



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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FOR THE STATE COLLEGES

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
J. EUGENE SMITH

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE COLLEGES  
TO APPLY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

February 4, 1972

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges upon the advice and consent of the Governor, as required by Public Act No. 17 of the 1971 Session of the General Assembly, is empowered to acquire properties,

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has offered 71 acres, identified as tract 165 on the town map of West Thompson, Connecticut on Messier Road, to be used for educational purposes under a United States Government Surplus Land Grant,

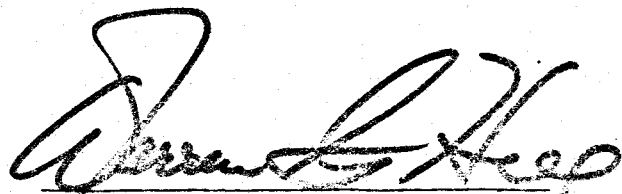
WHEREAS, said property can be utilized to great advantage in the biology and Earth Science programs of Eastern Connecticut State College,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges hereby approves the filing of an application to obtain said property, contingent upon the consent of the Governor of the State of Connecticut.

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*for  
with  
Ad Hill*

RESOLVED that the Commission for Higher Education, subject to its responsibilities contained in Sections 10-109b and 10-324 of the General Statutes, approves action taken by the Board of Trustees for State Colleges to acquire from the U. S. Government approximately 71 acres of vacant land, identified as Tract 165, a portion of the West Thompson Lake Project, located on Messier Road, West Thompson, Connecticut, to be utilized to strengthen instructional programs at Eastern Connecticut State College, with the conditions that within the limitations for use specified in the application: (a) utilization of the property be made available to other interested educational units, including secondary education, (b) other state agencies be permitted to use the facility, and (c) no documents restricting or expanding permissible use be submitted to the donor agency, within the 30 years of conditional use, unless first approved by the Commission for Higher Education.



Warren G. Hill, Chancellor  
Commission for Higher Education

2/8/72  
Executive Session

AN ACT CONCERNING PURCHASE, SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOT IN SESSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 4-26 of the 1969 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: The trustees of any state institution [or], the state board of education OR THE COUNCIL OF CORRECTION may, with the advice and consent of the governor, purchase or acquire for the state any land or interest therein when the general assembly is not in session, if such action seems advisable to protect the state's interest or to effect a needed economy, and may, when the general assembly is not in session, with the advice and consent of the governor, contract for the sale or exchange of any land or interest therein belonging to the state. The governor, when the general assembly is not in session, may give or obtain an option upon any land or interest therein which is not under the control of the trustees of any state institution [or], the state board of education OR THE COUNCIL OF CORRECTION when such action seems advisable, and such option shall remain in force until the first Wednesday of March of the next session of the general assembly. The treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument necessary to convey the title to any property the sale or exchange of which or a contract for the sale or exchange of which is authorized by this section.

Approved April 9, 1971



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
REGION I  
JOHN F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING  
GOVERNMENT CENTER  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203

OFFICE OF  
THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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regarding  
the  
line*

May 12, 1972

Dr. J. Eugene Smith  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Trustees for the State Colleges  
80 Pratt Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Dr. Smith:

This will refer to the State's interest in acquiring the 71 acre parcel of land in West Thompson, Connecticut.

This office has been informed that the property is to be transferred to the Town of Thompson. We regret that the property was not made available for educational purposes.

Please express our special thanks to Dr. Ray Smith of Eastern Connecticut State College for his outstanding work on the application.

Sincerely yours,

R. F. Thompson, Jr.  
Asst. Regional Director  
Office of Surplus Property  
Utilization



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REGION I

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*attached  
to  
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February 29, 1972

OFFICE OF  
THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. J. Eugene Smith  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Trustees for the  
State Colleges  
80 Pratt Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Dr. Smith:

This will refer to the application of the State of Connecticut for the 71 acre parcel of land in West Thompson, Connecticut.

We are pleased to advise you that the application meets this Department's standards and that this office has requested assignment of the property from the General Services Administration for conveyance to the State.

We will keep you informed of matters as they develop in this project.

