

Connecticut State University System



#### RESOLUTION

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# THE USE OF OPERATING FUNDS BY CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY TO ACQUIRE TWO PARCELS OF LAND IN NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT

#### February 5, 1999

- WHEREAS, There are five residential homes located at the juncture of Paul J. Manafort Drive and East Street, and
- WHEREAS, Two of these homes have recently become available for purchase, and
- WHEREAS, The university would like to improve the area adjacent to the campus by purchasing the properties and demolishing the structures on them, and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works will be authorized to acquire the properties on behalf of Connecticut State University, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That Central Connecticut State University is authorized to use operating funds for the acquisition of two parcels of land in New Britain, Connecticut.

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# STAFF REPORT FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## ITEM

The use of operating funds by Central Connecticut State University to acquire two parcels of land in New Britain, Connecticut

## BACKGROUND

Five multi-family homes are located south of Central Connecticut State University on Paul J. Manafort Drive. Three of these homes bordering the campus appear to be occupied primarily by students. The remaining two houses are boarded up and have begun to deteriorate.

## ANALYSIS

CCSU has been concerned about the state of the development adjacent to the campus at the corner of Paul J. Manafort Drive and East Street. Over the years, several of the properties have become vacant or rundown. The residential properties have been primarily occupied by students. Some of the activities occurring on the properties are not complimentary to the mission of an academic institution. It has become a long-range goal of the campus to encourage more stable and aesthetically pleasing developments in this area.

Recently the two vacant homes have become available for acquisition. CCSU is concerned that the properties will be sold for development and utilized as sub-standard student housing. The university would like to improve the area surrounding the campus by taking the immediate opportunity to acquire the property. The university intends to demolish the houses upon completion of the acquisition process. It is estimated that the cost of acquisition and demolition will not exceed \$200,000.

The Department of Public Works will be responsible for negotiating and purchasing the properties on behalf of Connecticut State University.

## CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

To approve the utilization of Central Connecticut State University's operating funds to acquire two parcels of land located on Paul J. Manafort Drive in New Britain, Connecticut.