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## **ATCO starts green roof improvements**

In support of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC initiative and with the help of a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), ATCO Properties & Management is about to make good on its commitment to improve environmental performance at its Midtown South office building 381 Park Avenue South.

Extensive green roof construction is about to begin that will reduce storm water run-off—over 116,906 gallons per year—that normally goes into the municipal sewer system.

Additionally, the property's new green roof will reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and heat island effects experienced by similar types of buildings in the city.

Serving as installation contractor for the project is Sustainable South Bronx, a community-based non-profit dedicated to promoting environmental solutions that create jobs, and economic solutions that are better for our environment.

Said SSBx executive director Miquela Craytor, commented, "It is our mission to champion projects such as this, which lead to holistic environmental and economic change while creating immediate job opportunities for fellow New Yorkers."

The DEP's 2011 Green Infrastructure Grant Program has awarded approximately \$3.8 million to 15 private property owners, businesses and not-for-profit organizations across the city to fund green infrastructure projects. The program is designed to lessen combined sewer overflows and improve the water quality in New York Harbor.