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### **GREEN ROOF AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FEATURES 2006'S BEST**

*Green Roofs for Healthy Cities acknowledges the leading innovative and integrative green roof designs at its fifth annual conference and trade show.*

Toronto, Canada – May 1, 2007 – Green roof design teams from six premier organizations received [Green Roof Awards of Excellence](#) for their exceptional projects from *Green Roofs for Healthy Cities* at its annual international conference. The designers were recognized at the 5th Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities Conference and Tradeshow in Minneapolis, MN, where over 900 delegates attended a sold-out conference for a week of professional development, tours and exhibits.

Green Roof Awards of Excellence celebrate projects that are holistically designed and provide benefits in terms of the function of the building, its relation to the site and surrounding community. The 2007 award winners, by category and project title, are as follows:

**Extensive Industrial/Commercial: Calamos Investments of Naperville, IL.. Winner: Intrinsic Landscaping, Inc. (Glenview, IL) – contact: Kurt Horvath,**

**Extensive Institutional: Sanitation District #1 Ft. Wright, KY. Winner: Sanitation District #1 (Ft. Wright, KY) – contact: Jeffrey Eger,**

**Extensive/Residential: Feldman Residence, Carmel, CA. Winner: Rana Creek (Carmel Valley, CA) – contact: Aurora Mahassine,**

**Intensive Industrial/Commercial: Abn Amro Plaza, 6th Floor Podium, Chicago, IL. Winner: Barrett Company (Millington, NJ) – contact: Jo Ann Gallo**

**Intensive Institutional: Nashville Public Square, Nashville, TN. Winner: Hawkins Partners, Inc. (Nashville, TN) – contact: G. Hawkins,**

**Intensive Residential: The Louisa, Portland, OR. Winner: Walker Macy Landscape Architects (Portland, OR) – contact: Michael W. Zilis, ASLA**

**The Civic Award of Excellence: City of Minneapolis, Council Member Lisa Goodman**

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Full details of all recipients, projects and high resolution photos can be found at [www.greenroofs.org](http://www.greenroofs.org). Green Roofs for Healthy Cities is the North-American green roof industry association whose mission is to increase awareness of the economic, social, and environmental benefits of green roof infrastructure across North America. Projects had to be from North America and have matured through at least one growing season. Winners were nominated by Landscape Architects, Architects and Engineers, Roofing/Green Roof Design Consultants, Non-profit organizations, Educational & Research Institutions, Manufacturer's, Developers, and Building Owners.

### **About Green Roofs**

Green roofs (a.k.a. eco-roofs and vegetated roofs) are complex growing systems built on top of building rooftops that incorporate irrigation and drainage systems, high quality waterproofing and root-repellant membranes, specialized growing medium and assorted plants. Environmental benefits of green roofing include a reduction in storm-water run-off, better heat and sound insulation, improved air quality and reduction in the City's ambient heat temperature. Other benefits include increased park space and aesthetic value to a crowded urban core. A recent industry survey indicated over 25% growth in 2006. See the full report and the 2006 Top Ten Cities list, [click here](#), or visit [www.greenroofs.org](http://www.greenroofs.org).