

# Tremco Incorporated Vegetated Roof & Rainwater Harvest System



# Tremco North Building Renovation

- Vegetated roof and rainwater harvesting as part of a total renovation of the entire building
  - Built in 1969
  - High operating costs
  - Need for an active demonstration of the RPM 'Building Solutions Group' family of products
  - Desire to have a LEED certified building

# Green on Green Retrofit



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- Retrofit Highlights:

- Vegetated roof
  - Approximately 9,000 sq ft
  - Engineered growing medium absorbs most of the water
  - Stormwater reuse for irrigating plants keeps it out of sewer system
  - Insulating quality helps moderate building temperature
  - 46 species of plants / 16,000 plants



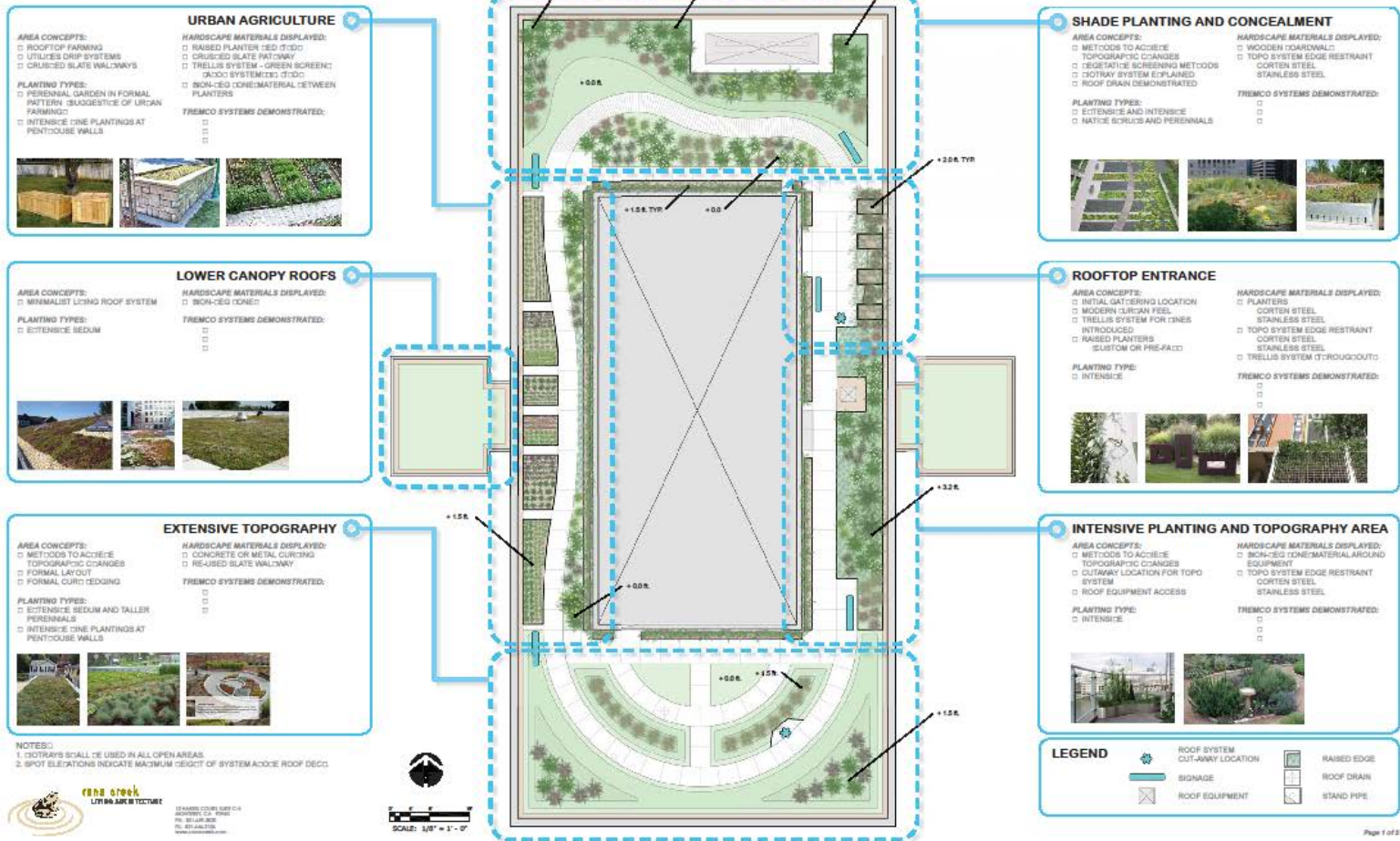
# Vegetated Roof Concept

## TREMCO Headquarters - North Building

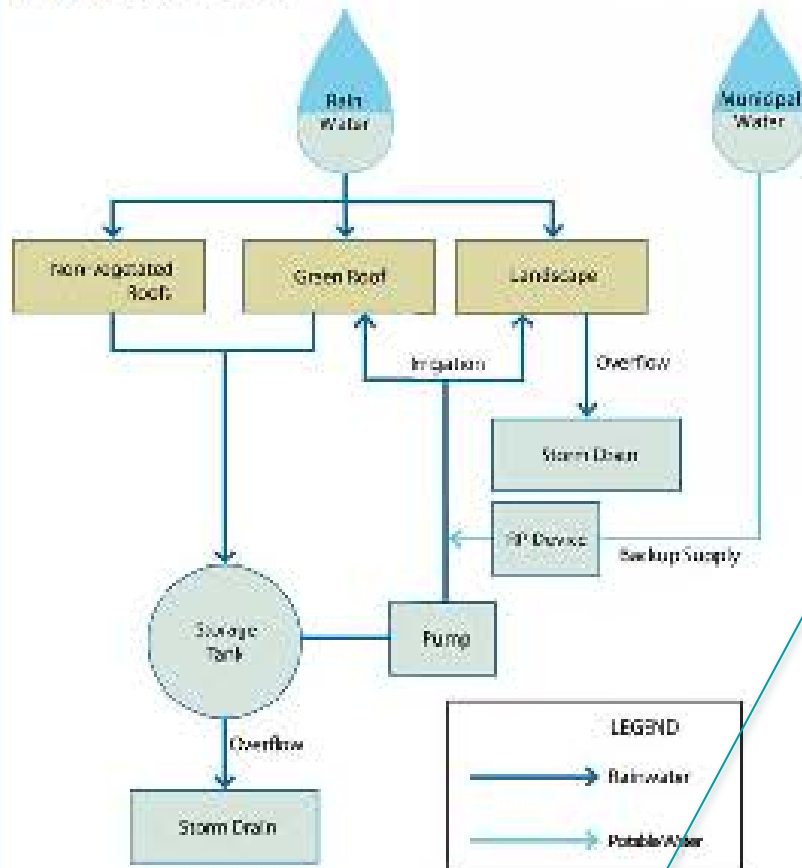
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## Layout Plan

SCHEMATIC DESIGN SUBMITTAL



## WATER SYSTEMS



### Stormwater Reuse System Summary

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# Plants, Irrigation & Stormwater Capture

Which Decision Came First

# How Much Water

## Plant Palette

- Urban Agriculture
- Native meadow
- Sedum groundcover areas
- Native shade concealment area
- Over 200' linear ft of living walls

## Where and How to Capture

- Parking lot surface!
- Available area for cisterns
- Available area for pumps, vault for initial capture and other equipment



# Plant Palette Water Needs

- Typical Transpiration Ratios
  - Water processed for sufficient CO<sub>2</sub> uptake for photosynthesis
  - C3, C4 and CAM
  - ET Rate calculation
    - Irrigated area (sf) X ET Rate (inches) x 0.6233 = Water in gallons
- The Challenge of Life on a Roof
  - Shallow growing media
  - Aggregates to aid in drainage
    - Store water AND heat
- Irrigation Challenges
  - Sub-surface drip

