LOOK UP AND SEE GREEN!

Through the concerted efforts of the Look Up and See Green student group, Portland State University has been awarded a grant from the City of Portland to install eco-roof plots on the Urban Center Building. Additional funding for the project is being provided by the PSU Student Fee Committee and private donations.

A total of ten plots, approximately 96 square feet each will be installed on the east roof of the building and the roof terrace canopy. Working in collaboration with faculty, the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and private industry, students will use the plots to study various eco-roof systems. Students will collect data on different strata and planting materials to evaluate their ability to minimize maintenance, absorb and filter run-off and insulate buildings.

Design of the test systems are expected to begin in June. Construction will be by student volunteers and private partners with completion scheduled in Fall, 2012.

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