



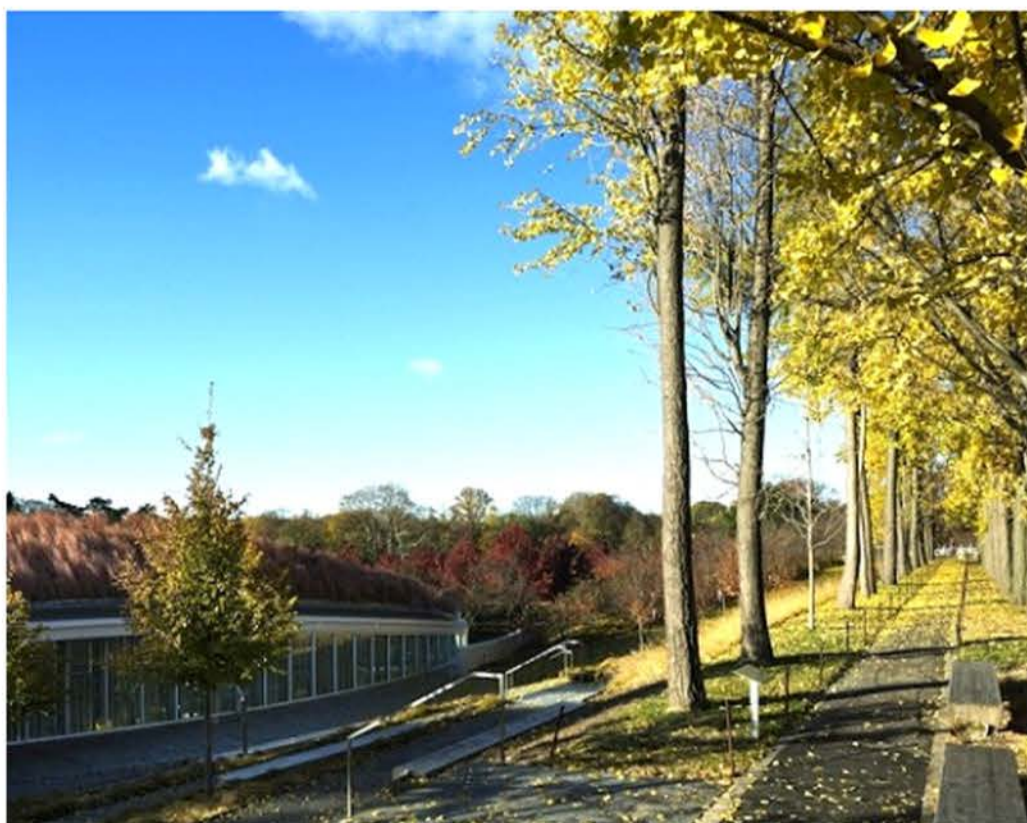
## 8 Gorgeous Urban Rooftop Gardens Hidden Across NYC

