

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (D-NY-28) announced that \$3.24 million in federal stimulus funds for the Monroe County Civic Center Plaza as part of a Green Innovation Grant Program. The funds will be used to construct a green roof to help control heavy rain and flooding.

The green roof will be constructed on the plaza level of the Monroe County Civic Center. Green roofs are often planted with grass, shrubs and other greenery on top of a waterproofing membrane and help reduce heating and cooling loads, filter pollutants and greenhouse gases out of the air, and reduce stormwater runoff.

"When we passed the stimulus package in February, we made it clear that part of what we wanted to do was invest in a new more environmentally sustainable economy," said Slaughter. "Western New York pioneered clean energy in Niagara Falls a century ago. I'm pleased to see this project in Rochester continue in that tradition."

To date, projects in Monroe County are set to receive at least \$66 million dollars in federal stimulus money going towards projects ranging from extending credit to small businesses, increasing access to education and supporting the arts in a time of decreasing private contributions.

This new funding for the civic center is a part of the Green Innovation Grant Program in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The program supports up to 90 percent of eligible project costs for the installation of innovative, cost-cutting solutions for progressive water conservation, energy efficiency technologies to drinking water and clean water infrastructure. Projects range from the development and implementation of water conservation strategies to street greening and stormwater management.

For more on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in Western New York [click here](#) .