

APPENDIX E: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION LETTERS

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Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1256

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February 18, 2005

Mr. Stanley Crooks, Sr.
Chairman
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
2330 Sioux Trail NW
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Dear Chairman Crooks:

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Sincerely,



JoAnn M. Kyrál
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cc:
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Ms. Helen M. Blue
Chairwoman
Upper Sioux Indian Community
P.O. Box 147
Granite Falls, MN 56241

Dear Chairwoman Blue:

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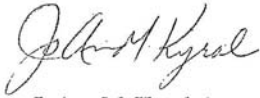
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Ms. Audrey Bennett
President
Prairie Island Indian Community
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road
Welch, MN 55089

Dear President Bennett:

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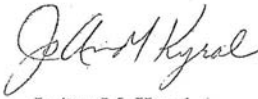
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Ms. Ann Larsen
Chairwoman
Lower Sioux Indian Community
39527 Reservation Hwy #1
P.O. Box 308
Morton, MN 56270

Dear Chairwoman Larsen:

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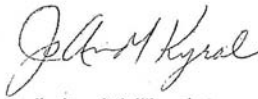
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Ms. Phoebe O'Dell
Chairwoman
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
R.R. 1, Box 721
Perkins, OK 74059

Dear Chairwoman O'Dell:

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February 17, 2005

Britta Bloomberg
Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office
Minnesota Historical Society
345 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111

Dear Ms. Bloomberg:

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If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 651-290-3030, extension 222.

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Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

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November 9, 2004

JoAnn Kyril
U.S. National Park Service
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
111 E. Kellogg Blvd., Ste. 105
St Paul, MN 55101-1256

Dear Ms. Kyril:

Thank you for providing a fully-executed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Disposition of the Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus (Center).

In response to Section 4.B. of the MOA, Mr. Jeff Gosse is designated as our contact for all aspects of providing advice and assistance concerning the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mr. Gosse can be reached at 612-713-5138.

We look forward to the timely and successful completion of the EIS and Record of Decision. Please contact me at 612-713-5305, or Robert Hansen at 612-713-5212, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Milne
Assistant Regional Director,
Budget and Administration

cc: Jeff Gosse, FWS Ecological Services



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program, Box 25
500 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4000

Phone: (651) 259-5107 Fax: (651) 296-1811 E-mail: sarah.hoffmann@dnr.state.mn.us

December 23, 2005

Matthew R. Smith
Engineering-Environmental Management, Inc.
9563 S. Kingston Court, Suite 200
Englewood, CO 80112

Re: Request for Natural Heritage information for vicinity of proposed Disposition of the Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus, T28N R23W Section 20, Hennepin County
NHNRP Contact #: ERDB 20060451

Dear Mr. Smith,

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 33 known occurrences of rare species or native plant communities in the area searched (for details, see enclosed database printout and explanation of selected fields). However, disposition of the property alone should not affect any known occurrences of rare features.

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, native plant 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 Hennepin County. Our information about native plant 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.

The enclosed results of the database search are provided in two formats: index and full record. To control the release of locational information which might result in the damage or destruction of a rare element, both printout formats are copyrighted.

The index provides rare feature locations only to the nearest section, and may be reprinted, unaltered, in an Environmental Assessment Worksheet, municipal natural resource plan, or report compiled by your company for the project listed above. If you wish to reproduce the index for any other purpose, please contact me to request written permission. **The full-record printout includes more detailed locational information, and is for your personal use only. If you wish to reprint the full-record printouts for any purpose, please contact me to request written permission.**

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 natural resource-related issues, you may contact your Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist, Wayne Barstad, at (651) 772-7940.

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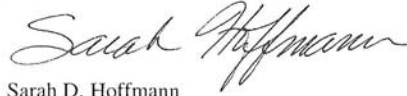
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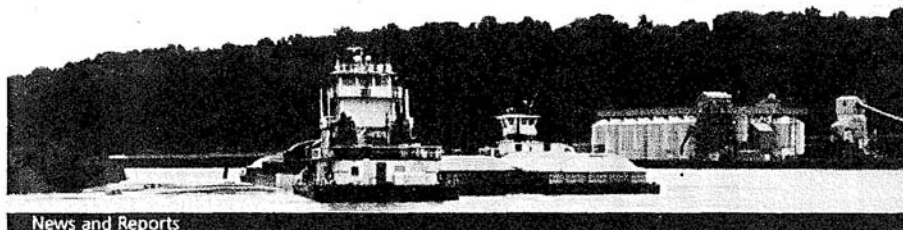
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Sarah D. Hoffmann
Endangered Species Environmental Review Coordinator

