



The Humane Metropolis

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Humane Metropolis Baltimore

A free public workshop sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
Organized by the Ecological Cities Project in collaboration with the Parks & People Foundation

June 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Maryland Historical Society
201 W. Monument St.
Baltimore, MD 21201

Today, 80 percent of Americans live in cities and suburbs and more than half the world's population is now classified as "urban." Older cities and their suburbs like Baltimore City and County are experiencing many challenges - affordable housing, jobs, mobility, education, public health, physical fitness, floods, and ecological destruction - not to mention the current economic and foreclosure crisis.

"Humane Metropolis" is a new perspective on people, nature, and cities developed by the Ecological Cities Project in collaboration with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. The 2006 book *The Humane Metropolis: People and Nature in the 21st-Century City* highlights new initiatives for various cities to become more:



Green: Protect and restore urban biodiversity and ecological services

Healthy: Promote outdoor exercise and fitness, reduce respiratory threats

Safe: Reduce crime rates; lower risk of fire, floods, and other hazards

Efficient: Employ a better use of water, energy, materials (e.g., green building, light rail)

Equitable: Embrace environmental and social justice, affordable housing, access to jobs

Neighborhoodly: Foster pride of place and sense of community

Humane Metropolis Baltimore, the latest in a series of regional conferences, will involve practitioners, activists, and public officials from Baltimore and elsewhere to address the following session topics:

1. Baltimore and Its Region: The Road Ahead
2. Urban Parks: New Uses and Users
3. Baltimore's New Sustainability Plan
4. Growing Food and Community
5. Urban Ecology: The Baltimore Ecosystem Study
6. Reviving Urban Streams and Watersheds

HUMANE METROPOLIS BALTIMORE

Maryland Historical Society,
201 W. Monument St. Baltimore, MD 21201

June 11, 2009

A public workshop sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, MA
Organized by the Ecological Cities Project, Northampton, MA
In collaboration with the Parks & People Foundation, Baltimore, MD

Program

8:00–9:00 REGISTRATION

9–9:30 SESSION 1—WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE HUMANE METROPOLIS

Moderator: Rutherford H. Platt, Ecological Cities Project
Armando Carbonell, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
Jacqueline Carrera, Parks and People Foundation

9:30–10:45 SESSION 2—BALTIMORE AND ITS REGION: THE ROAD AHEAD

Moderator: Scot T. Spencer, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Speaker: Lenneal J. Henderson, University of Baltimore, Schaefer Center for Public Policy

Panelists: Donald C. Outen, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management
Dru Schmidt-Perkins, 1000 Friends of Maryland
Otis Rolley III, Central Maryland Transportation Alliance

10:45–11:00 BREAK

11:00–12:15 SESSION 3—URBAN PARKS: NEW USES AND USERS

Moderator: Catherine Nagle, City Parks Alliance, Washington, DC

Speaker: Wanda S. Durden, Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks

Panelists: Charles Carmalt, City of Philadelphia Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinator
Edward Orser, University of Maryland–Baltimore County
Ben Welle, Center for Park Excellence, Trust for Public Lands

12:15–1:30 LUNCH PANEL—BALTIMORE'S NEW SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Mary Washington, Parks and People Foundation and Baltimore Sustainability Commission
Beth Strommen, City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability

1:30–2:30 SESSION 4—GROWING FOOD AND COMMUNITY

Moderator: Ted Rouse, Healthy Planet

Speaker: Joan M. Reilly, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Panelists: William Dawson, Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus, OH
Eric Imhof, *Baltimore's Independent Reader*
Christiana Usenza, Reservoir Hill Improvement Council

2:30–3:30 SESSION 5—URBAN ECOLOGY: THE BALTIMORE ECOSYSTEM STUDY

Moderator: Claire Welty, University of Maryland–Baltimore County

Speaker: Steward Pickett, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

Panelists: Geoffrey L. Buckley, Ohio University
Sujay S. Kaushal, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
Yvette M. Williams, University of Maryland–Baltimore County

3:30–3:45 BREAK

3:45–4:45 SESSION 6—REVIVING URBAN STREAMS AND WATERSHEDS

Moderator: Guy Hager, Parks and People Foundation

Speaker: Rutherford H. Platt, Ecological Cities Project

Panelists: Charlie Conklin, Gunpowder Valley Watershed Association
Dave Smith, Earth Conservation Corps
Bill Stack, City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, Water Quality Management Service

