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Mayor Coleman Dedicates Green Roof At Macalester

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Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman today joined students, faculty and project sponsors to dedicate the newly installed green roof at Macalester College. Funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, this is the second green roof installed at Macalester.

“This is a huge step forward for making Saint Paul a greener, more sustainable city,” said Mayor Coleman. “The Macalester community has once again demonstrated their commitment to the residents of Saint Paul. I applaud the students and the administration for being a valuable partner as we work to make Saint Paul a national leader in environmental policy.”

Green roofs are a strategy for promoting urban sustainability, increasing energy efficiency and fighting global warming; three goals of the on-campus Macalester Conservation and Renewable Energy Society (MacCA-RES). The project was funded primarily by U.S. EPA P3 National Student Design for Sustainability Competition Grant. Students and advisors completed the green roof installation in September and conducted research on its social (People), economic (Prosperity) and environmental (Planet) impacts around the community. The team recently presented their findings to a panel of EPA Scientists at the competition in Washington DC. Mayor Coleman has taken bold action to make Saint Paul one of the greenest cities in the country. After hiring the City's first Environmental Coordinator, Mayor Coleman signed the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and is investing more than \$1 million to retrofit City buildings for energy efficiency and cost savings. Recently, the City Council unanimously passed a new “green building” resolution for new public buildings and broke ground on the City's first LEED certified building, the Saint Paul Police Western District Headquarters.