Sincerely yours,

R. F. Thompson, Jr.  
Asst. Regional Director  
Office of Surplus Property  
Utilization

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ROBERT K. KILLIAN  
ATTORNEY GENERAL



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE  
30 TRINITY STREET  
HARTFORD

February 8, 1972

Mr. Robert S. Thompson, Jr.  
Assistant Regional Director  
Office of Surplus Property Utilization  
Department of Health, Education and Welfare  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Re: West Thompson, Connecticut Project  
Tract No. 165

Dear Mr. Thompson:

It is our opinion that the State of Connecticut may acquire title to the above mentioned 71 acres of land situated in the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, said land having been offered to the State of Connecticut by the United States of America. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-26, C.G.S.:

"The Trustees of any state institution. . . may, with the advice and consent of the governor, purchase or acquire for the state any land or interest therein when the general assembly is not in session. . ."

The Board of Trustees of the State Colleges have by appropriate resolution voted that the State of Connecticut acquire the aforesaid parcel of land and the general assembly not being in session, the Governor has consented to the aforesaid acquisition.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT K. KILLIAN  
Attorney General

By *C. Perrie Phillips*  
C. Perrie Phillips  
Deputy Attorney General

SDG:dr

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, certain real property owned by the United States, located in the County of Windham, State of Connecticut, has been declared surplus and is subject to assignment for disposal for educational or public health purposes by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, under the provisions of Section 203(k) (1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat.377), as amended, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, more particularly described as follows:

Tract 165, a portion of the West Thompson Lake Project, located on Messier Road, West Thompson, Connecticut. The surplus area consists of approximately 71 acres and is vacant land. The center portion contains 45 to 50 acres stripped of all topsoil and subsoil. The north, south, and western boundaries are heavily wooded tall pine with the eastern boundary containing a narrow strip of small deciduous growth.

WHEREAS, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, needs and can utilize said property for Educational purposes as set forth in its application and in accordance with the requirements of said Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder:  
(Legal Name of Applicant)  
(Insert Educational or Public Health)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that STATE OF CONNECTICUT shall make application to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, for and secure the transfer to it of the above-mentioned property for said use upon and subject to such exceptions, reservations, terms, covenants, agreements, conditions, and restrictions as the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, or his authorized representative, may require in connection with the disposal of said property under said Act and the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto; and  
(Legal Name of Applicant)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE COLLEGES, acting in behalf of the STATE OF CONNECTICUT, has legal authority, and is willing and is in a position to assume immediate care and maintenance of the property, and that J. EUGENE SMITH, Executive Secretary, be and he is hereby authorized,  
(Name and Title of Authorized Official)

for and on behalf of the STATE OF CONNECTICUT, to do and perform any and  
(Legal Name of Applicant)  
all acts and things which may be necessary to carry out the foregoing resolution,  
including the preparing, making, and filing of plans, applications, reports, and  
other documents, the execution, acceptance, delivery, and recordation of agree-  
ments, deeds, and other instruments pertaining to the transfer of said property  
and the payment of any and all sums necessary on account of the purchase price  
thereof or fees or costs incurred in connection with the transfer of said  
property for surveys, title searches, appraisals, recordation of instruments,  
or escrow costs.

J. Eugene Smith  
Executive Secretary duly authorized of  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE COLLEGES,  
acting in behalf of the STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
80 Pratt Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

I, ERNEST A. JOHNSON, hereby certify that I am the Secretary  
(Name of Certifying Officer) (Title of Officer)  
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE COLLEGES, and that the foregoing resolution  
(Title of Governing Body of Applicant)  
is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the vote of a majority of  
the members of said BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE COLLEGES, present at a  
(Title of Governing Body of Applicant)  
meeting of said Board on the February 8th day of February, 1972  
at which a quorum was present.

Ernest A. Johnson  
(Signature of Certifying Officer)

APPROVED Thomas J. Meskill  
DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

February 8-72  
(Date)

THOMAS J. MESKILL, GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT



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WHEREAS, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, needs and can utilize said property for Educational purposes as set forth in its (Insert Educational or Public Health) application and in accordance with the requirements of said Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that STATE OF CONNECTICUT shall make application to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, for and secure the transfer to it of the above-mentioned property for said use upon and subject to such exceptions, reservations, terms, covenants, agreements, conditions, and restrictions as the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, or his authorized representative, may require in connection with the disposal of said property under said Act and the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE COLLEGES, acting in behalf of the STATE OF CONNECTICUT, has legal authority, and is willing and is in a position to assume immediate care and maintenance of the property, and that J. EUGENE SMITH, Executive Secretary, be and he is hereby authorized, (Name and Title of Authorized Official)

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Executive Secretary duly authorized of  
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80 Pratt Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

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(Name of Certifying Officer) (Title of Officer)  
of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE COLLEGES, and that the foregoing resolution  
(Title of Governing Body of Applicant)  
is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the vote of a majority of  
the members of said BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE COLLEGES, present at a  
(Title of Governing Body of Applicant)  
meeting of said Board on the 14th day of February, 1972  
at which a quorum was present.

