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ENVIRONMENTAL

We've Expanded our Environmental Department!



Thomas Nedland has joined Martenson & Eisele, Inc. as a Wetland Ecologist. Tom has over three years of experience in the ecological field, with an emphasis in wetland ecology. This experience has allowed him to work on several wetland related projects, including wetland delineation, restoration, permitting, and mitigation. In addition to his wetland related work, Tom has helped conduct large scale lake studies, written wildlife management plans, and performed various flora and fauna surveys. The experience and knowledge gained by Tom has given him a good rapport with local WDNR and USACE personnel. Tom is a member of the Society of Wetland Scientists, the Wisconsin Wetlands Association, and the Ecological Society of America.

Stacy Bains has been promoted to Environmental Projects Manager in the environmental Department. Stacy has been with Martenson & Eisele, Inc. as an Environmental Specialist since May of 2004 and has experience with wetland delineations, wetland functional value assessments, wetland and waterway permitting. Stacy is also a member of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association.

The Martenson & Eisele, Inc. staff of professionals has strong experience in Environmental projects. Our team of scientists and engineers has been extensively involved in numerous projects throughout the state of Wisconsin while with our firm and prior to joining Martenson & Eisele, Inc. Our professionalism and dedication to your project will be reflected in the team's hard work and no-nonsense approach to problem solving. We believe in working with all parties together, for the best completed project possible.

ARCHITECTURE

Jennifer Selvik, Architectural Intern, Earns National Scholarship

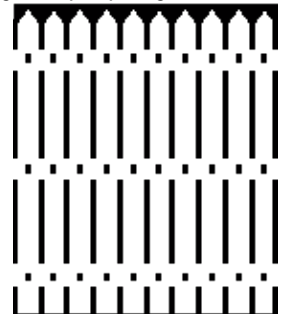


Martenson & Eisele, Inc. is proud to announce that Architectural Intern, Jennifer Selvik was selected as one of two AIA or Associate AIA members with six years or less in the profession in the nation to attend the September "Project Delivery Skills Superconference: New Solutions to Old Problems" this year in Shreveport, Louisiana. The Practice Management Knowledge Community (PMKC) offers two opportunities a year for young professionals nationwide to attend their annual Practice Management Fall Conference. Jennifer submitted an essay covering why she was interested in Practice Management, how she will share her knowledge with her peers and how attending the conference would benefit her career, PMKC and AIA. The conference provided Jennifer with powerful lessons in delivering successful projects through effective project management, the delivery of quality documents, the employment of practical construction administration strategies, and proactive management of risks.

SURVEYING

Adverse Possession

Many landowners are surprised to learn that under certain circumstances, a trespasser can come onto land, occupy it and gain legal ownership of it. Adverse possession is the taking of title to real estate by possessing it for a certain period of time. The trespasser may acquire a few feet of property or whole acres in this way. If someone is using your property, even a small strip on the edge, you should be alert to the risk of Adverse Possession. In Wisconsin, the duration of such possession is ten (10) years for a claim under color of title, and twenty (20) years when the claim is not under color of title (Wisconsin Code: 893.25-.33). For example, your neighbor built a fence on your land with the intention of taking the property, paid property taxes, and you knew about it but did nothing. If this continued for a period of time set by state law, your neighbor may be able to claim this property as their own. The theory is that, by not disputing your neighbor's use of your property through a lawsuit, you, as the actual owner have abandoned your rights to the property. If you own land, it is important that you know your rights. For additional information or questions on Adverse Possession or any other Surveying needs, please contact Gary Zahringer, Vice President of Surveying at garyz@martenson-eisele.com.



PLANNING

Town Tax Increment Financing Districts

Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) was initiated by the Wisconsin legislature in 1975. It was designed to provide a way for a city or village to promote tax base expansion through its own initiative and effort. The TIF legislation was initiated because the state recognized that municipalities were delaying or finding it difficult to fund public improvements to promote new development. Thirty years later, a substantial amount of tax base and new jobs have been generated due to TIF funding in Wisconsin. As of October 1, 2004, towns are now able to utilize TIF funding. Town TIF projects differ from city or village TIF projects in that a town TIF is limited to projects that relate to agricultural, forestry, manufacturing or tourism improvements. The general principal still applies to town TIF projects in that it provides a financing tool to promote tax base expansion. Provisions of the TIF Law are in Wisconsin Statute section 60.85. If you want to know more about TIF Districts, contact Warren Utecht, Vice President of Planning at Martenson & Eisele at warrenu@martenson-eisele.com.

TRADE SHOWS

Martenson & Eisele, Inc. to speak at the WI Towns Association Show

David Eisele, P.L.S. will be part of the "Green Tier" Permitting and New Innovative Development Techniques session at the WI Towns Association trade show. Learn how Martenson & Eisele, Inc. has teamed up with developers for Green Tier development, making use of wetlands and innovative stormwater solutions, and about the thought process behind clustering. If you would like more information about how Martenson & Eisele, Inc. can help you "go green", contact David Eisele, P.L.S. at davide@martenson-eisele.com.

WHERE YOU'LL FIND US...

- **League of Wisconsin Municipalities**—October 11-12, Marriott West, Middleton, WI
- **WI Towns Association**—October 15-18, LaCrosse Center, LaCrosse, WI
- **WI Parks & Recreation Association**—November 7-10, Regency Suites, Green Bay, WI
- **Wisconsin Rural Water Association 7th Annual Management Conference**—November 29-30, Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point, WI
- **State Education Convention**—January 17-18 Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, WI



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