

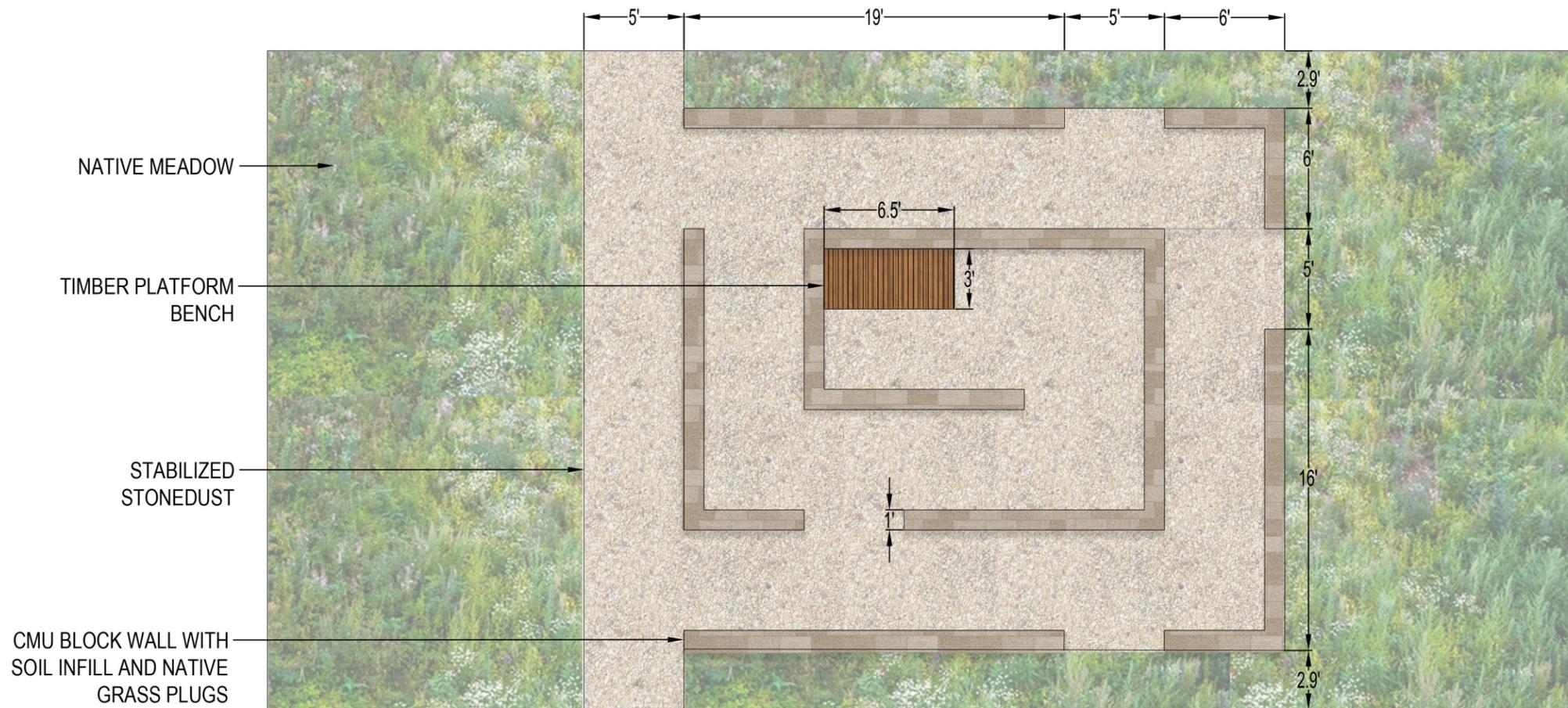
DETENTION

PROJECT

In the United States, there are almost two million people in jails and prisons on any given day. There are also significant racial disparities, with Black Americans incarcerated at a rate of 5.0 times that of whites. Following the 2024 election there was a ramp-up in the detention and expedited removal of undocumented immigrants, sometimes without due process. Detention sheds light on this issue by letting visitors experience the average dimensions of a detention cell in the United States (7' by 10') and sit on a timber platform bench with the average dimensions of a cell bed (3' by 6.5'). To get to the inner cell, visitors travel a stonedust hallway between incomplete CMU block walls, symbolizing the disorienting experience of the legal system, and the eventual feeling of complete enclosure and entrapment. The CMU block walls are filled with soil and native grass plugs intended to look overgrown, symbolizing the feeling of being forgotten.

PLANT SCHEDULE

COMMON	BOTANICAL
Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>
Pennsylvania Sedge	<i>Carex Pennsylvanica</i>
Mountain Mint	<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>
Black Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
Sweetfern	<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>
Ostrich Fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>
Northern Maidenhair	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>
Prarie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>



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