4:45–5:00 CLOSING REMARKS

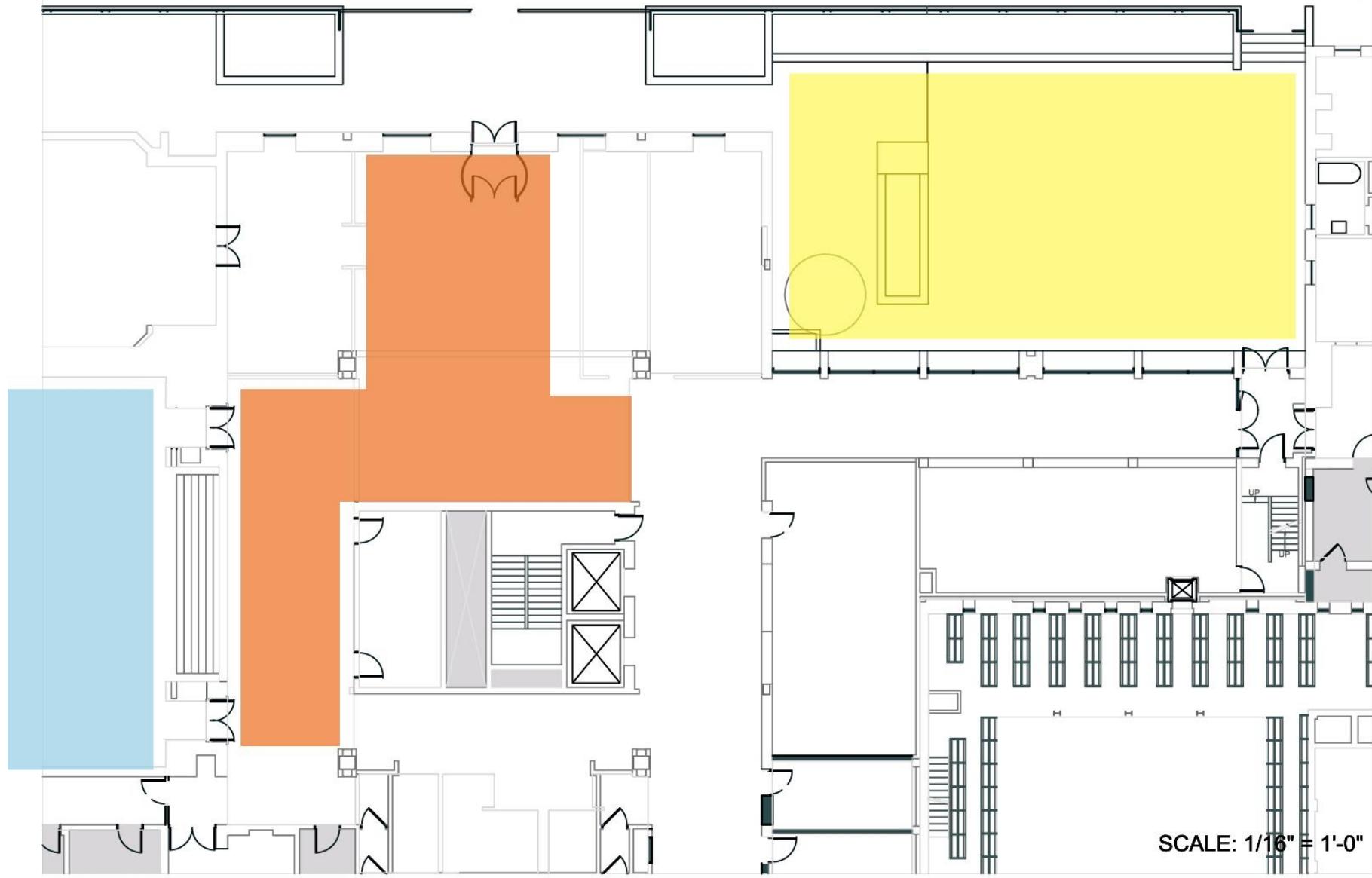
Jacqueline Carrera

Rutherford H. Platt

5:00–6:00 RECEPTION

Hosted by Parks and People Foundation

MONUMENT STREET



SCALE: $1/16'' = 1'-0''$



BALTIMORE + REGION

TRANSPORATION
 Watersheds
 WATERWAYS
 CLIMATE
 EDUCATION
 ARCHITECTURE/DESIGN
 IMAGE
 POPULATION/DENSITY/DEMOCRAPHICS
 NEW ECONOMY - WHAT?
 PROVINCIAL CITY
 VS. METROPOLITAN AREA

