

## Commercial Corner

**JJR Wins Three ASLA Awards, Including Award of Excellence for Concordia University Lakefront** – The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Wisconsin Chapter, presented JJR with three planning and design awards in June, including the ASLA's highest award for professional work. A Connecticut-based jury gave Analysis and Planning Merit awards to JJR's plans for Soo Line Ore Dock Park in Ashland, Wisconsin, and the Dillon Waterfront and Marina in Dillon, Colorado. The Award of Excellence for Design was given to Concordia University Wisconsin's Lakeshore Environmental Enhancement and Education Project. A total of four awards were given out this year by Wisconsin ASLA.

### Concordia's Lakeshore Environmental Enhancement and Education Project



stabilized the university's crumbling and inaccessible Lake Michigan bluff and turned it into a recreational and educational resource. Students, faculty and the general public now enjoy full access to the restored shoreline, beaches and diverse habitat areas for hiking, fishing, swimming, wildlife observation and other educational pursuits. When the LEED-certified Center for Environmental Stewardship is completed, Concordia's lakeshore will serve as a benchmark for sustainable restoration and research on the Great Lakes. This innovative project received the Award of Excellence, the highest award an ASLA jury can bestow.

**The Soo Line Ore Dock Park plan** was the winning entry in a city-sponsored design competition to transform an iconic Lake Superior iron-ore dock into a public park celebrating Ashland's industrial and maritime heritage.

Located at more than 9,000 feet above sea level, Dillon, Colorado's waterfront is on a pristine mountain reservoir that

supplies much of the city of Denver's drinking water. JJR's plan for the Dillon Waterfront and Marina protects this vital resource while improving tourism potential, marina function and community use and interconnection. JJR ([www.jjr-us.com](http://www.jjr-us.com)) creates great places and spaces, effects a positive change in people's lives, promotes sustainability and provides excellence in design and technical solutions. JJR is a nationally recognized leader in landscape architecture, planning, urban design, civil engineering and environmental science with offices in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; Madison, Wisconsin; Phoenix, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.

**DAAR Engineering, Inc.**, a multi-disciplinary civil engineering firm, has recently strengthened its planning services team with the addition of **Mark Nolan, AICP**. Mark is a certified planner and senior planning manager for DAAR and possesses more than 16 years of experience in the fields of urban and transportation planning, design, engineering and architecture. His project experience includes major urban multimodal transportation corridor planning and design, urban and suburban neighborhood and transit station planning and analyses of major industrial project impacts on land use and transportation policy. Mark brings a variety of skills and knowledge at a wide range of project scales, including conceptual and preliminary alternatives design, project management, the community participation and presentation processes and planning for sustainability. Mark is an experienced manager of complex multidisciplinary corridor projects. He works with land-use and transportation projects that incorporate aspects of planning, design, landscape architecture, transportation, civil engineering and real estate economic analysis. He has served as project manager for more than 10 long-term and complex planning, real estate, architecture and urban design projects. Additionally, Mark is a skilled presenter and meeting facilitator with an abundance of experience preparing and giving effective presentations to a variety of audiences, and he is adept at facilitating informational and interactive meetings. DAAR is known for its experience in transportation improvement projects and

provides services to a broad range of clients worldwide. DAAR Engineering also offers services with environmental projects and full structural services.

**Keeper Goals** of Butler, Wisconsin, was recently awarded the contract to supply **Sun Prairie High School** with a variety of sporting goods items, including custom backup netting, custom combination soccer/football goals, a batting cage and a discus cage. Keeper Goals specializes in producing custom athletic equipment. Keeper Goals has been providing quality custom sports product for more than 30 years. They have designed a wide variety of products, including custom soccer goals, player shelters, hockey goals, batting cages, backup and barrier netting, gym dividers, golf range netting and much more. Keeper Goals can design and produce custom sporting goods, including equipment specially painted to match school or club colors and equipment built to specifications to meet storage or use requirements.

**Commercial Recreation Specialists (CRS)** worked with Milwaukee County's Public Works Engineering and Park and Recreation departments to complete recent **splashpad installations at Madison Park and Washington Park**, according to Ron Romens, president of Commercial Recreation Specialists. CRS provided design assistance, technical consulting services and training and supplied water features manufactured by Vortex Aquatic Structures. "Just as we have seen across the recreation industry, Milwaukee County found a splashpad was the ideal solution for updating their parks because it has a lower total cost of ownership when compared to a wading pool or full-sized pool facility," Romens said. For example, fewer amenities are required (such as restrooms and changing facilities), and staff costs are reduced because lifeguards are not necessary. In addition, splashpads offer better play value for people of all ages and abilities and provide opportunities for multigenerational play. Many of the Vortex spray features are not only fun but also teach important skills such as cause-and-effect learning and foster cooperative play and motor skill development. Both of the new Milwaukee County splashpads feature customized

