# **Ecological Engineering**

### **Concerning waste-water treatment:**

"Waste-water" is NOT a "waste-product" - but is in fact an highly important potential resource.

It is most important to distinguish - between the relative simple systems necessary to utilize normal household grey and black water and between systems capable of treating industrial process wastewater.

These two flows should NEVER be mixed - as they require different technologies for their solution. Consideration should also be given to toilet systems and the possible separate collection of urine - if possible and socially acceptable or through the use of separate urinals. Urine is highly suitable for fertilizer use [dilute 1 unit of urine with app.10 units of water].

Please consult the different files on the accompanying CD-3 - The Integrated farming system and low-cost agricultural energy systems - where many systems are fully described.

Also - search the Internet under the following search-words:

### **Ecological Engineering:**

Reed-bed systems Permaculture Ocean Arks International Living Machines Dyke-pond systems Chinese Dyke Pond Systems

## Plants, Algae, Trees, etc, - for ecological engineering water treatment systems:

Reed - Phragmites australis Bulrush - Scirpus spp. Cattail - Typha spp. Reed mannagrass - Glyceria maxima Sedge - Carex spp. Rush - Juncus spp. Pale yellow iris - Iris pseudoacorus Duckweed - Lemnaceae Algae - from single cells to plants over 100 meters long -[Kelp - Macrocystis] Willow - Salix [also highly suitable for energy-forest use]

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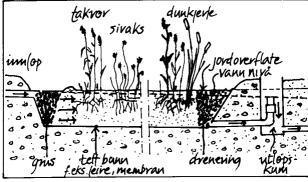
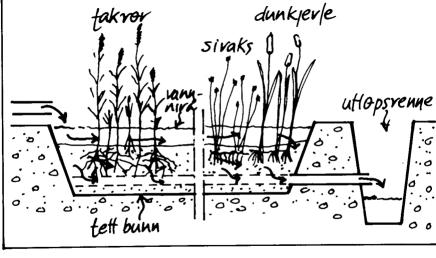
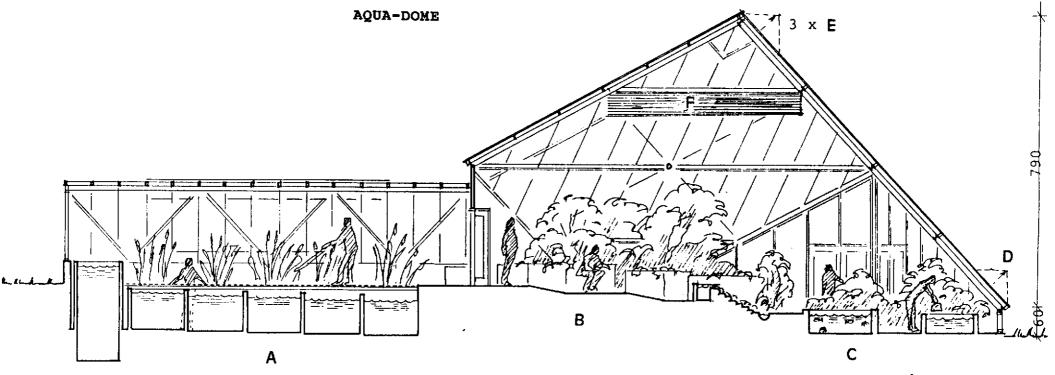


