



Working with young people to make our Vancouver neighbourhoods better places to live...

- Community gardens
- School gardens
- Ecological spaces
- Food system education + engagement



Pollinators' Paradise - The Need

- In North America last year, huge losses in honeybee colonies due to mites, viruses, CCD
- Same problem for wild bees
- 1/3 of our food crops depend on their pollination services

no bees = no cherries,
plums, squash, apples, etc.

CREATIVE SOLUTION - enhance habitat (food and shelter) for native bee populations...



THE POLLINATORS' PARADISE PROJECT



Mason Bee Condo



Volunteer with bee stewardship kit

The Project - Phase One

- Funded by Environment Canada
- 100 mason bee 'condos' across city
- Volunteers received mason bee stewardship kit
- Educational campaign
- Website, online forum and map



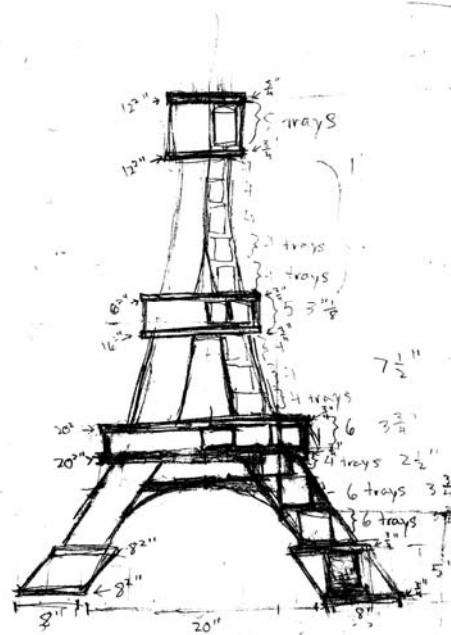
Mason Bee Highrise

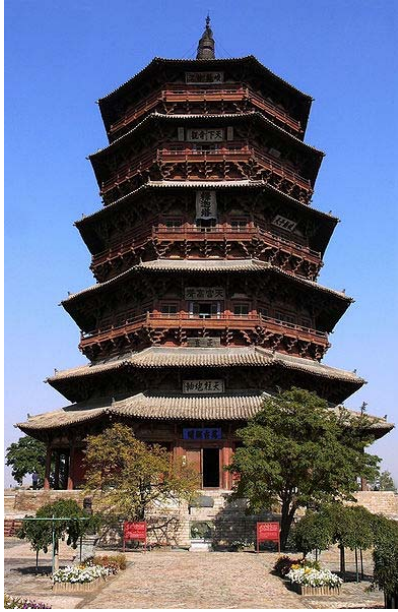
The Project - Phase Two

- 'Highrises' in 50 neighbourhood parks, bikeways and greenways
- Built by woodworking students @ VanTech Secondary
- Stewarded by those involved in VPB 'Park Partners' program, Green Streets, or other volunteer residents

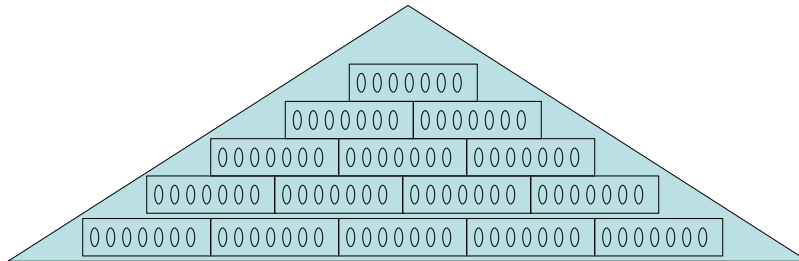
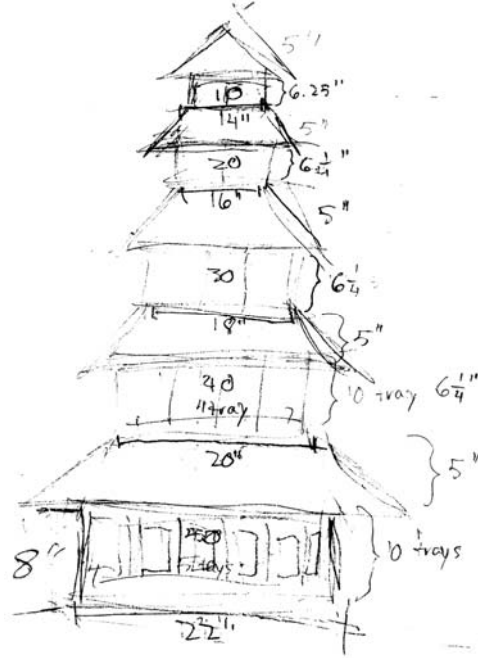
The Superlodge

- 'Superlodges' in 3 high profile destination parks - Stanley Park, Jericho, Everett Crowley
- Built by woodworking students at Britannia Secondary
- 120 single trays = possibility for 720 bees
- Stocked with 250 mason bee cocoons





Fugong Wooden Temple



Great Pyramid of Bee-za

Activities:

- Volunteers orientation sessions March 1st and 4th
- Media launch
- Monthly monitoring March - Oct
- Plantings in April/May
- Pollinator presentation by Dr. Elle in May (w/SFU Continuing Studies)
- Wine and cheese cocoon party in October



THE BEES THANK
THE VPB FOR
THEIR SUPPORT!