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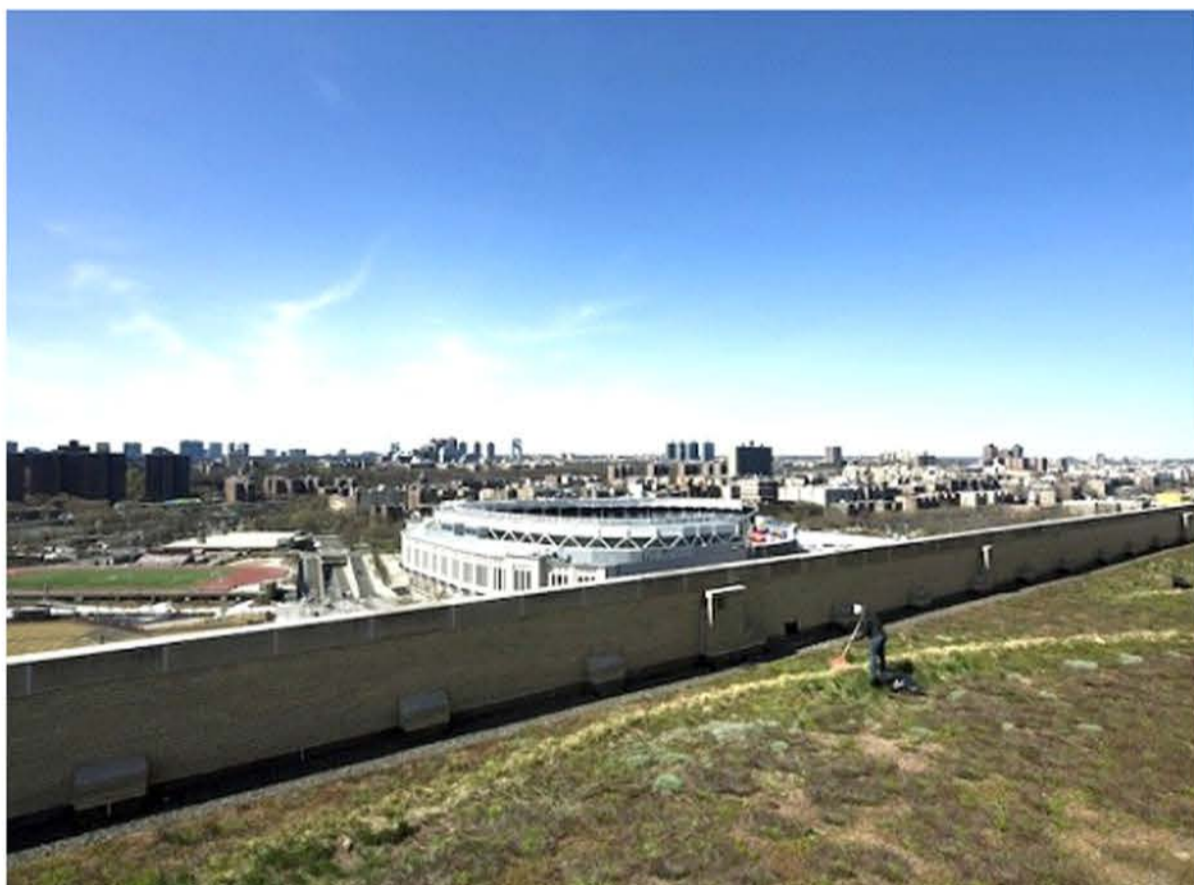
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### Brooklyn Botanic Garden Visitor Center

900 Washington Ave., Brooklyn

Completed in 2011, the 9,400-square-foot green roof that tops the [Brooklyn Botanic Garden Visitor Center](#) is a leading example of a successful, multifunctional living roof. Planted with 40,000 native grasses and flowers, this curvilinear roof meadow provides habitat, filters rainwater runoff, and helps insulate the building below. The green roof excellently captures the rich textures of a meadow plant palette as it changes through the seasons.



### Bronx County Courthouse

851 Grand Concourse, Bronx

There's a giant gem of a living roof in the [South Bronx](#), but you've likely never heard of it because of its location behind a 10-foot parapet wall. Guarded by high-security checkpoints and tall walls, this hidden green roof may lack the stunning views enjoyed on other rooftops, but it does hold the distinction of being the first extensive green roof in the South Bronx.



### 5 Boro Green Roof Garden

New York City Parks Department Five Borough Administration Building, Randall's Island

The 5 Boro Green Roof Garden is the fifth-largest living roof in New York City. Featuring 30 different green roof systems side by side—possibly the only setup of its kind in the world—this massive rooftop landscape serves as a living roof laboratory that grows a variety of sedum, fruits, vegetables, herbs and berries. Visitors can see the multi-system green roof, including its [solar panels](#) and rainwater collection system, by setting up a prearranged tour with the New York City Parks Department.

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