The Chicago Wheat Prairie

Project Design by Omni Ecosystems

A pastoral wheat prairie sits atop a historic three-story building in Chicago, bringing amber waves to the heart of the city. This project is the work of a team of architects and ecologists led by Omni Ecosystems and garnered a Green Roof and Wall Award of Excellence. The winter wheat is one of fifty different incorporated prairie plant species providing an ecosystem for a variety of wildlife (and humans). The initial wheat harvest resulted in sixty-six pounds of high quality, hyperlocal whole wheat pastry flour.

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