



Project Highlight

Cincinnati/Union Rural Electric

Working with our client's landscape architecture firm, JFNew applied low impact development principles to manage stormwater for Union Rural Electric's corporate headquarters expansion--a LEED-Gold Certified building--in Ohio.

[Read More](#)



JFNewTube: Restore a Shore

Watch the JFNew Michigan team restore a shoreline in less than two minutes! Watch the [Video](#). More about JFNew's [Ecosystem Restoration Services](#).

Upcoming JFNew Webinars

- Recent Changes to Michigan Wetlands Regulations: March 31.
[Register](#)

Managing stormwater as a resource is part of JFNew's commitment to be stewards of the environment. This issue of our newsletter highlights how low-impact development techniques, like rain gardens and bioswales, can capture, use, and improve stormwater quality before it goes into a treatment system, a water body, or the ground. The JFNew Native Plant Nursery has several rain garden demonstration areas -- contact us at nurserysales@ifnew.com for a guided tour.

We hope you are having a successful start to the growing season and enjoying the beginning of spring.

Thank you for your interest in JFNew.



Will Ditzler, CEO and President

- Wildlife Hazard Assessment for Airports: April 7. [Register](#)
- Site Inspection for Native Plant Specification: April 14. [Register](#)

Published Articles

In last month's newsletter we reported that "Assessing The Impacts Of Siting In Sensitive Areas," by JFNew's Ryan Duddleson and Megan Lewis, was published in the February 2010 issue of [North American Windpower](#).

You can now [download this article](#).
More on [Cultural Resource Management](#).

Upcoming Events

Kelly Rice is speaking March 23 on "Native Landscaping for Sustainable Development and LEED Credits" at the [Nichols Green Facilities Conference](#).

Join Steve Barker and key local decision makers April 27 and 28 at the Calumet Summit, to help identify priorities for improving the Calumet area's open spaces. Get [more information](#) on the summit.

Find out about [other upcoming events](#).

Awards

Hidden Oaks Nature Center, located in Bolingbrook, IL, recently received an [Award of Merit for Green Building](#) from *Midwest Construction*. JFNew designed the sanitary wastewater treatment system, which includes a small aeration chamber, a treatment wetland with 80 percent flow recycle, and a drip irrigation drain field.

Nursery News

Read the latest news from JFNew's Native Plant Nursery.
[Nursery Newsletter](#)

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Legislative & Regulatory Update

Federal

In February the **White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)** proposed new National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidance to incorporate greenhouse gas emissions and climate change considerations into impact assessments and to revise other functional elements of NEPA. [Read more](#).

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District announced that consultants now need to complete the Endangered, Threatened and Rare species consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a part of 404 permit submittals, Nationwide Permit authorizations, and any other wetland permitting. The goal is to shorten the review process.

The form is [available online](#)

State

Projects in **Indiana** that qualify for Programmatic Coordination for Threatened and Endangered Species under the 1993 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** and the **Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)** need to refer to the "conditions," as listed in the agreement, as "recommendations" from the USFWS when entering the data into the commitments database. [Read more](#).

Local

Porter County, Indiana, recently revised their landscaping standards and guidelines, placing more emphasis on LID and habitat preservation. JFNew contributed to this update, in conjunction with Wolff Landscape Architects.

Funding Opportunities

President Obama has proposed \$475 million for the **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**, to be executed from 2010 through 2014. Learn more about [the initiative](#). Read the entire [action plan](#)

Proposals are also being accepted for the **Endangered Species** portion of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Program, administered

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by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Up to \$2 million will be available for grants. [Learn more.](#)

Funding is also available for the **Upper Mississippi and Great Lakes Region** Joint Venture Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Joint Venture grants. Up to \$2 million will be available. [Learn more.](#)

Ohio EPA is soliciting proposals for Clean Water Act Section 319 grants for nonpoint source pollution management projects. Approximately \$3 million will be made available. Deadline for submitting grant applications is May 14, 2010. [Application and more information.](#)

New Information

Resources

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Northcentral Northeast Region Interim Regional Supplement to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual is [now available](#) in its final version.

Earth Day: April 22nd



What are you doing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day? JFNew will be at the State of Michigan's Earth Day celebration at the state government office building in Lansing, giving away more than 500 native plants provided by the Jimmy F. New Foundation, allowing students to plant plugs at their schools. Our nursery has also donated plants to the Conservation Foundation's Earth Day Auction. See [what you can do](#) to celebrate this annual event.

Jimmy F. New Foundation Grants



In the first quarter of 2010 the Jimmy F. New Foundation donated more than \$5,000 in grants to conservation projects in the Great Lakes Region.

The foundation's mission is to provide resources to increase the knowledge, awareness, and conservation of our native habitats and natural communities. [Read more.](#)

Workshop and Conference Recaps

Landscaping with Rain Gardens: The ABC's of Design and Construction

JFNew's Bruce Behan and featured presenter Rusty Schmidt spoke to more than 100 attendees on designing and installing rain gardens. [Read more.](#)
[Learn more about rain gardens.](#)

Native Plants in Northern Colorado

JFNew's Lynn Cudlip and Ryan Allison spoke at the High Plains Environmental Center (HPEC) in Loveland, Colorado, on native plant landscapes in Northern Colorado. [Read more.](#)

World Wetlands Day



In connection with their work on the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, JFNew's Rod Ginter, Nick Gressick, and Kelly Rice attended the [World Wetlands Day](#) celebration at Carlson High School in Gibraltar, Michigan. [Humbug Marsh](#), Michigan's first wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, was recognized.