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Rare Feature Database Print-Outs: An Explanation of Fields

National Park Service
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area



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07/15/2005

Contact: Kim Berns, Project Manager
651-290-4160 ext 244

JoAnn Kyril, Park Superintendent
651-290-4160

National Park Service makes scoping comments on Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center available to the public

The National Park Service (NPS) has compiled public comments and suggestions received on the future of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus (Center) in the Public Scoping Comment Summary available at <http://www.nps.gov/miss/bom/status.html>. A copy of the Public Scoping Comment Summary is also available by contacting Kim Berns at the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) at 651-290-3030 ext. 238. The report summarizes the results of the initial scoping period for the Center Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The NPS is leading the EIS analysis process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The report includes comments received during the scoping period from January 28, 2005 until June 30, 2005.

The NPS is leading the NEPA process to consider alternatives for the disposition of the Center. Open public scoping meetings were held in March 2005 and the NPS contacted numerous organizations, groups, Indian Tribes, individuals and governments during the scoping period. Over 100 written comments were received according to JoAnn Kyril, MNRRA Superintendent. "People told us about issues they wanted to see addressed in the EIS. Comments included recommendations for comprehensive

[tp://www.nps.gov/miss/info/news_reports/2005/scoping.html](http://www.nps.gov/miss/info/news_reports/2005/scoping.html)

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concepts of ownership, values to be protected, and ideas for management and uses for the Center."

The comments received during the scoping process will be used to develop a draft EIS. The EIS analysis process will evaluate alternatives for disposition of the property and the potential impacts regarding future uses of the Center on the natural, historic, and cultural resources. The Center occupies 27 acres of federal land including 11 vacated buildings and is within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System.

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To: kim_bern@nps.gov

cc:

Subject: An Invitation from Senator Chaudhary

Coldwater Meeting
When: Tuesday, May 3rd
Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm
Where: State Capital, room 418
Moderated by Senator Satveer Chaudhary

Please R.S.V.P. Sen. Chaudhary's office by phone at 651-296-4334.

Minnesota State Senator Satveer Chaudhary is inviting you to attend the Coldwater meeting he will be moderating at the state capital. The meeting's purpose is to gather all parties involved with the Coldwater site together and to discuss different proposals for the site's future.

For background information on Coldwater you may wish to visit the National Park Service website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, go to "Choose a Park," click on Mississippi NR&RA, and click on BOM Project, or visit the Friends of Coldwater website: www.friendsofcoldwater.org.

Invitations to attend the meeting have been extended to:

- Kathleen Anderson, District Director of Congressman Martin Sabo's Minneapolis Office
- Mn Department of Natural Resources
- Kim Berns, National Park Service Project Manager for the Coldwater disposition
- Sharon Day, Anishinabe Mdewiwin Society water woman, Executive Director, Indigenous People's Task Force
- Eric Evenson, Administrator, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- Susu Jeffrey, founder, Friends of Coldwater
- David Kelliher, Legislative Liaison, Minnesota Historical Society
- Andrew McDermott, Landscape Architect, Engineering Department, Fish & Wildlife
- Sharon Sayles-Belton, Fellow, Senior Fellow, Hubert Humphrey Institute
- Mark Seeley, Professor at the University of Minnesota, specializing in Soil, Water, & Climate
- House Representative Jean Wagenius, District 62B
- House Representative Jim Davnie, District 62A
- Senator Wesley Skoglund, District 62
- Bruce M. White, Ph.D., Coldwater expert, historical anthropologist
- A representative from the DNR

COLDWATER MEETING AGENDA

May 3, 2005

RSVP'd for meeting:

- > -**Kim Berns**, National Park Service Project Manager for the Coldwater disposition
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- **DNR representative**

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- Introduction- introductions, thank you's, pass out agendas, announce minutes.
- Kim Berns Presentation- Kim Berns with the National Park Service, the agency in charge of the Coldwater disposition, will give a presentation discussing the process that Coldwater is now going through.
- General Statements- general statements for each meeting attendee to talk about their ideas and concerns for the Coldwater property.
- General Discussion- Open the floor for general discussion
- Closing- Sen. Chaudhary Closing remarks

Meeting Ended.