URBAN PARKS

BLIMTED
 NEW PARKS?
 BROWNFIELDS AS PARKS
 BIG, UNDERVISITED PARKS
 POCKET PARKS
 INTEGRAL PARKS
 WATERSHEDS
 LINEAR PARKS
 PARKS AS INFRASTRUCTURE
 INFRASTRUCTURE AS PARKS
 ROOFTOP PARKS!
 THE HUMBLE SQUARE PARK

GROWING FOOD + COMMUNITY

URBAN AGRICULTURE!
 FARMERS' MARKETS
 WHEN DID FARMS BECOME MARGINAL SPACES?
 COMMUNITY GARDENS
 CSA's
 BALTIMORE LOCAL FOOD PROGRAM
 FARM TO MARKET
 FARM TO TABLE
 TOXIC SOIL?
 VACANT LOTS

URBAN ECOLOGY

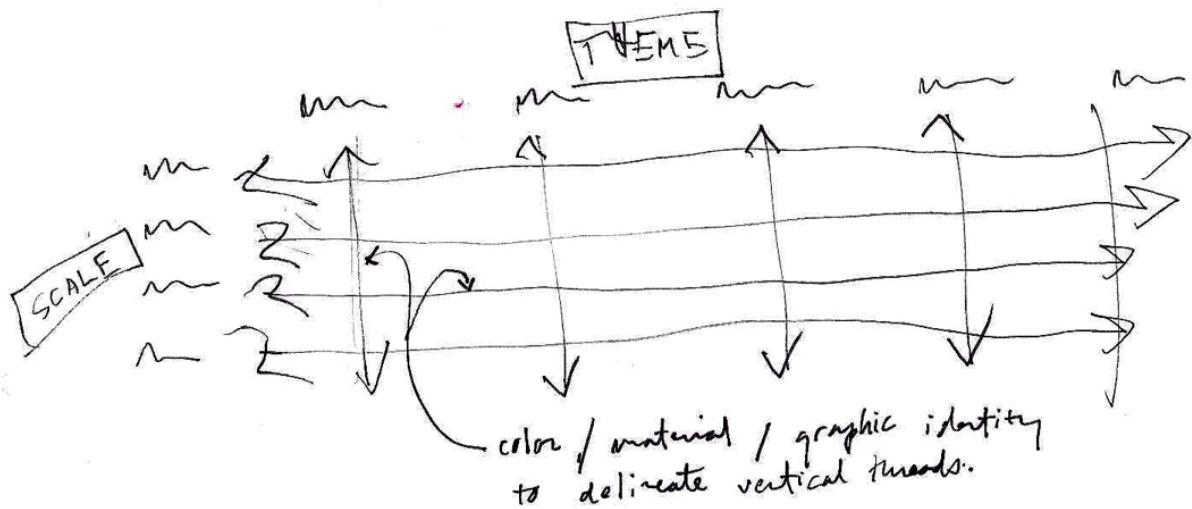
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 PATCH DYNAMICS
 BROWNFIELD ECOLOGY
 REMEDIATION AS POLLUTION
 SOCIAL + BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS
 WATERSHEDS
 NETWORKS + SYSTEMS
 SPRAWLED / LACK OF BOUNDARIES
 FALLS
 LACK OF VISIBILITY

