Appendix B

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RE: Natural Heritage Review of the proposed Shenandoah Business Park / MN Valley West AUAR Update; T115N R22W Sections 4 & 5; Scott County

Dear M. Johnson,

As requested, the above project has been reviewed for potential effects to known occurrences of rare features. A search of the Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS) did identify rare features within an approximate one-mile radius of the proposed project, but these records did not include any federally listed species and were either historical or not of concern given the project details that were provided with the data request form. As such, I do not believe the proposed project will adversely affect any known occurrences of rare features.

The Natural Heritage Information System, a collection of databases that contains information about Minnesota's rare natural features, is maintained by the Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources. The NHIS is continually updated as new information becomes available, and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's rare or otherwise significant species, native plant communities, and other natural features. However, the NHIS is not an exhaustive inventory and thus does not represent all of the occurrences of rare features within the state. Therefore, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist within the project area.

For environmental review purposes, the results of this Natural Heritage Review are valid for one year; the results are only valid for the project location (noted above) and project description provided on the NHIS Data Request Form. Please contact me if project details change or if an updated review is needed.

Please note that locations of the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*), federally-listed as threatened and state-listed as special concern, and the Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), federally-listed as threatened, are not currently tracked in the NHIS. As such, the Natural Heritage Review does not address these species.

Furthermore, the Natural Heritage Review does not constitute review or approval by the Department of Natural Resources as a whole. Instead, it identifies issues regarding known occurrences of rare features and potential effects to these rare features. Additional rare features for which we have no data may be present in the project area, or there may be other natural resource concerns associated with the proposed project. For these concerns, please contact your DNR Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist (contact information available at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/ereview/erp_regioncontacts.html). Please be aware that additional site assessments or review may be required.

Thank you for consulting us on this matter, and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources. An invoice will be mailed to you under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Lisa Joyal

Lisa Joyal
Natural Heritage Review Coordinator

From:	Kelsey Johnson
To:	Andi Moffatt
Subject:	FW: By November 9th FW: Shenandoah Business Park and Minnesota Valley West AUAR Update - Shakopee, MN
Date:	Tuesday, December 06, 2011 8:40:07 AM

FYI -

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From: Doperalski, Melissa (DNR) [mailto:Melissa.Doperalski@state.mn.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 7:26 AM
To: Kelsey Johnson
Subject: RE: By November 9th FW: Shenandoah Business Park and Minnesota Valley West AUAR Update - Shakopee, MN

Mr. Johnson,

I did a quick search of the AUAR in our database and see that you have already contacted Lisa Joyal with our Department regarding an updated version of the Natural Heritage Database review. The response letter you received will be very helpful in identifying potential DNR concerns in the area of the project as they relate to sensitive and/or rare features. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions on the letter.

It does appear that there are historical records of loggerhead shrikes, specifically nesting sites, in the vicinity of the project area. A review of the aerials of the project area indicate that the site may contain ideal shrike habitat. The DNR encourages proposed development include open areas that includes scattered shrubs to provide opportunities for the loggerhead shrikes unique predatory behavior. Larger blocks of undeveloped land with favorable vegetation would also provide habitat for a variety of other species.

The western project area is identified as a Regionally Significant Ecological Area rated moderate – high biodiversity. Regional Significant Ecological Areas were designed as a tool that communities could use to recognize the importance of natural areas to quality of life and that escalating development pressures threaten remaining natural lands and water bodies. The DNR's Central Region (in partnership with the Metropolitan Council in the seven-county metropolitan area), identified these ecologically significant terrestrial and wetland areas by conducting a landscape-scale assessment based on the size and shape of the ecological area, land cover within the ecological area, adjacent land cover/use, and connectivity to other ecological areas. The purpose of the data is to inform regional scale land use decisions, especially as it relates to balancing development and natural resource protection. The GIS shapefiles can be downloaded from the DNR Data Deli. More information on RSEA's can be located at the following DNR website: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/npc/index.html http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rsea/index.html.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions,
Melissa

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From: Kelsey Johnson [mailto:kjohnson@wsbeng.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 1:56 PM
To: Colvin, Steve E (DNR)
Cc: Doperalski, Melissa (DNR)
Subject: Shenandoah Business Park and Minnesota Valley West AUAR Update - Shakopee, MN

Steve,

Good Afternoon!

My name is Kelsey Johnson and I am a community planner with WSB & Associates, Inc. I am working with the City of Shakopee on an update to the AUAR for the Shenandoah Business Park (United Land LLC) and Minnesota Valley West (Opus Northwest, L.L.C.). I've attached a project location map for your reference.

As we are preparing the update, we wanted to send notice to the MnDNR of the update, and to ask you if there are an major issues that you foresee need to be addressed in this update? If so, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can ensure we address your concerns.

A final draft copy of the AUAR update will be submitted for your review at a later date, but I wanted to start the communication early on to try to be more efficient in our process. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to call or email me.

Thank you!