• send copies of MAC letter to Heather Koop

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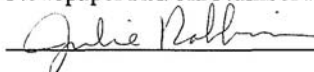
Julie Robbins

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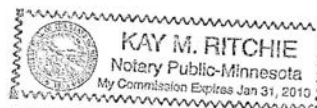

NOTARY PUBLIC

Washington County, Minnesota
My commission expires January 31, 2010

Legal Notice
Public Open House
Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS)
National Park Service
Former Bureau of Mines
Twin Cities
Research Center (Center)
T. 28 N., R. 23 W., S. 20
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Hennepin County, MN
27.32 acres

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Public Open House Meeting Dates and Location:
Dates: Wednesday
March 30, 2005
Times: 1-3pm, 6-9 pm
Thursday
March 31, 2005
Times: 1-3pm, 6-9 pm
Location:
Four Points Sheraton Inn
400 Hemline Avenue N
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104
For information call the
National Park Service at
(651) 290-4160 or visit
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March 30, 2005
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Thursday
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Four Points Sheraton Inn
400 Hamline Avenue North
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News Release

For Immediate Release

**Contact: Kim Berns, Project Manager
651-290-3030, ext. 244**

Public invited to scoping meetings on the future of former Bureau of Mines Property

The National Park Service is leading a planning process to consider the disposition of the former Twin Cities Bureau of Mines Research Center (Center) located within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. The purpose of the planning process is to consider alternatives for disposition of the property and the potential impacts regarding future uses of the Center on the natural, historic, and cultural resources in an environmental impact statement. The future of the Center is limited by federal law which authorizes a transfer or sale to university or government entities only.

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Comments are due by May 13, 2005. In addition to submitting comments at the meetings, comments can be mailed to the National Park Service, 111 East Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101; sent electronically to miss_bomcomments@nps.gov; or faxed to the National Park Service at 651-290-3214. For more information visit the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area web site at <http://www.nps.gov/miss> and click on the Bureau of Mines project.

The Center, closed by Congress in 1995, occupies 27 acres including 11 vacated buildings and is within the National Register-listed Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and within a portion of the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District.

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July 19, 2004

John Raddatz
Stir Ventures
6239 Annapolis Lane North #200
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Dear Mr. Raddatz:

Thank you for your recent inquiry into the former Bureau of Mines property. As mentioned in our recent telephone conversation, the National Park Service will be leading a public process to determine the future of this important property in Hennepin County and within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area boundary.

I have enclosed some pertinent information on the Bureau of Mines site, a MNRRA brochure and other related information. Your name will be added to our list of interested parties and we will keep you apprised of opportunities to become involved in this project.

Please feel free to contact me as the Project Manager for the Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines Project at (651) 290-3030 ext. 244.

Sincerely,

Kim M. Berns
Project Manager
National Park Service

Enclosures

cc: Jeff Gosse
USFWS – Region 3
1 Federal Drive
Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056

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April 21, 2005

The Honorable Satveer Chaudhary
Minnesota State Senate
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Room 317
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Chaudhary:

It has come to our attention that you have an interest in the Bureau of Mines, Twin Cities Research Campus ("Center") project, which includes Camp Coldwater. I have enclosed some background information from our recent public open house sessions that were held on March 30 and 31, 2005. Included are: location maps of the project area, information on the specific legislation, and historic and cultural resource information. As you may know, the initial public comment period for this project closes on May 13, 2005.

By way of additional background information, the National Park Service (NPS) was designated by Congress in the 2003 Department of the Interior (DOI) appropriations legislation as the lead agency to conduct a public planning process to determine the disposition of the Center including Camp Coldwater. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 which will consider a range of alternatives and impacts of those alternatives on the future uses of the property. A draft EIS is expected to be released in early 2006, thereby offering the public another opportunity to comment on this project.

Congress closed the Center in 1995. The Center is located within the boundary of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA), a unit of the National Park System. The property occupies 27.32 acres of federal land located in Hennepin County and includes 11 buildings located across from the Veterans Hospital in South Minneapolis. Specific federal legislation limits transfer of the property to university and government entities only.

The property is also partially within the boundaries of the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and of the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District. The Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has concluded that the Center itself is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District.

If you are interested in discussing this project or visiting the property, please contact me at 651-290-3030 ext. 222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "JoAnn M. Kyril".

JoAnn M. Kyril
Superintendent

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cc:
Representative Dan Larson
Senator Jane Ranum



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April 15, 2005

Andrea Jane Lee, IHM
President
College of St. Catherine
F-23
2004 Randolph Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Dear President Lee, IHM:

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institution or the federal government. Enclosed is some background information on the Center and the project.

