



Mad Oyster Roof Deck

Somerville, Massachusetts

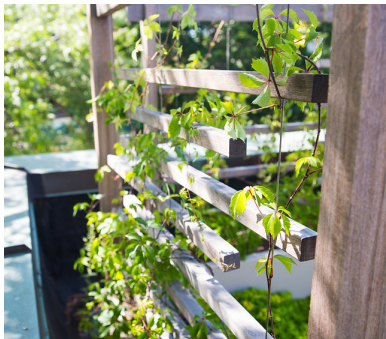
- TYPE
Commercial
- SIZE
1,300 sq. ft.
- COMPLETION
November 2014

From blacktop roof to cool garden and deck space, Recover designed this rooftop oasis to cultivate creativity, community, and biodiversity.



Mad Oyster Studios is an artist live/work space in a refurbished industrial building in Somerville, Mass. This roof garden was designed to enhance an existing roof deck common area that was previously a plain blacktop roof.

Recover designed and installed a diverse semi-intensive garden of flowering perennials, drought-tolerant grasses, sedum, and vines on a custom-built trellis that complements the existing deck structure. Automated subsurface irrigation ensures plant vigor during warm summer months, allowing the garden to be a refuge for birds, butterflies, and numerous species of bees. The garden also cools this inspiring roof, preserving the life of the waterproofing membrane and providing a welcome retreat for tenants.



Top left to bottom right: Colorful flowering perennials attract pollinators and people alike / Newly-retrofitted roof space contrasts an original brick facade / Recover's handcrafted trellis allows trailing plants to enjoy the new deck

PROJECT INFORMATION

- Green Roof Design
Recover Green Roofs
- Type
Extensive & Semi-Intensive
- Plant Types
Sedum, Grasses, Perennial Shrubs, Bulbs
- Green Roof Components
Xero Flor
- Waterproofing Membrane
EPDM
- Trellis Construction
Recover Green Roofs
- Planter Supplier
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