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Center for Active Design Excellence Recognizes Capital Roots' Urban Grow Center

Troy – Capital Roots, the 40-year-old regional non-profit dedicated to nourishing healthy communities through fresh food and green space, continues to draw attention to Troy's renaissance. The Urban Grow Center, Capital Roots' innovative office and food hub recently won an international design award that recognizes the impact of architecture and public spaces on community health.

Capital Roots joined companies like Google and projects from as far away as China to be recognized by the Center for Active Design. The Urban Grow Center received a 2016 Excellence Award for design that encouraged biking and walking, an onsite produce market and its support of neighborhood development.

Award juror Mayor Chris Coleman (Saint Paul, MN) said the Urban Grow Center, "Encourages healthy behavior not only among those in the building, but also in the surrounding community. It capitalizes on its central location, offering a crucial neighborhood asset that's responding to community needs."

Envision Architects and Project Manager Jay Stasack were responsible for building design, Greco Construction LLC was the general contractor, but the Grow Center owes much to the staff who spearhead the project, the dozens of community members and artists who participated in its planning and construction.

"To have Capital Roots mentioned in the same sentence as Google is saying enough already," said Capital Roots Executive Director, Amy Klein. "I am so gratified to have Capital Roots and the City of Troy recognized worldwide."

Capital Roots Executive Director Amy Klein and Grow Center Planner Matthew Schueler will accept the award at a ceremony held October 28 in New York City.

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Capital Roots is a 40-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with 51 Community Gardens, the Veggie Mobile® produce markets, Healthy Stores, the Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more. Capital Roots is headquartered at the Urban Grow Center in Troy, a regional facility focused on urban agriculture and produce distribution to four counties. Learn more at www.capitalroots.org.



Capital Roots Headquarters located at 594 River Street, Troy NY.