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### The Mandarin Project

**Green Roof on a Parking Garage**

Boston's Prudential Canter has been transformed in recent decades with the construction of new buildings, shopping arcades, and landscapes. The most recent addition, the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, includes a public garden built in 2008 on the roof of a 1964 parking garage. **Read more.**

### Vertical Gardens ~ Living Walls

**Gardening in a new dimension.**

The concept of a garden is rising to new heights, literally, as we look up rather than down for new gardening opportunities. Referred to by many different names - vertical gardens, living walls, or green walls - this relatively new form of gardening is taking root in many locations across the country. **Read more.**

### A Green Roof in North Central Vermont

When thinking of greenroof technology and its advantages, one thinks of reducing storm water runoff, mitigating the heat island effect in the inner city, seeing a small green-growing paradise in the middle of an urban jungle, doing one's part contributing oxygen and eating up CO2 at the top of a high-rise.

Living and landscaping in a mostly rural area, urban being described in terms of villages and small owns, I did not expect to have the opportunity to plan and install a green roof. **Read more.**

### Manchester, NH - City Hall Green Roof

Community Organizations Working Together
Natural resources play a huge and often unrecognized role in our communities. Many people living or working in cities believe that natural resources lie outside of the city, and that they have to go into rural areas to experience the natural world.

UNH Green Roof at James Hall
Green Roof Used in Stormwater Research

In June, the University of New Hampshire's James Hall received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its renovation and expansion of the original 1929 academic building. Read more.

Living, Edible Wall
Sustainable Home and Garden Design

In a residential neighborhood outside of Boston, Ted Chapman has created his own version of "living walls" that are both ornamental and edible. Read more.

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