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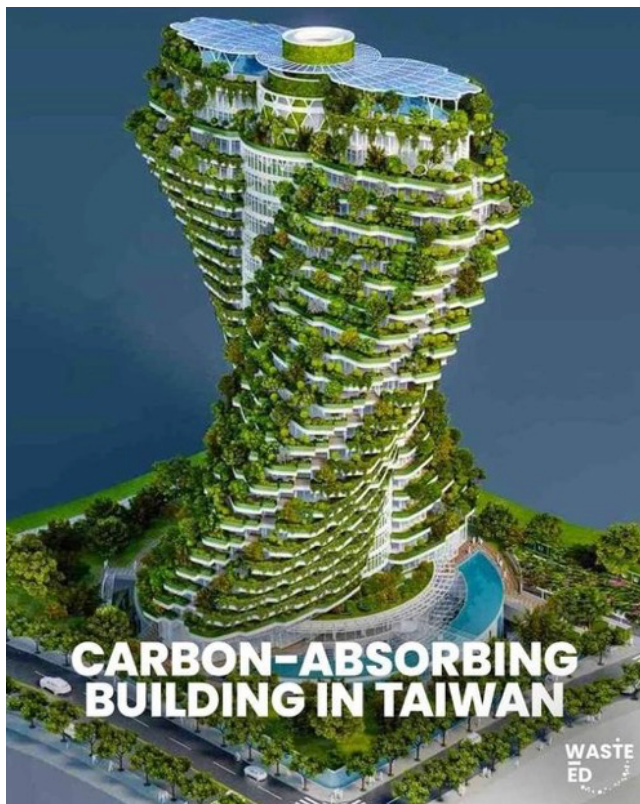


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RE: 42 & 45 STOREY APARTMENT BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, YONGE & 16TH AVENUE

How can the soulless vision presented even be under consideration when Richmond Hill is supposedly committed to sustainability in our buildings and climate change adaptation?

As an example of what we should be doing, the 21 story Taipei project shown below will have a vertical forest with 23,000 trees, shrubs and plants that clean the air and help lower city temperatures. The building's twisted shape is inspired by the double helix of DNA, and **every apartment comes with its own garden**. A variety of tree species planted in the park, balconies, and terraces will absorb up to 130 tons of carbon annually. The green infrastructure will clean the air, lower the urban heat island effect and mitigate noise. It will be powered by wind and solar energy and recycle graywater for watering gardens. Natural ventilation inside the building will reduce indoor temperatures and AC usage. It's called Tao Zhu Yin Yuan and will soon be completed. This is what the future of sustainable housing should look like, not the abominable projects under consideration throughout Richmond Hill. Back to the drawing board for a major rethink into the 21 century with architects who have some imagination.



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