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SURGE IN GREEN ROOF RESEARCH HELPS PLANET

A record-breaking number of research papers submitted for upcoming green roof and green wall [conference](#) in Baltimore, Maryland – April 30 to May 1, 2008

Toronto, Canada (Oct. 24, 2007) – A record-breaking number of research papers were submitted for [Green Roofs for Healthy Cities'](#) upcoming annual sustainable communities [conference](#) in Baltimore, Maryland – and that's excellent news for the planet.

"This year, we received more than 80 papers on green roof design, research and policy-making," says Steven W. Peck, founder and president of [Green Roofs for Healthy Cities](#), the not-for-profit association for the green roof industry in North America. "Green roofs are good for people, cities, animals and, ultimately, the future of our planet – so the more green roof and wall research conducted, the better."

Architects, engineers, roofers, scientists and other professionals from around the world including Italy, Japan, China the US & Canada submitted research papers on a wide variety of topics including best practices in storm-water management and real-life case studies demonstrating how green roofs mitigate the negative impacts of climate change.

"This surge in research continues to prove just how valuable green roofs, walls and other forms of living architecture are to promoting healthy cities and ecosystems," says Peck. "When plants are integrated with buildings, everyone wins."

Mounting scientific research continues to demonstrate the many benefits of green roofs and walls including their capacity to cool buildings, increase energy efficiency, reduce noise pollution, improve air quality and promote biodiversity through creation and restoration of plant and animal habitats.

[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. 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](#), [professional development](#) and [celebrations of excellence](#).

Selected papers will be added to Green Roofs for Healthy Cities' new [Tree of Knowledge](#), a free online database of green-roof related papers and case studies at www.greenroofs.org.

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