

In early 2016, Barclays Center finished installing a 135,000 square foot green roof, the largest-ever green roof to cover a sporting venue. In total, 35,000 trays of assorted plants were added to the roof to provide year-round vegetative coverage and a continually shifting pattern of color and texture, including a beautiful show of summer flowers. In addition to the visual enhancement, the green roof has many environmental benefits. On rainy days, the roof will reduce the arena's stormwater runoff by an estimated two million gallons each year. On hot days, the roof will minimize the heat absorbed by the arena, thereby reducing cooling needs and the urban heat island effect. One unexpected benefit is that the roof has proved popular among bees during flowering season. "The creation of a green roof on top of Barclays Center has been a goal of ours since the arena was initially designed," said Brett Yormark, CEO of Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment. "We're proud to continue our commitment to delivering an environmentally friendly arena, while also creating an aesthetic enhancement for our neighbors and guests."