University of Hartford

Hartford, Connecticut

- TYPE: School
- SIZE: 25,000 sq. ft.
- COMPLETION: July 2021

This sprawling meadow roof blends seamlessly into the landscape of the University of Hartford's campus, providing a beautiful green landscape for students, staff, and visitors to enjoy.

The Hursey Center's 25,000 sq.ft meadow roof became the centerpiece of the University of Hartford's campus the day the flowers bloomed and its colors shined. The gentle slope of the roof blends into the surrounding campus from afar, and then, as people are drawn closer to the building, the green roof materializes into a crowning roofscape on the new state-of the art Center for Advanced Engineering and Health Professions.

Recover worked with Payette Architects, Omni Ecosystems, and RCSCI to transform the roof into a verdant meadow of marigolds, zinnias, coreopsis, purple coneflower, black-eyed susans, sweet william, flax, wheat, switchgrass, early sunflower, and dense blazing star, to name only a few.

Recover installed an Omni Ecosystems comprehensive green roof which utilizes a non-mineral based media that mimics the biological, chemical, and physical properties of natural soil. The system is self-regenerative and each generation of plants supports the next generation of growth, requiring fewer inputs than traditional green roofs and offering better stormwater management, more oxygen production, and sweeter honey.

Top left to bottom right: The upward slope of the Hursey Center / Skylights and roof access points sunk into the living meadow system / The Hursey Center as a new centerpiece for the University campus

PROJECT INFORMATION

Client
University of Hartford

Landscape Architect
Payette

Architect
Payette

Green Roof Types
OMNI Meadow by Omni Ecosystems

Plant Types
OMNI Pollinator Mix and perennial plugs

Green Roof Designer
Payette

Green Roof Installer
Recover Green Roofs

General Contractor
Whiting-Turner

Irrigation Installer
Recover Green Roofs w/ subcontractor Fournier Irrigation

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