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Archaeological Site Locations

Site Number	Site Name	Twp.	Range	Sec.	Quarter Sections	Acres	Phase	Site Description	Tradition	Context	Reports	NR	CEF	DOE
County:	**Scott**													
21SC0001	Huber (within 21SC23)	115	22	4	W-NE-NE	1	3,7	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1	MULT-93-01			
	Huber (within 21SC23)	115	22	4	W-NE-NE	1	3,7	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1	OSA-64-01			
	Huber (within 21SC23)	115	22	4	W-NE-NE	1	3,7	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1	THY-73-01			
	Huber (within 21SC23)	115	22	4	W-NE-NE	1	3,7	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1	THY-85-01			
	Huber (within 21SC23)	115	22	4	W-NE-NE	1	3,7	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1	MULT-91-18			
21SC0022	Pond Mounds	115	22	5	SW-NW-NW	35	1,3	EW,CEM,AS	W-1		SC-03-05	Yes		
	Pond Mounds	115	22	5	SW-NW-NW	35	1,3	EW,CEM,AS	W-1		MULT-93-01	Yes		
	Pond Mounds	115	22	5	SW-NW-NW	35	1,3	EW,CEM,AS	W-1		THY-73-01	Yes		
	Pond Mounds	115	22	5	SW-NW-NW	35	1,3	EW,CEM,AS	W-1		THY-85-01	Yes		
21SC0023	21SC0023 (contains 21SC1)	115	22	4	N-NE	0	1	EW	W-1		MULT-93-01			
	21SC0023 (contains 21SC1)	115	22	4	N-NE	0	1	EW	W-1		OSA-64-01			
	21SC0023 (contains 21SC1)	115	22	4	N-NE	0	1	EW	W-1		THY-73-01			
	21SC0023 (contains 21SC1)	115	22	4	N-NE	0	1	EW	W-1		THY-85-01			
21SC0024	Steele	115	22	4	N-NW	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	THY-73-01	Yes		
	Steele	115	22	4	N-NW	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	MULT-93-01	Yes		
	Steele	115	22	4	N-NW	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	SC-78-01	Yes		
	Steele	115	22	4	N-NW	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	THY-85-01	Yes		
	Steele	115	22	4	N-NW	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	SC-03-05	Yes		
	Steele	115	22	5	N-NE	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	THY-73-01	Yes		
	Steele	115	22	5	N-NE	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	THY-85-01	Yes		

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County:	**Scott**													
21SC0024	Steele	115	22	5	N-NE	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	MULT-93-01	Yes		
	Steele	115	22	5	N-NE	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	SC-03-05	Yes		
	Steele	115	22	5	N-NE	75	2,1	EW, CEM	W-1	Ka-1, ED-1	SC-78-01	Yes		
21SC0031	Murphy's House	115	22	5	C-NW-NW-NE	1	3	AS, SR		EA-1	SC-03-05	Yes		
	Murphy's House	115	22	5	C-NW-NW-NE	1	3	AS, SR		EA-1	MULT-93-01	Yes		
21SC0033	Murphy's Landing Terrace	115	22	5	NW-NW-NE	6	1	AS,SR	W-1	LW-1,ED-1,IC-1,EA-1	MULT-93-01	Yes		
	Murphy's Landing Terrace	115	22	5	NW-NW-NE	6	1	AS,SR	W-1	LW-1,ED-1,IC-1,EA-1	SC-03-05	Yes		
	Murphy's Landing Terrace	115	22	5	NW-NW-NE	6	1	AS,SR	W-1	LW-1,ED-1,IC-1,EA-1	SC-90-01	Yes		
21SC0072	Shenandoah Park	115	22	5	SE-NE-NW	0.5	1	LS						
21SC0073		115	22	4	NW-NW-NW	0.5	3,1	CEM,AS		IC-1,RA-1	SC-03-05			
21SC0081	Pond Mill	115	22	5	NE-NW-NW	1.3	1	AS,STR		RA-1	SC-03-05	Yes		
21SC0082	National Youth Administration Camp 5 Limestone Quarry	115	22	5	NW-NE-NE-NW	0.5	1	OTH-STONE		TR-1	SC-03-05	Yes		

History/Architecture Inventory

PROPERTY NAME	ADDRESS	Twp	Range	Sec	Quarters	USGS	Report	NRHP	CEF	DOE	Inventory Number
COUNTY: Scott											
CITY/TOWNSHIP: Shakopee											
Isaac Atwater House (moved)	off Mn. Hwy. 101	115	22	5		Eden Prairie					SC-SPC-055
Faribault House		115	22	5	N-NE	Eden Prairie		Y			SC-SPC-057
Burger Farmstead		115	22	5	N-NE	Eden Prairie		Y			SC-SPC-058
Pond Grist Mill		115	22	5	N-NW	Eden Prairie		Y			SC-SPC-059
Shakopee Historic District		115	22	5	N-NW, N-NE	Eden Prairie		Y			SC-SPC-063