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Project Highlight: Great Miami Mitigation Bank

JFNew was instrumental in the development of the Great Miami Mitigation Bank, which opened for business November 12, 2010. It is the first wetland mitigation bank in southwest Ohio, and the only stream mitigation bank in Ohio to provide 1:1 stream restoration credits. JFNew provided full-service consulting expertise, from site selection, permitting, and site design to implementation and monitoring. [Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events

[IPRA Annual Meeting](#), Chicago, Jan. 28

[OPRA Conference & Trade Show](#), Cincinnati, Feb. 9-11

[Wisconsin Wetlands Association's Annual Conference](#), Baraboo, WI, Feb. 16

[Upper Midwest Stream Restoration Symposium](#), Oconomowoc, WI, Feb. 27-Mar. 2

Message from the President

As we kick off 2011, we are very thankful for our employees, clients, and all the opportunities we had in 2010. We had an outstanding year on all accounts, with record sales and financial performance, our highest ever employee satisfaction rating, our best year on safety metrics, and another strong client satisfaction rating of more than 9 on a 10 scale. These are the core of our balanced score card metrics and mission statement, so we are very thankful for our team's performance in a challenging economy.

As of December 31, 2010, we are now a member of the Cardno Limited family of companies, and we are excited about this merger in so many respects. More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters, and we look forward to continuing to serve our clients and meet our mission as a part of the Cardno team. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions on how we can best serve your needs and thank you for your interest in JFNew.



- Will Ditzler, President

JFNew Officially Joins Cardno Ltd. Team

JFNew is now a part of Cardno Ltd, an Australian-based family of companies with United States headquarters in Portland, Oregon. Will Ditzler, President of JFNew, will be visiting Australia in March as a part of Cardno's Global Leadership Conference. [Learn more.](#)



Cardno Ltd. Receives EBJ Gold Medal for Mergers and Acquisitions

The *Environmental Business Journal* has awarded Cardno Ltd. its 2010 Gold Medal for Business Achievement: Mergers and Acquisitions for its expanded presence this past year in the U.S. environmental consulting and remediation market. [Learn more.](#)



Top 10 Nursery Plants of 2010

The JFNew Native Plant Nursery has developed their "top 10 of 2010" plant list, based on total volume sold last year. Blue flag (*Iris virginica*) tops the list, followed by sandbar willow (*Salix interior*) and little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*).

[Great Lakes Commission Semi Annual Conference](#), Washington DC, Feb. 28-Mar. 2

[2011 APA-WI / WI-ASLA Annual Conference](#), Milwaukee, Mar. 9-10

[Great Lakes Wind Collaborative](#), Indianapolis, Mar. 9-10

[Full Calendar](#)

Nursery News

The JFNew Native Plant Nursery has developed information sheets describing two bioengineering products, the vegetated coir log and RootCarpet™. Read more about how to integrate these products into restoration work.

[Vegetated Coir Log](#)
[RootCarpet™](#)

[Learn more about the JFNew Native Plant Nursery](#)

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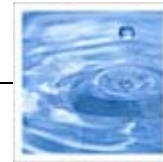
Asian Carp Bill Passes U.S. Senate

The U.S. Senate has passed S.1421, the Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act, which seeks to add the bighead carp species of Asian carp to a list of injurious species prohibited from being imported or shipped in the United States under the Lacey Act. [Learn more.](#)



New Water Resources Campaign in Chicago Region

The Metropolitan Planning Council and Openlands recently launched a multiyear, multimedia communications campaign to raise awareness about the value of water throughout Northwestern Indiana and Northeastern Illinois. [Learn more.](#)



Exceptional Nursery Service Cited by KIB

On October 7, as part of the 2010 Lilly Global Day of Service, more than 8,500 volunteers planted more than 1,600 trees and 72,000 native plants and shrubs as part of a Keep Indianapolis Beautiful event. JFNew provided more than 33,000 grasses and perennials for this major beautification effort, going "above and beyond" expectations. [Learn more.](#)



JFNew Upcoming Presentations

Look for JFNew Nursery and Services team members making presentations at upcoming conferences and meetings across the region.

For a list of presentations, [see below.](#)



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Awards

The Illinois chapter of the ASLA has selected the Porter County, Indiana, Landscape Standards and Guidelines to receive a 2010 Honor Award. Created by Wolff Landscape Architecture in partnership with JFNew and The Care of Trees, the project will be recognized April 8 at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.



Recent Presentations

Stu Kogge, PWS, presented "Best Management Practices for Erosion Along Rivers" on December 8, to the [Two Rivers Coalition](#), a non-profit, citizen-based group focused on improving water quality in the Black River and Paw Paw River watersheds in southwestern Michigan.

Kelly Rice, PWS, presented "Creating a Native Landscape for Sustainable Development & LEED Credits" at the West Michigan Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council's "CE Palooza" event December 10 at Grand Rapids Community College.

Scott Dierks, PE and Kelly Rice presented on January 21 and 22 at "The Science, Practice & Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems

2011," held at the Kellogg Conference Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Scott presented "Ecosystem Engineers: The Voodoo that Plants Do" and Kelly presented "Restoring Native Landscapes Amidst Ordinance Restrictions."

Upcoming Presentations

Mark O'Brien, Vice President and JFNew Native Plant Nursery Director, is presenting "Sustainable Design with Native Plants" and Jason Fritz, JFNew Native Plant Nursery Sales Manager, is presenting "Introduction to Social Media" January 24 at the [Central Environmental Nursery Trade Show \(CENTS\)](#).

Jens Jensen, Ecological Resource Specialist II, is presenting about creating a rain garden on February 8 at the Verona, Wisconsin, public library. He is also speaking on low-impact development on March 9 at the [2011 APA-WI / WI-ASLA Annual Conference](#) in Milwaukee.

Joel Thrash, CPESC, LEED-GA and Senior Ecological Resource Specialist, is presenting "Stream and Wetland Mitigation Banking" on February 10 at the [OPRA Conference & Trade Show](#).

Dan Salas, Senior Ecological Resource Specialist, is presenting "Stream Restoration and Wetland Preservation along the Blue Valley Tributary to the West Branch Sugar River" and "Conservation Planning Within a Landscape Context: Lessons from the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge" February 16 and 17 at the [Wisconsin Wetlands Association's Annual Conference](#).

Chris Kline, Central Region Director, is attending the [Great Lakes Commission Semi Annual Conference](#) and participating in the Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Day lobby effort February 28 to March 2 in Washington, DC. Chris will be meeting with key legislators and Congressional staff to discuss Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act issues.

Jeremy Sheets, Ecological Resource Specialist, is presenting "Acoustic Surveys at Wind Farms: Applying Perceived Occupancy Models to Assess Bat Use of Different Habitats" on March 9 at the [Great Lakes Wind Collaborative](#) in Indianapolis.

Careers

Learn about [JFNew career opportunities](#).

Publications and Research Projects

[Read](#) the January 2011 white paper, "Bat Impact Assessment Techniques: A Guide for Developers."

Appointments

Joe von Wahlde was elected to a one-year term on the board of the [Two Rivers Coalition](#) in southwestern Michigan.

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