LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE APPLIED: VANDUSEN BOTANICAL GARDEN VISITOR CENTRE



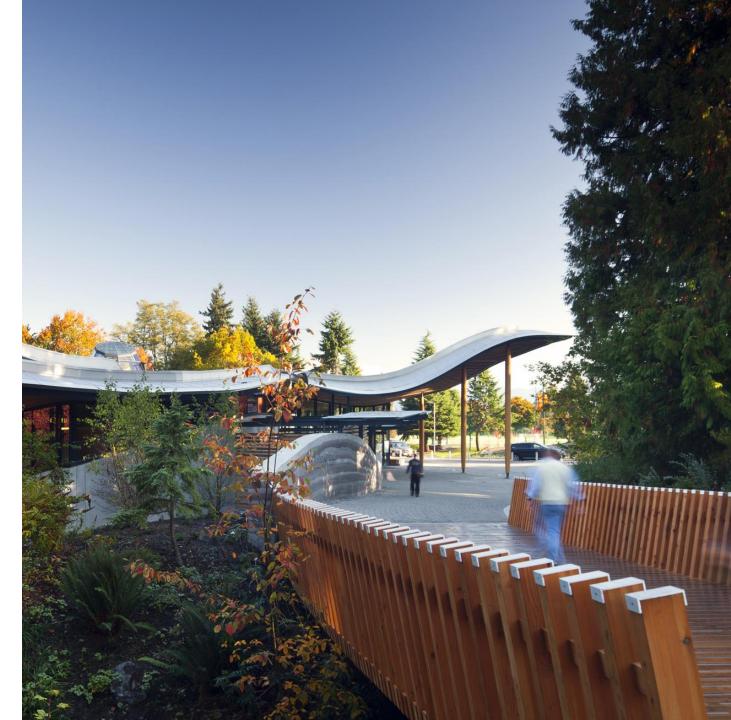






AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- The Living Building Challenge (Abridged)
- Vandusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre
- Design Approach
- The Lessons



THE LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE



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The Living Building Challenge In Pursuit of True Sustainability in the Built Environment

Version 1.3



LIVING BUILDING **CHALLENGE™** 2.0

A Visionary Path to a Restorative Future



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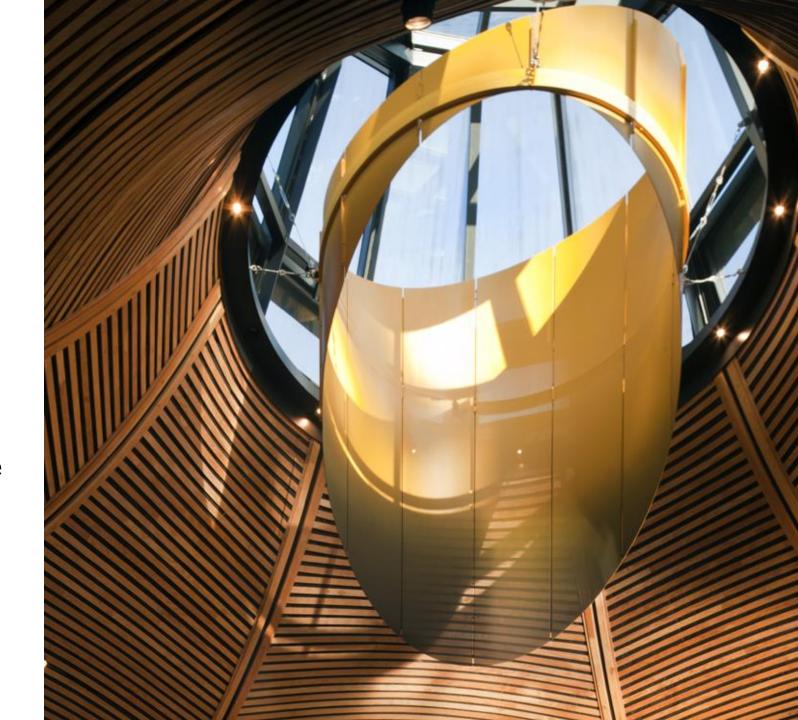
THE METAPHOR

- Nature as a measure
- Place-based philosophy
- Balanced approach



WHY A CHALLENGE?

