

Taking root

Modular green-roof system saves energy and cuts costs

GreenGrid. The University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Great Lakes Water Institute was looking for new ways to “go green” and save money in the process. It decided to install a green roof on one of its campus facilities.

The university selected a modular green roof system by GreenGrid because it was quick to install and cost-effective. Green roofs help protect the environment in several ways. They replace carbon dioxide with oxygen, reduce stormwater runoff by as much as 75 percent, helping ease burdens on some local sewer systems, and reduce urban heat islands.

Green roofing systems also can save energy. Sandra McLellan, assistant scientist professor, calculated that the university’s green roof would pay for itself in less than 15 years because of reduced heating and cooling costs.

“One of the most significant cost benefits of a green roof is that it can double the life cycle of the present roof,” says McLellan. “The Milwaukee campus project was so successful, the university added another GreenGrid roof at its Stevens Point campus and plans additional green roofs in the coming year.”

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