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Shopping Mall Installs 2.3 Acre Green Roof



In Upper Providence, Pennsylvania, a 400,000-square-foot shopping mall has installed a 2.3 acre green roof. The modular green roof manufactured by [GreenGrid](#) was chosen in part to help prevent storm water runoff, which has become a problem for sewer systems in the area.

The GreenGrid modules are preplanted with engineered soil and drought-resistant plants. The modules are then delivered to the facility, where they are laid out on top of the roof.

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