REVIVING URBAN STREAMS + WATERSHEDS

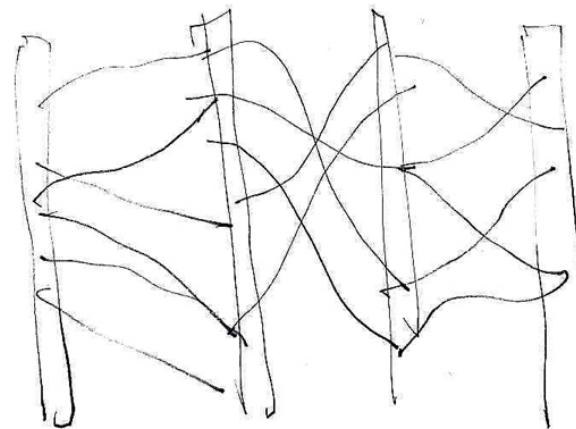
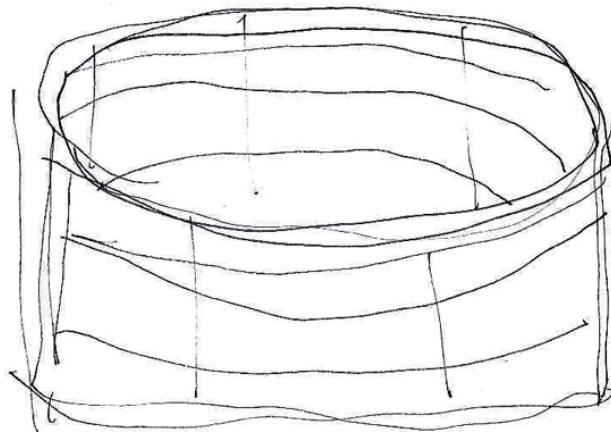
MAKING STREAMS MORE VISIBLE
 WATERSHED AWARENESS
 WHERE IS THE GUNNIS FALLS?
 WHERE IS THE JANE FALLS?
 URBAN INTEGRATION / RECONNECTION
 RECREATION + RESEARCH + EDUCATION
 MULTI-VALENT USES - TRAILS!
 CONNECTORS NOT DIVIDERS
 POLLUTED WATER?

HUMANE METROPOLIS - BALTIMORE EXHIBITION JUNE 11 2009 MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DRAFT IMAGE MATRIX

	URBAN PARKS	GROWING FOOD / COMMUNITY	URBAN ECOLOGY	SUSTAINABILITY / GREEN JOBS
POPULATIONS / PEOPLE / CONSTITUENCIES	IMAGE INFO	IMAGE INFO	IMAGE INFO	IMAGE INFO
fishing		Baltimore City Schools	classes / college studios	Office of Sustainability
team sports		gardeners	scientists	urban park rangers
festivals		community organizers	concerned citizens	sustainability task force
cyclists		teachers	teachers	baltimore public works
		activists/concerned citizens	workshop participants	
		farmers		
PROGRAMS / INITIATIVES				
park districts		urban agriculture / CSA's	watershed associations	Baltimore Sustainability Masterplan
URI (which programs?)		City Harvest	URI (which programs?)	Civic Works
GFT		Buy Local	toxic tours	URI (which programs?)
Masonville		Baltimore Greenspace	Baltimore Ecosystem Study	Herring Run native tree nursery
		Community-Managed Open Space		Single-stream recycling
		URI (which programs?)		urban composting
		alley greening		rain barrel workshops
		baltimore schools food program		workforce development
INFRASTRUCTURES / RESOURCES				
watersheds		water systems	watersheds	recycling centers
rail trails		stores	patch dynamics	public transportation
riparian corridors		vacant lots	remediation	stormwater systems
			neighborhood assoc's	energy efficiencies
			urban ag platform in clifton	
			invasive species	
LANDSCAPES / PLACES				
brownfields as parks		farmers markets	jones falls	baltimore streetscape
poetk parks		farm-to-table restaurants	gunpowder falls	swales and bioretention areas
big, under-visited parks		community gardens	herring run	
rooftop parks			gwynns falls	
historic square parks			urban wilds	
guerrilla / diy parks			brownfields	
olmsted plans				
linear parks				