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Sincerely,

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William V. Frame
President
Augsberg College
2211 Riverside Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55454

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President
Macalester College
208 Weyerhauser
62 Macalester
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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April 15, 2005

Christopher M. Thomforde
President
St. Olaf College
Administration 120
1520 Saint Olaf Avenue
Northfield, MN 55057

Dear President Thomforde:

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James L. Peterson, Ph.D.
President
Gustavus Adolphus College
800 West College Avenue
Saint Peter, MN 56082

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Robert A. Oden
President
Carlton College
One North College Street
Northfield, MN 55057

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Larry Osnes
President
Hamline University
1536 Hewitt Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Dear President Osnes:

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President
University of Minnesota
202 Morrill Hall
100 Church Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

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Rev. Dr. Robert Holst
President
Concordia University of St. Paul
275 Syndicate Street North
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Dear President Holst:

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Fr. Dennis Dease
President
University of St. Thomas
2115 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Dear President Dease:

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President
Metropolitan State University
730 Hennepin Avenue #510
Minneapolis, MN 55403

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Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 East 50th Street



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MIDWEST REGION**Public Planning Process Begins for Future of Former Bureau of Mines Property**

The National Park Service invites the public to participate in a planning process to address the future of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Center Research Center Main Campus (Center). The Center is located between Minnehaha Regional Park and Historic Fort Snelling in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Park Service's Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) will lead the planning process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that will include the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS). Kim Berns at MNRRA is serving as Project Manager and will be coordinating the planning process and public meetings, which are expected to begin in March 2005. Once the meeting dates are established, they will be posted on the MNRRA website at www.nps.gov/miss.

"We will work with the community, Indian tribes and all levels of government to develop and evaluate a range of alternatives for future uses of the Center. This process will enable the Federal Government to make an informed decision regarding the future of the Center," said JoAnn Kyril, Superintendent of MNRRA. The future of the Center is limited by federal law which authorizes a transfer or sale to universities or government entities only.

The Center, closed by Congress in 1995, occupying 27 acres, including 11 vacated buildings is within the boundary of MNRRA. The Center is within the National Register-listed Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and within a portion of the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District.

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Spring 2005

Annual Neighborhood Meeting is April 21

Join your neighbors for NENA's **Annual Neighborhood Meeting** on Thursday, April 21, at Minnehaha United Methodist Church (3701 East 50th Street). The open house will begin at 6:30 pm with a silent auction and pasta, bread & salad dinner provided by Fat Lorenzo's, followed by the business meeting at 7:30 pm.

During the open house, you'll have a chance to bid on many items in the silent auction (see the list on page 7), talk with a representative from the National Park Service about the future of the old Bureau of Mines site, take a short survey on an idea for a neighborhood bus route, chat with neighbors, and view changes to the neighborhood bike routes project.

The meeting portion of the evening will include volunteer recognition, NENA's annual report, Board elections and a short break to make your final bids on silent auction items.

Bring TP, Stay for the Meeting

This year we are asking that people bring an item for the Minnehaha Food Shelf, operated by Minnehaha United Methodist Church. Wonder what to bring? **Toilet paper** tops the list of "most requested but don't have" items, followed by laundry soap, sanitary products, sugar and toddler-size diapers. Of course, nonperishable canned and dry foods are also needed (suggestions include beans, spaghetti and sauce, canned meat, peanut butter, cereal, chili, crackers, etc.) You may also make a monetary contribution to the food shelf at the meeting.

Silent Auction

The silent auction will open at 6:30 and then pause while the meeting gets underway. We will have a short break during the meeting when people may place their final bids. Winning items may be picked up and paid for when the meeting ends at 9:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the silent auction support neighborhood community events such as the popular Night Before New Year's Eve Party. Don't forget your checkbook!

Annual Meeting continues on Page 2



Bike Routes & Signs Coming This Spring!

It's been almost four years since NENA volunteers began the sometimes controversial process of joining our neighborhood with the rest of the Metro-wide bicycle trail system.

This past few months, NENA volunteers and staff worked with Public Works and Council Member Sandra Colvin Roy to refine a new system of smaller and more descriptive signs that eventually will be installed citywide. The new plan calls for fewer routes in Nokomis East. That, of course, means less signage and a reduced overall cost.

The main route runs along 50th Street, from the lake to Minnehaha Park. A secondary route runs along Nokomis Ave. from 50th St., across Minnehaha Creek and north to the new River-Lake Greenway.

Installation is expected to start later this spring. Updated maps and details are at www.nokomiseast.org

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Minnehaha Food Shelf

You Can Help!

The Minnehaha Food Shelf, located at Minnehaha United Methodist Church (3701 East 50th Street), started last May to replace the location the Salvation Army consolidated to Lake Street. It serves households south of Lake Street and east of 35W.

