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PHILADELPHIA, PA MAKES TOP 10 LIST OF U.S. GREEN ROOF CITIES

Nearly 47,000 new square-feet of green roofs installed in 2007 places Philly at No. 8 on annual list joining Chicago, Wilmington, DE, Brooklyn and Baltimore, MD.

TORONTO, CANADA – With 46,820 new square-feet of green roofs installed in 2007, Philadelphia, PA has hit the No. 8 spot in this year's Top 10 List of Best U.S. Green Roof Cities in [Green Roofs for Healthy Cities'](#) 3rd Annual Green Roof Market Industry Survey of its' corporate members.

In 2007, 30 percent more green roofs were installed in North America representing a five percent market growth increase over last year's 25 percent. It's good news — just in time for Earth Day.

More green roofs means cleaner air, cooler cities, reduced energy consumption, more beautiful rooftops, less untreated stormwater running into our rivers and streams, and more natural habitat for native plants and animals supporting greater biodiversity.

"We're very proud of the progress Philadelphia has made and recognize that every additional square-footage of new green roofs in that city is tangible evidence of the government of the Philadelphia's forward-thinking vision and leadership," says [Steven W. Peck](#), founder and president of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities and author of *Award Winning Green Roof Designs* (Schiffer Publishing). "There is no doubt this kind of green infrastructure requires political will to create and implement attractive green roof and wall policies and incentives."

Newcomers to the Top 10 US Cities list: Baltimore, MD; Brooklyn, NY; Virginia Beach, VA; Royersford, PA; Washington, DC; Amery, WI; and Germantown, MD. The City of Chicago remains in the number 1 spot with over half a million new square feet of green roofs installed. The remaining Awards of Excellence project winners will be announced during a special ceremony at GRHC's upcoming sixth annual [conference](#) to be held in Baltimore starting April 30 to May 2, 2008. (Visit www.greenroofs.org for survey methodology and charts under "Media Resources" and conference info. Conference media passes available.)

[Green Roofs for Healthy Cities – North America, Inc.](#) was founded in 1999 as a small network of public and private organizations and is now a rapidly growing 501(c)(6), not-for-profit industry association for green roof experts in North America. Our mission is to increase the awareness of the economic, social and environmental benefits of green roofs and green walls, and other forms of living architecture through education, advocacy, professionalism and celebrations of excellence. Green roofs involve the use of specialized drainage systems, growing media, filter cloths, and root repellent layers that allow plants to grow on barren roof tops.

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