



New York Genome Center Roof Garden

When the New York Genome Center embarked on a major expansion, they dreamed of a roof garden. Viridian delivered the dream. Working with the client's schedule - design to garden in six months - Viridian invited Roofmeadow, pioneers in green roof design, to support them.

Viridian embraced the magnificent New York skyline and quickly recognized that the space should serve as more than a backdrop for the workings of this scientific organization, but rather as its "creative heart." The space serves scientists, administrators, donors, movers and shakers. Outdoor rooms allow for varied user interactions: dining rooms for meeting and eating; living rooms for brainstorming; and dreaming rooms in which to refresh oneself and vision. The north terrace collaborative space looks to the Empire State Building and is set within a rich and varied landscape that responds to the unique high roof microclimates.

Viridian worked closely with the client, architects, structural engineers, code consultants, construction managers and building owner to deliver a dynamic space for the organization while responding to interior improvements, structural constraints and lease requirements. The project was produced on time and on budget within a limited and fast-tracked timeframe.

It opened to great acclaim as part of the official opening of the \$54 million, 170,000 square-foot facility in Manhattan. Fundraising for the south terrace is currently underway.

Location: New York, New York
Client: New York Genome Center
Size: 6,500sf
Cost: \$350,000
Status: Completed 2013