# Water Capture Design

- Asphalt pavement
  - 50,000 sf; 1" rain per hr. = 31,000 gph
  - Petroleum, salt and particulate issues
- 15,000 gal storage Vault in parking lot
  - 15 hp, 500 gpm pump
  - High and low level controllers tied to automated building management system
- Captured water moves to 6 cisterns
  - Rosedale particulate filter/strainer holds back particulates from cisterns
- 6 – 2,000 gal cisterns store water for use on the roof utilize gravity to move water from one to the other

# Irrigation

- Cistern water moves to the roof via pump
  - 1.5 hp; 20 gpm; 60' head
- Hunter Controllers
  - 9 zones
  - Multi zone run times
    - Avoids cycling pump on and off
  - Solar synch
- KISSS Lo Flo Subsurface irrigation system
  - 0.5 gpm emitters
  - Capillary mat helps move water into surrounding soil
- Water runs through 2 Pentek OAD 20BB filters
- All tied into the automated building management system

**Rosedale Quick  
Access "QAC"  
Low Maintenance  
Filter/Strainer**

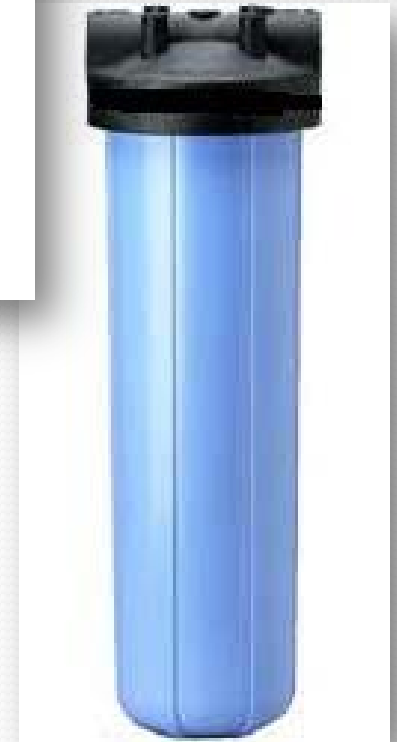


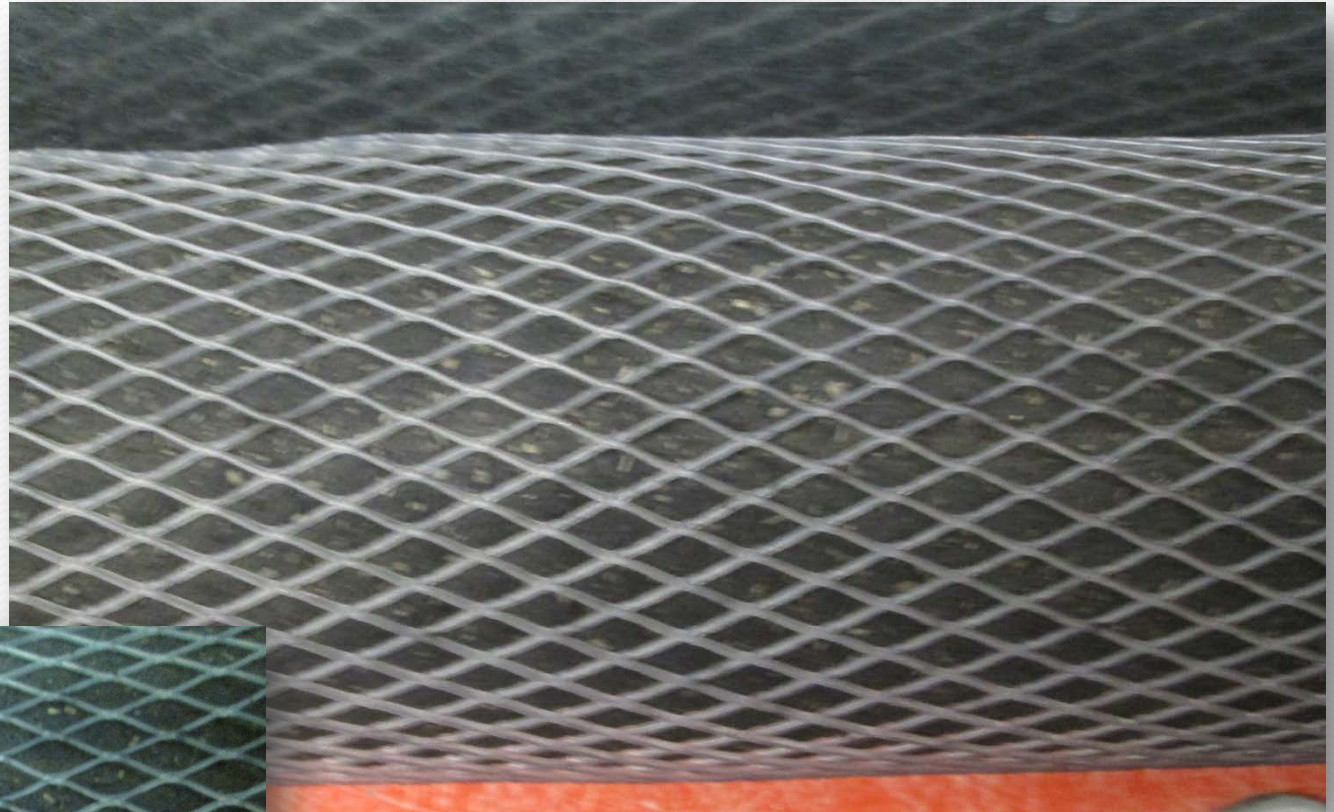
*Captured stormwater moves from the parking lot storage vault through this particulate strainer/filter and into the cisterns.*

