



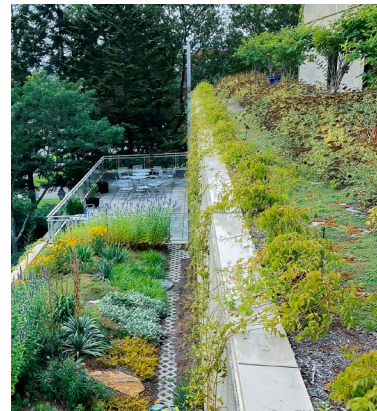
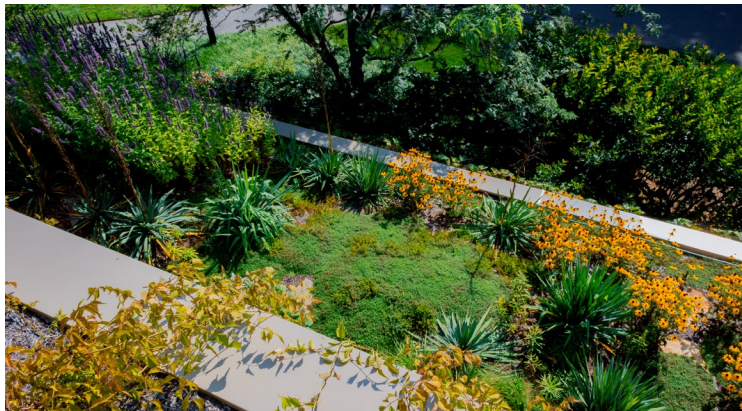
HBS The Rock Center Green Roof Boston, Massachusetts

• TYPE
Institutional

• SIZE
2,500 sq. ft.

• COMPLETION
August 2019

Perennial plantings soften the brutalist structure built in 1970, while 7 to 18 inches of soil media provide insulation and cooling in the summer.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Client Name
Harvard Business School

Green Roof Design & Installation
Recover Green Roofs

Type
Intensive: 7 - 18 inches of soil media

Plant Types
Drought-tolerant perennials, grasses, trumpet vine, witch hazel, enkianthus

Green Roof Components
Zinco

Waterproofing
Sika Sarnafil PVC

Soil Media Supplier
Read Custom Soils



Top left to bottom right: A variety of perennials provide color variation and draw in pollinators / Trumpet vines spill over the third-floor roof to the second / Witch hazel trees grow amongst lamb's ear and purple scotch grass

The Arthur Rock Center for Entrepreneurship, a 50-year-old brutalist building at Harvard Business School, was in need of an update. Instead of demolishing the building, HBS conducted a major renovation project and worked with Recover to design two pollinator-friendly roofs that would manage stormwater and insulate the underlying structure.

Recover installed all roof elements above the waterproofing which required craning all materials to the roof over a period of two-days. Materials conveyed included: seventy super-sacks of engineered green roof media, grow-through pavers for border pathways, slate flagstones, 2,000 flowering perennials, three enkianthus and witch hazel bushes, and six prefabricated 2-foot diameter weathered steel rings that give the bushes more space to thrive.