



UMore Park Update – October 2009

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U creates management structure, legacy fund for UMore Park

The U's Board of Regents on October 9 approved the articles of organization of the UMore Park Limited Liability Company (LLC), the entity created to manage the UMore Park planning and development project. The board also authorized the creation of the UMore Park Legacy Fund, a quasi-endowment for income generated by activities on the property that will help to ensure support for the U's academic mission over time. These actions follow the December 2008 board resolution approving the concept master plan for the 5,000-acre property and directing the formation of an LLC and a legacy fund.

- The LLC. The single-member LLC is the U's agent in all aspects of management and development of the property, including proposed sand and gravel mining and real estate development. A nine-person Board of Governors – four University governors and five community governors – will be appointed by the Board of Regents to direct the company. A chief manager will oversee the day-to-day management of the company.
- The Legacy Fund. Proceeds from UMore Park development will be designated for long-term support of special academic research, education and public engagement opportunities not otherwise adequately funded by state, federal or tuition resources. Legacy fund resources will not be a substitute for public or private support for the U.

Student, faculty involvement contribute to planning and development

A new report produced by the UMore Park Academic Mission Advisory Board concludes that routine and continuous participation of University faculty members and students can infuse innovation and value into the planning and development of the new community at UMore Park. The report states, "The unique research and learning opportunities afforded by UMore Park to faculty and students from all University campuses not only will benefit faculty and students but also will serve citizens in the new community."

- The report combines the findings and recommendations of three committees that respectively addressed faculty incentives and rewards, student opportunities and guiding principles under the auspices of the Academic Mission Advisory Board.
- The report *Integrating Academic Mission into Planning and Development of the UMore Park Property: Opportunities for Faculty, Students and Staff Members* is available at www.umorepark.umn.edu/Academic_Mission.



UMore Park project can contribute to local economic development

Economic development that can benefit local communities and the region is a key sustainability goal of the UMore Park project. Vice President Charles Muscoplat, the U's responsible officer for UMore Park, will highlight features of the University's vision for the development at a City of Rosemount business appreciation event on October 23.

Muscoplat describes the future community at UMore Park as a "destination," drawing residents and visitors via innovations in energy, lifelong learning, and healthful living as well as the arts, culture, technology and the aesthetics of the built and natural environments. University collaborations with others in the private and public sectors can set the stage for attracting new R&D-based companies in the biosciences or energy-related areas, job creation, business retention and expansion, and development of the neighborhood densities that will ultimately support transit options.

Individuals share ideas for UMore Park at Homecoming event

More than 15,000 people had the opportunity to contribute ideas about the new, sustainable community at UMore Park at an October 4 exhibit highlighting the University's vision and concept master plan for the property. The exhibit was part of the public open house at the TCF Bank Stadium, the kick off for Homecoming week on the U's Minneapolis campus. Attendees recorded their ideas for features and amenities that would be important to them in a sustainable community. The University will continue to seek input on planning and development from citizens and organizations through public forums, presentations and the UMore Park Web site.

Fall calendar full of activities on Vermillion Highlands

Vermillion Highlands: A Research, Recreation and Wildlife Management Area offers numerous hunting opportunities this fall and early winter. The Lone Rock Trail at Vermillion Highlands will close to recreational users including hikers and horseback-riders on October 31.

- Deer hunting at Vermillion Highlands continues with firearms season (November 7-20) followed by muzzleloader season (November 28-December 13). Deer archery season will conclude on November 1.
- Vermillion Highlands will also be host to late season goose (December 12-21) and pheasant (December 14-January 3) hunting.
- Conditions permitting, the Lone Rock Trail will open to cross-country skiing on December 14. Skiers are urged to use caution as pheasant and late season goose hunting will be ongoing at that time.

Information on hunting and trapping opportunities at Vermillion Highlands can be found on the Web site www.umorepark.umn.edu/Vermillion_Highlands or by contacting the Department of Natural Resources area manager at 651-322-4643.

UMore Park. The University of Minnesota Outreach, Research and Education (UMore) Park is a 5,000-acre site 25 miles southeast of the Twin Cities at the suburban-rural interface, near Rosemount, Minnesota. It is among the largest contiguous properties in the United States that is owned by a land-grant university. The vision to build a University-founded community at UMore Park, a 25- to 30-year endeavor, was affirmed by the University's Board of Regents in December 2006. Work based on the concept master plan for development of a unique, vibrant, sustainable community of 20,000 to 30,000 people is under way.