## Double Cartridge Filtration

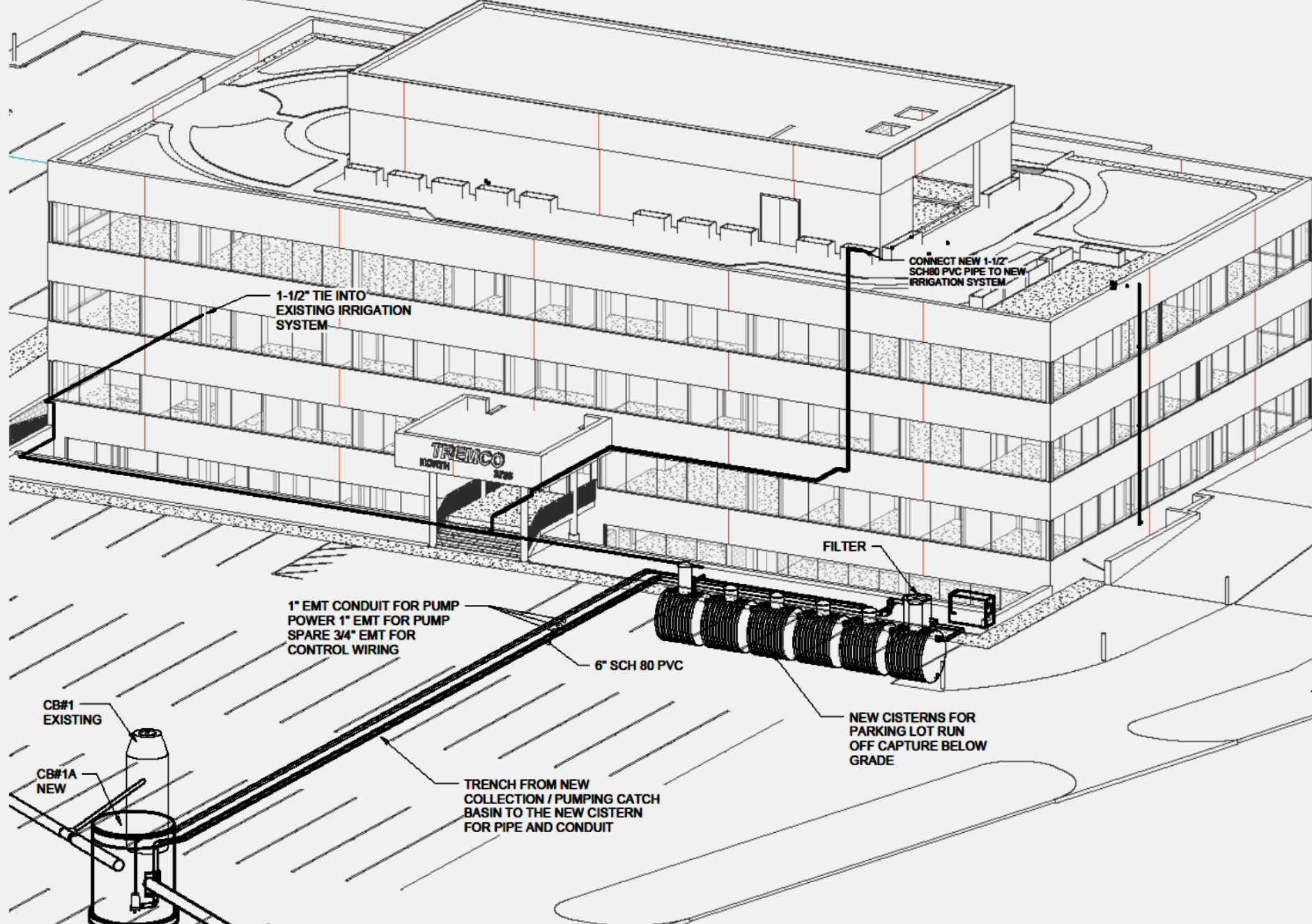
*Stormwater is pumped to the roof from the cisterns and flows through two Pentek OAC-20BB cartridges.*

