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TORONTO MAKES NUMBER 1 ON TOP 10 LIST OF CANADIAN GREEN ROOF CITIES FOR 2007

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TORONTO, CANADA – With nearly 83,000 new square-feet of green roofs installed in 2007, Toronto has hit the No. 1 spot in this year's Top 10 List of Canadian Green Roof Cities in [Green Roofs for Healthy Cities'](#) 3rd Annual Green Roof Market Industry Survey of its' corporate members. Toronto is currently in the number seven spot in North America, with the City of Chicago boasting more than half a million square feet installed in 2007, again the number one City.

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, fewer flooded sewer and subway systems, less untreated stormwater running into our rivers and streams, and more natural habitat for native plants and animals supporting greater biodiversity.

“Not only is Toronto No. 1, but it also made our list of the Top 10 North American Green Roof Cities in the No. 7 spot – the first Canadian city to ever do so,” says [Steven W. Peck](#), founder and president of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities and author of *Award Winning Green Roof Designs* (Schiffer Publishing). “The situation is improving, but we have a long way to go to tap into the over 500 million square feet of potential green roofs that are available in Toronto. Significant green roof implementation can save tens of millions of dollars from reduced energy and improve air quality.”

Canadian cities on the Top 10 List of Canadian Green Roof Cities are (from top to bottom): Toronto, Calgary, Quebec, Montreal, Saskatoon, Sherbrooke, Vancouver, Edmonton and Mississauga. “We're encouraged by the City of Toronto's progress to date” adds Peck. “Green Roofs for Healthy Cities and The City of Toronto are hosting the World Green Roof Congress, October 19-21, 2009.

[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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