



Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

Rainwater Harvesting and Stormwater Management: Ancient Techniques to Solve Modern Problems

Organization & Contact Information

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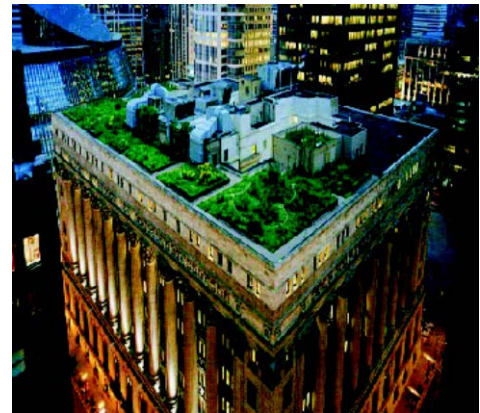


Project Description

GrowNYC was founded in 1970 with a mission to improve New York City's quality of life through environmental programs that transform communities block by block and empower all New Yorkers to secure a clean and healthy environment for future generations. GrowNYC is helping New York State residents implement storm water management best practices by developing a new toolkit and offering in-person trainings. These deliverables provide simple steps for community gardeners or city dwellers to follow, assess and implement.

With funding received from NYSP2I, GrowNYC aimed to:

- Provide residents with a tangible way to prevent water pollution by encouraging community residents to install storm water management projects
- Train others in order to foster increased rainwater harvesting and storm water management practices in New York City and throughout New York State
- Provide any city dweller looking to prevent pollution and/or conserve water with access to a comprehensive and easily-understood Green Infrastructure Toolkit



Green Roof in NYC

Project Results

GrowNYC trained a total of 79 people by hosting four *Green Infrastructure* workshops. Tours of stormwater management techniques were facilitated at the New York, Queens and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

In addition, a *Green Infrastructure Toolkit* was developed and can be found on the following website at: <http://www.grownyc.org/openspace/green-infrastructure-toolkit>. Six videos on rainwater harvesting, rain gardens and bioswales, storm water management, downspout planters and permeable paving, can also be found on the website, and have over 2,000 views to date.

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