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Ms. Kari Block
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Re: Request for Natural Heritage information for vicinity of proposed Gateway Commercial Development, T119N R21W Section 7, Hennepin County
Correspondence #: ERDB 20080698

Dear Ms. Block,

As requested, the Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System has been queried to determine if any rare species or other significant natural features are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the proposed project. Based on this query, there are rare features in the area searched (for query results, see the enclosed database reports). However, given the nature and location of the proposed project, I do not believe the project will negatively affect any known occurrences of rare features.

The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), a collection of databases that contain information about Minnesota's rare natural features, is maintained by the Division of Ecological 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 on the project area.

The enclosed results include an Index Report and a Detail Report of records in the Rare Features Database, the main database of the NHIS. To control the release of specific location information, which might result in the destruction of a rare feature, both reports are copyrighted.

The Index Report provides rare feature locations only to the nearest section, and may be reprinted, unaltered, in an environmental review document (e.g., EAW or EIS), municipal natural resource plan, or report compiled by your company for the project listed above. If you wish to reproduce the index report for any other purpose, please contact me to request written permission. **The Detail Report may include specific location information, and is for your personal use only. If you wish to reprint or publish the detail report for any purpose, please contact me to request written permission.**

Please be aware that this letter focuses only on potential effects to *rare natural features*; there may be other natural resource concerns associated with the proposed project. This letter does not constitute review or approval by the Department of Natural Resources as a whole. If you would like further information on the environmental review process, please contact your Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist, Wayne Barstad, at (651) 259-5738.



An invoice in the amount of \$66.33 will be mailed to you under separate cover within two weeks of the date of this letter. You are being billed for the database search and printouts, and staff scientist review. Thank you for consulting us on this matter, and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Larson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Krista A. Larson
Endangered Species Environmental Review Technician

encl: Rare Features Database: Index Report
Rare Features Database: Detail Report
Rare Features Database Reports: An Explanation of Fields

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Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System: Rare Features Database
Index Report of records within 1 mile radius of:

Gateway Commercial Development
T119N R21W Section 7
Hennepin County

Element Name and Occurrence Number	Federal Status	MN Status	State Rank	Global Rank	Last Observed Date	EO ID #
Hennepin County, MN						
Colonial Waterbird Nesting Area (Colonial Waterbird Nesting Site) #1024		No Status	SNR	GNR	2001	29830

Location Description: T119N R22W S13

Records Printed = 1