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A recent geotechnical assessment has confirmed deposits of a substantial amount of commercial quality sand and gravel across the 5,000 acres making up UMore Park. The deposits are concentrated in three areas, spread across roughly two-thirds of the property: the western valley, the eastern fan, and the southern shallow complexes.

The report concludes that over a period of several decades and as the local market demands, approximately 360 million tons of sand and gravel could be mined from the property. The Board of Regents will determine whether to pursue gravel mining on the property following the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process which is expected to conclude in 2010.

Should the University proceed with mining, the revenue from the sale of mined sand and gravel would be used in support of academic research, education and public engagement opportunities not otherwise adequately funded by state, federal or tuition revenues.

Producing an Environmental Impact Statement to Inform Decision-making

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a legal, full disclosure document that identifies the anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation commitments of a proposed project. As the Responsible Government Unit (RGU), the University of Minnesota has initiated an EIS process to evaluate the possible environmental impact of commercial gravel mining on the UMore Park property in Rosemount. The University is committed to a full public, participatory process.

Timeline



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