Ernest A. Johnson  
(Signature of Certifying Officer)

February 8-72  
(Date)

APPROVED Thomas J. Meskill

DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS J. MESKILL, GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

February 11, 1972

1. Robert F. Thompson, Jr.  
Assistant Regional Director  
Office of Surplus Property Utilization  
Department of Health, Education and Welfare  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203
2. State of Connecticut
3. This institution is an instrumentality (or political subdivision) of the State of Connecticut.
4. The State of Connecticut will not discriminate because of creed in the use of any portion of this property.
5. This application is being made for acquisition of the property under the provisions of Section 203(k) (1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, (63 Stat. 377), as amended, and regulations and procedures promulgated thereunder.
6. The property applied for is as follows: "Tract 165, a portion of the West Thompson Lake Project, located on Messier Road, West Thompson, Connecticut" has been determined to be surplus government property. The surplus area consists of approximately 71 acres and is vacant land. The center portion contains 45 to 50 acres stripped of all topsoil and subsoil. The north, south and western boundaries are heavily wooded tall pine with the eastern boundary containing a narrow strip of small deciduous growth.
7. PLAN OF USE:

The land will be utilized to strengthen instructional programs in the Department of Biology and in the Earth Science Area of the Department of Physical Science.

The value of this property to the biology program of Eastern Connecticut State College lies principally in its undeveloped nature; this feature would be maintained, with no permanent structural development of any kind contemplated.

A present weakness of the Eastern Connecticut State College biology program is its lack of property where long-range terrestrial studies may be conducted. This property would serve this need, permitting a wide variety of field programs to be expanded or developed. Ease of accessibility but lack of through traffic enhances the usefulness of the area for such programs.

The area under consideration provides a wide range of ecological conditions ranging from marsh to well-drained, open grass to well-forested, areas devoid of topsoil to areas with well-developed soil profiles, including forests of mixed species as well as areas of relatively pure conifer and pure deciduous growth. Such variety of conditions makes possible a wide spectrum of short- and long-ranged biological studies.

The land will be utilized by the Biology Department in the following manner:

1. Immediate initial survey and mapping of property boundaries, vegetation types, and ecological areas and soil types.
2. Selection of subareas for the following studies:
  - a. Plant Succession. Areas stripped of topsoil which are now in initial stages of plant succession.
  - b. Soil Profile Development. The effect of plant growth and succession in areas where no soil profile exists due to excavation.
  - c. Vegetational Changes under Natural Conditions. Designation of an area of approximately 10 acres encompassing a variety of conditions. No manipulation of any kind to be permitted. Ecological conditions of this area could be then compared to areas in which man-made changes might occur due to study and usage.
  - d. Microclimate Variability. Use of temporary stations to study the wide range of conditions of moisture, forest types, and grass vegetation.
  - e. Growth Studies. Growth studies of all diameter classes of a wide variety of forest trees.
  - f. Natural History. General natural history studies and observations encompassing grasses, trees, flowers, birds, and small mammals.

The undergraduate and graduate programs of the Earth Science Area in the Physical Science Department will utilize this tract of land for basic instruction in geological surveying and mapping methods and for soil study techniques.

The cited uses of the land will be conducted or supervised by at least five members of the staffs of the Biology and Physical Science Departments. It is anticipated that approximately 300 to 500 students as members of six to eight courses will participate in the cited activities each year during both regular school year and summer sessions. Individual students will conduct special project studies on the area, principally as part of the special problems course required of all biology students at Eastern Connecticut State College. This would involve year-round use of the area and all of its natural habitats. In addition, the area will be available for science field trip activities for the lower and middle elementary science classes from the F. R. Noble Community School of Eastern Connecticut State College.



