RESOLUTION

concerning

The Acquisition of Property

for

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

April 6, 1979

WHEREAS, A piece of property consisting of approximately one and four-tenths (1.4) acres of land along the northern boundary of Eastern Connecticut State College, has become available for purchase by the State, and

WHEREAS, This property is within an area necessary for completion of the college campus, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is hereby instructed to take all actions necessary for the accomplishment of such acquisition.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
Executive Director
May 16, 1979

Dr. Michael D. Usdan  
Commissioner  
Board of Higher Education  
P. O. Box 1320  
Hartford, CT  06101

Dear Mike:

At its meeting on April 6, 1979, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State Colleges passed the enclosed resolution approving the acquisition of property on the border of the Eastern Connecticut State College campus.

Acquisition of the property is called for in the 1970 campus master plan which was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 5, 1971, and by the Commission for Higher Education on March 2, 1971.

The property is located at a highly strategic spot at the High Street entrance to the campus. The matter of its acquisition arises now because the property is in an estate, and we have reason to believe that the heirs are willing to sell it to the State for use by Eastern at a very reasonable price. It is in other words an opportunity which it would be a shame to miss.

According to our records there are existing capital project authorizations for Eastern containing unallocated funds which could be utilized for this purpose with proper approvals. Please see President Webb's letter to Dr. Porter, dated May 8, 1979, attached. This letter contains a drawing showing the exact location of the property.

In light of the above I request Board of Higher Education approval of this acquisition.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost  
Executive Director

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Encls.  
cc: President Webb
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The property, as indicated on the plan, adjoins the land which is designated as the site for the new residence hall which is in the planning process. In addition, it abuts the land corridor of Eastern Connecticut State College which serves as Eastern Road, a main entrance to the North Campus.

The Campus Master Plan, adopted by the Commission on Higher Education in 1970, anticipated the purchase of all the land bounded by High Street and Prospect Street, to finish siting our North Campus. Lack of funding has prevented progress with purchase as planned, but the goal should not be abandoned, since we will need certain plots for future designated, necessary buildings, e.g., the humanities classroom building. The Yolda property, which must be sold to settle the estate, is one of the properties involved.

There is a dwelling on the property which, with a small investment (to satisfy Fire Code requirements), can house 8 students toward relief of our housing shortage, until such time as we have erected adequate facilities.

There are old Eastern Connecticut State College Bond Funds, which have small amounts of money unallotted from previous projects.
I suggest that these small amounts be consolidated by FAC action into a land acquisition fund ($128,278.55) to be available for purchase of the "Yolda" property and other properties on High Street as they become available.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Webb
President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Thomas A. Porter
Executive Officer for
Academic and Student Affairs
Board of Trustees-State Colleges
P. O. Box 2008
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

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May 8, 1979

Bond Fund 3720 $23,264.02
3740 2,992.61
3740 21.92
3860 2,000.00
3880 100,000.00

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[Signature]

Charles R. Webb
President

CRW:mts

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Faculty

Reg Wilson

House at → High Street

Land adjacent to College land
pot new dormitory
1. 4+ acres

Dwelling on it asking was $40, real estate
We want to settle, but they put money back on.
President Webb will be contacting you concerning the acquisition of a piece of residential property on the north side of the campus which is included in their master plan. The property costs $40,000. Public Works has expressed willingness to go ahead but approval is alleged to be needed from the BHE. The old Commission for Higher Education had approved the campus's master plan several years ago.

This matter arises now because the property has come on the market for sale.
TO THE COMMISSIONER, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

You are requested to proceed to prepare plans and/or specifications for the following work:

for the purchase of land on High Street, Willimantic, adjacent to property of Eastern Connecticut State College

Funds are available for allotment from appropriation No. 231 1969 made by the General Assembly or funds can be made available by the Governor and the Finance Advisory Committee under appropriation.

Accompanying this request are our recommendations concerning the general layout and other features of the proposed work.

Federal funds are or will be available for this project (Yes) (No)

Private funds are or will be available for this project (Yes) (No)

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

By

Duly Authorized

(This request should be submitted in triplicate)

Form FW-1
In 1969 the General Assembly authorized $1,430,000 to purchase land adjacent to land owned by the College for the purpose of finishing the North Campus of the College.

Two properties are available immediately at reasonable asking prices. Both properties are in estates and must be sold for cash by September to settle estate taxes. One is 1.4 acres; the other, 1 acre. Both have dwellings on the property.

This matter is of great urgency. If the properties, which are being offered to us exclusively at present, are not purchased by the State now, they must be purchased at some future date for completion of the College facilities.

At least $100,000 of the authorization should be bonded immediately and the transactions completed with great expedition.

It would be wise to bond $350,000 in order to free funds to purchase two additional properties which owners are holding for us.

(As you can see, our neighbors have been most patient and committed to completing our campus.)

MSW:mts
7/21/78
STATE OF CONNECTICUT - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS
PURCHASE OF LAND ON HIGH STREET, WILLIMANTIC,
PROJECT TITLE: ADJACENT TO PROPERTY OF EASTERN PROJECT NO. BI-RW-196
CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE
AGENCY: Eastern Connecticut State Project Prepared by Margaret S. Wilson
College Executive Assistant to the President

1. PROJECT INFORMATION:

(a) Description of Project:
Two properties, adjacent to Eastern Connecticut State College, are available immediately at reasonable asking prices. Both properties are in estates and must be sold for cash by September to settle estate taxes. One is 1.4 acres; the other, 1 acre. Both have dwellings on them adjacent to property of Eastern Connecticut State College.

(b) Location of Project (Geographic Area, Specific Location at/or within Facility):
adjacent to property of Eastern Connecticut State College

(c) Type and Use of Building and/or Facility (Similarity with Existing Buildings and/or Facilities):
The property would be used for the purpose of finishing the North Campus of the College. Immediate and temporary use for the buildings would be a conversion to apartments to ameliorate our critical housing shortage.

(d) Principal Features and Functions (Number of Occupants, Number of Floors, Type and Size of Rooms, any mandatory requirements, secure floor areas, etc.)
One piece of property is 1.4 acres; the other, 1 acre. Each has a dwelling on the property.

(e) Special Features and Functions (Demolition, Alterations, Site Work, Special Furniture or Equipment, any unusual items which would add to cost):

(f) Attachments Supporting Above (Include any sketches and any details considered pertinent including location plans, etc.):

(g) Remarks:
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2. FINANCING / COSTS:

(a) Source of Funding:

(1) State (Bond Act and Section, Agency Funds, Special Funds, etc.)
Funds are available for allotment from appropriation SA 281 1969 at least $100,000 of the authorization should be bonded immediately.

(2) Other than State:

(b) Amount of Currently Available Funding:
The amount of $1,430,000 was authorized by the Legislature in 1969 (SA 281; BI-RW-196) for land acquisition.

(c) Estimate of Construction Costs:
DNA

3. REASON FOR PROJECT: (See (g).)

4. EFFECT ON OPERATING COST: