GREEN ROOF PROFESSIONAL (GRP) BENEFITS PACKAGE

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Green Roof Professional (GRP) Committees

GRP committees serve in an advisory role to the GRHC Board of Directors, staff, and other committees. All GRPs are encouraged to get involved and help advance the designation by joining the GRP Growth and Services Committee. The GRP Exam Committee is comprised of individuals who participated in the development of the accreditation program.

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<td>GRP Growth and Services Committee</td>
<td>Bruce Oliver, GRP, Ecovation Group (<a href="mailto:bruceoliver@ecovationgrp.com">bruceoliver@ecovationgrp.com</a>)</td>
<td>Organizes special events and networking opportunities; identifies opportunities to develop new services or improve existing GRP services; oversees recognition programs; promotes GRP for use in government/private sector procurement policies.</td>
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<td>GRP Exam Committee</td>
<td>Virginia Russell, FASLA, LEED AP, GRP, University of Cincinnati (<a href="mailto:virginia.russell@uc.edu">virginia.russell@uc.edu</a>)</td>
<td>Updates accreditation exam and GRP training course content; other exam-related issues.</td>
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To join the GRHC Growth and Services Committee, please contact Bruce Oliver at bruceoliver@ecovationgrp.com.

The Living Architecture Toolbox and Your Online Member Profile

All GRHC Individual and Individual Affiliate members (and consequently all GRPs) are granted access to the Living Architecture Toolbox, the ‘members-only’ section of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities’ web site (www.greenroofs.org).

The Living Architecture Toolbox provides GRHC members with exclusive access to:

- the GreenSave Calculator, our life cycle cost-benefit tool;
- up to date information on funding sources for projects
- back issues of the Living Architecture Monitor, our quarterly magazine;
- archived sessions from the Green Infrastructure Webinar Series;
- PowerPoint slides with information on the GRP designation and images of award winning green roof projects that can be used in your presentations.
As a GRP, you are granted a listing in the searchable **GRP Directory** on greenroofs.org, which helps you connect with potential clients. Our web site enjoys more than half a million unique visitors each year, many of whom are seeking green roof design, installation and maintenance expertise.

To access the Living Architecture Toolbox and your Member Profile, visit [www.greenroofs.org](http://www.greenroofs.org) and select ‘Member Login’ from the main menu.

If you have misplaced or forgotten your password, please contact Paul Erlichman, Membership Coordinator, at perlichman@greenroofs.org.

**GRP Maintenance and Renewal Guidelines**

The ongoing maintenance of your GRP accreditation demonstrates that you are keeping up to date with rapidly changing industry trends, technologies and best practices.

To maintain accredited status, you must satisfy the following requirements within two years of the date you wrote the exam, or within two years of your last GRP renewal date:

- Renew your annual Individual Membership ($160) or Individual Affiliate Membership ($100);
- Remit the biennial GRP renewal fee of $95;
- Obtain and report 16 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

See below for more information on each of these requirements or visit [www.greenroofs.org/grprenewal](http://www.greenroofs.org/grprenewal).

**Individual or Individual Affiliate Membership Renewal**

As of January 1, 2011, all GRPs are required to be GRHC Individual Members ($160 US annually) or Individual Affiliate Members ($100 US annually – for employees of GRHC Corporate Members only) in good standing.

Your membership can be renewed online by logging into greenroofs.org as an existing member. Under the ‘My Profile’ tab, click the **Purchase Membership** button. Alternately, the enclosed hard copy renewal form (page 7) can be completed and faxed or mailed back to GRHC along with payment.

Individual and Individual Affiliate members enjoy the following benefits:

- A print and digital subscription to the Living Architecture Monitor magazine.
- $100 discount on a full delegate registration to GRHC’s annual Conference.
• Access to the Living Architecture Toolbox, a members-only online resource centre with the GreenSave Calculator (a green roof cost/benefit tool), info on funding sources, and more!
• Discounts on the purchase of GRHC’s Conference Proceedings CD-ROMs, which contain hundreds of peer reviewed research, design and policy papers from our last seven conferences.
• Your member profile and project listing in our searchable, online membership database. Our web site, www.greenroofs.org enjoys more than 40,000 visitors per month.
• Monthly e-mail updates on emerging developments in the green roof and wall industry.
• Opportunity to actively participate on GRHC’s various standing committees and help shape the future of the industry.

**GRP Renewal Fee**

A biennial GRP renewal fee of $95 US is required to renew your designation. This fee has been divided in half and bundled with the annual GRP Membership renewal fees to simplify the renewal process. Upon renewal, you will be prompted to pay the Individual Membership ($160) or Individual Affiliate ($100) membership renewal fee, plus half of the biennial GRP renewal fee ($47.50).

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs)**

In order to maintain GRP status, you must obtain 16 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) within two years of the date you wrote the exam, or two years from your last renewal date.

A minimum number of eight CEUs must be acquired via GRHC related activities (e.g. conferences, symposiums, workshops, courses) while the remaining 8 CEUs can be acquired via external programs provided they are related to one or more aspects of green roof design, installation, or maintenance. In general, one CEU is equivalent to one hour of learning.

Types of activities which may qualify for CEUs include:

- Conferences
- Workshops
- Information sessions
- Courses (online or in person)
- Webinars
- Published articles (1 CEU)
- Presentations (1 CEU per hour)

For upcoming GRHC courses which qualify for CEUs, please see www.greenroofs.org/education.
In addition to in-class training, GRPs can obtain CEUs online via the *Living Architecture Academy*, an online learning center offering 24/7 on-demand access to green roof and wall continuing education, including conference proceedings, courses, webinars, research papers and more. Visit the *Living Architecture Academy* at http://www.livingarchitectureacademy.com.

Educational offerings in the *Living Architecture Academy* which qualify for CEUs include:

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**Reporting Continuing Education Units**

All CEUs must be self-reported using the CEU tracking sheet available at: www.greenroofs.org/resources/GRP/GRP_CEU_Tracking_Sheet.xls

Please submit your CEU spreadsheet within two years of the date you wrote the exam, and once every subsequent two year period.

Any credits being claimed that appear to fall outside of the requirements stated above will be forwarded to the Accreditation Committee for review.

There will be a grace period of 3 months following the two-year period. If CEUs are not reported by the end of the 3 month period then the GRP credential will not be renewed without paying a $200 penalty.
If an excess of CEUs are accumulated in the two-year period, up to 50% (8 CEUs) can be carried forward into the next two-year period.

Guidelines for Green Roof Professional (GRP) Logo Usage

Green Roof Professionals are encouraged to use the GRP logo and lettering in order to promote commitment to the industry and high standards of excellence.

The Green Roof Professional (GRP) logo is for the exclusive use of active accredited GRPs who are encouraged to use the title and logo proudly while at the same time adhering to the usage guidelines outlined below:

- The GRP logo must be used only in connection with the name of the person with the GRP credential.
- The logo may be used on business and marketing materials to signify an individual’s GRP credential and the logo may also be used by placing it next to the text describing the credential.
- The GRP logo is intended to stand alone and should not be integrated into other logos.
- The primary color for the GRP logo is green on white or white on green (Pantone Color PMS 5753), the secondary option is black and white.

JPEG and EPS versions of the GRP logo (in both black and green) may be downloaded at:
www.greenroofs.org/resources/GRP/GRP_logo_green.jpg
www.greenroofs.org/resources/GRP/GRP_logo_black.jpg
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