



“How Green Is Your City?”

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PARTICIPANT EXERCISE

1. Green, environmentally friendly roofs make important contributions to buildings as well as to urban infrastructures. What do green roofs contribute to quality of life and well-being?

2. What is the most common type of green-roof system?

3. What are the benefits of sedum, the most commonly used green-roof vegetation today?

4. A 2003 study conducted in the city of Chicago demonstrates the benefits of green roofs, which in turn improve quality of urban life. List the features of the Chicago study.

5. What are the benefits of green roofs to the community at large?

6. The healing garden at Massachusetts General Hospital does more than make cancer patients feel connected to nature. What other benefits does it provide?

7. The expansion of urban populations in the next 25 years will challenge every area of design. In 2005 the population living in cities was 49 percent. What is projected for 2030?

8. What fraction of U.S. energy goes toward cooling buildings?