



BOARD OF REGENTS

SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science: Deed Transfer of 146 Williams Street from Maryland Department of Natural Resources

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: November 19, 2015

SUMMARY: The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) seeks Board approval for a deed transfer of 146 Williams Street in Solomons, Maryland from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The property was improved by the UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in 1980 with a single one-story building structure (10,176 GSF/5,299 NASF), known as the Mansueti Laboratory.

The Laboratory has and continues to be used exclusively by UMCES for research lab space, offices, media production space, meeting rooms, shop space, and central storage. Further, the property is one parcel among numerous others along Williams Street and others nearby which comprise the UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory campus in Solomons, MD.

The original deed to the Property was drafted conveying title from Caldwell D. Meyers and Carol C. Meyers to the State of Maryland, to the use of the Department of Forests and Parks. The deed was dated and recorded among the Calvert County Land Records on October 27, 1970. The misidentification of the intended grantee may have been the result of misunderstanding that there was a Natural Resources Institute within the University of Maryland; or confusion with the newly established DNR and its relationship to the Department of Forests and Parks.

DNR is working with the Attorney General's Office to correct the deed and seek all necessary approvals, including the approval of the Board of Public Works. DNR has requested that UMCES provide its written approval and consent from the Board of Regents for the deed correction, so that the legal owner on record for 146 Williams Street is the "State of Maryland for the use and benefit of the University System of Maryland on behalf of its institution, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science."

ALTERNATIVE(S): The alternative is to continue with an erroneous vesting of title in the Property, in the State of Maryland, to the use of the Department of Forests and Parks.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Regents approve for the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science the deed transfer of 146 Williams Street from Department of Natural Resources to UMCES.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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