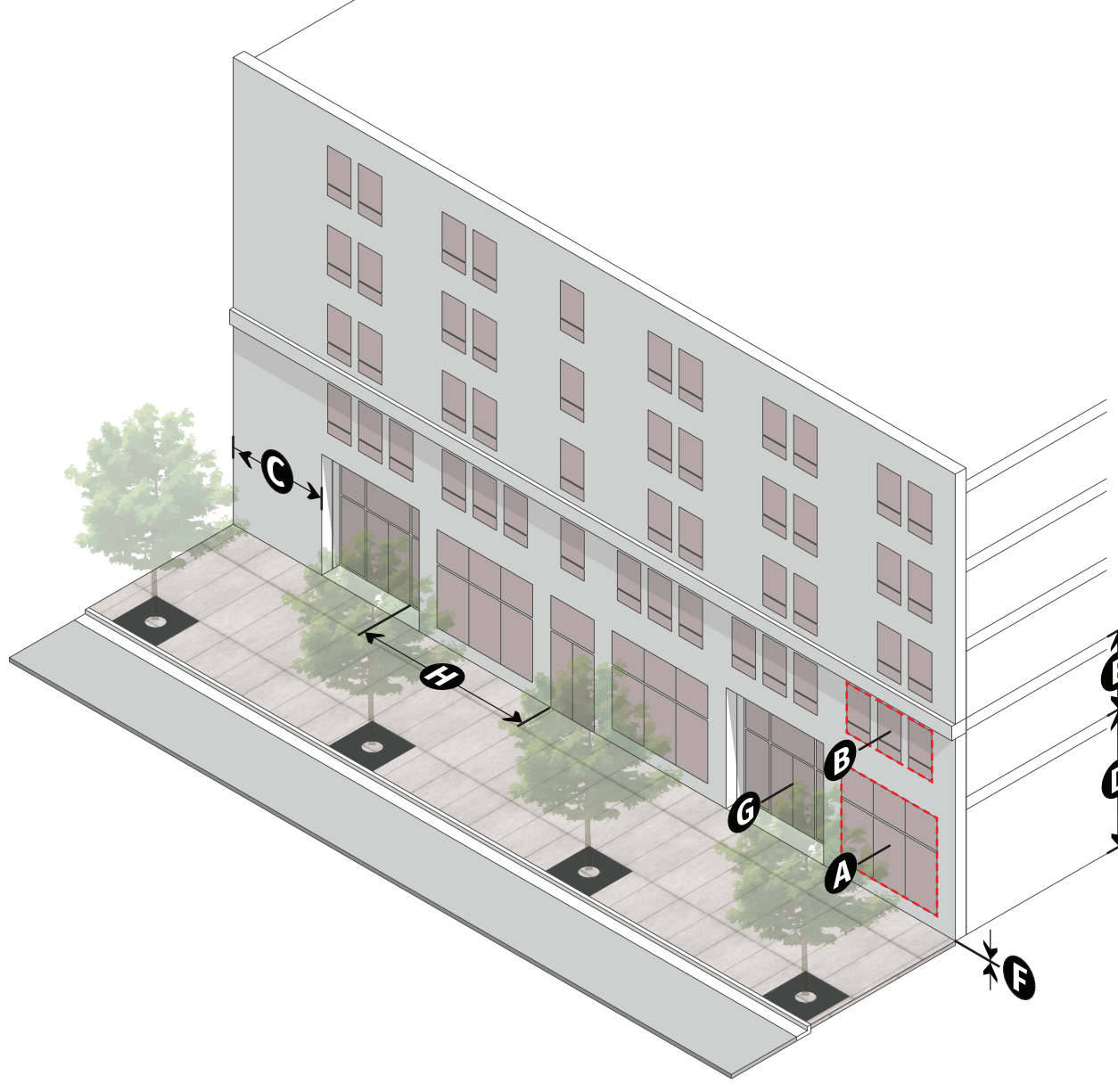
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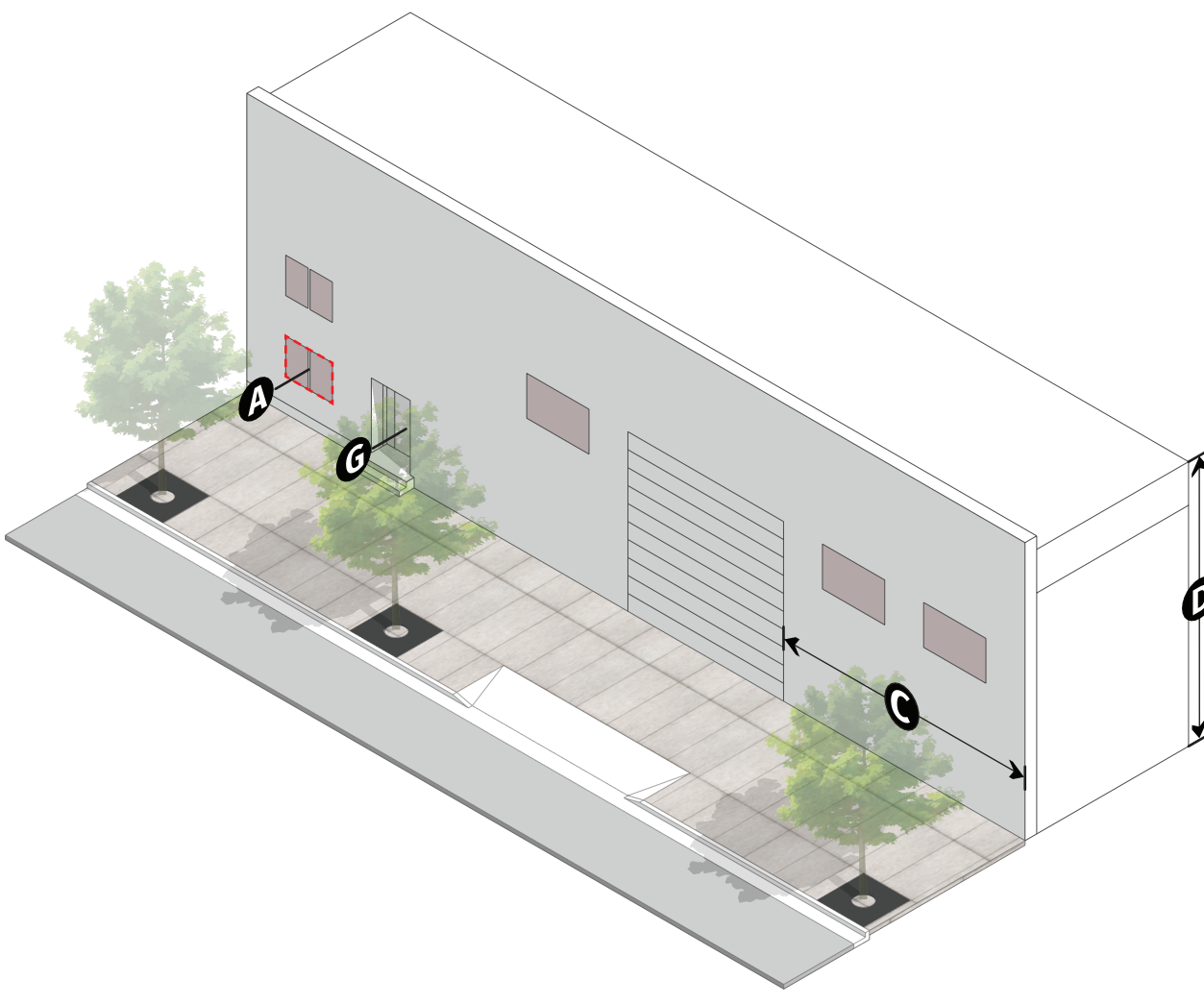
LARGE FORMAT



LIVE/WORK



SHOPFRONT



WAREHOUSE

FRONTAGE KEY

TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Ground story transparency, minimum requirement
- B. Upper story transparency, minimum requirement
- C. Blank wall area, maximum allowed

STORY HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

- D. Ground story, floor to floor minimum
- E. Upper story, floor to floor minimum
- F. Ground Floor elevation, minimum and maximum

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

- G. Street-facing entrance, if needed
- H. Entrance spacing, maximum