Urban Foraging

Foraging is a social activity, in which people pass on knowledge, culture, and traditions from generation to generation. Food connects everyone.

Commoning

"The art of commoning, then, is about the graceful, light-touch structuring of people's distinctive energies, passions and imaginations as they interact in groups".
David Bollier

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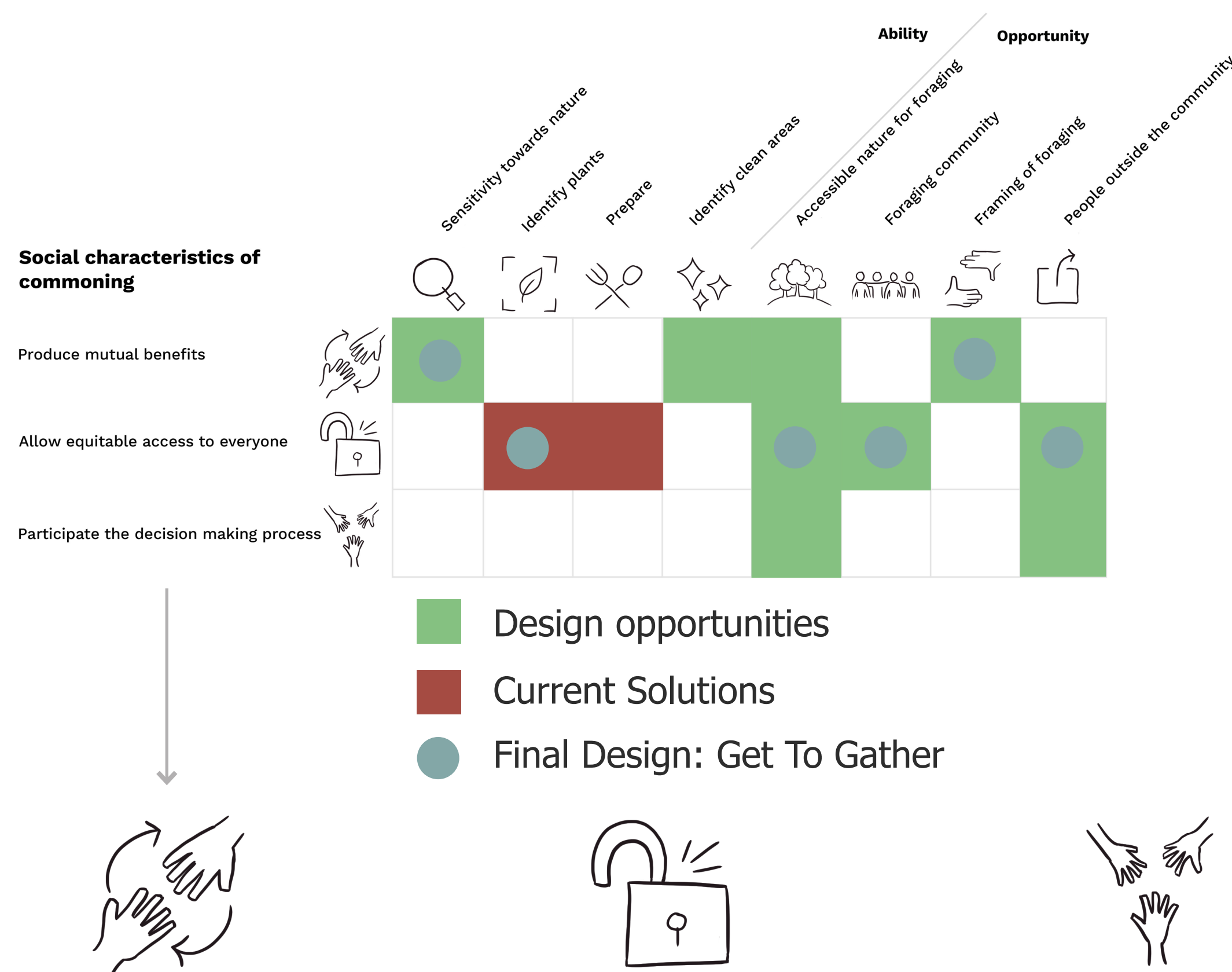
Together, we reclaim the edible city.

Summary

This design project investigates how commoning can support the practice of urban foraging, resulting in a framework that describes the social characteristics of commoning and the abilities and opportunities for urban foraging. Foraging is a social practice with an inspiring network. It is a community that wants to spend time together in nature and makes sure that everyone forages safely and with care for the environment. The framework led to a design showcase, called Get To Gather, which is an interactive board in public space to let citizens experience the practice of urban foraging, as an entrance to the foraging community. The design is 'do it yourself,' so people can make it without waiting for external authorities. Get To Gather transforms unused urban green spaces into places for social access.

Urban Foraging and Commoning Framework

- 🟩 Design opportunities
- 🟥 Current Solutions
- 🔵 Final Design: Get To Gather

Commoning is about creating and maintaining something collectively and acting towards a shared purpose.

The resources are equitably accessible to everyone.

Commoning is about social inclusiveness, which means that everyone can participate in the decision-making process.

Final Design

Get To Gather shows how commoning can support the practice of urban foraging, by making the foraging community, and nature in the city equitable accessible for people outside the community. It frames urban foraging as a practice with social benefits, by showing the community, in which foragers have strong social ties with fellow foragers.

Every plant represents a person.
The board shows how the community is growing.

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