LAND DEVELOPMENT & REDEVELOPMENT

Eco-Green Business Park

Rosemount and the University of Minnesota have the opportunity to create a noteworthy sustainable community through the development of UMore. There has been discussion about methods and processes to increase sustainability in the residential development but less discussion has been had about the future Business Park. There are two approaches to developing an eco-friendly Business Park and they are not mutually exclusive. The first is to market and attract certain green businesses to the Park. The other is to have businesses within the Park adopt certain green standards in their building construction and processing. In this study both approaches should be explored.

Questions / Issues:

- Are there industry partners that could establish a presence within the community to both support the UMore development as well as provide viable employment options for future residents of UMore?
- Are there systems, policies, or sustainability goals for businesses that should be included in the Park? What is reasonable and achievable?

Deliverables:

- Create a list of potential Green businesses that could be accommodated in the Business Park.
- Provide list of sustainability concepts that could be adopted by all businesses in the Park. This could include construction techniques, water reuse, stormwater management, public improvement design and construction, and other aspects of sustainability.

Sustainability:

This project provides a sustainable economic impact by providing jobs and additional tax base. The project will also assist in addressing environmental sustainability goals by increasing green methods and practices which could reduce runoff, promote groundwater recharge, and decrease carbon emissions and other activities often associated with manufacturing and other businesses. This project addresses the City Council and Port Authority goals of economic growth and job creation. Further the emphasis on sustainability will be reviewed and could be incorporated into community ordinances and policies for all development, which would complement the Council’s stated goal of identifying and implementing best sustainability practices.