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## American University Green Roof Installation

Remember that green roof project we mentioned in last month's newsletter? Here are a few photos of the process and one of the finished roofs (as it appeared at sunset recently). We had 60 volunteers from the American University community during five days that spanned the Labor Day Weekend. The work on the roofs was split in morning and afternoon shifts, during each of which we presented the entire process of building the layers of a green roof and answered volunteers' questions, so that each group of volunteers could understand each stage, even if they were present for only a small part of the whole.



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**Bread for the City:** Complete the installation of a green roof on Bread for the City's new building. <http://dcfoodforall.com/2010/10/a-healthy-rooftop-growing-our-own-food-for-the-city/>

**Casey Trees:** Green roof installation on new office building.

**Make a Difference Day at Stanton Elementary School,**

**SE:** Partnering with PALS, students and families to plant trees, create stone path and prepare for spring garden renovation.



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Click here to hear Chris O'Brien, American University's Director of Sustainability, talk about the installation on WUSA 9, during a Living Green segment.

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=110268&catid=158>

and also

<http://www.facebook.com/americanu#!/video/video.php?v=160694783941054&ref=mf>

## Microsoft ACQUA Grand Prize Winners!

We just won the **Grand Prize** in the **Microsoft ACQUA** technology makeover contest. This award of **laptops** and Windows 7 training will help us be more efficient in our operations and free up valuable time so that the staff can spend more time in the field.

If you cast one of the 416 votes for us in the

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## October Rain Barrel Update: 85 Installed through RiverSmart Homes Program



That is the equivalent of  
11,220 gallons of  
stormwater captured!

## Make a gift to DC Greenworks today!

Now more than ever, your donation will support our expanding efforts. Please go to [www.dcgreenworks.org](http://www.dcgreenworks.org) to make a donation!

- \* A gift of \$25.00 provides a shovel, trowel and gloves to a community gardener.
- \* A gift of \$50.00 outfits a volunteer for a green roof training experience.
- \* A gift of \$100.00 funds the installation of a rain barrel.
- \* A gift of \$250.00 delivers hands-on education for school children planting a vegetable garden.
- \* A gift of \$500.00 purchases all of the green roof plants for a typical rowhouse installation.
- \* A gift of \$1,000.00 provides one day of training in green infrastructure technologies to vocational students.

contest, thank you! You can follow our transformation online by going to the ACQUA community Facebook page and indicating you "like" DC Greenworks ( [www.facebook.com/pages/Win7Pro\\_Acqua-community-site/156254064401085](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Win7Pro_Acqua-community-site/156254064401085) ). As we step into the era of Windows 7 technology, your generous contribution will have greater impact.

Please go to [www.dcgreenworks.org](http://www.dcgreenworks.org) to learn more!

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## Roof Deconstruction



DC Greenworks deconstructed a green roof in order to replace the membrane and will reconstruct a roof garden later this month. A team of four DCG staff removed seven layers of the green roof. In order to reuse as much of the material as possible, we saved and stored all of the plants, growing media, gravel, and salvageable green roof layers.