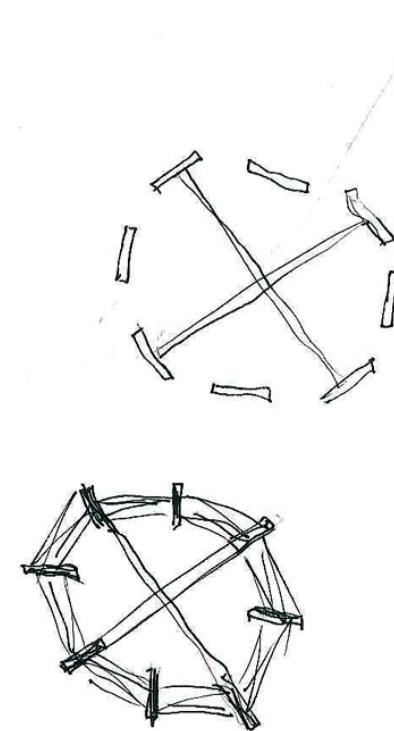
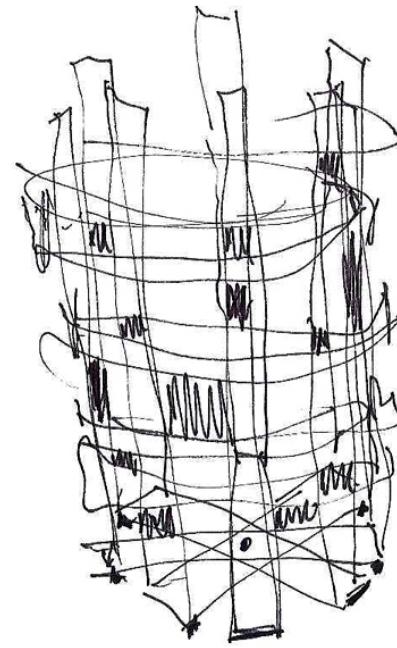
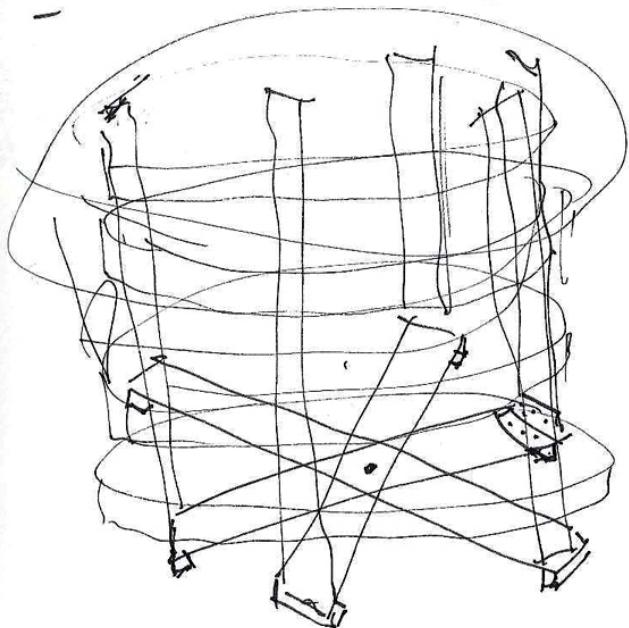


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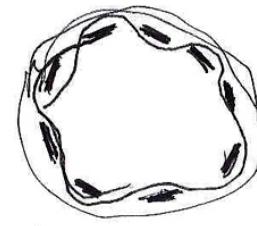
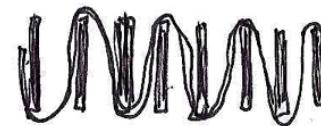
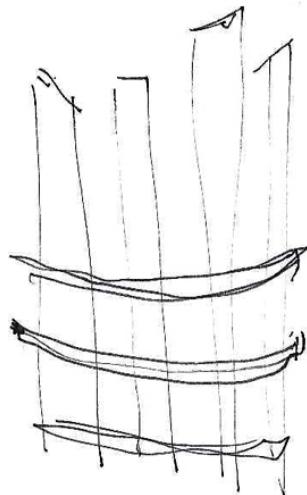


