

Millennial Campus Expansion – University of North Carolina Wilmington

ISSUE OVERVIEW

G.S. 116-198.34 grants the Board of Governors authority to designate real property as a Millennial Campus when recommended by the president. It states that “designation shall be based on an express finding by the Board of Governors that the institution desiring to create a Millennial Campus has the administrative and fiscal capability to create and maintain such a campus and provided further, that the Board of Governors has found that the creation of the constituent institution’s Millennial Campus will enhance the institution’s research, teaching, and service missions as well as enhance the economic development of the region served by the institution.”

The UNC Wilmington Board of Trustees is requesting an expansion of its Millennial Campus by 18 acres to facilitate a partnership with the City of Wilmington to improve drainage along the Clear Run Branch which borders the northeast portion of main campus. The Clear Run Branch Drainage Improvement Project offers direct and indirect benefits for UNCW and the campus community, including: (1) making access to campus safer for vehicular traffic and pedestrians during major rain events, (2) improving the water quality of Bradley Creek, (3) beautifying the northeast portion of campus adjacent to Clear Run Branch, and (4) providing a source of funding to enable future improvements (i.e., walking path upgrades, lighting, etc.) in the Clear Run Branch area, which will benefit stakeholders accessing the property for educational and recreational purposes.

This item was approved by the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina Wilmington on October 15, 2021.

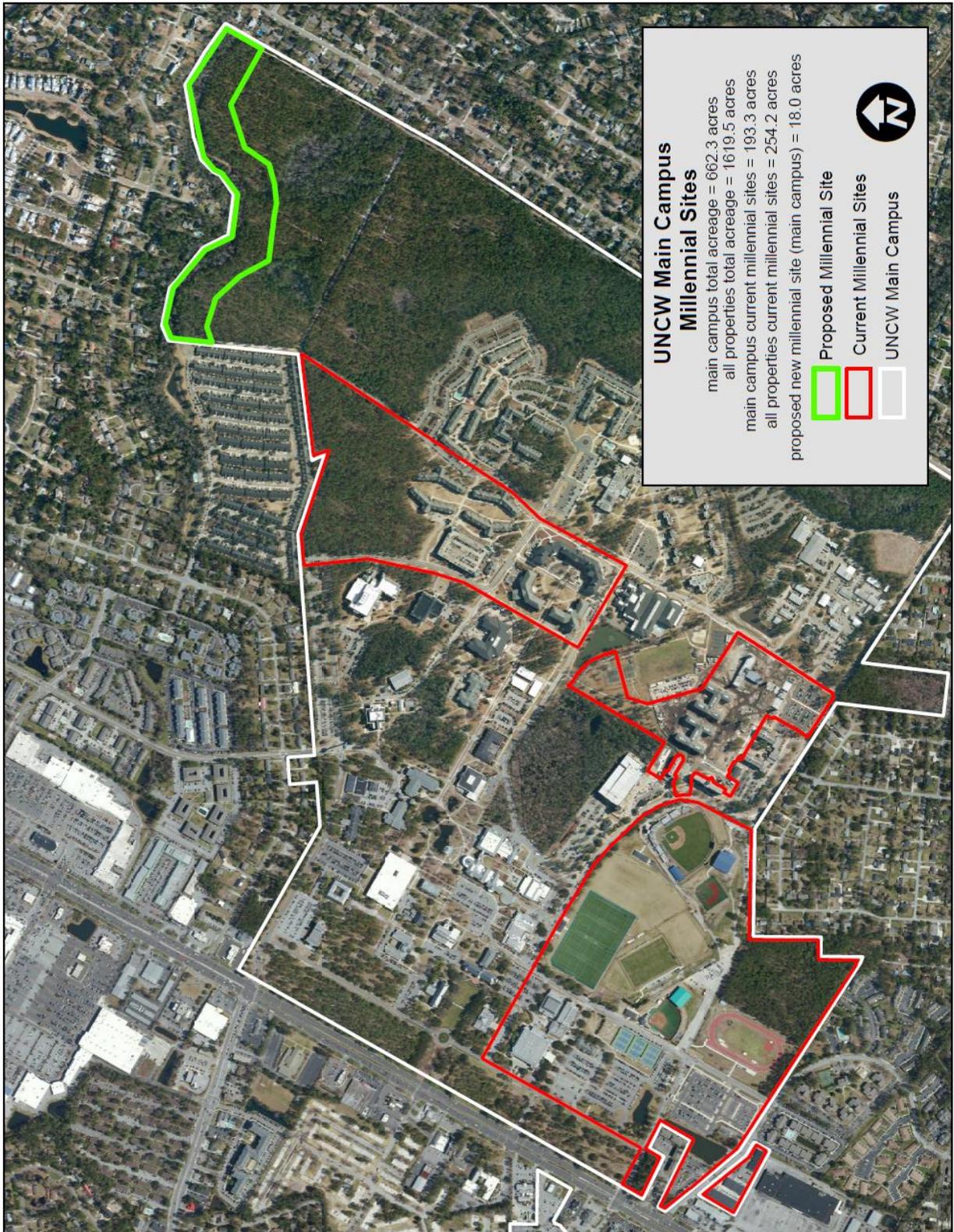
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the Millennial Campus designation with the understanding that specific projects, leases, and other actions related to the Millennial Campus, including those on property owned by an endowment board, shall be subject to Board of Governors approval unless otherwise authorized by law or under delegated authority.

Existing Millennial Sites (Main Campus)



Clear Run Branch Site



Millennial Campus Expansion at UNC Wilmington

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Background

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- During major rain events, roads and walkways located adjacent to the northern boundary of UNCW's campus will often flood and create safety concerns.
- To address the aforementioned flooding issues, the City of Wilmington has engaged in a drainage improvement project which will include the installation of culverts to divert water from the area and also involve activities intended to increase the flood capacity of the Clear Run Branch located along the northeastern portion of UNCW's campus.
- To enable the drainage improvement project to proceed, the City of Wilmington is seeking to purchase 4.82 acres in easements from UNCW for a price of \$210,000.
- Specifically, the Clear Run Branch easements are comprised of:
 - Permanent Drainage Easement: 3.66 acres
 - Temporary Construction Easement: 1.16 acres

Analysis

- **Benefit:** The drainage improvement project offers direct and indirect benefits for UNCW and the campus community, including:
 1. Enhancing vehicular/pedestrian safety
 2. Improving the water quality of Bradley Creek
 3. Beautifying the portion of campus adjacent to Clear Run Branch
 4. Providing a source of funding to enable future improvements in the Clear Run Branch area which will benefit stakeholders accessing the property for educational and recreational purposes
- **Issue:** UNC constituent campuses (including UNCW) are not allowed to keep the proceeds associated with the disposition of state property unless it has been designated as “Millennial Campus” property.
- **Solution:** Expand the Millennial Campus designation at UNCW to encompass all 4.82 acres included in the proposed easements, plus an additional 13.18 acres which adjoins the easement property.

Existing Millennial Sites – Main Campus



Clear Run Branch Site – Proposed Expansion

