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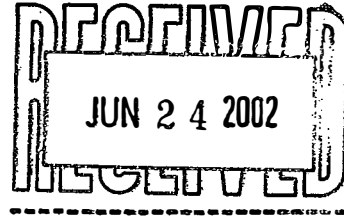
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June 20, 2002

Michele Jackson Caron
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Re: Request for Natural Heritage information for vicinity of proposed Albertville Business Park, T121N
R24W Section 35, Wright County
NHNRP Contact #: ERDB 20020932-0002

Dear Ms. Caron,

The Minnesota Natural Heritage database has been reviewed to determine if any rare plant or animal species or other significant natural features are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the area indicated on the map enclosed with your information request. Based on this review, there are no known occurrences of rare species or natural communities in the area searched.

The Natural Heritage database is maintained by the Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program, a unit within the Division of Ecological Services, Department of Natural Resources. It is continually updated as new information becomes available, and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's rare or otherwise significant species, natural communities, and other natural features. Its purpose is to foster better understanding and protection of these features.

Because our information is not based on a comprehensive inventory, there may be rare or otherwise significant natural features in the state that are not represented in the database. A county-by-county survey of rare natural features is now underway, and has been completed for Wright County. Our information about natural communities is, therefore, quite thorough for that county. However, because survey work for rare plants and animals is less exhaustive, and because there has not been an on-site survey of all areas of the county, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist on the project area.

Please be aware that review by the Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program focuses only on *rare natural features*. It does not constitute review or approval by the Department of Natural Resources as a whole. If you require further information on the environmental review process for other wildlife-related issues, you may contact your Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist, Mike North, at (218) 828-2433.

An invoice for the work completed is enclosed. You are being billed for map and database search and staff scientist review. Please forward this invoice to your Accounts Payable Department. Thank you for consulting us on this matter, and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources.

Sincerely,

Sarah D. Hoffmann
Endangered Species Environmental Review Coordinator

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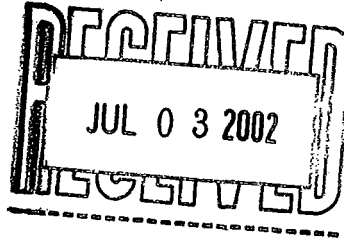




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July 3, 2002

Ms. Michele Jackson Caron
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RE: RLK No. 2001-239-M
Pre-EAW - Darkenwald Real Estate; construct commercial/office/warehouse lots
Albertville, Wright County
SHPO Number: 2002-2715

Dear Ms. Caron:

Thank you for consulting with our office during the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the above referenced project.

Based on our review of the project information, we conclude that there are no properties listed on the National or State Registers of Historic Places, and no known or suspected archaeological properties in the area that will be affected by this project.

Please contact us at (651) 296-5462 if you have any questions regarding our comments on this project.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Gimmestad
Government Programs and Compliance Officer