The food shelf is open from 1pm to 3pm, Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 1pm to 6pm on Thursday.

It costs \$300 per month plus \$1,000 per year to operate the food shelf. You can help by making a financial donation, gathering non-perishable foods or hygiene products, or volunteering your time. (All items should be non-perishable and unopened).

NENA maintains a list of needed items at www.nokomiseast.org.

The Most Requested Items That They Usually Don't Have Enough Of...

- Toilet Tissue
- Laundry Soap
- Sanitary Products
- Sugar
- Diapers (toddler sizes)

If you are willing to help by donating or volunteering, please contact Gail Johnson at (612) 721-6231.

MinneHarvest

Minnehaha also sponsors an event called the *MinneHarvest*. On the fourth Saturday of each month, they bring in a truckload of mostly produce, breads and dairy gathered from local grocery warehouses and invite people to "shop" for two grocery bags each. Although free to the recipients, it costs the food shelf about \$650 per month. Donations are appreciated.

NENA's Spring Calendar

Saturday, April 16	Ward 11 DFL Convention. Registration at 9am, Convenes at 10am, Washburn High School, 201 West 49th Street
Thursday, April 21	NENA Annual Neighborhood Meeting. Open House and Silent Auction start at 6:30. Meeting runs 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St.
Saturday, April 23	Ward 12 DFL Convention. Registration at 9am, Convenes at 10am, Roosevelt High School, 4029 28th Avenue South
	Earth Day at Nokomis. Clean up activities, 9:30 - 11am, Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway
	Environmental Fair, 11am - 2pm, Nokomis Community Center. Information booths, activities for the kids, music and refreshments.
Monday, April 25	Third Precinct Advisory Council (3-PAC), 6:30 pm, Third Precinct, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue
Thursday, April 28	NENA Board Meeting, 7pm, NENA office, 3000 East 50th Street.
Tuesday, May 3	Raingardens Workshop. 6:30-8:30pm, Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway. Call (612) 673-3014 to register. This is the first of 2 sessions; the second session is Tuesday, May 17.
Sunday, May 8	Green Party Fifth Congressional District Endorsing Convention, 1-5pm, Park House, 2120 Park Ave, (612) 871-1264
Saturday, May 14	Citywide DFL Convention. Registration at 9am, Convenes at 10am, Melby Hall on the Augsburg Campus, 715 23rd Avenue South
	GOP Congressional District 5 Convention, 8:30am, Embassy Suites Hotel, 7901 34th Avenue South, Bloomington
Wednesday, May 18	Third Precinct Open House, 10am - 2pm, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue South. Food, SWAT, bomb squad, mounted patrol, K-9 demonstrations, motorcycle unit, State Patrol helicopter, and precinct tours.
Saturday, May 21	Grand Reopening and Dedication, Third Precinct, noon - 2pm, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue South. Ribbon cutting at 12:30pm
Monthly NENA Task Force and Committee Meetings:	
	Economic Development, 1st Wednesday
	Environmental Task Force, 4th Monday
	Housing Committee, 2nd Tuesday
	Oversight Committee, 3rd Thursday
	People Services & Safety, 1st Tuesday
	Board of Directors, 4th Thursday

Unless stated otherwise, all NENA meetings start at 7pm at the NENA office, 3000 East 50th Street. Please call (612) 724-5652 for last minute schedule changes.

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Dear Friends:

As the National Park Service begins the public planning process to determine future use of the **Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center property**, area residents have a chance to share their opinions. Several years ago, I secured federal funds for the National Park Service to lead a public planning process concerning how this site would best be used. The intent of the planning is to consider alternatives and the impact of potential new uses on the natural, historic and cultural resources of this federal property.

In 1995, Congress closed this property, which is located between Minnehaha Regional Park and Historic Fort Snelling along Highway 55. The former Research Center is located within two historic designations: the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and Fort Snelling National Register Historic District. The site also includes the Camp Coldwater Spring, the springhouse and pond.

Public open house meetings took place during the last week in March. But you may also submit input via the National Park Service website. To register your feedback, and for more information about the property and the planning process, visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/miss/bom/status.html>

Regards,

Martin

Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

MARCH - APRIL 2005 RELEASES

Metro Transit Awarded Federal Security Funds

Congressman Sabo is pleased to announce that Metro Transit has been awarded \$1.175 million in federal funds to enhance mass transit security in the Twin Cities area. Hiawatha Light Rail will receive \$500,000 and the bus system will receive \$675,000.

Aircraft Noise Mitigation Grant to Benefit Metro Area Neighborhoods

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