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Dublin Grounds of Remembrance Receives National Honour Award

Hull is proud to have helped provide engineering services for the award-winning *Dublin Grounds of Remembrance* at Veterans Memorial Park in Dublin, Ohio. Hull teamed with PLANT Architects, Inc., a landscape architecture firm, to develop the trail and sanctuary area. Hull provided grading and stormwater management design and construction services. Unique design features included a stormwater outfall that incorporates an energy dissipater designed with natural materials to minimize erosion in the sensitive ravine environment of the adjoining Indian Run Creek.



This project is the recipient of a Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) National Honour Award. The development promotes a daily ritual journey organized into a Walk, Loggia and Grove. The Walk is a journey along a cemetery wall and includes an area of seclusion for pause and reflection. The end of the Walk features a brass tube perforated stone wall designed to receive private messages from visitors. A ceremonial backdrop and shelter for wreaths and a flagpole, the Loggia includes Groves of Sycamores and is a panoramic window into this special space. The Sycamore Grove, symbolic of memory and rebirth, acts as a natural canopy for this collective gathering space.



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Top Photo: Entry Wall
Above: Poetry Wall

Superfund Tax May Be Reinstated in 2011

The United States Congress passed the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) in 1980. This law gave the government the power to levy a tax on production by chemical and petroleum industries to go into a trust fund - the Superfund - to be drawn on to investigate and clean up contaminated sites recognized as high priority on the National Priority List (NPL) sites. There are currently over 1,200 sites on the NPL.



Congress discontinued the Superfund tax in 1995. The \$3.8 billion then in the fund for cleanups was gone by 2003. Funds for cleanups also came from parties (called Potentially Responsible Parties or PRPs) determined to have some association with the sites. Since the cleanup fund ran out, the U.S. EPA Superfund program has relied on an annual appropriation of \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion in tax dollars and money EPA recovers from PRPs. PRP funds pay the lion's share, over 70 percent.

Hull is performing investigation, risk assessment and remediation work on several CERCLA NPL sites which are being funded by the PRP groups. With the exception of sites where the PRPs are willing and able to provide funding, Superfund site work has been subdued over the past decade, due primarily to lack of program funds to perform actual work at orphan sites. It appears that this situation may be changing.

President Obama's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010 assumes the Superfund tax will be reinstated in 2011. The administration's 2010 budget outline assumes \$17.2 billion in revenues will be generated from fiscal years 2011 through 2019 by reinstating taxes imposed on chemical and oil companies under CERCLA.

The Office of Management and Budget says that the budget assumes the same rates would apply as when the taxes expired in 1995. Those rates included a 9.7 cent-per-barrel tax on petroleum, a tax on 42 chemicals, and a corporate environmental income tax of 0.12 percent on taxable income in excess of \$2 million.

Industry officials have stated that it is unfair to impose the superfund tax on an industry as a whole rather than the polluters responsible for creating the problems. Furthermore, they claim that the companies that will bear the most tax burden are not likely to be the parties most responsible for the contamination at NPL sites. Finally, the tax is seen as another challenge to meeting financial obligations in a serious economic crisis.

For more information about Hull's capabilities and experience with CERCLA and Superfund sites, please contact Hull's Environmental Market Leader, Bill Rish, Ph.D., at 614.793.877 or wrish@hullinc.com or Hull's CEO, Craig Kasper, PE at 614.793.8777 or ckasper@hullinc.com.

Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Round 8 Competition Under Way

Ten applications were submitted to the Ohio Department of Development for funding consideration in the 8th round of the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF). The state has approximately \$26 million to distribute in round 8 and they received grant requests totaling \$24,248,456. These applications are currently under review by the state. The Clean Ohio Council meets on May 21 and has the opportunity to fund all submitted projects as long as they meet the CORF program requirements.



Hull assisted four clients and their project teams with preparing applications. The total requested amount for the four applicants is \$9,850,753. CORF Known End User Track grants can be used for environmental remediation, demolition, limited infrastructure, and site acquisition. CORF Redevelopment Ready Track grants can be used for environmental remediation and demolition. To date, Hull has helped its clients obtain more than \$128 million in state and federal grants and loans, including \$86 million through 49 successful Clean Ohio Fund applications.

Round 9 CORF grant applications have a July 23, 2010 submittal deadline. The second authorization of Clean Ohio Program is currently providing for project deadlines on a six-month schedule through July of 2013. Hull recommends that initial planning for potential CORF grant applications should begin approximately six months prior to the submittal deadline, but it might not be too late to plan your round 9 project. If we can help you contemplate your project plans and the potential fit for a CORF project, please give us a call!

