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UMore Park Update

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New reports describe added value

Future community will benefit from the U's research and education strengths

Six task forces have completed reports on innovative ways to integrate University of Minnesota research, education and public engagement into the planning and development of the proposed new community at UMore Park. University strengths in education, health, energy, the environment, transportation and infrastructure, technology, arts and culture and civic life, among others, will be core to the identity of the new community, adding value that benefits citizens and the broader region.

This initial academic mission process, which began in May 2007, included listening sessions with the general public and the University community – students, faculty, staff members and administrators. The academic mission executive report and the six task force reports provide the emerging ideas that can be revised and enhanced over time.

“With this vision for a community that will develop over 25 to 30 years, the University will continuously have the opportunity to foster new partnerships, refresh ideas with new perspectives of citizens, integrate research strengths and discover unique ways to contribute to economic development and quality of life in the region,” said Vice President Charles C. Muscoplat. Muscoplat oversees the planning and development of the UMore Park property.

Read the six reports, the overarching executive report with recommendations and public comments at www.umorepark.umn.edu/Academic_Mission_Task_Forces.html

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 November 2006. The concept master planning phase of development for a unique, vibrant, intellectually and culturally rich, sustainable community of 20,000 to 30,000 people is under way.