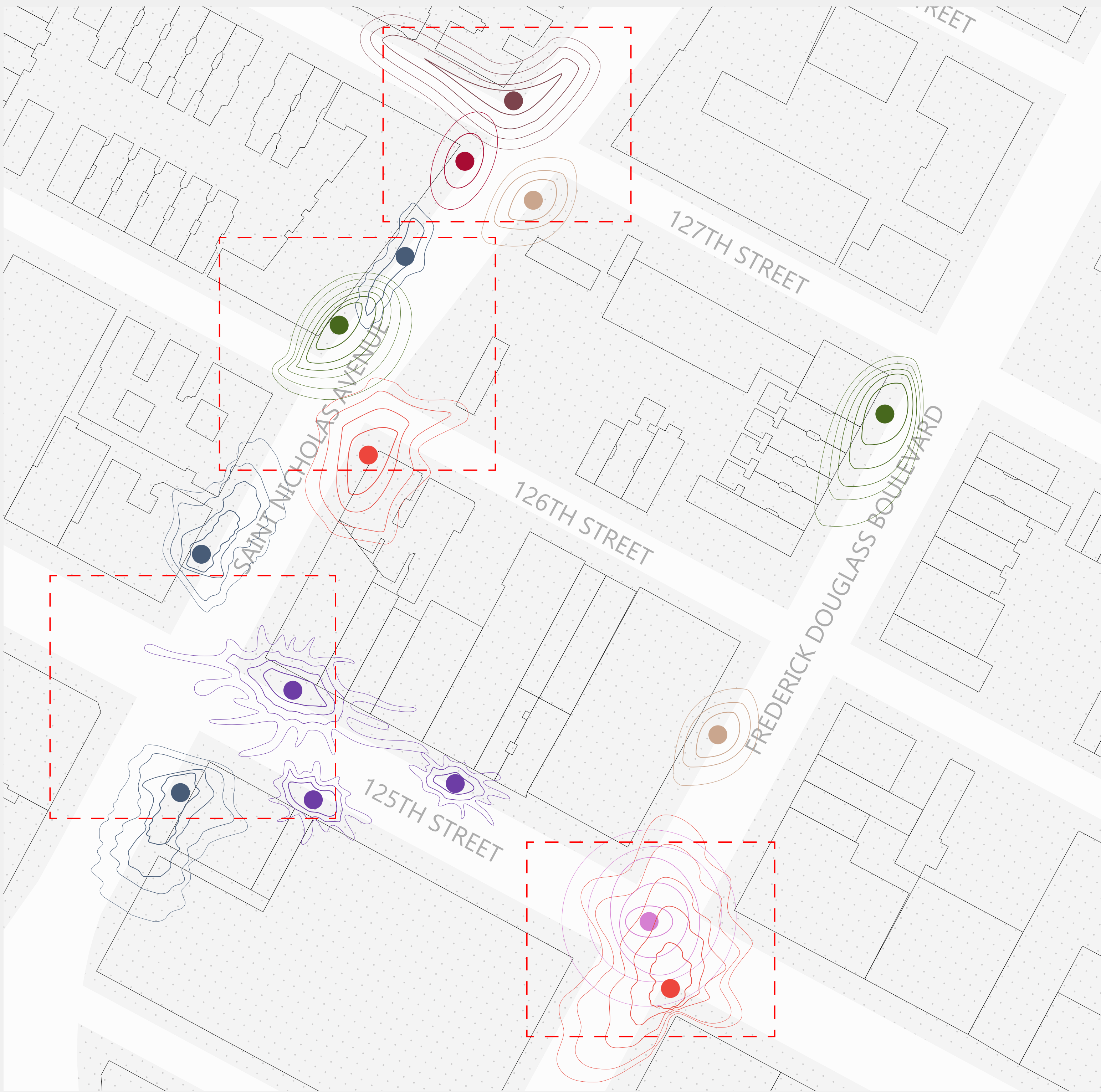


THE SMELLS OF HARLEM

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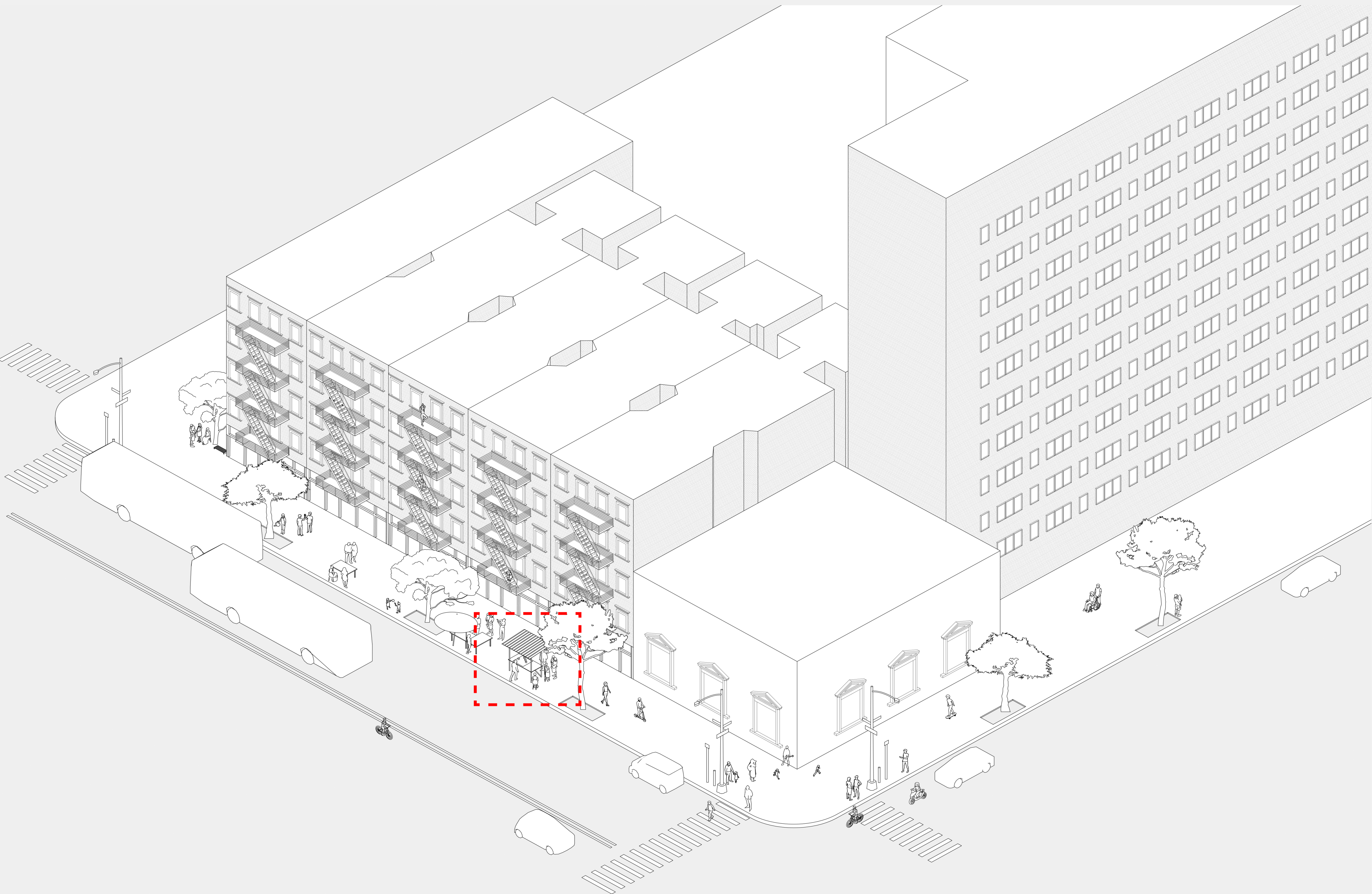
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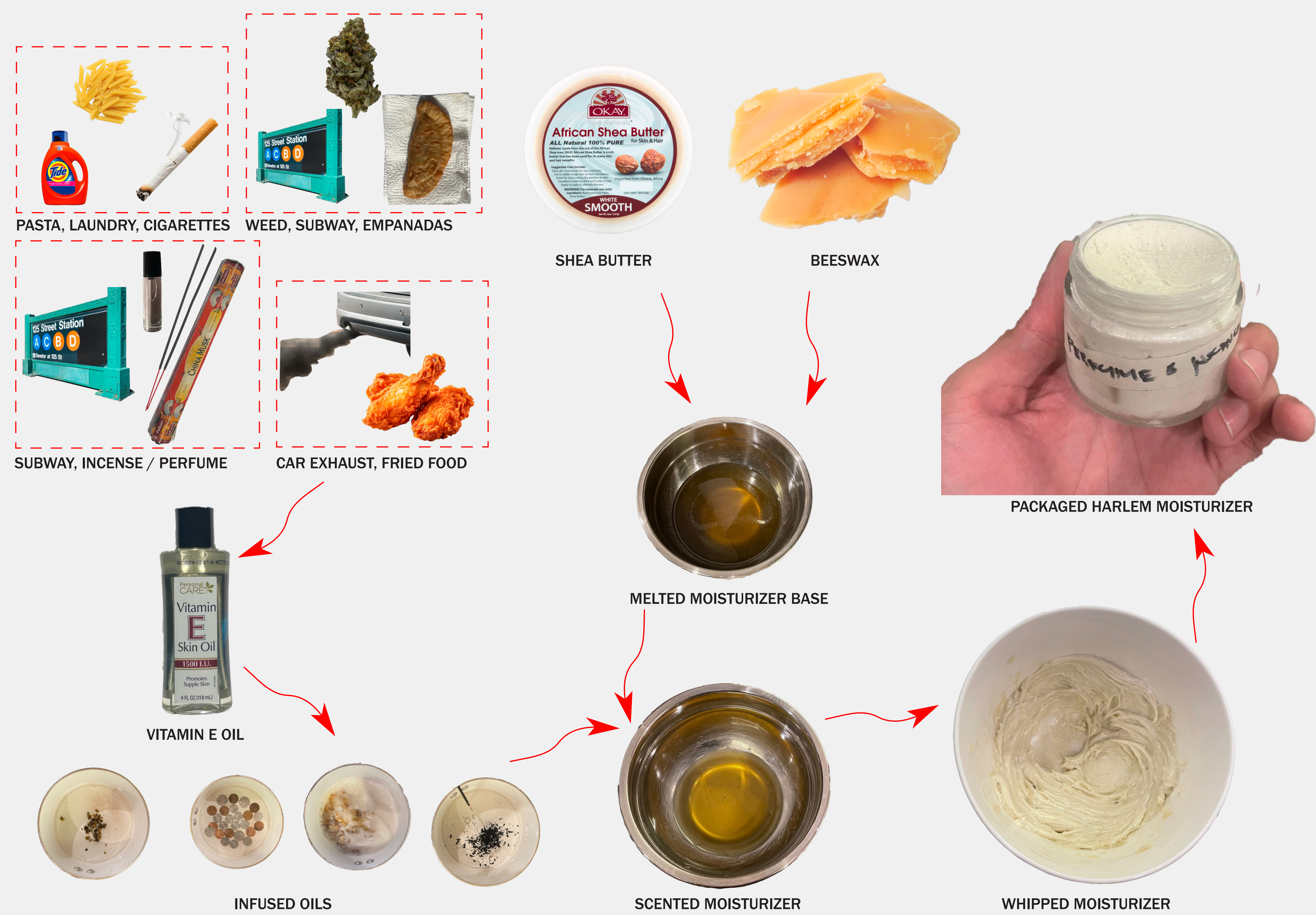
LEGEND

- PASTA**
Maison Harlem is located on the corner of St. Nicholas Avenue and 127th Street. The smell from the restaurant is reminiscent of pasta and light fare food.
- LAUNDRY**
The residential building on the corner of St. Nicholas Avenue and 127th Street has an exhaust fan from the basement that extrudes hot air from the laundry machines, which spill out onto the street.
- SUBWAY**
