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PITTSBURGH'S FIRST GREEN ROOF BUS SHELTER COMES TO EAST LIBERTY

(PITTSBURGH, PA) December 7, 2011—During the week of December 12, a bus shelter with a green roof will be installed on Penn Avenue at North Whitfield Street in the East Liberty neighborhood. The green roof will help reduce air and water pollution, create a protected habitat for biodiversity in the urban landscape and educate the community on green infrastructure practices.

"Most green roofs are only seen by a few people, but this bus shelter will be visible at street level to thousands of people every day," said Katherine Camp, Planning Coordinator at East Liberty Development, Inc (ELDI).

ELDI coordinated the project in conjunction with many partners. The green roof bus shelter was supported in part by the Spring Program, an initiative of The Sprout Fund in partnership with The Pittsburgh Foundation.

East Liberty has become a pilot site for green infrastructure within the City of Pittsburgh, and has also been recognized for many innovative green projects over the past five years.

"Through street trees, residential rain gardens, rain barrels and now green roofs, we continue to demonstrate, on a local level, the positive environmental and economic impact that green infrastructure can have on our communities," said Loralyn Fabian, Sustainable Design Coordinator at ELDI.

The green roof bus shelter is a step towards the goals outlined in the East Liberty Community Plan to revitalize the neighborhood's commercial core through beautification and green infrastructure. More information about the green roof bus shelter will be available at www.eastliberty.org/greenroofs.

East Liberty Development, Inc. is a community development corporation in Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood. The mission of ELDI is to foster the revitalization of the East Liberty community. In order to bring about this positive change, ELDI works in collaboration with neighborhood stakeholders in the areas of Planning, Advocacy, Facilitation and Investment.

Spring is a program of The Sprout Fund supporting local biodiversity initiatives that inspire greater stewardship of our region's natural resources. Supported by The Pittsburgh Foundation, Spring catalyzes community-based projects that positively impact biodiversity in Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities of Southwestern Pennsylvania. The Sprout Fund enriches the Pittsburgh region's vitality by engaging citizens, amplifying voices, supporting creativity and innovation, and cultivating connected communities. Founded in 2001, Sprout facilitates community-led solutions to regional challenges and supports efforts to create a thriving, progressive, and culturally diverse region.