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**THE DESIGN TRUST FOR PUBLIC SPACE AWARDS 2011 PHOTO URBANISM
FELLOWSHIP TO ROB STEPHENSON FOR THE PROJECT
*FROM ROOF TO TABLE: NEW YORK CITY'S GROWING MOVEMENT***



The Design Trust for Public Space announces that emerging New York photographer Rob Stephenson was selected from 60 applicants as the winner of the 2011 Photo Urbanism fellowship for his project *From Roof to Table: New York City's Growing Movement*.

NEW YORK, NY (June 17, 2011) – The Design Trust for Public Space is pleased to announce that emerging photographer Rob Stephenson is the winner of the 2011 Photo Urbanism fellowship. The Photo Urbanism fellowship supports the production of a discrete body of work that explores particular qualities of New York City's public realm by providing a \$5,000 stipend, public presentation, and publication of the work at the conclusion of the project. For the 2011 fellowship cycle applicants were asked to submit proposals about urban agriculture in New York City.

Rob Stephenson's ambitious project, *From Roof to Table*, "is an effort to create a comprehensive visual document of the different approaches to implementing a sustainable food system in New York City." Mr. Stephenson "will look at all forms of urban agriculture including community gardens, rooftop farms, greenhouses and aquaculture," and "demonstrate how traditional methods of agriculture have been adopted to succeed in an urban environment." Mr. Stephenson's proposal grew out of an interest in the tension between natural and built environments, and was particularly influenced by *Legacy: The Preservation of Wilderness in New York City Parks*, a three-year project he worked on with photographer Joel Meyerowitz commissioned by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation.

From Roof to Table was selected by a distinguished jury that included: **Larry Lederman**, photographer; **Gita Nandan**, designer, thread collective, and Design Trust Fellow for *Five Borough Farm*; **Annabelle Selldorf**, principal, Selldorf Architects, and Design Trust trustee; **Varick Shute**, managing editor, Urban Omnibus; and **Jonathan Smith**, photographer, and former Photo Urbanism fellow.

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