



Higher Ground Farm

Boston, Massachusetts

- TYPE
Commercial
- SIZE
2,000 sq. ft.
- COMPLETION
June 2013

Higher Ground Farm features 2,000 square feet of growing space elevated 100 feet above Boston Harbor, boasting incredible views of the city.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Green Roof Design
Recover Green Roofs

Type
Rooftop Farm

Plant Types
Vegetables, Herbs, & Flowers

Green Roof Components
Recover Aerated Media Modules (RAMMs)

Green Roof Installer
Higher Ground Farms and Recover Green Roofs

Structural Engineering
Simpson Gumpertz & Heger



Top left to bottom right: Phase 1 at HGF included installing 1,400 Recover Aerated Media Modules (RAMMs) / During the first growing season, HGF harvested roughly one ton of tomatoes, basil, mixed greens, and herbs / Courtney Hennessey hand-picks basil and delivers it by bicycle to fourteen local restaurants and vendors

After a year-long search atop the roofs of Boston, co-founders Courtney Hennessey and John Stoddard found the perfect fit for Higher Ground Farm at Boston Design Center. The two worked with Recover and Simpson Gumpertz & Heger for another year to design the farm and raise funds before they planted their first seeds in 2013.

With a team of volunteers, Courtney and John stitched together fabric liners for 1,400 milk crates that were filled with CitySoil media, palletized, and craned to the roof with the help of Recover. Eventually, Higher Ground Farm aims to expand to a 55,000-square-foot built-in-place green roof system, spanning nearly half of the Boston Design Center roof.