- Codify performance standard
- Marry technical and philosophical considerations
- Pull the market forward and inspire transformational change



THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- All imperatives (requirements) must be met
- Actual performance verification

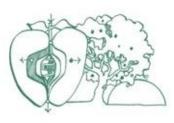




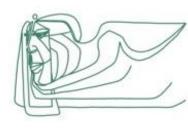












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ENERGY

MATERIALS

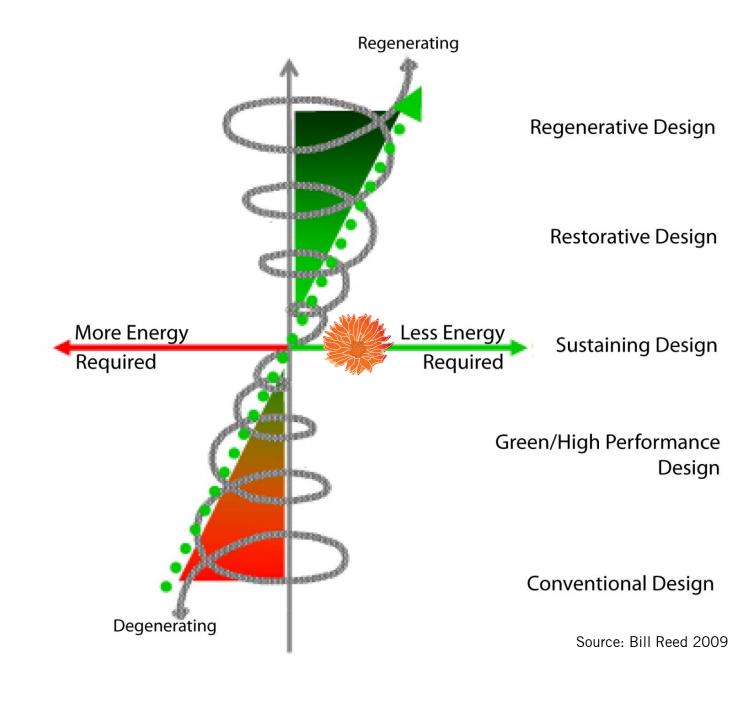
HEALTH

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BEAUTY

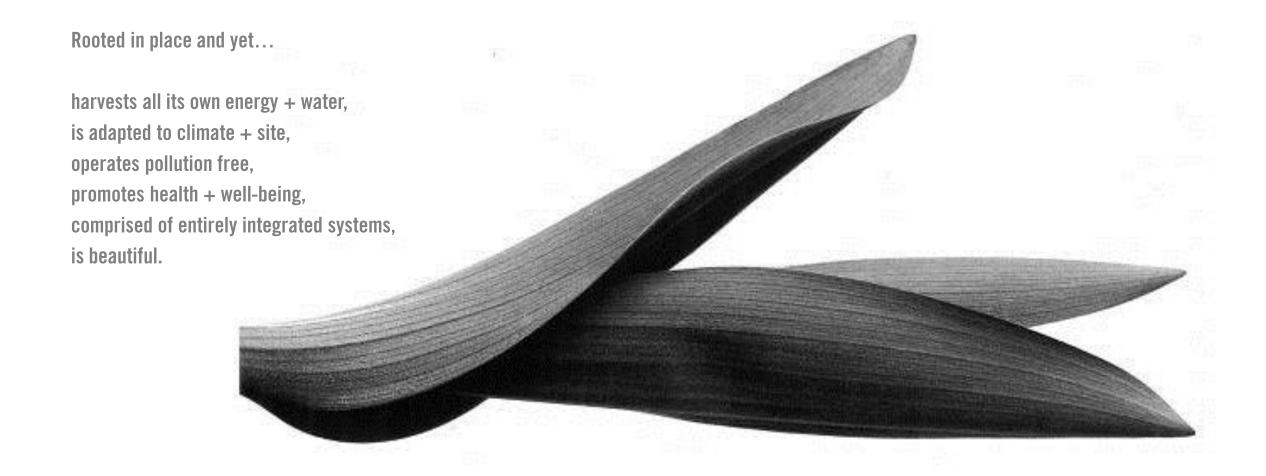
THE SPECTRUM OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

