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The View from the Top by Jim and Bill Viox

Because of the area's recent building boom, developers can find themselves fighting an uphill battle with the public agencies with regard to the project's impact on the surrounding community. Both elected and appointed officials are finding themselves under pressure from affected neighborhoods to stop growth. This is particularly true within high growth areas where residents experience increased traffic volumes, crowded schools, urban flooding, and reduced green space.

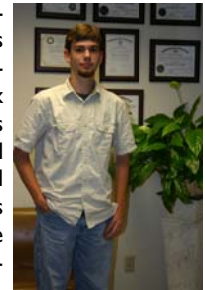
Over the past twelve months, we have set a company goal to assist our clients with public hearing presentations. Last fall, we put together a team of professionals to develop a base format for our presentations. Each presentation begins by researching and reviewing all project impacts based on existing data. The presentation includes a review of traffic volumes and school capacities.

Also included is a conceptual landscape element which features plantings, walls, fences, and cross sections to allow a better understanding of our client's intent. The final presentation is a slide show with relevant statistics, maps, photographs, and possible three-dimensional and animated graphics. The presentation team has had great success and received many compliments from the public. We invite our clients to stop in and meet with Megan de Sola and Carter Dickerson to view a sample of what we can offer for their next presentation.

In other news, we would like to welcome Ryan Hartig to the firm. Ryan has been a co-op with us since 2004, and was recently hired full-time as a Surveying Technician. Viox & Viox is employing three co-ops during the summer. Welcome back to Matt Bogen, who is studying civil engineering at the University of

Kentucky. This is Matt's third summer working with us. Kelly Sloan is our new landscape architecture intern from Ball State University. Kelly has been working with Carter Dickerson on several very important landscaping projects. And, Sam Burris is working with us this summer as a continuation of his internship for Conner High School. Sam graduated from Conner in May and plans on attending University of Louisville in the fall, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Finally, congratulations to Justin Verst, P.E., who recently received his Indiana license. Viox & Viox is now certified to work in all three states within the Greater Cincinnati area.



Sam Burris

Landscaping Department Introduces 3-D Modeling

Viox & Viox attempts to hold true to its Mission Statement which states, in part, "To continually progress in the area of technology..." Thus, the firm is excited about the landscape architecture department's newest innovative service. The department is using a new software called "SketchUp" to create three-dimensional drawings of landscaping designs.

The program enables

our designers to produce images that can be manipulated to give multiple views of the property and its new landscape features. For instance, a client is able to visualize exactly what their new landscaping will look like from the front, back, or side of the property, overhead, or even from a specific location within an existing house or building. The landscaping team anticipates that this program

will not only be useful for the client, but will be an important visual aid for public hearings.



Recent landscaping project using 3D software

Prologis: Construction Underway on Impressive New Building



New sign located at Airpark West, Park 275 in Hebron

Prologis is continuing their business relationship with Paul Hemmer Construction Company by developing property in Hebron, purchased from Hemmer, which will include a building of nearly 740,000 square feet. The building, which will be the size of approximately 11 football fields, is located in Airpark West, Prologis Park 275, off of KY 237 and Langley Drive.

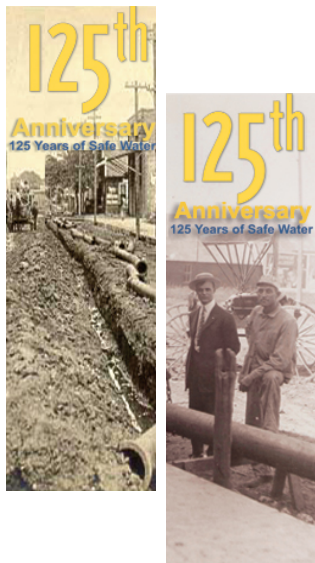
Prologis is a worldwide provider of distribution facilities and services. The company acts as both consult-

ants and developers by providing their clients with strategically placed distribution facilities to meet the client's specific supply chain needs.

