



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

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## **UMore Park Sand and Gravel Resources Final EIS to be published October 4**

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MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (10/01/2010) – The University of Minnesota will publish the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the UMore Park Sand and Gravel Resources Project for public review and comment on October 4, 2010. The UMore Park Sand and Gravel Resources Project proposes to locate new aggregate mine(s) and ancillary businesses on approximately 1,722 acres on the western edge of its UMore Park property in the City of Rosemount and Empire Township, Minnesota.

An important step in the process, the Final EIS describes the preferred alternative identified through the analysis in the Draft EIS and responds to the public and agency comments received in the formal comment period for the Draft EIS. The Final EIS also identifies any mitigation commitments to avoid and minimize potential adverse affects of the project. Following the close of the Final EIS comment period, the University's Board of Regents will determine if all potential issues and concerns raised in the EIS process have been addressed.

A notice will be published in the October 4, 2010 edition of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) *Monitor* informing the public of the availability of and public comment period for the Final EIS. This action follows the State EIS process under the environmental review rules established by the Minnesota EQB. The comment period on the Final EIS will conclude on October 19, 2010.

Copies of the Final EIS are available for review at the Rosemount City Hall, Empire Town Hall, Farmington Public Library and UMore Park Administration Building. The Final EIS can also be accessed through the project website at: <http://www.umorepark.umn.edu/planning/sand/>.

Question and comments regarding the UMore Park Sand and Gravel Resources Project and the Final EIS should be directed to Steven Lott, UMore Park Project Manager, 1605 160<sup>th</sup> Street, Rosemount, MN 55068 or [lottx020@umn.edu](mailto:lottx020@umn.edu).