- *Oil adsorbing cartridges*
- *Filters out 90% of total hydrocarbons*
- *Modified cellulose-based filter media*
- *20" long*
- *High flow rate/low pressure drop*





*Used Oil Adsorbing Cartridge...  
typically replaced once a month  
during the summer.*



# Constant Monitoring

*There is an ongoing effort to monitor the amount of available water in the cisterns. While alarms will sound if the water level is less than 10% of needed capacity, monitoring helps to alert the manager to the potential need for potable water.*

|              | Inches | 1=28 gallons<br>Gallons Per<br>Cistern | Cell DX6<br>Total Gallons | Days of Rain | Solar Sych %    |
|--------------|--------|--|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Day          | Depth  |  |                           |              |                 |
| Week of 6/4  |        |  |                           |              |                 |
| Monday       |        |  |                           |              |                 |
| Wednesday    | 62     | 1736                                   | 10416                     | 1            | 53% (R) 51% (G) |
| Friday       | 53     | 1484                                   | 8904                      | 0            | 62% @ 70% (G)   |
| Week of 6/11 |        |  |                           |              |                 |
| Monday       | 42     | 1176                                   | 7056                      | 0            | 90%(R) 85%(G)   |
| Wednesday    | 36 3/4 | 1029                                   | 6174                      | 1            | 73% @ 75% (G)   |
| Friday       | 16     | 448                                    | 2688                      | 0            | 81%(R) 83%(G)   |
| Week of 6/18 |        |  |                           |              |                 |
| Monday       | 67     | 1876                                   | 11256                     | 1            | 73%(R) 66%(G)   |
| Wednesday    | 62     | 1736                                   | 10416                     | 0            | 58%(R) 61%(G)   |
| Friday       | 58 1/2 | 1638                                   | 9828                      | 1            | 88%(R) 81%(G)   |
| Week of 6/25 |        |  |                           |              |                 |
| Monday       | 41     | 1148                                   | 6888                      | 0            | 78%(R)73%(G)    |
| Wednesday    | 39     | 1092                                   | 6552                      |              | 65%(R)70%(G)    |
| Friday       | 37     | 1036                                   | 6216                      |              | 91%(R)81%(G)    |
| Week of 7/2  |        |  |                           |              |                 |
| Monday       | 38.75  | 1085                                   | 6510                      | 1            | 78%(R)76%(G)    |
| Wednesday    | 65     | 1820                                   | 10920                     | 2            | 76%(R)76%(G)    |
| Friday       | 61     | 1708                                   | 10248                     | 1            | 60%(R)60%(G)    |
| Week of 7/9  |        |  |                           |              |                 |
| Monday       | 61     | 1708                                   | 10248                     | 1            | 90%(R)93%(G)    |
| Wednesday    |        | 0                                      | 0                         |              |                 |



