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SUBJECT:

**Yaggy Colby Associates to participate in Wisconsin's
Green Tier program**

DELAFIELD – Yaggy Colby Associates' (YCA) Delafield office became the newest participant in the Department of Natural Resources' Green Tier program during a celebration event today.

YCA is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm that provides municipal and real estate development services, including engineering, surveying, planning, landscape architecture, architecture, and environmental assistance for public and private sector clientele.

"The DNR commends Yaggy Colby's commitment to environmental stewardship" said Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank. "They set a fine example for the development community by working to reduce their ecological footprint and by working with their clients to do the same."

YCA is a Tier 1 participant in Green Tier. In exchange for a commitment to superior environmental performance, the DNR grants benefits to Tier 1 participants including a single point of contact with the department for easier communications and collaboration. Other benefits include the use of the Green Tier logo in written marketing materials and annual public recognition of participation.

In addition to planned improvements at their Delafield office, YCA will integrate the vision of Green Tier into their design work for clients by offering solutions that go beyond minimal compliance. Their hope is that by encouraging clients to exceed minimum compliance expectations, their clients will be rewarded with quicker permitting decisions and greater flexibility in implementation. The company is committed to introducing ideas of sustainability into work with their clients. YCA and DNR see this as yet another opportunity to incorporate environmental benefits as our economy grows and thrives.



Heather McGuire (ASLA, LEED AP, YCA), Mark Mickelson (Department Head of Land Development, YCA), Mike Court (Vice President/Office Manager, YCA), Secretary Matt Frank (DNR), and Roger Dupler (Department Head of Planning & Landscape Architecture, YCA)

Examples of improved design features may include:

- Exceeding post-construction storm water standards to the maximum extent possible, including Total Suspended Solid removal exceeding the 80 percent standard, reduction of peak flow, exceeding infiltration requirements where possible, and providing larger wetland buffers than required.
- Preserving natural vegetation including woodlands, prairies, and wetlands. Site restoration using native grasses, forbs, shrubs and trees.
- Using rain gardens and other innovative solutions for reducing non-point pollution, recharging groundwater, and reducing infrastructure costs.
- Encouraging innovative architectural, engineering, and landscaping solutions in institutional and commercial designs, including possible LEED design standards.

Although their Delafield office is a not a DNR regulated facility, through Green Tier, YCA has voluntarily implemented policies and procedures to reduce office waste and energy use and to manage the grounds to improve stormwater treatment and environmental aesthetics.

Some voluntary actions that they are exploring include:

- Improved recycling policies and use of recycled paper products wherever possible. Ensuring that recyclable material is properly collected.
- Reduce number of future paper files by mandating that all new files be scanned and saved in electronic job folders.
- Installing more efficient lighting.

- Set thermostats several degrees higher in summer and several degrees lower in winter to reduce energy costs.
- Installation of rain gardens and wetland restoration and proper maintenance of prairie plantings and no-mow areas to increase infiltration of storm water and provide native habitat. Invasive plant management on the grounds.

“We view our participation in the Green Tier program as an opportunity to inform, educate, and encourage sound environmental solutions,” said Roger Dupler of YCA.

Wisconsin’s Green Tier is the first program of its kind in the nation. Under Green Tier, qualified businesses and associations make binding commitments to superior environmental performance. In exchange, these businesses are given incentives proportional to their environmental commitments. Green Tier enables good environmental actors to perform even better and recognizes their work. This allows DNR to focus its resources on those facilities that need greater attention and assistance in meeting environmental requirements.

For more information about Green Tier and [Yaggy Colby’s participation](#), visit Green Tier <http://greentier.wi.gov>.