



Twin Rooftop Patios

Cambridge, Massachusetts

- TYPE
Commercial
- SIZE
1,400 sq. ft.
- COMPLETION
November 2015

What was once an underutilized sixth-floor rooftop is now a versatile outdoor living space which creates different uses for two separate residences.



Recover worked with two top floor neighbors to design a green roof that accommodates the needs of both families, creating a roof with two separate yet complementary sides. One side functions as a children’s playspace and vegetable garden, and the other functions as a leisure and entertainment space. A planter wall with tall perennial grasses creates privacy between the two spaces while maintaining a view of the cityscape from both sides.

A lush lawn with naturally rot-resistant cedar raised beds and tall perennial grasses around the exterior wall creates the eastern playspace. Low-maintenance, flowering sedum with a locally-sourced Goshen schist stepping-stone footpath distinguishes the western leisure space. Both sides feature paver patio hardscaping, mahogany trim caps, and vented benches covering the permanent roof equipment.



Top left to bottom right: A planter wall with perennial grasses creates a privacy screen between the sedum and lawn spaces / Gardening with a view in this corner raised bed / Mahogany trim caps separate the sedum and patio

PROJECT INFORMATION

- Green Roof Design
Recover Green Roofs
- General Contractor
Recover Green Roofs
- Green Roof Installer
Recover Green Roofs
- Hardscape Installer
Recover Green Roofs
- Irrigation Installer
Recover Green Roofs
- Type
Extensive, Intensive
- Plant Type(s)
Sedum, Perennial Grasses, Lawn Grasses, Vegetable
- Green Roof Components
Conservation Technology
- Waterproofing Membrane
Sika Sarnafil PVC
- Soil Media Supplier
Read Custom Soils
- Planter Manufacturer
Planters Unlimited