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Considerations For Green Roofs

During the past several years, there has been increasing interest in the use of vegetative, green roof systems in the U. S. This follows years of use in some European countries.

Although green roof systems are gaining popularity, there are few credible guidelines or requirements governing the design and application of green roof systems in the U.S.

Code requirements

The model building codes, International Building Code (IBC) and NFPA 5000: Building

Construction and Safety Code, are largely silent on the topic of green roof systems. In fact, the only direct statement regarding green roof systems is in IBC's Chapter 16-Structural Design, where Section 1607.11.2.3-Landscape

Roofs indicates, "Where roof are to be landscaped, the areas shall be 220 psf (0.958 kn/m²). The weight of the landscaping materials shall be considered as dead load and shall be computed on the basis of saturation of the soil."

It can be interpreted that the model codes' prescriptive requirements for conventional roof coverings also may apply to the waterproofing layers of green roof systems. However, it is unclear whether the model codes' performance requirements are adaptable to green roof systems,

particularly the codes' fire- and wind-resistance requirements.

Conventional roof systems sometimes are required to resist interior fire exposure and often are required to resist exterior fire exposure. Although designing green roof systems for interior fire exposure is readily possible, designing green roof systems for exterior fire exposure currently is impractical if not impossible. For a roof system to resist exterior fire exposure the topmost surface of the roof system is critical. In green roof systems, the topmost surface often is grasses, plants, shrubbery or other organic matter, which are relatively highly combustible. Also, the combustibility of these media largely depends on their moisture contents-dryer materials will be more combustible than wetter materials

Similarly, for wind resistance, the model codes require conventional roof systems to resist wind pressure based on design wind speeds. Also, the codes place restrictions of the use of loose roof surfacing, such as roofing aggregate and ballast, to prevent wind borne debris during high winds. For green roof systems, though it is possible to design the

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President's Message



During tight economic times, companies make certain cuts in their expenses. One of the first to be dropped is membership dues in associations. We think in the long term, that is a mistake. However, while associations across the state and across the country are witnessing their membership rolls

diminish, our member base has held its own, staying at about seventy members throughout this period of time. While we may lose one or two members, more companies are lined up to join.

We think that is because of our basic philosophy that members must get value for their dues. We offer roofing contractors CE credits, which are a mandatory requirement for license renewal, at no cost. They attend a monthly meeting and for the cost of the meal only, they receive one hour of CE credit. For our supplier, distributor and manufacturing members, we offer numerous networking opportunities to conduct business or to introduce themselves and/or products. Additionally, we are in constant contact with building officials to advance the member interests. We try to keep our members informed on new and changing developments with respect to codes, requirements, building department changes, etc. We have developed a web site that would serve members better by allowing members to download roofing requirements and permit forms from the various municipalities. We take a stand with municipalities or the county on issues which will cost our members money. Membership in our organization is a valuable asset and seventy companies seem to agree.

We are also mindful that during tight economic times, sponsorship money may dwindle, but not with our loyal suppliers, distributors and manufacturers.

During our spring golf tournament, our sponsors provided close to \$7,000 for the Leann White Foundation to help with the extraordinary expenses of a fellow roofing industry member in getting his daughter a lung transplant.

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We have just completed our yearly BBQ and preliminary figures indicate we may reach the \$7,000 sponsorship mark again thanks to the hard work of Bill Kirkland, Unlimited Roofing and Sheet Metal. The BBQ is the most labor intensive event we hold. Beginning preparations start days in advance and lead into a day that progresses from early morning to early evening that includes standing in the hot sun over an immense grill cooking the food. Bill is seen at the grill for the entire time with his helpers accommodating all who attend. Bill also spent time contacting potential sponsors which made the event a financial success. Those who attended can attest to the success of all aspects of the BBQ from food to children's programs to volley ball contests.

"Membership in the Palm Beach County Roofing & Sheet Metal Contractors' Association does not cost, IT PAYS".

Sincerely,
Drew Duncan
President

October Events

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- Forest County Club October 9th
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Over 200 people attended our annual picnic BBQ at Ocean Cay Park this year and enjoyed a delightful day filled with good food, cold drinks, games for adults and kids, and our famous ice cones. One added attraction was the jump house set up for kids where the laughter could be heard around the park. Hard work by Bill Kirkland and his chicken plucking crew enabled our members, their families and employees to have a great time enjoying the music, laughter and congenial fellowship.



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waterproofing layer to be wind resistant, it is difficult to design green roofs' surfacings to be wind-resistant, particularly when considering the codes' wind borne debris restrictions

Closing thoughts

Although interest and popularity of green roof systems is growing in the U.S., additional information and guidance regarding their use is necessary.

I encourage those manufacturers who are promoting green roof products and systems to consider the applicable building code issues and provide appropriate compliance guidance to designers and installers of green roof systems,

Also, I encourage FM Approvals and Underwriters Laboratories Inc., on which the roofing industry relies heavily for fire and wind resistance guidance, to begin to consider green roof systems and provide appropriate guidance to roofing professionals. A specific item needing to be addressed is whether existing test methods are appropriate for determining the fire and wind, respectively, waterproofing membrane layers covered with green roofing materials.

ASTM International's Subcommittee B06.71 on Sustainability currently is developing several standards that will apply to designing green roof systems. If you actively are involved with green roof systems, I encourage you to become involved in this ASTM subcommittee. **Additional information is available on ASTM's Web site, www.astm.org.**

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