For more information about Hull's capabilities and experience with CORF, please contact Jenny Carter-Cornell, APR in our Toledo office at 419.385.2018 or jclornell@hullinc.com or Kara Allison, APR in our Dublin office at 614.793.8777 or kallison@hullinc.com.

Draft Revisions to Ohio EPA's Rules Proposed

Most landfills, material management sites and other industries with a point source discharge to waters of the state are covered either under a general or individual NPDES permit. Recently, Ohio EPA released a draft of proposed changes to the general permit rules codified under OAC 3547-38 to allow input from stakeholders. Draft rule changes amend procedures that must be followed in the issuance, modification, and revocation of general permits; procedures for granting and terminating authorizations to discharge; and requirements for coverage under the general permit. Comments were due to Ohio EPA on March 31, 2010.



Minor changes are being proposed for rule 01 (Definitions). Additionally, Ohio EPA is proposing the revision and consolidation of the remaining existing rules -02 through -12 into one new rule -02. Finally, the proposed changes would provide the Director with the flexibility to develop alternative means to obtain coverage under a general permit.

Overall, the changes proposed are not major and should not significantly affect the regulated community. However, a few of the proposed changes could affect some permittees. One substantive change in the draft rules includes explicitly identifying sewage sludge point sources as a source for which the general permit would be applicable. Additionally, the proposed rules are considering: 1) changing language to state when a renewal notice of intent (NOI) and associated fee would be required (likely upon general permit renewal) and 2) revising the deadline for transferring permit coverage to 30 days to be consistent with federal regulations.

As always, Hull will continue to monitor and participate in the rule making process to advocate for the application of reasonable regulations based on sound engineering, science and economic principles.

For questions on Ohio EPA's NPDES program, the permitting process or how your permit may be affected by these proposed rule changes, please contact Karen Okonta in our Toledo office at 419.385.2018 or kokonta@hullinc.com or Hugh Crowell, PWS in our Dublin office at 614.793.8777 or hcrowell@hullinc.com. The draft regulations can be reviewed on Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/rules/drafrules.aspx.

Hull Chairman and Founder Receives "Engineer of the Year" Award

Hull Chairman and Founder, John Hull, PE, BCEE, was recently awarded "Engineer of the Year" from the Toledo Society of Professional Engineers and the Technical Society of Toledo. John was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the profession of engineering based on technical knowledge; professional interest and habits; personal character; leadership; public relations; civic spirit; and contributions to the community, state, and nation.

John founded Hull & Associates, Inc. in 1980 and has more than 34 years of experience with a wide variety of engineering and environmental issues, particularly in the landfill industry. He is a registered Professional Engineer in 13 states and is recognized as a Board Certified Environmental Engineer in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers.

At Hull, we know that John is very deserving of this great honor, not only for the difference he has made building a successful firm with integrity and innovation, but the impact he has had as a husband, father, mentor, partner, and friend.

Congratulations John and thank you for your many years of devotion to this firm, commitment to the engineering profession, and desire to make a difference in this world.

For more information about the award, please contact Hull's Marketing Director, Tiffany Gibson at 614.793.8777 or tgibson@hullinc.com.



Hull Chairman and Founder John Hull, PE, BCEE receives "Engineer of the Year" award from Toledo Technical Society President Christine Smallman.

Hull Recognized by ENR as a Top 500 Design Firm

Hull is proud to be recognized by Engineering News Record (ENR) as a Top 500 Design Firm for the fifth year. The 500 largest U.S.-based design firms are ranked according to revenue for design services performed in the previous year. Hull ranked 480 this year.

For a complete list, visit <http://enr.construction.com/toplists/DesignFirms/A-Z.asp>.

For more information, please contact Tiffany Gibson, Marketing Director, in our Dublin office at 614.793.8777 or tgibson@hullinc.com.

Hull Indiana Office on the Move

Hull & Associates, Inc.'s Indianapolis, Indiana office is on the move. Effective April 23, 2010, Hull's Indianapolis office will relocate. Our new address will be:

**6435 Castleway W. Drive, Suite 119
Indianapolis, Indiana 46250**

Our phone and fax numbers will also change. The new numbers are:

**(800) 241-7173 phone
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Hull opened its Indianapolis office in 2002 and now with seven employees in the Indianapolis office and more than 150 company-wide, continues to leverage our expertise in property redevelopment, waste management, industrial applications, energy and environmental engineering to devise a solution that meets your needs.

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Hull's New Indiana Office