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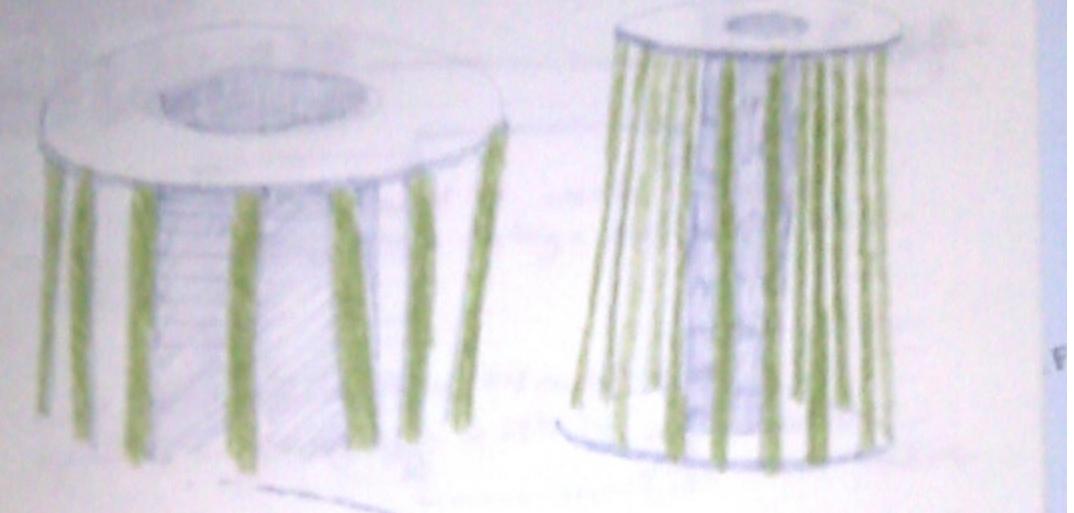
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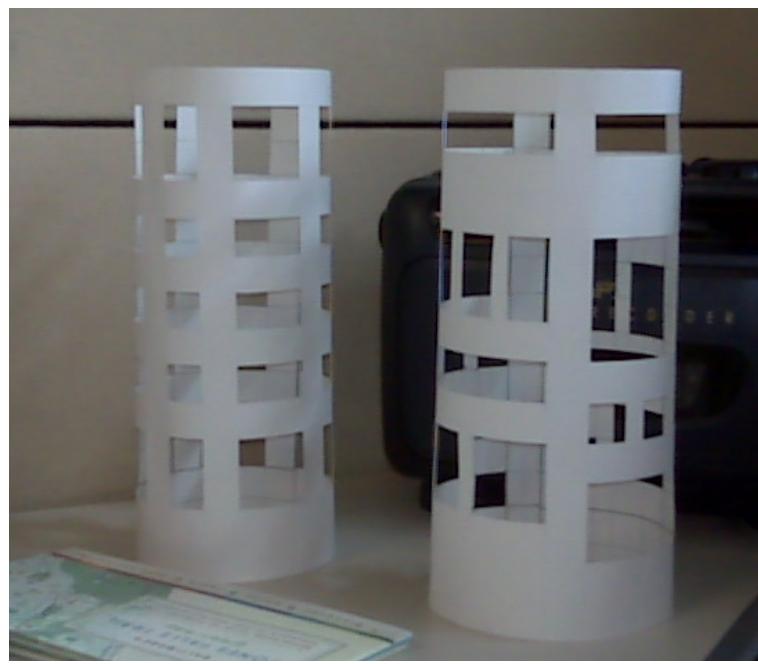
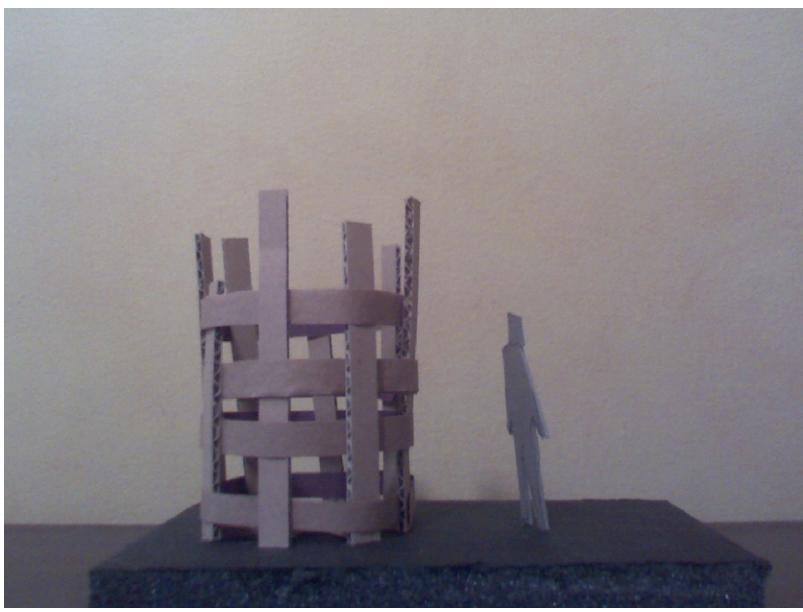


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Easy clip tension adjustment
HARDWARE











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