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BUILDING FROM WASTE

RECOVERED MATERIALS IN ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION

Global resource extraction: 82 Gtons



The Ellen MacArthur Foundation's report on the Economics of a Circular Economy

US Solid Waste: 615 Mtons in 2008



1. Recycled or reused: 20~30% (32-48 Mton) 2. Discarded: 70~80% (112-128 Mton) Lumber (40%) Asphalt products (14%) Soil/fines (11%) Concrete/rock/brick (11%) Gypsum board (10%) Other (14%)

Circular Economy: Building Life Cycle Perspective



Building LCA Framework from European Standard EN 15978:2011

Circular Economy Framework



Net Zero Waste Strategy

Circularity





Circular Economy



Circular Economy

- 1. Reduce
- 2. Recycle
- 3. Reuse
- 4. Regenerate

Reduce

Circular Economy: Reduce Materials



Diminishing energy efficiency for wall insulation

www.energyvangauard.com



Circular Economy: Reduce Materials



Energy efficiency vs glazing attributes vs %WWR

www.designbuilder.com

Circular Economy: Reduce Materials



Bioclimatic design yields optimum material uses

Design with Climate. Olgyay & Olgyay, 1963

Recycle

CIRCULAR ECONOMY







Resource: discarded plastics Manufacturer: Gert de Mulder, The Netherlands Designer: Shigeru Ben Architects, France Product directory finishing, self-supporting



CIRCULAR





Resource: discarded cardboard Manufacturer: paper recycling facilities, Germany Designer: Drztz & Dratz Architects, Germany Product directory: load-bearing, insulating, waterproofing





CIRCULAR





Resource: label printer waste Manufacturer: UPM biocompoents, Finnand Designer: Shigeru Ben Architects, France Product directory: load-bearing, waterproofing

ECONOMY Take Make Recycle Use Repair Repair Reuse

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Arthur Huang has created a hospital ward made from trash | CNN

https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2021/06/03/cte-arthur-huang-miniwiz-video-spc-intl-hnk.cnn

Recycle: Load-bearing Products



Green Leaf Bricks Construction Beams. Sewage waste Masonry Research Group, MA USA. Blood Bricks Construction Bricks. Discarded animal blood and sand. Munro, UK.

Mushroom Bricks Construction Bricks. Mycelium, straw waste. The Living, NY, USA. Mycoform Construction Bricks. Mycelium, paper waste, discarded aluminum. Foachim, NY, USA. Songwood Boards Construction Panels. Furniture wastes Engineered Timber Resources. CO, USA

Recycle: Self-supporting Products



Vbc3000 Bricks and Lightened Granulates Construction Aggregates. Sewage treatment sludge Vbc3000 Entreprise Innovante, France.

GreenStone Construction Bricks. Discarded glass bottles. Realm of Design, NV, USA. **Recy Blocks** Construction Bricks. Discarded plastics. Gert de Mulder, Netherlands. ECOR Construction Panels. Waste materials with high fibres. Noble Environ. Tech, CA, USA.

Recycle: Insulating Products



FoamGlas T4+ Insulating Blocks. Discarded glass. Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV, Belgium. NeptuTherm Balls Insulation Infill. Sea balls. NeptuTherm e. K., Germany.

Unltratouch Denim Insulation Batts Insulating Infill. Discarded jeans, denim fabrics. Bonded Logic Inc., AZ, USA. Enviro Board Insulating Panels. Straw waste. Enviro Board Corp, NJ, USA. Seaweed Insulation Insulation Infill. Eradicated seaweed, ib Ungermand, Denmark.

Recycle: Waterproofing Products



StoneCycling Waterproofing Tiles. Demolition waste. Tom van Scest, The Netherlands. **Tuff Roof** Waterproofing Panels. Discarded Tetra Pak cartons. Deman Ganga Paper Mill, India. Cristalejo (recycled Crystal Glass) Waterproofing Panels. Discarded crystal glass cullet. Marques, Portugal. ReMaterials Roof Panels Waterproofing Panels. Packaging and agricultural waste. Hasit Ganatra and Swad Komanduri, India.

Recycle: Finishing Products



Origins Sheets Finishing Panels. Discarded milk jugs, soap bottles Yemm & Hart Green Materials, MO, USA. **Rocco Sheets** Finishing Panels. Discarded newspapers. La Casa Deco, Philippines.

Dapple Sheets Finishing Panels. Discarded HDPE. Smile Plastics, UK. Flexisurf Sheets Finishing Panels. Polyvinyl chloride waste. Yemm & Hart Green Materials, MO, USA.

Reuse



Circular Economy: Reuse 1h and a subscription TIL A CONTRACTOR OF ALC ANTAL

People's Pavilion / bureau SLA + Overtreders W, The Netherlands





Building with sustainably sourced timber enables CO2 reductions, faster construction, minimized waste and a healthier indoor climate





Building Better - Less - Different: Circular Construction and Circular Economy, Heisel, Hebel, et al.

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Re/Generate

PLASTIC EATING MUSHROOMS

TECH



PLASTIC EATING

WORMS



Microalgae as bio-cement

University of Surrey, England

Scientists Just Came Up With a Wild Idea For Making Oxygen on Mars



Microalgae as bio-coating

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