
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Grand Opening of the Lake Shelbyville Project Office and Visitor Center**

Saint Louis, MO – May 20, 2011 – Ross & Baruzzini, a globally recognized architectural, engineering and technology planning, design and consulting firm was honored to be a part of the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony of the Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center located in Shelbyville, Illinois held on May 6, 2011. Ross & Baruzzini provided full design and construction administration services including programming, architectural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection engineering.

The Lake Shelbyville Project Office and Visitor Center was funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and completed under a design-build contract through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Huntsville Center. Ross & Baruzzini served as the prime design consultant for prime contractor John J. Kirlin Special Projects, LLC headquartered in Rockville, Maryland. The new 16,000 square foot, 2-story building consolidates the entire Lake Shelbyville USACE operation into one centralized facility that provides spaces for administrative and operational lake staff, combined with an extensive exhibit hall and grand lobby to serve as a primary hub for interpretive services provided for Lake Shelbyville visitors and area community groups. Special features of the facility include state of the art exhibits and conference spaces, a 2 story high grand lobby and an expansive lake side promenade that provides spectacular views of the lake and dam. The building incorporates sustainable design and materials equivalent to USGBC LEED silver level requirements.

“The new Lake Shelbyville Project Office and Visitor Center is such an important project for this community. The amenities that have been incorporated into this facility will serve local area residents, community organizations and visitors for many years to come. At the same time, the functional side of this project provides a highly efficient and operational environment for the U.S. Corps of Engineers lake staff and volunteers,” said Senior Project Manager, Scott Ethridge. “The ARRA stimulus funding for this project did exactly what it was intended to do in this local economy. The project provided real rubber meets the road employment opportunities for numerous local workers and companies; from actual construction trades to material suppliers and on to many other supporting companies that it takes to bring a project like this to fruition. Ross & Baruzzini is extremely proud to be a part of this project. It is definitely a must see destination for the area.”

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