INTERDEPARTMENT MESSAGE

STO-201 12-69

SAVE TIME: *Handwritten messages are acceptable.*

*Use carbon if you really need a copy. If typewritten, ignore faint lines.*

TO Board of Trustees for State Co	AGENCY leges	DATE February 2, 1972
FROM Charles R. Webb, President	AGENCY Eastern Connecticut State College	TELEPHONE
SUBJECT Acquisition of Government Surplus Land in Thompson, Connecticut		

Eastern Connecticut State College requests permission to apply for a United States Government Surplus Land Grant, described as follows:

Tract 165, a portion of the West Thompson Lake Project, located on Messier Road, West Thompson, Connecticut. The surplus area consists of approximately 71 acres and is vacant land. The center portion contains 45 to 50 acres stripped of all topsoil and subsoil. The north, south, and western boundaries are heavily wooded tall pine with the eastern boundary containing a narrow strip of small deciduous growth.

PLAN OF USE:

If conveyed to the State for educational use, the land will be utilized to strengthen instructional programs in the Department of Biology and in the Earth Science Area of the Department of Physical Science.

A. Biology

The value of this property to the biology program of Eastern Connecticut State College lies principally in its undeveloped nature; this feature would be maintained, with no permanent structural development of any kind contemplated. Thus the need to avoid future expenses for the State coincides with the need for biology students to work with the raw land. A present weakness of the Eastern Connecticut State College biology program is its lack of property where long-range terrestrial studies may be conducted. This property would serve this need, permitting a wide variety of field programs to be expanded or developed. Ease of accessibility but lack of through traffic enhances the usefulness of the area for such programs.

The area under consideration provides a wide range of ecological conditions ranging from marsh to well-drained, open grass to well forested, areas devoid of topsoil to areas with well-developed soil profiles, including forest of mixed species as well as areas of relatively pure conifer and pure deciduous growth. Such variety of conditions makes possible a wide spectrum of short- and long-ranged biological studies. The land will be specifically utilized by the Biology Department in the following manner:

1. Immediate initial survey and mapping of property boundaries, vegetation types and ecological areas and soil types.

2. Selection of sub-areas for the following studies:

- a. Plant Succession - Areas stripped of topsoil which are now in initial stages of plant succession.
- b. Soil Profile Development - The effect of plant growth and succession in areas where no soil profile exists due to excavation.
- c. Vegetational Changes under Natural Conditions - Designation of an area of approximately 10 acres encompassing a variety of conditions. No manipulation of any kind to be permitted. Ecological conditions of this area could be then compared to areas in which man-made changes might occur due to study and usage.
- d. Microclimate variability - Use of temporary stations to study wide range of conditions of moisture, forest types and grass vegetation.
- e. Growth Studies - Growth studies of all diameter classes of a wide variety of forest trees.
- f. Natural History - General natural history studies and observations encompassing grasses, trees, flowers, birds, and small mammals.

B. Earth Science

The undergraduate and graduate programs of the earth science area in the Physical Science Department will utilize this tract of land for basic instruction in geological surveying and mapping methods and for soil study techniques.

The above-mentioned uses of the land will be conducted or supervised by at least five members of the staffs of the Biology and Physical Sciences Departments. It is anticipated that approximately 300 to 500 students as members of six to eight classes will participate in the various educational activities each year during both regular school year and summer sessions. Individual students will conduct special project studies of the area. In addition, it is anticipated that the area will be used by teacher-led groups from the F. R. Noble Elementary School of Eastern Connecticut State College and summer groups such as members of the Federated Garden Clubs of America Ecology and Environmental Problems Workshop.

