

# THE BLUEPRINT



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## Project Spotlight: Cherry Ridge Apartments

Bursich is providing surveying and engineering services for Cherry Ridge Apartments, a community consisting of 160 garden apartments within six buildings and 32 townhomes for Cherry Ridge Apartments, LP. The 37-acre site, formerly known as Linsenmaier Farm, is in Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pa. The development also includes a community center/clubhouse and 20 acres of open space. The site design incorporates a 2,200-foot-long paved walking trail through the property to create a link between North Lewis Road and Limerick Road, which is consistent with the township's trail plan. Bursich relocated 800 feet of roadway to eliminate an existing offset intersection condition. The relocated intersection will be signalized and include a right turn lane into the community. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2014. ■



## Bursich Launches New Website

Bursich enhanced its online presence with a new website at [www.bursich.com](http://www.bursich.com). In addition to a fresh new design, the site features a substantial amount of new content.

The new site is built around six general categories that represent the firm's services: Land Development, Municipal, Transportation, Wastewater, Construction Services, and 3D Laser Scanning. It also incorporates dynamic features such as a scrolling marquee and testimonials. ■

## Recent Projects Awarded:

- Audubon Square 5 (retail/hotel/restaurants), Audubon Land Development, Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pa.
- Shannondell at Valley Forge Phase 5.1 - The Meadows (assisted living and medical facility), Audubon Land Development, Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pa.
- Science Building, Bucks County Community College, Newtown Township, Bucks County, Pa.
- Parkhouse Geriatric Facility (Boundary Survey), Montgomery County Planning Commission, Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pa.
- Country Club Views (88 age-targeted quad units), Country Club Views II, LLC, Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pa.

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“On behalf of Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department, I would like to personally thank Bursich for the donation of time, services, and materials in aiding me with developing emergency response plans for the various school buildings in Lower Pottsgrove Township.”

**Michael A. Foltz**  
Chief of Police, Lower Pottsgrove Township

## Employee Spotlight: Nathan C. Rostad, E.I.T.



Nathan Rostad E.I.T. is a valued Bursich employee not only because of the work he performs as a project engineer, but for his commitment to education. Having completed his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering at Drexel University in 2010, he is currently nearing completion of his Master's Degree in

Civil Engineering with a concentration in Water Resources. During his time there, Nathan served his Alma Mater as a research/teaching assistant and undergraduate researcher.

Nathan co-authored "Rainwater harvesting: using urban roof runoff for residential toilet flushing," which was published in Handbook of the Metropolitan Sustainability: Understanding and Improving the Urban Environment (2012). He has also given several conference presentations on various topics ranging from construction of a rainfall simulator to computer modeling of vegetated stormwater management.

An intern from 2007 through 2011, Nathan was retained as a full-time employee in 2012. His primary focus to date has been on sanitary sewer engineering with some exposure to land development. He has been involved with numerous projects encompassing concept, feasibility evaluation, planning, construction observation and plan review. His fields of competence include Geographic Information Systems (GIS), hydrology, fluid hydraulics, sanitary sewer flow monitoring, sewer remediation, and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection sewage facility planning requirements.

Nathan is a member of the Water Environment Federation and also spends time serving the community, including volunteering at an urban farm run by Teens 4 Good and constructing a greenhouse for a community center in North Philadelphia. ■

## Message from Our President

I observed in our Spring newsletter that our economy appeared to be improving along with our private land development workload. It is now apparent that this positive trend is, in fact, valid. In retrospect, the economic downturn shook many businesses to the core. Furthermore, it has altered the business landscape in which we operate. As we continue to emerge from the Great Recession, we expect the demand for qualified talent to follow an upward trend as firms seek to match staff to workload. We, like many of our competitors, strive to attract and retain the most qualified labor force, but the temptation to lure key team members from competing firms is greater than ever. We experienced such a loss in August. While this unexpected change presented some short-term challenges, the quality of our staff and strength of our company continue to overcome any adversity presented and we are blessed by the uptick in private land development projects. Severe economic downturns like the Great Recession have the capacity to teach great lessons to those that are willing to be educated. Our greatest success and lesson learned was adapting to rapidly changing conditions in order to remain economically viable. ■



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