

Acquisition of Property – Western Carolina University

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University has requested approval to acquire by deed property located at 395 Buzzards Roost Road in Cullowhee, Jackson County and owned by James E. Hooper.

Adjoining the WCU campus and identified as a priority acquisition, the property consists of three parcels totaling approximately 14.93 acres with a one-story, 2,275 square-foot house constructed in 1951 that would be demolished.

Consistent with current appraisals, the State Property Office has an executed option to purchase the property for \$950,000. The purchase would be funded with housing receipts.

It is recommended that the request of the Board of Trustees be approved and transmitted to the Council of State for final action.