C. General Considerations

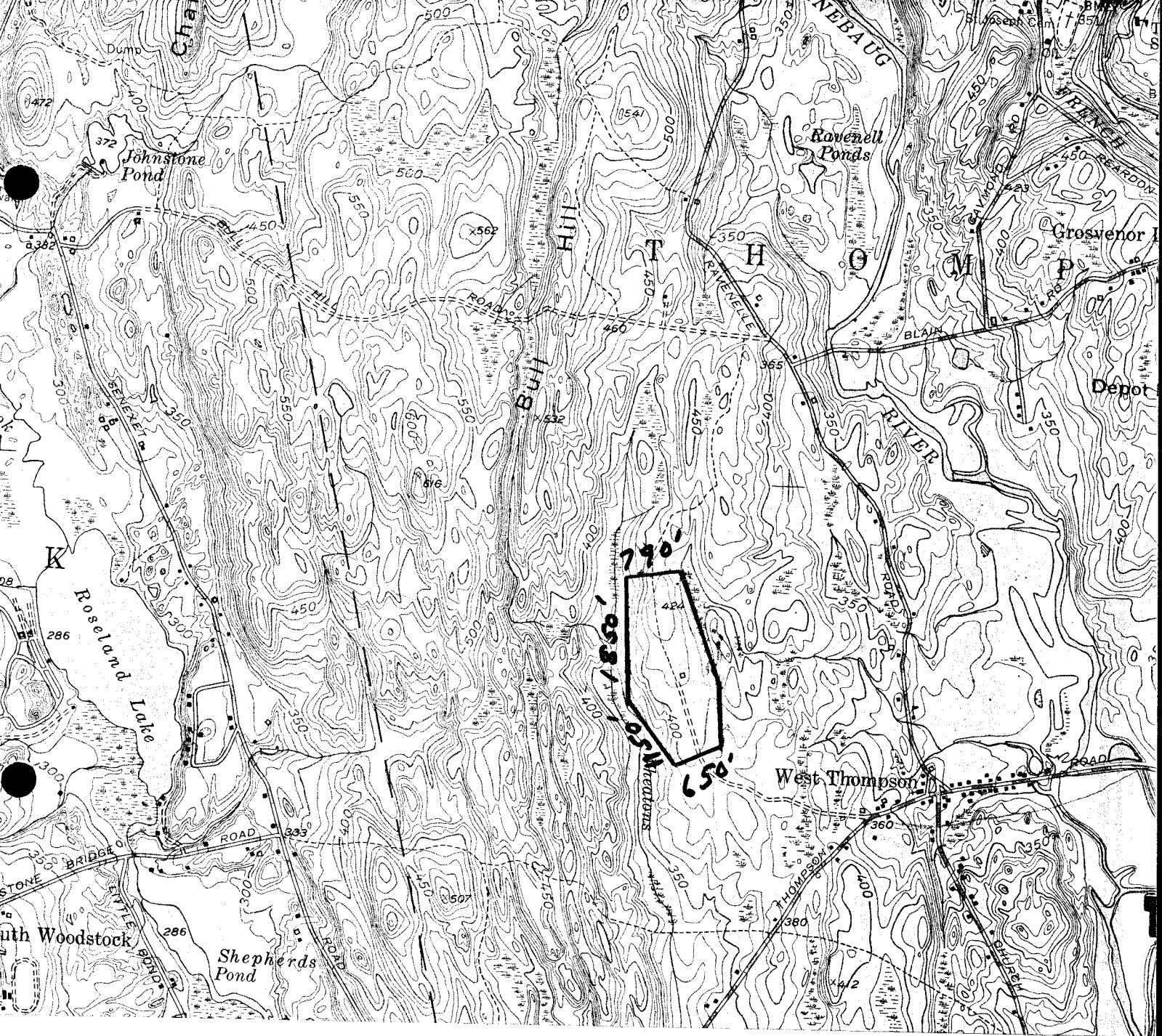
At present the Biology Department offers programs in General Biology, Marine Biology, Ecology, and Biology Minors in the field of Education. The Physical Science Department offers concentrations in Earth Science, Physical Science and Chemistry and is developing undergraduate and graduate programs in Earth Science. Facilities are available for the conduct of these programs. The acquisition of the land would enable

the department to expand and strengthen course offerings in the area of terrestrial biology, ecology and general biology. The earth science area of physical science would benefit by the possession of a permanent area for basic field methods.

The paved road to, but not through, the area ensures accessibility for year-round studies and class uses. Its distance from the main campus also allows reasonable accessibility for the proposed uses but is also far removed enough from the campus to preclude general usage by non-supervised groups. As the property will be utilized in field oriented courses and projects, transportation and access to the property by students or other groups will be effected by usual procedures for such activities.

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Dr. Smith:

HEW  
deadline  
2/21/72

Colleges  
need - end of this  
week.  
(for  
paper  
work)

Sid Giber will see Dave tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. Mr. Giber tells me that land acquisition must be approved by the Governor and when the General Assembly is in session, by them as well.