• Sustainable, Restorative, Regenerative



VANDUSEN BOTANICAL GARDEN VISITOR CENTER

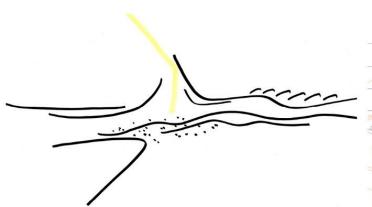


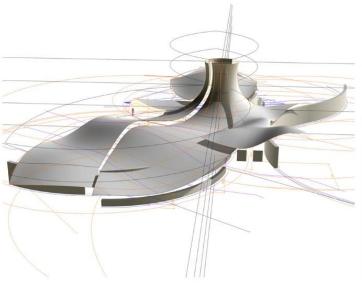


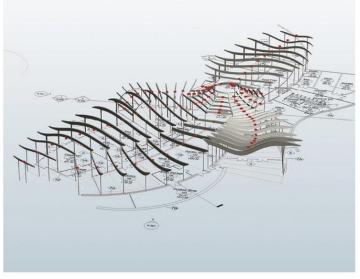
Karl Blossfeldt Orchidaceae (orchid shoot)

Construction Innovation

Developed with Rhino and Revit software, the roof includes more than 50 different pre-fabricated roof panels composed of unique curved glulam beams.













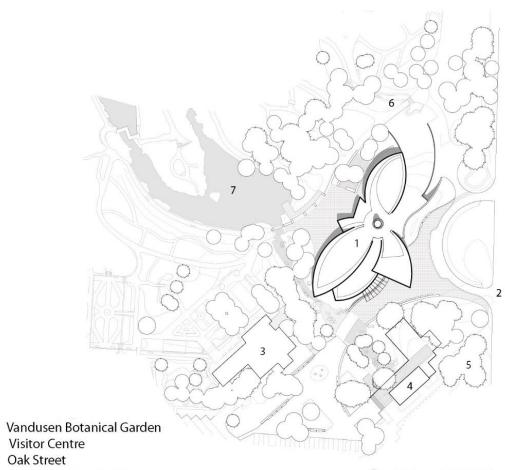
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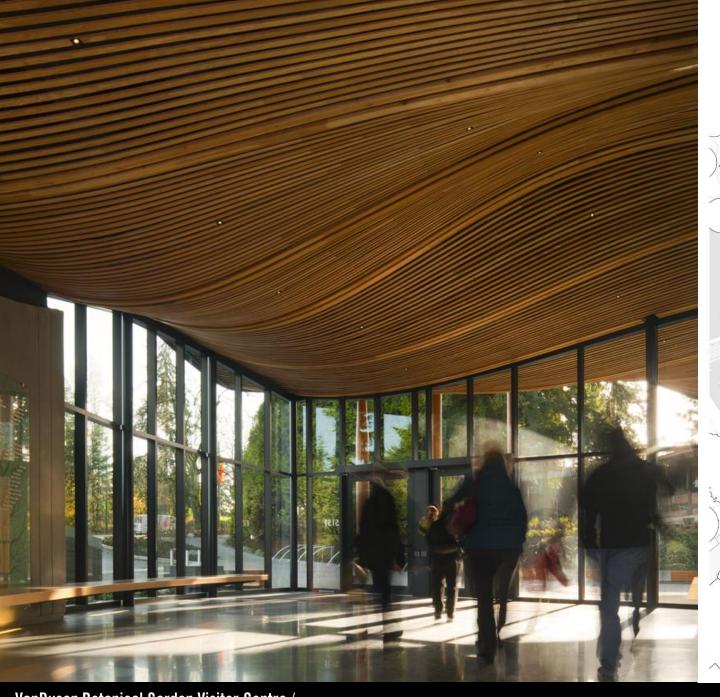
Site Plan: Public Identity

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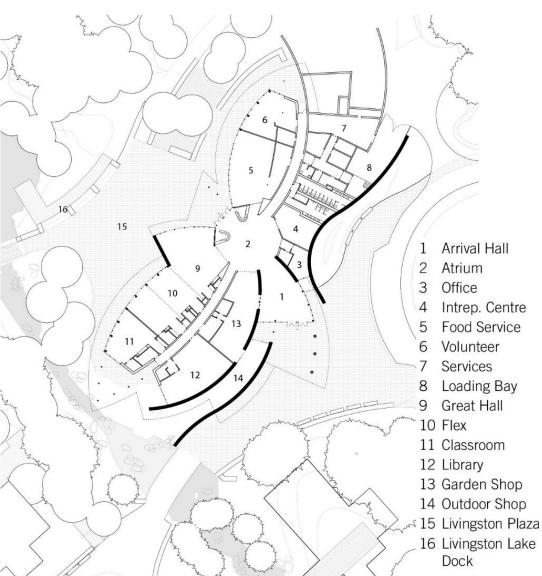
Located on the prominent southeast corner of the Garden, the Visitor Centre transforms the entrance to heighten public awareness of the Garden and nature. By merging building and nature, the project is integrated into natural and human systems

