Regional Orientation

UMore Park’s location in southern Dakota County places the site at the edge of suburban development in the Twin Cities region as shown on the **Regional Orientation Site Map**. Areas of traditional suburban growth have emerged over the last twenty years in the communities just to the west, including Rosemount, Farmington, Apple Valley, and Lakeville.

Outlying small towns along the Mississippi River to the north and east of UMore Park, including Hastings and Cottage Grove, have also experienced significant growth. The Flint Hills refinery and other industrial uses along U.S. 52 to the north of UMore Park have provided a buffer zone between the site and older suburban communities to the north. Given its status as a large undeveloped block of land, UMore Park has served as a barrier to connected growth between Rosemount and the rural areas of Dakota County to the south and east.