Prologis has worked with Paul Hemmer Construction prior to this current venture. Several years ago, Prologis developed a site in Hemmer's Airpark International on KY 20 in Hebron. On both sites, Hemmer provided the land, public streets, and utilities, which was then purchased by Prologis to be developed. Viox & Viox worked with

Hemmer and Prologis on both developments.

The current project at Prologis Park 275 will consist of three distribution facilities/warehouse buildings. Viox & Viox provided Grading Plan and Site Plan services for the project. The buildings, including the 740,000 square foot facility are designated as bulk distribution centers, meaning Prologis has not yet designated occupants. Construction is underway on Phase I, and is expected to be complete by the winter/spring of 2007.



Bill Viox Attends AWWA Conference in San Antonio

The 2006 American Water Works Conference and Exposition was held in San Antonio, Texas on June 11-15 and celebrated "125 Years of Safe Water." Bill Viox attended the conference with Bob Townsend, Director of Public Services with the City of Florence.

The conference sessions stressed both technical design issues and management of water utilities. Many sessions provided continuing edu-

cation units for various certifications and licensure requirements.

The new "Water Utility Management" (M5) manual was discussed in detail and made available for purchase. The manual is a guideline for managing water utilities, but is also an excellent guide for all organizations.

The Exposition Center included over 500 exhibiting companies and organizations allowing an up-close look

at new innovations. Many new products and innovations in design of treatment, distribution, and managing techniques were available.

While visiting San Antonio, Bill and his wife took time out to enjoy the local flavor of the area by touring throughout the region. Bill has attended the AWWA Conference each year since 1991 and has been a member of AWWA for 31 years. The 2007 conference will be held in Toronto, Canada.

"It has been very gratifying to see so many come forward to help make this project a success."

***-Ralph A. Drees
David G. Drees
The Drees Co.***



Habitat for Humanity House; Latonia Lakes (photo courtesy of Drees Homes)

Viox & Viox Helps Out Habitat for Humanity

One local family is thrilled to have a new home where their three boys can ride bikes and play with other neighborhood children. The Back/Rowland family was picked as one of the recipients of a new home built by Drees Homes as part of the 2006 Habitat for Humanity Homebuilder Blitz.

The Homebuilder Blitz is a nationwide program to build 1,000 homes in one week. Drees Homes partici-

pated in the program by offering to build five homes in five cities in five days. The homes were located in Kentucky, Texas, North Carolina, Indiana, and Maryland.

Drees Homes enlisted help from several local vendors and subcontractors, including Viox & Viox, to assist with the construction of the Covington family's new home in Latonia Lakes. Viox & Viox provided the plot plan and the staking services for the new

house. Construction on all five homes began on June 5th and were completed on June 9th.

A letter to Viox & Viox from Ralph and David Drees of Drees Homes stated, "It has been very gratifying to see so many come forward to help make this project a success." For more information regarding this extraordinary accomplishment, visit www.5homes5cities5days.com.

Employee Happenings

Viox & Viox Employment Anniversaries

The following employees are celebrating employment anniversaries this summer:

1 year

Jason Thorwarth (6/6/05)

2 years

Matt Bogen (6/24/04)

6 years

Caroline Weltzer (7/7/00)

8 years

Greg Larison (8/12/98)

9 years

Chris Boots (8/29/97)

10 years

Ricky Faulkner (8/13/96)

Christie Harlan (8/20/96)

16 years

Christian Craddock (6/1/90)

19 years

Jimmy Viox (6/1/87)

26 years

Vince Kahmann (8/18/80)

32 years

Dean Tanner (6/5/74)

Congratulations to everyone!

Summer Birthdays

Carter Dickerson - June 4

Tim McNeely - June 4

Greg Larison - July 24

Kris Curry - August 18

Chuck Faeth - August 30

Michael Miller - August 30

Happy Birthday to all of you!

Announcements

- Congratulations to **Chuck Faeth** on his marriage to Barb Peterson on May 5th in Bonita Beach, FL.
- Congratulations to **Carter Dickerson** on his marriage to Mandy Dennis on June 24th in Jackson, MS.
- Congratulations to **Bill Matteoli** who coached his Ryle High School fast-pitch softball team to a first-ever school state championship.
- Congratulations to **Caroline Weltzer** on completing the 2006 Leadership Northern Kentucky program (see below).