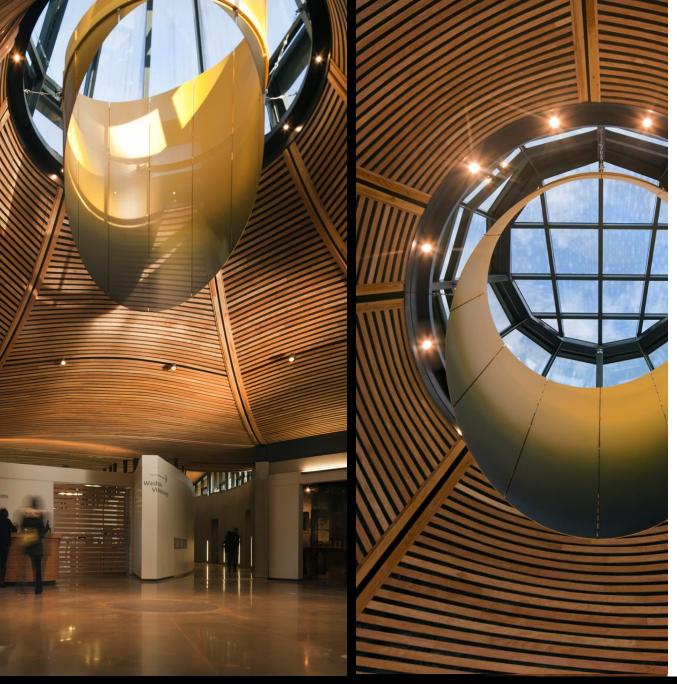


- 2 Oak Street
- 3 Administration Building
- 4 Floral Hall
- 5 Forest System
- 6 Meadow System
- 7 Water System



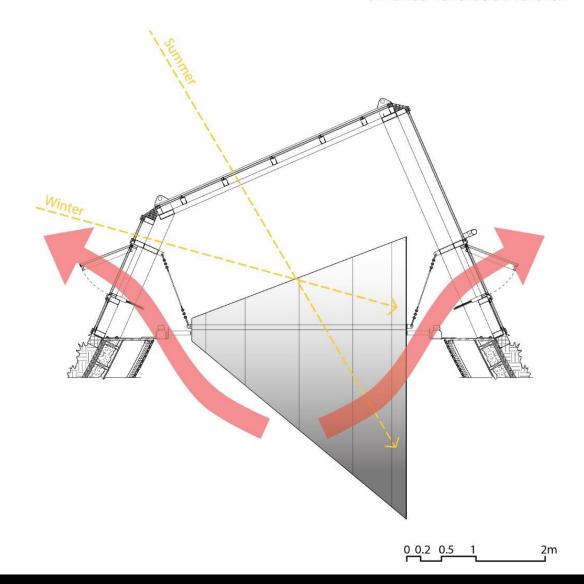
Building Organization: Natural Inspiration Inspired by organic forms and natural systems, the building is organized under undulating green roof 'petals' and along rammed earth and concrete walls.

