

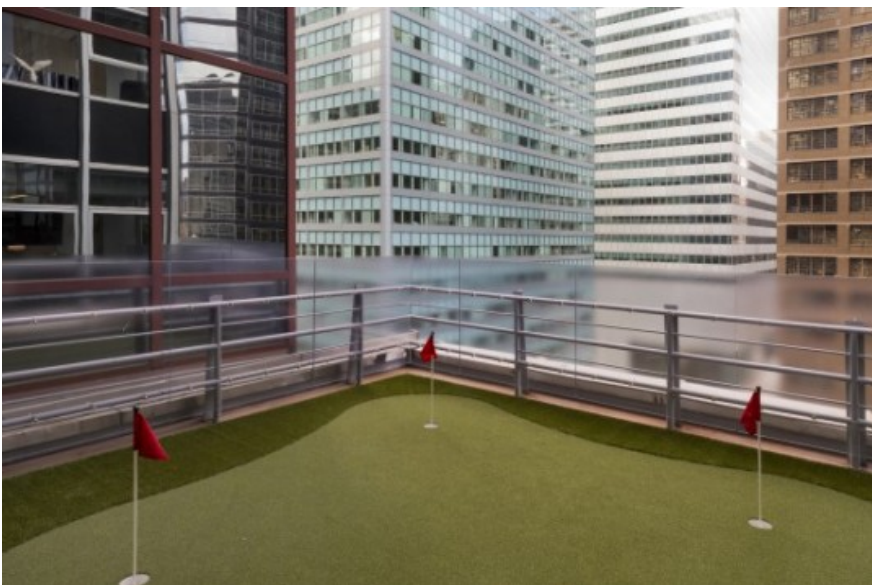
# Private Golf Green and Rooftop Oasis Redefine Work and Play at a Midtown Office Building

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Wouldn't it be nice to escape your grey cubicle for a moment and step out onto a beautiful rooftop oasis like this one? That's exactly the luxury that this 7,000 square foot [green roof](#), which was designed by [HM White Site Architects](#) and installed by [New York Green Roofs](#), gives to employees at midtown Manhattan's historic Western Publishing Building. Click through the gallery to see more of this incredible project, which even includes a private putting green.



Created as a contemporary [garden terrace](#) for Shorenstein Properties' new corporate offices, the green roof features a plant collection consisting of several grasses, shrubs and perennials integrated with ipe decking. The rooftop also boasts a 3-hole putting green and an undulating meadow landscape that contrasts with the metropolitan background.

Wrapping around the building's glass windows, the garden is also enjoyable from inside the [office](#), creating a feeling of serenity in the midst of city hustle and bustle. Flowering trees were placed structurally in specific locations for both visual aesthetics and to merge interior office space with the landscape.

The automated drip [irrigation system](#) maintains the holistic integrity of the plant community. According to [Architect Magazine](#), the entire garden was carefully engineered to knit in with building infrastructure to prevent potential wind uplift, accommodate significant weight restrictions and support a sophisticated, multi-seasonal plant palette tolerant of extreme growing conditions.