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## WASHINGTON, DC MAKES TOP 10 LIST OF U.S. GREEN ROOF CITIES

More than 55,000 new square-feet of green roofs installed in 2007 places Washington, DC at No. 7 on annual list, its second time in the Top 10.

**TORONTO, CANADA** – With more than 55,000 new square-feet of green roofs installed in 2007, Washington, DC has hit the No. 7 spot in this year's Top 10 List of Best U.S. Green Roof Cities in [Green Roofs for Healthy Cities' 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Green Roof Market Industry Survey](#) of its' corporate members.

Last year, 30 percent more green roofs were installed in North America representing a five percent market growth increase over last year's 25 percent (2006). 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 green spaces for people, plants and animals.

“Abundant green roofs and walls are tangible evidence of the government of the District of Columbia's forward-thinking vision and leadership – and so it's no surprise they won our [Award of Excellence](#) for Civic 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. Significant green roof implementation can save tens of millions of dollars from reduced energy consumption and improve stormwater management and air quality. ”

Newcomers to the Top 10 US Cities list: Baltimore, MD; Brooklyn, NY; Virginia Beach, VA; Royersford, PA; and Philadelphia, PA. Chicago topped the list for the third time 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. (Conference media passes available. For full survey methodology and charts, please visit [www.greenroofs.org](http://www.greenroofs.org) under “Media Resources”.)

[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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