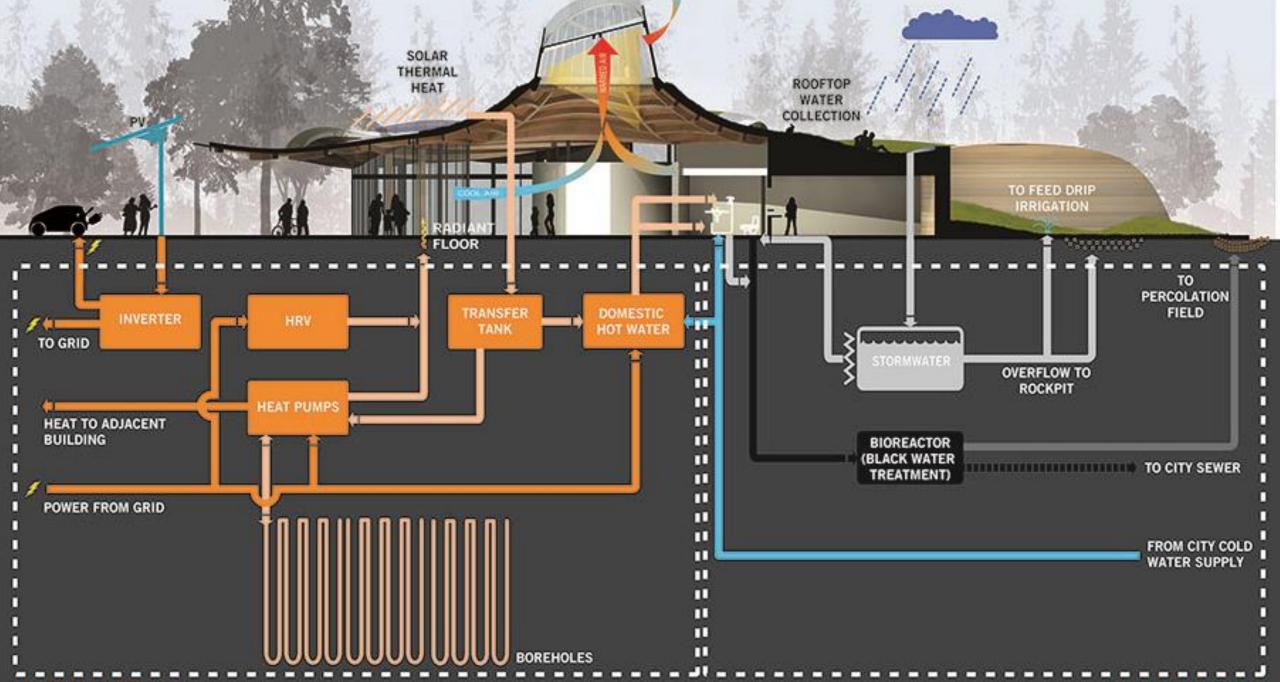




Detailing: Oculus

Natural ventilation is assisted by a solar chimney, composed of an operable glazed oculus and an aluminum heatsink, which converts the sun's rays to convection energy. Summer sun shines on darker surfaces to enhance ventilation further.





DESIGN APPROACH

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- Beauty as Petal
- Connecting to nature
- Performance vs Aesthetic
- Transparency vs Opacity



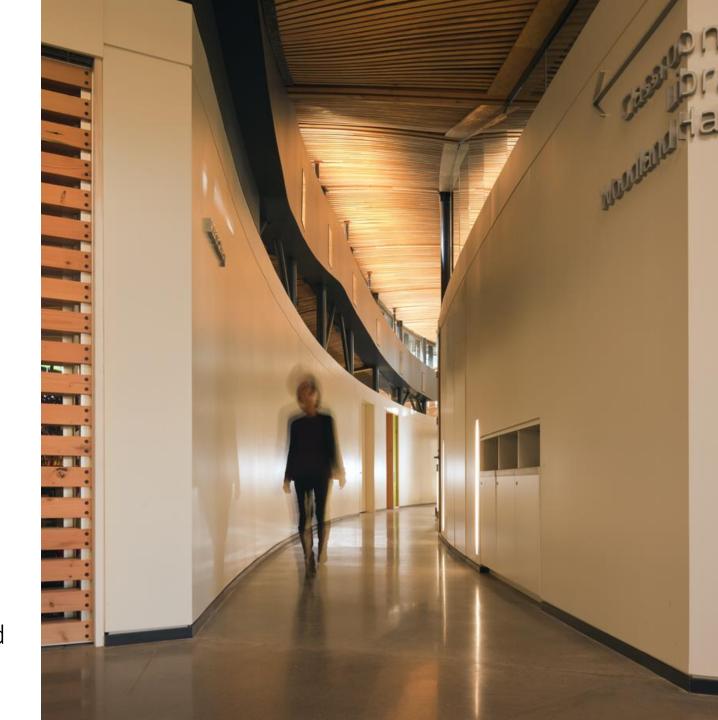
THE MYSTERY OF MATERIALS

- Minimize material palette
- Monolithic through-body
- Robust and hard-wearing
- Search for local inspiration



