

season, but the best plants for green roofs are typically nonnative." However, Rich Hindle, a visiting instructor for the Department of Landscape Architecture at the UO, is testing the feasibility of native species in this area.

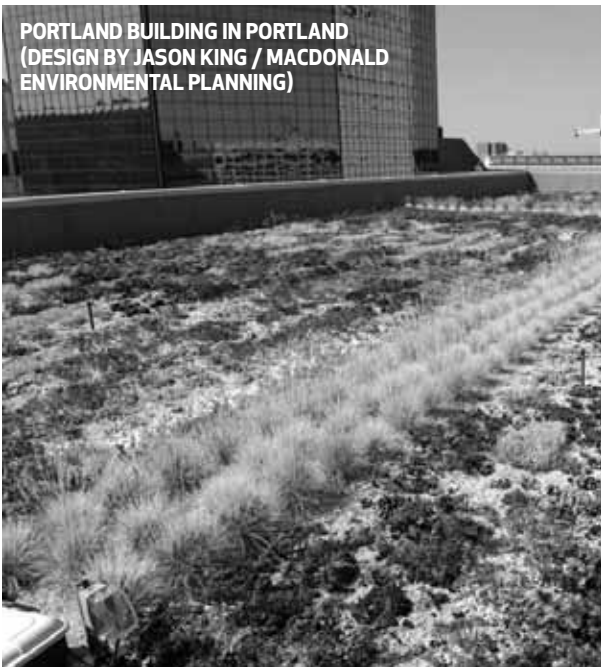
Hindle taught a living building course last summer where students designed and planted an ecoroof test site on a shipping container in the vacant lot next to the new U.S. courthouse in Eugene. The students planted 100-percent Oregon native plants at the site.

"It's hard to tell right now how well the plants are doing because it's winter, but the students will be returning to the site in the spring to make observations," Hindle said.

Hindle and Thoren agree that succulent and sedum plants perform well on green roofs. Succulents retain water and are adapted to arid climates and soils. Sedums are stonecrops, species of succulents that grow well in rocky substrate. Only two sedum species were planted at the test site.

Hindle is interested in testing and promoting regional green roofs. "The Eugene area is ripe with individuals who care about buying local," he said. "I would like to build

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green roofs with local materials and plant local species."

The first two years of the ecoroof's life, the establishment period, is crucial for long-term success. There is some debate about the level of maintenance necessary after the establishment period, ranging from consistent watering to none at all, and Hindle says that weeding is optional.

There are financial incentives the city of Eugene may provide by way of reduced system development charges for storm water. For more information on these incentives visit www.eugene-or.gov/greenbuilding

Thoren and Hindle recommend consulting with an engineer and landscape architect prior to any green roof installment.

March is ecoroof month in Portland, and the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services is offering free tours of some of the 271 (covering 12.75 acres) ecoroofs in and around the city. Visit www.portlandonline.com for more information and register for tours; and to see one of Eugene's green roofs in action, head over to SeQuential Biofuels, off the 30th Avenue exit.

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