



"After 56 years in landscaping we've had some unusual requests. But never before had we been asked to landscape an exposed roof in the middle of a city.

"The roof was on the third story of the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit. All the materials had to be lifted by crane. We had to create an artificial ground. We put over 1,000 tons of stone down . . . covered that with a matted fiber and topped it with 6" of topsoil. Then we laid almost 3 acres of sod up here. Of course a good irrigation system had to be installed.

"When we chose the grasses for the sod, there were several things we were looking for: First it had to be a great-looking grass. Then it had to be tough enough to survive under the artificial conditions. And we knew we'd have to keep good color, so it had to be disease resistant even with heavy fertilization.

"We chose to use Baron in our mix. And it's given us all we expected and more. We never expected this turf to be taking the abuse it is. Jogging, dancing, concerts, you name it. And since we maintain these grounds too, it's still up to us to keep it looking good. It's not easy under these adverse conditions, but it's a lot easier with Baron."



"baron **GAVE US EVEN MORE THAN WE EXPECTED ON THE ROOF OF DETROIT'S RENAISSANCE CENTER"**

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