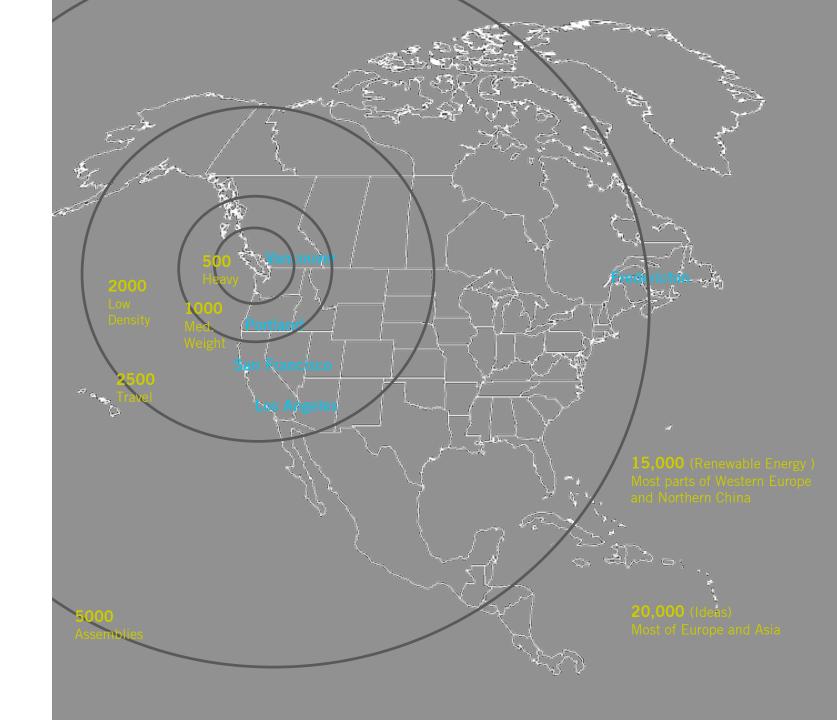
THE RED LIST

- Asbestos
- Cadmium
- Chlorinated Polystyrene Chlorosulfonated Polyethelyne43
- Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- Chlorophrene (Neoprene)
- Formaldehyde (added)
- Holgenated Flame Retardants44
- Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)
- Lead (added)
- Mercury
- Petrochemical Fertilizers and Pesticides
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
- Wood treatments containing Creosote and Arsenic



RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

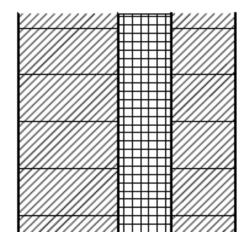
- Sourcing restricted by weight
- Local imperative
- Innovation



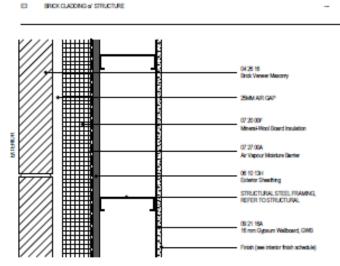
V4 TYPICAL RAMMED EARTH WALL

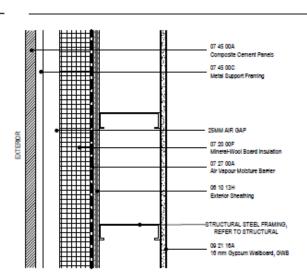
 RAMMED EARTH WALL (REFER TO STRUCTURAL)

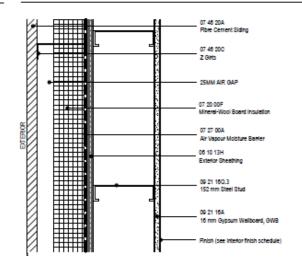
- 150MM RIGID INSULATION
 WITH STEEL HSS (refer to Structural)
- RAMMED EARTH WALL (REFER TO STRUCTURAL)