Fig. 75 Tverrsnitt av et våtmarksfilter med horisontal strømning

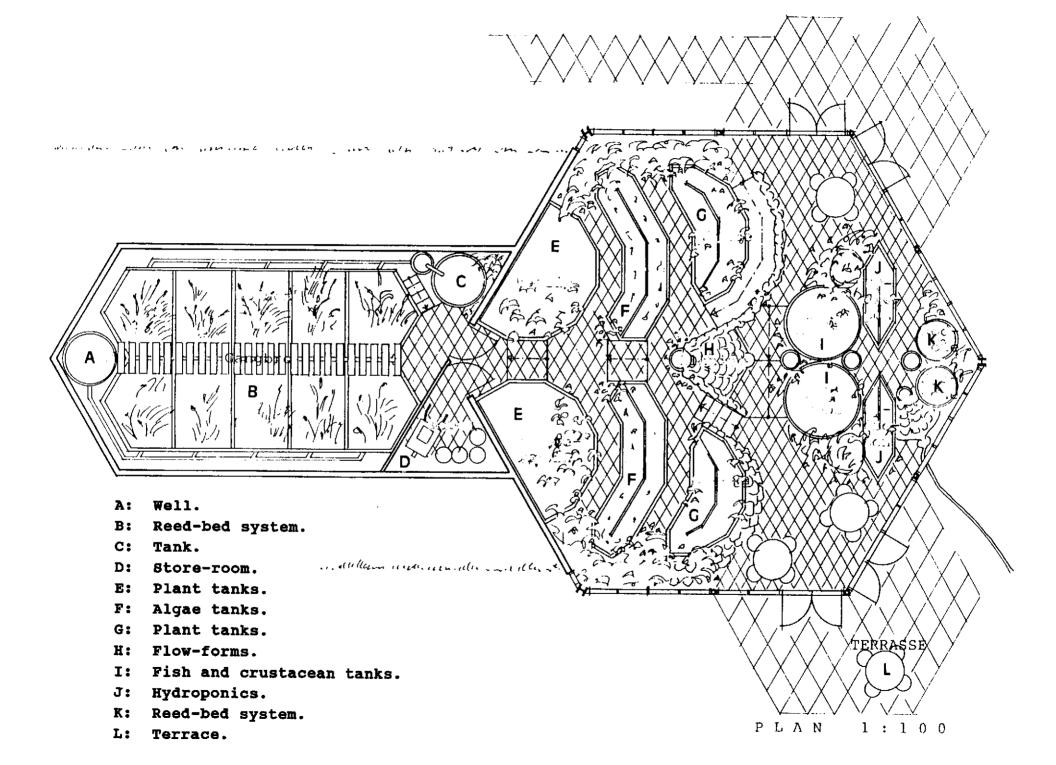


#### Fig. 77 Tverrsnitt av et våtmarksfilter med vertikal strømning



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- A: Reed-bed system.
- B: Plant and algae tanks.
- C: Fish and crustacean tanks.
- D: Window opening.
- E: 3 window openings.
- F: Cooling unit to condense moisture from air.

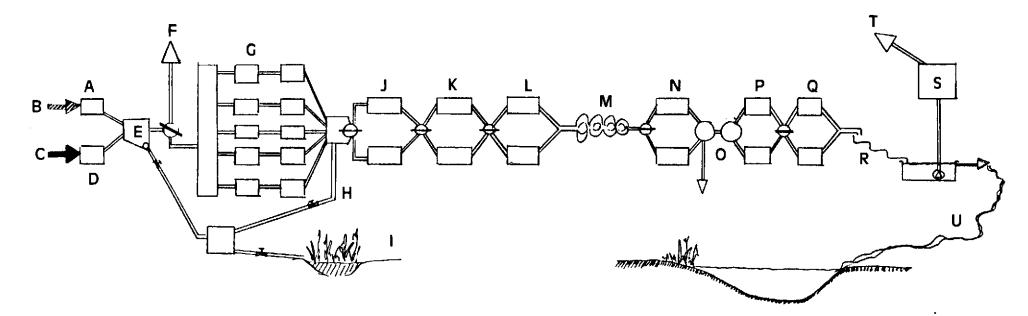








FLOWDIAGRAM:



- A: Sand-trap.
- B: Grey water.
- C: Black water.
- D: Septic tank.
- E: Holding tank with pump.
- F: Emergency by-pass drain.
- G: Vertical reed-bed system.
- H: Sludge removal.
- I: Sludge bed.
- J: Floating plants.
- K: Algae Zoo plankton.

- L: Various plants.
- M: Flow-forms.
- N: Fish Crustaceans.
- O: Sludge filter section.
- P: Hydroponics.
- Q: Vertical reed-bed system.
- R: Flow-forms.
- S: Possible UV-( etc.)-treatment.
- T: Return to toilet-flush.
- U: To pond.

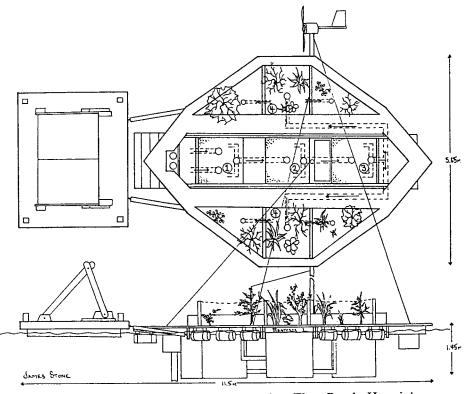


Figure 1: Plan and Elevation of Restorer 1 - Flax Pond, Harwich