

Mayor Menino Unveils City Hall's "GREEN ROOF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT"

Continues to take lead on green building, environmental awareness

In another effort that illustrates the City of Boston's commitment to green technology, environmental awareness, and energy efficiency, Mayor Thomas M. Menino broke ground last September on City Hall's new Green Roof Demonstration Project. "I am determined to make the City of Boston a leader in green technology. Not only will it keep us on the cutting edge; it also just makes good sense -- for our budgets and for our environment. Today more than ever, we have to be creative and innovative when it comes to environmental issues and energy efficiency," said Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

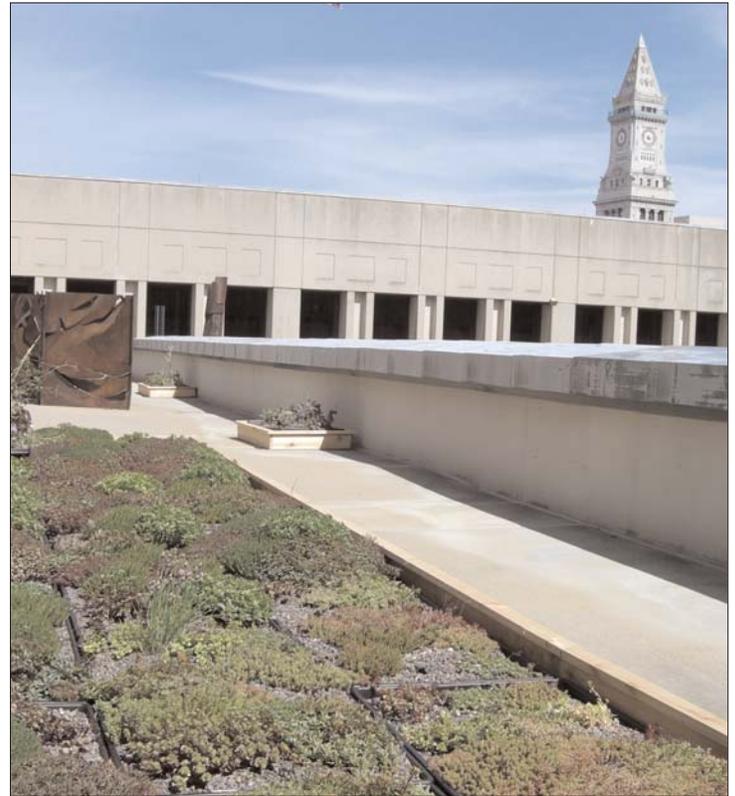
The Demonstration Project features approximately 150 modular pre-grown plant trays installed on the 8th and 9th floor terraces of City Hall. The installation of the greenery features 12 varieties of sedum, a species common on rooftops because its high water-retention capability, an ability to filter pollution, and heartiness in New England. Other species include Daylilies, Black-Eyed Susan, Catmint, Pansies, Coral Bells, and Phlox. The demonstration is also testing the viability of four different vine plants. The roof top environment will become a living laboratory providing useful data for Tufts University students, 'green developers' and city officials to learn what plants work best in a Boston roof-top environment. The exhibit contains more detailed information about the plant species that are included in the displays.

The \$30,000 project, funded in part by the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Skanska USA, and the Kendall Foundation, includes the 150 modular plant trays, decorative edging, and four pieces of sculpture, and will enhance and beautify the terraces in addition to the invaluable educational benefits it brings. The 8th and 9th floor terraces feature sculptures by artists Leslie Wilcox and Peter Lipsitt.

The project is intended as a resource for developers and individuals interested in exploring green roof technologies and to provide information on green roofs to the general public, including the costs and benefits of green roofs. Please see below for directions to Boston City Hall.

City Hall Green Roof Demonstration Project Partners

- ▶ Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Conventions
- ▶ Skanska USA Building, Inc.
- ▶ The Kendall Foundation
- ▶ Boston Redevelopment Authority
- ▶ BlueWave Strategies LLC
- ▶ Weston Solutions
- ▶ Jeff Licht, EdD, LLC



Directions to Boston City Hall From Hynes Convention Center

By Public Transportation

Take the Green Line at Hynes or Copley Square inbound to Government Center Station. Go up the escalators and exit the station. You will be facing Boston City Hall across a red brick plaza. Trip time is approximately 10 minutes.

By Foot

Exit Hynes Convention Center on Boylston Street. Turn right and walk down Boylston Street. At Arlington Street, cross and continue up Boylston. Cross Charles Street and continue on Boylston Street, bearing left onto Tremont Street, keeping the Boston Common on your left. Continue up Tremont Street past Park Street station on your left. City Hall will five blocks ahead be on your right. This is approximately a half hour walk.