# Annual Testing

*The water coming into the irrigation system is tested yearly to monitor for petroleum, metals, ph. and other containments. The growing media is also tested on a yearly basis. This test allows the staff horticulturist to monitor air porosity, nutrients levels, ph., metals, contaminants and other valuable information leading to prescriptive and corrective maintenance protocols.*

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|---|-----------|------------------------|--|---------------|----------------|
| LAB ID  | SAMPLE ID | SAMPLE TYPE            | DATE SAMPLED   | DATE RECEIVED | DATE COMPLETED |
| SM04555   |           | Single-layer extensive |  | 9/28/12       | 10/10/2012     |

**Green Roof Media Analysis**  
 Results on dry weight basis unless specified otherwise

| Analysis  | Units              | Result | FLL Guidelines for Single Course Extensive Sites <sup>1</sup> |
|---|--------------------|--------|---|
| <i>Particle Size Distribution (See accompanying report)</i> |                    |        |   |
| ≤ 0.05 mm (FLL reference value based on < 0.06 mm)          | mass %             | 3.8    | ≤ 10  |
| <i>Density Measurements</i>                                 |                    |        |   |
| Bulk Density (dry weight basis)                             | g/cm <sup>3</sup>  | 0.92   | —   |
| Bulk Density (dry weight basis)                             | lb/ft <sup>3</sup> | 57.68  | —   |
| Bulk Density (at max. water-holding capacity)               | g/cm <sup>3</sup>  | 1.37   | —   |
| Bulk Density (at max. water-holding capacity)               | lb/ft <sup>3</sup> | 85.23  | —   |
| <i>Water/Air Measurements</i>                               |                    |        |   |
| Moisture  | mass %             | 12.9   | —   |
| Total Pore Volume <sup>2</sup>                              | Vol. %             | 56.0   | —   |
| Maximum water-holding Capacity                              | Vol. %             | 45.6   | 20 - 65   |
| Air-Filled Porosity (at max water-holding capacity)         | Vol. %             | 10.4   | ≥ 10  |
| Water permeability (saturated hydraulic conductivity)       | cm/s               | 0.01   | 0.1 - 0.67  |
| Water permeability (saturated hydraulic conductivity)       | in/min             | 0.32   | 2.36 - 15.8   |
| <i>pH and Salt Content</i>                                  |                    |        |   |
| pH (CaCl <sub>2</sub> )                                     |                    | 6.6    | 6.0 - 8.5   |
| Soluble salts (water, 1:10, m:v)                            | mmhos/cm           | 0.02   | —   |
| Soluble salts (water, 1:10, m:v)                            | g (KCl)/L          | 0.12   | ≤ 3.5   |
| <i>Organic Measurements</i>                                 |                    |        |   |
| Organic matter content                                      | mass %             | 3.0    | —   |
| Organic matter content                                      | g/L                | 27.8   | ≤ 40  |
| <i>Nutrients</i>  |                    |        |   |
| Phosphorus, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (CAL)             | mg/L               | 77.8   | ≤ 200   |
| Potassium, K <sub>2</sub> O (CAL)                           | mg/L               | 61.1   | ≤ 700   |
| Magnesium, Mg (CaCl <sub>2</sub> )                          | mg/L               | 56.2   | ≤ 200   |
| Nitrate + Ammonium (CaCl <sub>2</sub> )                     | mg/L               | 13.5   | ≤ 80  |

GB01A: Single Course Extensive

<sup>1</sup>Forschungsgesellschaft Landschaftsentwicklung Landschaftsbau (FLL). 2008. Guidelines for the Planning Execution and Upkeep of Green-Roof Sites  
<sup>2</sup>Total pore volume determined using measured particle density instead of assumed particle density as specified in FLL.



*Original outlet pipe for stormwater cut to receive vault and fittings.*



*Completed installation of vault with 6 cisterns waiting for installation.*



*Six 2,000 gal cisterns installed.*







## The Idea of Saving Water

*The daily effort to manage water from a limited resource has made a change in attitudes regarding water. No other effort could have affected such a change in habits.*





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# The Team

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