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Two Sarnafil Green Roof Projects Cited for Excellence By Green Roofs for Healthy Cities

Sarnafil's Sustainable Waterproofing Systems Chosen by Winning Teams

CANTON, MASS. July 22, 2004—Two Sarnafil Inc. green roof projects, a public library and a wellness center, have received 2004 Green Roof Excellence Awards from Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. The organization established the awards in 2003 to recognize green roof projects that exhibit extraordinary leadership in integrated design and implementation. The awards program also increases public awareness of green roof infrastructure and the related public and private sustainability benefits. Green Roofs for Healthy Cities cited six green roof projects in all.

Sarnafil waterproofing membrane provides a watertight roof under the growing medium and vegetation of green roofs. The watertight performance of the waterproofing membrane is of utmost importance to the success of the green roof. Sarnafil systems have a proven track record of reliable performance, with 40 years of experience, more than any other North American thermoplastic membrane provider.

Roofscapes Lands on Top

Roofscapes, a green roof design firm headquartered in Philadelphia, received the awards for the two winning projects using Sarnafil waterproofing systems. Sarnafil has a successful working relationship with Roofscapes and the two companies have teamed up on several green roof projects in the past.

The Awards

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities cited six green roof projects, two in each of three categories: Institutional, Industrial/Commercial, and Residential. Within these categories, one intensive (containing more than six inches of growing medium) and one extensive (six inches or less) green roof project were chosen. The awards were presented June 3, 2004, at the Second Annual Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities Conference, Awards, and Trade Show in Portland, Oregon.

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Oaklyn Branch Library
Evansville, Indiana

This single-story building has a publicly accessible 17, 250 sq. ft green roof, installed in September 2002 and vegetated to reproduce a “mesic meadow” prairie plant community. The building is an earth-sheltered structure built into a steep slope, so that the roof is level with the landscape and blends seamlessly into it. Only the building’s dramatic clerestory rises above the roof and it is lit at night, serving as a beacon to the community and visible for miles across the Pigeon Creek Valley. Because the roof landscaping and energy-efficient building envelope have made it a community attraction, the library’s book circulation has tripled since completion of the project.

Award	2004 Green Roofs Award of Excellence, Intensive Institutional Category
Award Sponsor	Green Roofs for Healthy Cities
Award Recipient	Roofscapes, Philadelphia, PA
Architect	William Brown of Veazey Parrott Durkin & Shoulders, Evansville, IN
Landscape Architect	Storrow Kinsella Associates, Inc., Indianapolis, IN
Green Roof Designer	Roofscapes, Philadelphia, PA
Green Roof Installer	Enviroscapes, Madison, IN
Waterproofing Provider	Sarnafil Inc., Canton, MA
Waterproofing Installer	Midland Engineering Co., South Bend, IN
Owner	Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

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**Life Expression Wellness Center
Sugar Loaf, Pennsylvania**

This 6,000 sq. ft green roof, installed June 2001, covers a chiropractic center and is currently one of the steepest pitched green roofs in North America. The green roof contributes to the reduction in heating and cooling costs, biodiversity conservation, and storm water management. It also helps to integrate the structure into the surrounding landscape. The pitch and location presented several challenges, such as stabilizing the vegetation, which was achieved with roof battens, slope restraint panels, and reinforcing mesh. To protect the new plantings from wind scour, the surface of the media was covered with a photo-biodegradable wind blanket mesh, fastened securely to the base of the green roof profile. The mesh has since disappeared into the cover vegetation.

Award	2004 Green Roofs Award of Excellence, Extensive Institutional Category
Award Sponsor	Green Roofs for Healthy Cities
Award Recipient	Roofscapes, Philadelphia, PA
Architect	Van Der Ryn Architects, Sausalito, CA
Green Roof Designer	Roofscapes, Philadelphia, PA
Green Roof Installer	David Brothers Landscape Services, Worcester, PA
Waterproofing Provider	Sarnafil Inc., Canton, MA
Waterproofing Installer	Houck Construction Services, Linglestown, PA
Owners	Ron and Joanne Gallagher

About Sarnafil

Sarnafil Inc. is a subsidiary of Switzerland-based Sarna Group, a manufacturer of high-tech plastic polymers for a wide range of applications including roofing, waterproofing, civil engineering, and automotive applications. Since 1964, Sarnafil has manufactured more than 3.5 billion sq. ft of thermoplastic roofing and waterproofing membrane in Switzerland, China, and Canton, Mass. Sarnafil roofing and waterproofing systems protect some of the world's most valuable structures and treasures, including schools and universities, libraries, museums, hospitals, commercial buildings, and Olympic stadiums. For more information about Sarnafil in the U.S., visit www.sarnafilus.com

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