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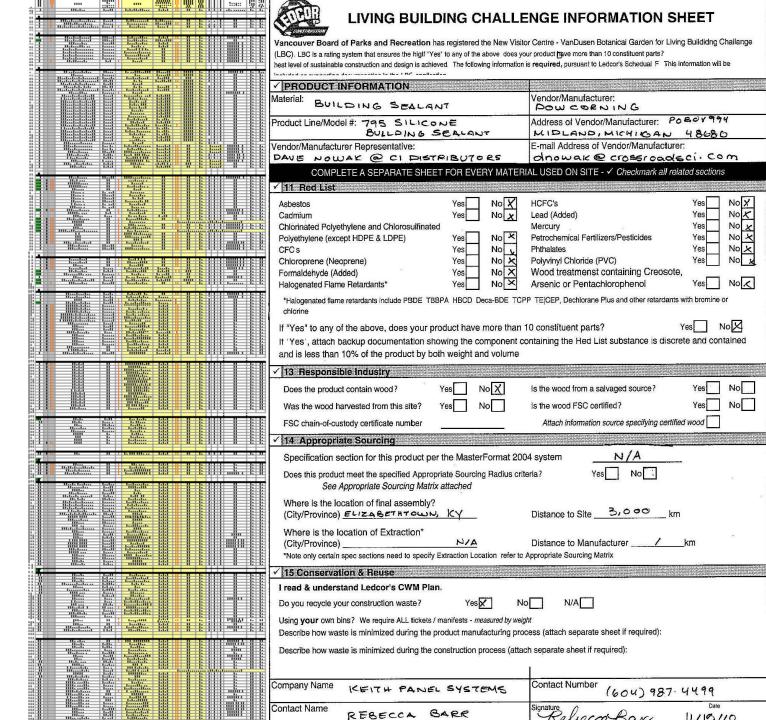
VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre / Rammed Earth 06 October 2010??





MATERIAL TRACKING

- The challenge is real
- Ingredients lists are not understood and poorly documented by manufactures
- Burden of research on design and construction team
- Holistic approach is key to transform industry



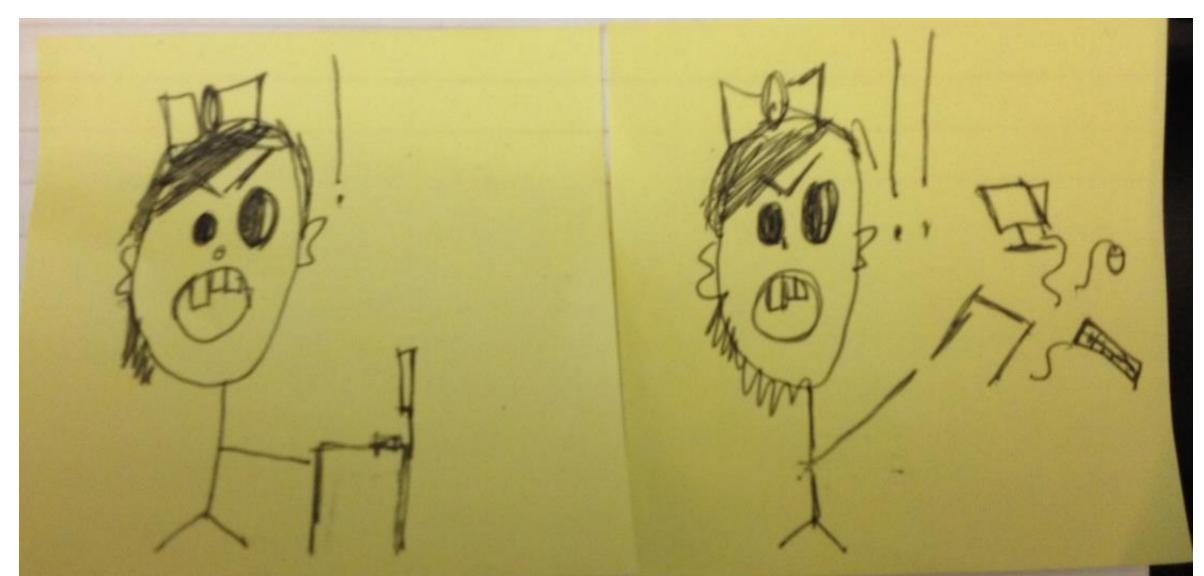
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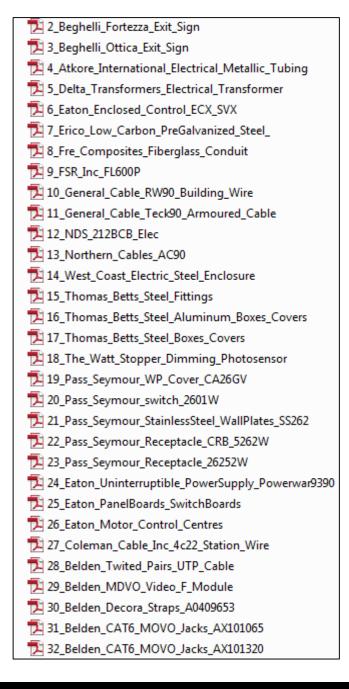
UNDERSTAND RISK