He will review it tomorrow and will try to move it ahead, but if it can't be done in time, it will need General Assembly approval.

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1/31/72

PS - Do you want Planning Committee  
reaction? By phone? CHE?

- Grace :
- ① Please ~~check~~ <sup>clear</sup> with Planning Committee  
by phone
  - ② Dave should see Mr. Giles & move ahead  
rapidly
  - ③ Depending on Dave's findings with Giles,  
we begin next step.



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT 06226



TELEPHONE

423-4581

AREA CODE 203

January 26, 1972

Dr. Charles Webb, President  
Eastern Connecticut State College  
Willimantic, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Webb:

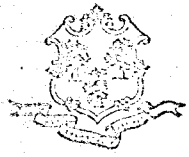
Last Friday, January 21, Drs. William Jahoda, Raymond Smith and I visited the 71 acre government surplus property offered to ECSC in West Thompson, Connecticut. We feel the acquisition of this property will be beneficial to the College. The uses to which we may put this land are outlined on a separate enclosed page. We urge the College to accept this property and stand ready to assist in any transfer details.

Sincerely yours,

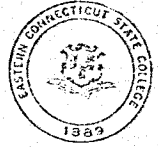
Berry L. Wulff, Assistant Professor  
Department of Biology

cc: Dr. Robert K. Wickware  
Dr. William Jahoda  
Dr. Raymond Smith

BLW:rmc



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE  
WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT 06226



TELEPHONE  
423-4581  
AREA CODE 203

Proposed Uses of 71 Acre Plot in West Thompson, Connecticut

1. Long-range study (10 acres) on rejuvenation of soil profile and vegetational succession.
2. Study plots of lower vegetation and forest growth.
3. Natural history studies on a wide variety of natural areas - swamp, evergreen and deciduous forests, and fields.
4. Ideal location for temporary field station, i.e. tents, etc.
5. Instruction in basic geological surveys, mapping techniques, and soil profiles.
6. Study of higher mammal life due to natural isolation of area.
7. Open area and forested boundaries make the area ideally suited for young student groups.
8. Possible use for cooperative nature study area with local public schools and Quinnipiac Community College.



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OFFICE OF  
THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

January 10, 1972

Charles R. Webb  
President  
Eastern Connecticut State College  
Willimantic, Connecticut 06226

Dear President Webb:

This is in reference to your letter of January 7, 1972 expressing interest on behalf of the College in acquiring the former West Thompson Lake Project, Connecticut.

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution format, an application guide, and deed conditions. When you have reviewed this material, please contact this office (617-223-6837) in order that we may discuss this matter prior to your beginning work on the application.

We look forward to working with you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

R. F. Thompson, Jr.  
Assistant Regional Director  
Office of Surplus Property  
Utilization

### DEED CONDITIONS

If all or any part of the subject property is conveyed to your institution, the conveyance instrument will be a Deed Without Warranty which will contain the following conditions subsequent:

1. That for a period of thirty (30) years from the date of the Deed, the property conveyed shall be utilized continuously in the manner and for the educational purposes set forth in the approved program and plan contained in the Transferee's application and for no other purpose;
2. That during the aforesaid period of thirty (30) years, the Transferee will resell, lease, mortgage, or encumber, or otherwise dispose of the property or any part thereof or interest therein only as the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or its successor in function in accordance with existing regulations, may authorize in writing;
3. That one year from the date of the Deed and annually thereafter for the aforesaid period of thirty (30) years unless the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or its successor in function otherwise directs, the Transferee will file with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or its successor in function reports on the operation and maintenance of the property and will furnish, as requested, such other pertinent data evidencing continuous use of the property for the purpose specified in the application.
4. That for the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended by the Department or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the Transferee hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (45 CFR Part 80) issued pursuant to that title and as in effect on the date of this deed, to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the program and plan referred to in condition 1 above or under any other program or activity of the Transferee, its successors or assigns, to which such Act and Regulation apply by reason of this conveyance.

January 7, 1972

Mr. Robert F. Thompson, Jr.  
Assistant Regional Director  
Office of Surplus Property Utilization  
Department of Health, Education and Welfare  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Dear Mr. Thompson:

REFERENCE: Surplus Government Property: Tract 165, a portion  
of the West Thompson Lake Project, located on  
Messier Road, West Thompson, Connecticut.