On the edge of the sidewalk between 126th and 127th Street, there are subway vents that push air from the 125th Street A/C/B/D subway station below with each passing train. Hot, thick air rises directly above these vents, and can be smelled and felt.
The subway entrances along St. Nicholas Avenue on opposing sides of 125th Street are open stairways that bleed out the smell of the subway station.
- WEED**
People walking on the street, typically less busy areas of the streets St. Nicholas Avenue and Frederick Douglass Blvd, were smoking weed while walking or standing in one area. The smell is loud, pungent, and can often be identified immediately with familiarity.
- EMPANADAS / SOUL FOOD**
Two large food establishments selling products like empanadas, fried chicken, and soul food staples filled the surrounding area with the smell of fried meat and pastry. The smells would vary according to the food being sold, but largely shared the essence of fried food.
- INCENSE / PERFUME**
Vendors selling products such as incense and perfume oils lined the sidewalk of 125th Street, emitting a strong, aromatic smell, often followed by the smoke of a lit stick of incense.
- CIGARETTES**
People standing or walking on the street smoking a cigarette, typically alone. The smell is distinct and strong but doesn't travel far.
- CAR EXHAUST**
At the busy intersection of 125th Street and Frederick Douglass Blvd, the smell of car exhaust is especially strong, especially during busy traffic in the middle of the day.

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