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Creating a new, sustainable community on the University's 5,000-acre property

University launches new focus on research, education at UMore Park property

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MINNEAPOLIS (7/1/2010) – The U's new Office for UMore Park Academic Initiatives is open for business on July 1, 2010.

The system-wide Office for UMore Park Academic Initiatives is responsible for the integration of research, education and outreach into all phases of planning and development on the University's 5,000-acre UMore Park property located in Dakota County. The University's vision for the property, described in the Board of Regents-approved concept master plan, is of a sustainable community for 20,000 to 30,000 people that would unfold over the next 30 years.

The UMore Park planning and development project is founded on the academic strengths that reach across the breath of the University. Dual goals of the new office are to: (1) create new academic opportunities for faculty, students and staff that enhance research, learning and outreach; and (2) ensure that the new knowledge and innovation from academic efforts benefit planning, development, community engagement and economic vitality in the region.

This office is the complement to the for-profit UMore Development Limited Liability Company (LLC), which was established by the Board of Regents in October 2009, to manage the real estate and business development enterprises.

Carla Carlson is executive director of the new office, and Charles C. Muscoplat will serve as senior academic adviser. Both Carlson and Muscoplat have provided leadership to the UMore Park project since 2005. To ensure seamless interactions between University scholarship and LLC planning, both Carlson and Muscoplat are also officers of the LLC, serving as Vice President for Operations and President, respectively.

Details on significant and ongoing research, education and outreach activities at UMore Park can be accessed at www.umorepark.umn.edu.