

# HYDROTECH HYDROLOGY TOOL



## Hydrotech's Hydrology Tool (HHT) is an industry first.

Building sites and the structures on them cannot be developed without accounting for their overall stormwater impact on the surrounding region, with respect to the volume of water runoff as well as water quality. Green roofs are widely recognized for their stormwater management benefits and are now being utilized by design teams in their green infra-structure efforts. Currently there is little (if any) data available to assist an architect or engineer in their assessment of a green roof specific contribution...until now.

Recognizing the lack of accurate and quantifiable information in the marketplace, Hydrotech developed a hydrologic tool specific to our Garden Roof® Assembly, based on known and accepted means and methods for the design team to utilize in developing green infrastructure concepts for any given site.

This tool calculates how the Garden Roof® Assembly affects stormwater runoff volumes, the rate at which it slows water that does run off the roof, long and short term simulations and the potential for L.E.E.D. compliance.

All of these are calculated by utilizing site specific storm events, as well as other unique regional climatic conditions.

The HHT will provide a design team and/or owner with an array of project specific stormwater data based on the selected Garden Roof® Assembly components utilizing their particular performance characteristics. As more agencies and municipalities across the country begin to adopt green roofs as an effective green infrastructure tool, it is critical to be able to definitively show how a given roof can be integrated into a project's over-all requirements, goals, and/or restrictions.

## Why are vegetative roofs effective green infrastructure tools?

They...

- Intercept and retain rainfall and delay runoff
- Decrease run-off into combined storm/sewer systems (CSO's)
- Decrease sediment and soil erosion into waterways
- Reduce non-point source pollution (oils, gasoline, fertilizers, etc.)
- Absorb airborne toxins and particulate matter that are destined for waterways.



## How will the HHT benefit the design team?

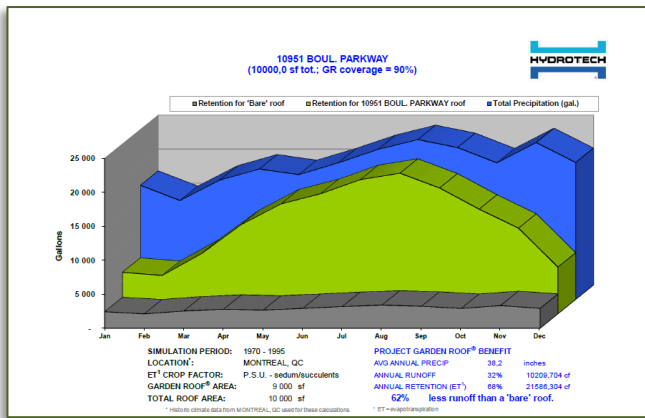
It will...

- Help the design team address and meet local and project specific green infrastructure and stormwater management requirements
- Prove compliance with project specific L.E.E.D. requirements
- Prove Hydrotech's Garden Roof® Assembly performance by accounting for local climatic and assembly variations
- Determine the "real life" retention/detention abilities of the Garden Roof® Assembly
- Reduce or eliminate dollars spent on retention/detention ponds, cisterns and bio-swales

## How can the HHT meet the project specific requirements?

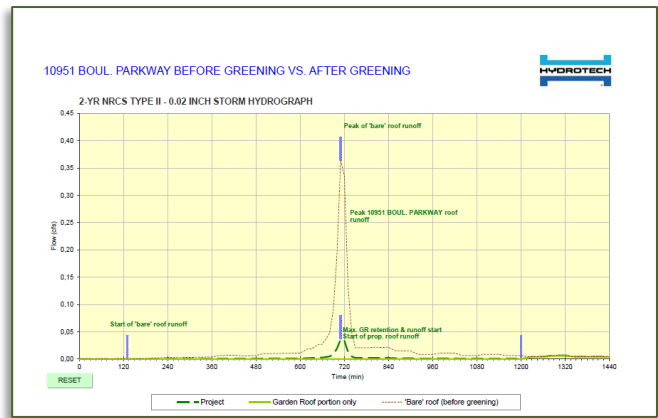
By using established means and methods to meet project specific requirements, the HHT can provide the following information...

- **24 hour storm event evaluations (TR55)**
  - Provides a composite Curve Number for both vegetative and non-vegetative roof surfaces
  - Predicts retention and runoff volumes
  - Provides anticipated lag time (the time at which water begins to flow off the roof, compared to a typical "bare" roof)
- **Short duration storm events (Rational Method)**
  - Provides a composite C-factor (runoff coefficient) to help size drains/pipes, detention/retention ponds, cisterns, etc.
  - Predicts peak flow (how fast water is leaving the roof)
- **Long term storm evaluations**
  - Predicts long term and short term retention, run-off and evaporation values
  - Effectively compares a Garden Roof® to a "bare" roof
- **Help to establish L.E.E.D. compliance**
  - L.E.E.D. SS 6.1 & SS 6.2



Long Term Performance

Comparison of retention on a "bare" roof, Garden Roof® and a total rainfall



Hydrograph

Graphically depicting the "peak flow" of this roof

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