designs to complement the surrounding area. The Washington Park splashpad, added to an existing swimming pool, has design features that pay tribute to Milwaukee's manufacturing heritage with an industrial elegance theme that uses fluid lines and stainless steel elements, including a custom motorcycle feature. Located near Timmerman Airport, Madison Park's splashpad has an aviation theme with custom concrete and spray patterns that resemble runways and a unique helicopter vertical spray feature. Commercial Recreation Specialists is headquartered in Verona, Wisconsin, with representatives in New Jersey, and serves customers across the United States and the Caribbean. Founded in 1999, CRS performs a careful analysis of each client's facility and business goals to provide recreation solutions based on the unique needs of each client. With more than 40 years of combined industry experience, CRS is not only an equipment supplier for select vendors, but also offers design, planning, installation, training and operations services. CRS delivers unparalleled industry knowledge and proven success in the commercial recreation market, with clients including municipalities, family entertainment centers, amusement parks, water parks, resorts, campgrounds, summer camps, schools, sports venues and zoos.

**R.A. Smith National's Sports and Recreational Facilities Design Team** is providing design services to the **Grafton Little League Association** for a 20-acre sports facility to be constructed at the northeast corner of Lakefield Road and Riverbend Road in the village of Grafton. The Grafton Little League sports facility is planned to include six baseball diamonds, a playground, landscaping and parking for 300 cars. R.A. Smith National is providing site design and construction management services, including stormwater management and grading, landscape architecture and irrigation design and lighting design. R.A. Smith National also created an aerial perspective rendering of the entire future sports facility to be used in fundraising efforts and general communications for the project.

R.A. Smith National is also providing design services to the **city of Pewaukee**

for a 59-acre sports complex on parkland north of Lindsay Road and west of Highway 74. We are providing design services for the park's first phase, including four baseball diamonds, a football field, an open soccer field area with up to six soccer fields, landscaping, trails and parking lots. Services include stormwater management, landscape architecture, irrigation design, geotechnical investigation, grading, soil testing, mound systems design and lighting design. The site plan was modified throughout the design process to retain and protect large existing oak trees and wooded areas and to minimize grading in and around wetland areas.

Effective May 1, **Bonestroo merged with Northern Environmental**, an environmental consulting firm. The merger enables the firm to provide clients with additional services in compliance and industrial hygiene, property assessment and brownfield redevelopment, and contaminant investigation and remediation. The full suite of services now includes: civil and environmental engineering; surveying and construction services; Earth and biological sciences; transportation, planning, landscape architecture and urban design; permitting, inspection and compliance; development and redevelopment; structural, electrical and mechanical engineering; and sports and recreation. New offices now include: Waupun, Crivitz, Green Bay and Park Falls, Wisconsin; Northbrook, Illinois; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Houghton, Michigan.

**The city of West Bend** has retained **Bonestroo** to assist with the next phases of a project at Regner Park, one of the oldest and most popular parks in the city. The project involves improving the Regner Park swimming facility — a natural pond fed by two wells — and creating the construction documents for a new splashpad adjacent to the pond. The city called upon Bonestroo because of our past successful projects, responsive service and recognized expertise in aquatic projects.

The **city of Waukesha** is working with Bonestroo on Woodfield Park Wetland Delineation and Restoration Strategies.

This project includes assisting the client with a park evaluation, wetland delineation and existing dam evaluation, along with recommendations for short-term and long-term improvements improve this park, reduce maintenance and enhance the land.

The **city of New Berlin** has retained Bonestroo to conduct floodplain modeling and prepare and submit an "after-the-fact" Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-F) to FEMA.

Bonestroo is providing the **village of Shorewood** with civil site engineering services, including utilities, pavement, grading, stormwater and landscape design for a new apartment development on the site of a former gas station.

On June 30, the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** awarded **\$4.71** million in stimulus funds to **Ozaukee County** to aid in fish passage in the Milwaukee River Watershed. This grant is the 10th largest of 50 grants awarded from a pool of 841 applications. The grant, written by



Bonestroo members staff members in collaboration with our project partners, was the sole grant awarded in Wisconsin and one of only three awarded in the Great Lakes Region. The project will be used as a model for other projects across the country.

"Bonestroo's design plan and visualization illustrations helped to garner consensus on the Mequon-Thiensville Milwaukee River Fish Passage project. This project will benefit from the \$4.71 million NOAA grant that Bonestroo helped to obtain for Ozaukee County." ■

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