Chuck and Barb Faeth



Carter and Mandy Dickerson

Viox Employee Completes Leadership Program

Viox & Viox is proud to acknowledge our employees for their achievements outside of the office, especially when they volunteer their time to better themselves and become an important asset to the Northern Kentucky community. Caroline Weltzer has done just that by completing the Chamber of Commerce's prestigious "Leadership Northern Kentucky" program.

The program, which began in 1979, aims to educate

area professionals about the challenges and issues that are facing the local community; with the hope that these individuals will leave with the tools to help provide future solutions. Caroline, Viox's Director of Finance, was one of 40 participants selected last year from a pool of hundreds of applicants. Fellow students in the program came from diverse backgrounds, including business, not for profit, public administration, and law.

The class was held over a nine-month period, which included monthly sessions covering topics ranging from arts and culture to health and human services. The group also traveled to Frankfort to meet with state leaders. Caroline praised the program, claiming, "After finishing the class, everyone is ready to roll up their sleeves and help with the work of making Northern Kentucky a better place for everyone."



Caroline Weltzer (pictured bottom, middle) poses with the 2006 Leadership Northern Kentucky Class.

Summer Spotlight Employees: Matt Bogen and Kelly Sloan

Viox & Viox has long been proponents of student cooperative education programs, especially since a large majority of our current employees began as co-ops at the firm. This summer, Viox & Viox is proud to highlight our current co-ops/interns.

Matt Bogen has returned to us for his third summer co-op. He is currently a civil engineering student at the University of Kentucky, specializing in transportation. Matt is

looking forward to graduating this December.

Matt is a 2002 graduate of Bishop Brossart High School. Matt and his friends recently returned from a 3 1/2 week backpacking trip through Europe which included tours of Spain, Italy, Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Kelly Sloan will be starting her senior year as a landscape architecture student at Ball State University in fall 2006. She expects to graduate

in May 2008. While working as an intern, Kelly has been creating conceptual landscape designs using 3D software.

Kelly is a resident of Cincinnati and graduated from Deer Park High School in 2003. Kelly is excited about participating in a World Studies Tour through Ball State's School of Architecture next spring. The trip, worth 15 credit hours, will entail a 100-day tour of 20 countries, throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa.



Matt Bogen and Kelly Sloan



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Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

- **Sept. 4** - Labor Day
Holiday (office is
closed)
- **Sept. 18** - NKSPE
Annual Golf Outing at
Triple Crown
- **Oct. 4-6** - OKI Re-
gional Planning Confer-
ence in Cincinnati, OH

Viox & Viox began providing engineering and surveying services to Northern Kentucky in 1945. The firm, originally founded by James H. Viox, Jr., P.E., L.S. and George Rassenfoss, P.E., is now owned by Mr. Viox's two sons, James H. Viox, III, P.E., P.L.S. and William R. Viox, P.E., P.L.S.

Viox & Viox has grown and expanded their services over the years and currently employs approximately 35 employees. Viox & Viox currently offers services in municipal engineering, commercial, industrial and residential planning, public utilities, surveying, Global Positioning Systems (GPS), and landscape architecture. With over 70% of its employees from Northern Kentucky, the firm is closely connected to the local residents and the issues and challenges that face the community. It is our intent and hope to continue to progress and produce the high quality of professional services for which we are known.

Our Mission Statement:

To continue to serve a diverse spectrum of clients in an accurate and timely manner.

To make Viox & Viox a positive work environment that will enable employees to grow both professionally and personally.

To continually progress in the area of technology so as to serve our clients by the most advanced methods available.

To be the premier Civil Engineering / Surveying / Landscape Architecture firm within the Tri-State area with a solid reputation of delivering excellent service from a professional staff in the most cost effective, timely, and accurate way possible.

Creating innovative pathways through progressive design...one client at a time.