- Red list vs performance
- Local sourcing vs durability
- Early adoption



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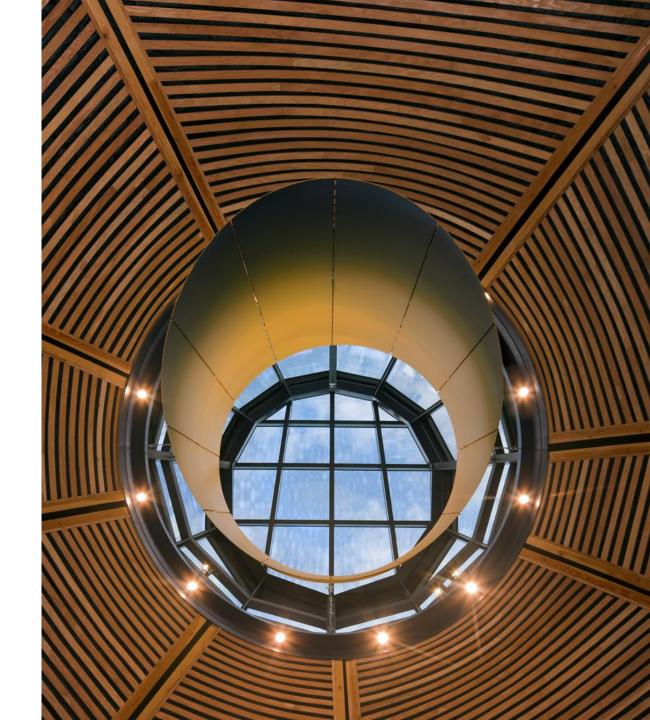


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YOU CAN'T COLLABORATE ENOUGH

- Living buildings require special relationships
- Trust
- Transparency in workflow
- Avoid compartmentalizing and separating ideas or strategies or disciplines



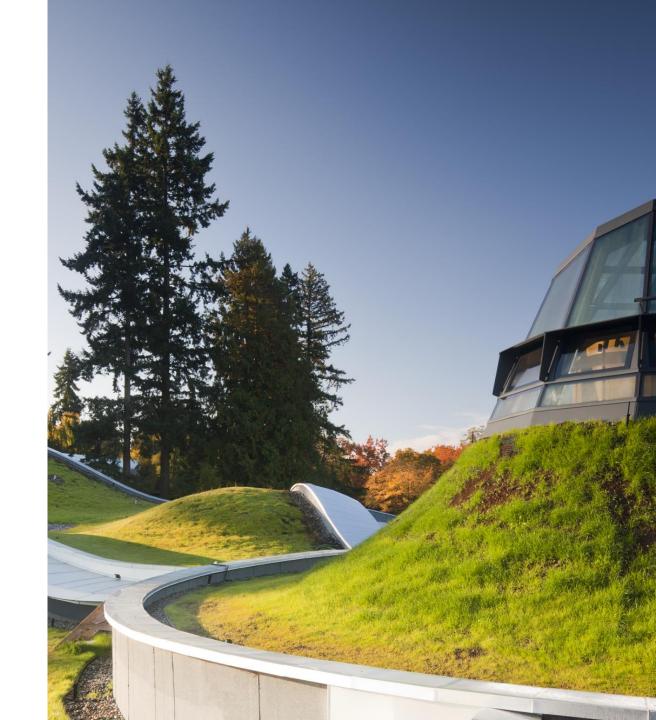
IT'S A FINE BALANCE

- Occupants and operations program are significant
- How do you account for flexibility and change over time?
- In an effort to simplify, did we add complexity?



LIVING BUILDINGS ARE CHANGING THINGS

- Occupant feedback confirms people love their spaces for all the reasons we hoped they would
- Experience is education
- Advocacy works





THANK YOU!

Fantastic
come to the visitor
centre and experience
the magic in curves.