



## DeWitt Goes Green

DeWitt & Associates, Inc. is committed to keep current with the growing trends in the build environment. A major shift has been the emergence of "Green" or "Sustainable" building. Both terms refer to the practice of increasing the efficiency with which buildings use resources, while reducing negative impacts on the **environment**.

Created by the United States Green Building Council, the "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design System" (LEED), was to encourage and facilitate the development of more sustainable buildings. Several Federal and State Government entities require that new construction projects attain LEED certification.

The recent renovation and addition to the **Discovery Center** in downtown Springfield by DeWitt was the **first building to receive a LEED certification in Southwest Missouri**. The project has been featured in Metal Architecture Magazine and several other publications. The Discovery Center helped launch a green-building trend throughout the Ozarks. As a **member of the USGBC** we are focused on acting as responsible stewards of our community.

The most recent LEED project that DeWitt & Associates can add to their list of experience is the **Hickory Hills K-8 School**. The project was designed to achieve the Silver Category for Schools Certification. The site has been designed as a whole, so that when the building and its exterior features are constructed they all **work together to create a new ecosystem**. This feature, and several others, will be utilized not only by the students and faculty, but will be a contribution to the community, making the new Hickory Hills K-8 School truly a public project.

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## New Project: MSU Rec Center



By the Fall of 2011, students at Missouri State University will have a new place to run, swim, lift weights, rock climb and enjoy an assortment of wellness and recreational activities--the new University Recreation Center. Missouri State hosted a ground breaking ceremony for the facility at 2 p.m. April 16 on campus next to Blair-Shannon Residence Hall.

DeWitt & Associates was awarded the contract at the beginning of April. Construction on the 100,000 square-foot facility began April 19, with completion scheduled in November 2011. This new construction will be **LEED Silver Certified**, meaning it will have a large focus on sustainability.

Some of the features of the new Rec center will include:

- *Indoor jogging track*
- *Multipurpose rooms*
- *Locker rooms*
- *Sauna*
- *Basketball courts*
- *Fitness center*
- *Rock climbing and bouldering walls*
- *Multi-purpose activity court*
- *Lounge areas with computer stations & flat panel TVs*
- *Wellness center*
- *Zip line*
- *Spa - 160 sq. ft.--seating for approximately 16*
- *Recreational pool - 7,000 sq. ft.*
  - *3 lap lanes*
  - *Underwater bench seating w/ 12 hydrotherapy back jets*
  - *Lighted spray features*
  - *Ramp and stair entry*
  - *Water current channel - water walking & therapy*
  - *Open water area - basketball, volleyball, hydro power classes*

To learn more about this exciting new construction, [click here](#).

Don't forget, it is almost time for the

## 5th Annual DeWitt Golf Outing

It will be held on Saturday, May 15 at Deer Lake Golf Course in Springfield.

If you are interested in playing or becoming a sponsor, please contact Jill Fannin at 417-827-7067.

It's sure to be a great time!

## Bass Pro Relationship Thrives

DeWitt & Associates, Inc. continues to thrive in its relationship with Bass Pro Shops. Over the course of the past couple years, DeWitt has been able to provide continued support for the Springfield Store remodel with little disruption placed on the day-to-day store operations. What began with the renovation of the Main Entrance to the store has expanded into completed renovations of the Central Cash Wrap Exits; elevation expansions to the Northwest Wildlife Gallery Roof; and Demolition/Remodel of the North Boat Showroom, along with the relocation of the Fishing Department; which is now located adjacent to the new Boat Showroom. Upon completion of the new Fishing Department, DeWitt successfully navigated the relocation of the Men's and Women's Apparel into the center store area recently vacated by the Fishing Department, and was able to complete the project in an expedited fashion to achieve the requested finish date for the 2009 Holiday Season.

A tremendous amount of the success generated throughout these projects can be directly attributed to the Self-Perform Field Capabilities that DeWitt has at its disposal, thus being able to change directions in the field at a moments notice.

### About DeWitt & Associates

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