Graduation Portfolio

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01 Beelding bunkers

As a result of climate change, pesticide use, biodiversity loss, and other factors, many bees are facing dangerous population declines. However, bees play a vital role in the whole ecosystem. Honeybees are responsible for about 1/3 of food eaten by Americans. Research shows that over 100,000 species of plants would become extinct if the pollinating function of bees was to cease. In this case, The End of Humans is also The End of Bees. In New York, there are already many people using the hives to keep the bees for saving their populations and doing research. But they may just use rooftops or community gardens as their temporary place to keep the bees. So I just wonder if I could create a space for different functional uses of beekeepers to help them save the bees' population.

Bunkers normally are used for food storage, military defense. The underground bunker already has a well-established business model. And I think the bunker could be utilized in conserving endangered bee species. Integrating a bunker with bee farming or research can provide a controlled and protected environment for keeping bees, conducting research, and supporting the conservation of bee populations. It combines the advantages of controlled conditions with the natural behaviors of bees, offering valuable insights into beekeeping practices, pollination, and ecosystem preservation. RefugeMilitary defendeImage: ground kindenImage: gr

Personal work Instructor: Uriel Fogué Summer 2023





to prevent unsanitary

11 x 1

can cause health issues, a pump and lift system is recommended. **1-3 FEET THICK WALLS**



Size of top-bar hive

Size of warre hives













Cosmograph Jin woo Jung, Aashka Paras Ajmera, Haoran Wu Summer 2023

02 Earth-Based Green Wall

Our research focuses on advancing sustainable architecture through earth materials for future decarbonization. Our design employs uniform wall panels with layered construction: The innermost part is the rammed earth layer. Then there is the straw layer, which provides insulation. And next is the retaining grids which could use the gravity and form to create the pressure to hold the soil. The outermost part is the rock layer. We will use the most suitable size for the outer iron mesh to prevent the soil surface from falling apart or blown away by wind.

We used the CLT-processing wood slab and column for the structure system of our module. The whole structure is a beamcolumn structure with mortise and tenon structures at the joints.

In a fragment context, a corner of our design can be reconfigured into a stove mode, showcasing adaptability. Additionally, we implement a strategic approach in the tower module, assigning specific wall panel layers to different living spaces. The rammed earth layer finds its place in bathrooms, the rock layer with iron mesh serves between living and dining areas, and the composite wall complements bedrooms. This comprehensive strategy aims to harmonize sustainable construction with practical living scenarios.

Tianyu Lyu (DK) & Haoran Wu Instructor: Gordon Kipping Fall 2023



INTRODUCTION Carbon Emission



RESEARCH Preparation



- Excavate and gather the soil from the site, ensuring it is free of organic matter, roots, and large stones. - Use the soil from digging the foundation

INTRODUCTION Proposal of New Process POSSIBLE SOLUTION CURRENT SITUATION Draw up a plan Draw up a plan



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RESEARCH Soil Sampling Site-White Plains





- The required wooden structures are sourced from local materials



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RESEARCH Soil Contents in White Plains



RESEARCH Soil Districts in White Plains

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RESEARCH General Soil Components





RESEARCH Rammed Earth



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RESEARCH Components Choice



RESEARCH Mixing Process

- Combine the soil with the stabilizers, if required, in the right proportions. - Mix the materials thoroughly to achieve a consistent blend.
- a. Chemical Stabilization



- Lime stabilization:
- Lime is mixed with the soil to improve its plasticity and strength.
- Cement stabilization:
- Cement is mixed with the soil to create a cement-soil mixture that hardens over time.







RESEARCH Timber Distribution





RESEARCH Wood Species

	White Pine	Hemlock	Ameri
Hardness			
Durability			
Machinability			
Beauty			
Information	Description: straight trunk, conical crown, and siender needles. Habitat: well-drained solis, mixed deciduous and coniferous forests. Uses: construction, carpentry, and making furniture.	Description: small, flat needles and a pyramidal shape. Habitat: moist, shaded forests, moist, shaded forests. Uses: construction, framing and heavy structural applications, pulpwood.	Description smooth, gra elliptical, to Habitat: mixed hard Uses: furniture, flo veneers.

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RESEARCH Timber Producing Process



- Create wooden formwork or molds to define the shape and dimensions of your rammed earth wall. Ensure it is sturdy and level.

- And processing the subsequent required wood structure.

RESEARCH Plants

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RESEARCH Function of Roots





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRQsRreAncM https://www.istockphoto.com/photos/soybean-roots

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MODULE Wall-General View







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MODULE Retaining Grids- Diagram



MODULE Straw Layer

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MODULE Design Process













JDULE Design Process



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JDULE Design Process



MODULE Design Process







DULE Integration-Detailed Wall Section





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FRAGMENT size











-ASSEMBLE Stove



PHYSICAL MODEL Experiments



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IYSICAL MODEL Rammed Earth and Iron Mesh











JHYSICAL MODEL Fragment Wall Mode









HYSICAL MODEL Fragment Stove Mode



















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WER Principles



WER Section



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03 Framing and Farming

During our exploratory trip, we observed a fascinating blend of structural columns in village houses and surrounding trees, highlighting a natural integration of architecture with the environment. This led to our design project at the Jim Thompson Farm, focusing on "Framing / Farming: Natural and Artificial." We explore the relationship between man-made architectural elements and their natural counterparts, inspired by the Thai concept that building a house is similar to growing one. Our project challenges the traditional separation between nature and architecture, proposing a symbiotic relationship where structures evolve organically within their landscape. The Jim Thompson House, known for its gardens that intertwine with architectural structures, illustrates this potential harmony. Our design for the artist residences at the farm extends these ideas into architectural forms that grow in sync with the local ecological and cultural context. We aim to explore materiality, tectonics, and spatial organization in ways that merge the natural with the artificial, embracing principles of growth, decay, and renewal. This approach seeks to create adaptable, resilient architecture that is deeply connected to its surroundings.

Kris(Jiachen) Liu & Haoran Wu Instructor: Rachaporn Choochuey Spring 2023























