

APPENDIX B – AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE



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RE: Natural Heritage Review of the proposed Summerland Place,
T115N R22W Sections 8, 9, 16, & 17; Scott County

Dear Ms. Harwood,

As requested, the above project has been reviewed for potential effects to known occurrences of rare features. Given the project details provided with the data request form, I do not believe the proposed project will negatively affect any known occurrences of rare features.

The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), 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. **If additional information becomes available regarding rare features in the vicinity of the project, further review may be necessary.**

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 the project description provided on the NHIS Data Request Form. Please contact me if project details change or for an updated review if construction has not occurred within one year.

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. If needed, please contact your [DNR Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist](#) to determine whether there are other natural resource concerns associated with the proposed project. 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. Please include a copy of this letter in any state or local license or permit application. An invoice will be mailed to you under separate cover.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Bump". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Samantha Bump
Natural Heritage Review Specialist
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Links: DNR Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist Contact Info
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/ereview/erp_regioncontacts.html

Roxy (Franta)Robertson

From: MN_MNIT_Data Request SHPO <DataRequestSHPO@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 2:12 PM
To: Alison Harwood
Subject: RE: SHPO Inquiry - Summergate Development Shakopee

Hello Alison,

Our database has no archaeological or historic records for the given area.

Jim



SHPO Data Requests
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Notice: This email message simply reports the results of the cultural resources database search you requested. The database search is only for previously known archaeological sites and historic properties. **IN NO CASE DOES THIS DATABASE SEARCH OR EMAIL MESSAGE CONSTITUTE A PROJECT REVIEW UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL PRESERVATION LAWS** – please see our website at <https://mn.gov/admin/shpo/protection/> for further information regarding our Environmental Review Process.

Because the majority of archaeological sites in the state and many historic/architectural properties have not been recorded, important sites or properties may exist within the search area and may be affected by development projects within that area. Additional research, including field surveys, may be necessary to adequately assess the area's potential to contain historic properties or archaeological sites.

Properties that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or have been determined eligible for listing in the NRHP are indicated on the reports you have received, if any. The following codes may be on those reports:

NR – National Register listed. The properties may be individually listed or may be within the boundaries of a National Register District.

CEF – Considered Eligible Findings are made when a federal agency has recommended that a property is eligible for listing in the National Register and MN SHPO has accepted the recommendation for the purposes of the Environmental Review Process. These properties need to be further assessed before they are officially listed in the National Register.

SEF – Staff eligible Findings are those properties the MN SHPO staff considers eligible for listing in the National Register, in circumstances other than the Environmental Review Process.

DOE – Determination of Eligibility is made by the National Park Service and are those properties that are eligible for listing in the National Register, but have not been officially listed.

CNEF – Considered Not Eligible Findings are made during the course of the Environmental Review Process. For the purposes of the review a property is considered not eligible for listing in the National Register. These properties may need to be reassessed for eligibility under additional or alternate contexts.

Properties without NR, CEF, SEF, DOE, or CNEF designations in the reports may not have been evaluated and therefore no assumption to their eligibility can be made. Integrity and contexts change over time, therefore any eligibility determination made ten (10) or more years from the date of the current survey are considered out of date and the property will need to be reassessed. If you require a comprehensive assessment of a project's potential to impact archaeological sites or historic/architectural properties, you may need to hire a qualified archaeologist and/or historian. If you need assistance with a project review, please contact Kelly Gragg-Johnson, Environmental Review Specialist @ 651-201-3285 or by email at kelly.graggjohnson@state.mn.us.

The Minnesota SHPO Archaeology and Historic/Architectural Survey Manuals can be found at <https://mn.gov/admin/shpo/identification-evaluation/>.

MN SHPO research hours are **8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesday-Friday**.

PLEASE NOTE: We strongly encourage you to email datarequestshpo@state.mn.us or call ahead at 651-201-3299 or 651-201-3287 to schedule the time you wish to visit our office. Starting Tuesday, September 24th, 2019, our building security protocol will change so that you will be required to check in at the building lobby security desk to receive a temporary pass to our office if you have scheduled your visit ahead of time. If you have not scheduled your visit ahead of time a SHPO staff member will have to escort you to and from our office which, of course, will be more inconvenient for everyone. Thank you.



SHPO needs your input! Help create Minnesota's next statewide preservation plan by [taking a brief survey](#).

Planning a visit to access SHPO's files? Learn about security changes and [how to arrange a visit](#).

From: Alison Harwood <aharwood@wsbeng.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 2:12 PM
To: MN_MNIT_Data Request SHPO <DataRequestSHPO@state.mn.us>
Subject: SHPO Inquiry - Summergate Development Shakopee

Good afternoon,

Could you send me archeological and architectural inventory data for the attached project area? The project is located in Shakopee, Scott County the following sections:

Section 8, 9, 16, 17, Township 115N, Range 22W

Thank you!

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