Your kind offer to consider transferring certain federally owned  
property to Eastern Connecticut State College got mired in the end-of-  
year swamp.

If it is not too late to apply, I would appreciate your assistance.  
Our biology, ecology, and geology faculty are most interested in the  
educational potential of this land and are eager to discuss possibili-  
ties with your office.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Webb  
President

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Dear President Webb:

This is in reference to your letter of January 7, 1972 expressing interest on behalf of the College in acquiring the former West Thompson Lake Project, Connecticut.

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution format, an application guide, and deed conditions. When you have reviewed this material, please contact this office (617-223-6837) in order that we may discuss this matter prior to your beginning work on the application.

We look forward to working with you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

R. F. Thompson, Jr.  
Assistant Regional Director  
Office of Surplus Property  
Utilization

### DEED CONDITIONS

If all or any part of the subject property is conveyed to your institution, the conveyance instrument will be a Deed Without Warranty which will contain the following conditions subsequent:

1. That for a period of thirty (30) years from the date of the Deed, the property conveyed shall be utilized continuously in the manner and for the educational purposes set forth in the approved program and plan contained in the Transferee's application and for no other purpose;
2. That during the aforesaid period of thirty (30) years, the Transferee will resell, lease, mortgage, or encumber, or otherwise dispose of the property or any part thereof or interest therein only as the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or its successor in function in accordance with existing regulations, may authorize in writing;
3. That one year from the date of the Deed and annually thereafter for the aforesaid period of thirty (30) years unless the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or its successor in function otherwise directs, the Transferee will file with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or its successor in function reports on the operation and maintenance of the property and will furnish, as requested, such other pertinent data evidencing continuous use of the property for the purpose specified in the application.
4. That for the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended by the Department or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the Transferee hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (45 CFR Part 80) issued pursuant to that title and as in effect on the date of this deed, to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the program and plan referred to in condition 1 above or under any other program or activity of the Transferee, its successors or assigns, to which such Act and Regulation apply by reason of this conveyance.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

REGION I

JOHN F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING  
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OFFICE OF  
THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

November 23, 1971

Mr. Searle F. Charles, President  
Eastern Conn. State College  
Willimantic, Connecticut 06226

Dear Mr. Charles:

This Department can transfer the following surplus Government-owned real property to public educational or health institutions under the provisions of Section 203 (k) (1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, at public benefit allowances ranging up to 100%.

Tract 165, a portion of the West Thompson Lake Project, located on Messier Road, West Thompson, Connecticut, has been determined to be surplus Government property. The surplus area consists of approximately 71 acres and is vacant land. The center portion contains 45 to 50 acres stripped of all topsoil and subsoil. The north, south and western boundaries are heavily wooded tall pine with the eastern boundary containing a narrow strip of small deciduous growth.

Transfers for use in health or educational programs may be made to States, their political subdivisions and instrumentalities, tax-supported institutions or educational and public health institutions which have been held exempt from taxation under Section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 (now substantially re-enacted in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954). Public libraries, institutions whose activities are devoted to academic, vocational or professional instruction, or institutions organized and operated to promote the public health, are eligible. Examples of use for property of this type are outdoor recreation, vocational, agricultural, and ecological studies.

If your institution is interested in applying for all or a portion of this property, it is suggested that you notify this office before December 15, 1971, relating briefly your proposed use. You will then be furnished a guide which will assist you in preparing your application.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the writer or Donald Branum, Asst. Regional Representative, at the above address or by phoning Area Code 617, 223-6837.

Sincerely yours,

*R. F. Thompson, Jr.*  
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Office of Surplus Property  
Utilization

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Mr. Robert Jones  
Regional Director  
General Services Administration  
P. O. and Court House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

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Dear Mr. Jones:

The Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut desires to register its support of the application of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges in behalf of Eastern Connecticut State College for the transfer of 71 acres of land in West Thompson, Connecticut presently owned by the Federal Government. The proposed uses of the land by the College and the willingness of the College to share the land in accordance with the conditions of the deed have been discussed and are understood by this Department.

Your support of the application of the Board of Trustees in behalf of Eastern Connecticut State College will be appreciated.