

# STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE

## University Environment Committee

Meeting of February 11, 2026, 12:30-2:00 pm  
Virtual meeting on Zoom.

### MINUTES

In attendance: H. Resit Akcakaya, Tiffany Friedman, Angela Gupta, Peter Joyce, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Clifford Knee, Jessica Koos, Samuel Lavin, Julian Maceren, Christopher Martin, Rosario Norton, Christine Pash, Christopher Percival, Sian Piret, Christopher Sellers (co-chair), Alicia Smith, Oliver Solares, John True (co-chair), Frederick Walter, Tom Wilson, and Neha Yousuf.

1. Co-chairs True and Sellers called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.
2. Akcakaya moved and Piret seconded to approve the draft minutes from 12/10/2025. Without objection the minutes were approved.
3. Christopher Martin, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning, Design & Construction, presented updates on ongoing and upcoming campus construction projects, including the Tabler residence, warehouse, MathPhysics Plaza, iDine project, campus residence administration building, and multidisciplinary Engineering Building NeuroAI. Following up on the presentation made in October:
  - a. Tabler residence and warehouse are under construction.
  - b. Math Physics Plaza is being bid, expected construction begins Summer 2026.
  - c. Institute for Discovery and Innovation in Medicine and Engineering (I-DIME) in the Research and Development Park will be bid in Spring 2026 with construction expected to begin in Fall 2026.
  - d. Campus Residence Administration Expansion located at Irving College is in design, expected bidding in Spring 2026.
  - e. Multi-Disciplinary Engineering Building - Neuro AI Institute (MDE-Neuro AI) is in design, expected bidding in Summer 2026.
  - f. Additional project: a presentation on Seawolf Village was given to the February Stony Brook Council Meeting. Please refer to the email sent by Jed Shivers on February 9 [attached]. Martin said he could not speak to details at this time because of potential legal action.

Questions and discussion followed:

- g. Friedman: Can you give a little more detail on the Tabler project? Martin: project is 310 beds, site has been cleared, concrete foundations are being poured, hope to have it complete for occupancy in the fall of 2027.
- h. True: Boxes are where you are clearing trees for new buildings. Neuro AI building is going to take a nice piece of forest. Was it ever on the table to build up on existing building footprints instead of out? Martin: no. There is a process dictated by SUNY and State University Construction Fund, if you take a building down you can only reconstruct a building of the same size for the same purposes. It is difficult to get a waiver from this regulation. True: But if we were in an urban area, wouldn't we have to build up to expand? Martin: Yes. True: So this is not a hard and fast rule. Martin: You have to plead a different case. True: The slice of the Neuro-AI building is indicated as only part of the woods, is that all that will be cleared? Martin: Additional area will be cleared for parking, solar panels, and geothermal wells. This building will be energy self-sufficient. He will bring additional information on the exact area to be cleared to the next meeting.

- i. Martin: State money is now available for geothermal projects and several buildings in the engineering area on West Campus are being considered for a geothermal network, as are locations in Southampton.
- j. Money for solar has been received, there is an RFQ out for carport solar panels for Lot 40 (formerly known as South P Lot). Another location with an RFQ is a ground-level area in R&D Park.
- k. Solar and geothermal will help meet the energy standards set in Executive Order 22 (EO22). All new buildings on campus will be designed for geothermal. I-DIME was designed before EO22 so will have some geothermal, but Neuro-AI and future buildings will have full geothermal systems.
- l. Akcakaya: At the Stony Brook Council meeting on Monday there was a presentation on the new wastewater treatment facility with a proposed location just north of Lot 40, in the largest area of forest on campus.

[Recording of the SB Council presentation on the proposed future mixed use development, followed by the proposed wastewater treatment plant is at:

<https://youtu.be/alhaMoHYvTc?si=rPcNqB4p-usBpxIj&t=5100>]

Akcakaya: How will the final decision be made, and what mechanisms can be used for community input? Martin: exact location is not known, but the plant is essential to tie in East Campus, South Campus, R&D Campus, and some residential area. Will be done as a partnership with Suffolk County. Existing plant capacity is almost maxed out.

Akcakaya: proposed location is the largest contiguous tract of forest land on campus. It is important for education and research. The other side of the road [the campus highway yard] is a wasteland and eyesore. How can the campus community weigh in on the location decision? Martin: I don't know the exact process but I will investigate and get back to the committee.

- m. Wilson: Can you share today's presentation? Martin: Yes. [presentation is attached].
- n. Wilson: What is the status of the update of the CDPC website? According to [Archive.org](#) the Future Projects page has not been updated since February 3, 2023. Given the fact that the University is doing all this work it is important to notify not just this committee but the larger University community on what is going on. As of October, Kate Duggan has been hired to among other things update the CPDC website, can you give an update? Martin: Duggan is reviewing and has shared updates with Martin and Bill Hermann. It is important to get information out the public, have no specific date but we are working on it.
- o. Percival: Proposed water treatment plant is at a relatively high elevation, is that a factor? Martin: Yes. Percival: What is the status of the Master Plan, and will there be additional opportunities for public comment? Martin: at the stage where all input is being compiled and drafts prepared for the steering committee of senior leadership. Goal is to finalize the Master Plan by the end of August. The exact location of the sewage treatment plant is not set in stone. Percival: Is there going to be any more public comment period? Martin: It is my impression there will be one more round of public comment in the spring.
- p. Akcakaya: Last spring Facilities and Services did a survey on campus use to inform strategic priorities. Can we access that survey? Martin: Let me find out.

- q. Sellers: Thank you so much for your time.
4. New Senate ad-hoc committee on Strategic Vision for Growth.
- Akcakaya: President of the University has asked the Senate for feedback on the long term growth of the University. The President of the Senate has formed an ad-hoc committee with five subcommittees to prepare a report. Timeline is tight: supposed to write a report and present to the University President in four weeks. Please contribute your thoughts to the framework document by February 15th. It will be sent to the ad-hoc committee chairs for collating and inclusion in the report to the University President.
5. The committee considered a draft resolution on smart growth, which is attached.
- After discussion and minor revisions, Akcakaya moved and True seconded the resolution to be approved by the committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee. The motion passed without opposition.
  - Sellers: What next steps should there be. True: Present this and the food truck and scooter resolutions to the Executive Committee with an eye toward getting on the agenda for the March Senate meeting. True and Akcakaya could present to the Senate Executive to try to get on the March agenda.
  - Wilson: A Senate resolution requires affirmative votes in two successive meetings. There is only March, April, and May, then we are done until the fall. The Smart Growth resolution should be the #1 priority to get approval. True: agreed.
  - Percival: Do we want to be prepared for the administration asserting that State regulations prevent building up not out. Wilson: All State regulations can be waived. Sellers: Due diligence would be good in anticipation, having a counterexample would be good. Wilson: even if this regulation restricts adding on to existing buildings, it would not constraint for example new buildings like the SoMAS building being a tall tower rather than a sprawling two story building.
  - Sellers: Will write a colleague in Albany which is an urban campus.
6. Recycling and zero waste.
- Pash: Have been working with Macaren, Norton, Solares, and Yousuf. Have been preparing a draft University Senate resolution to call to move toward zero waste (90% reduction) and associated white paper. Have been working with committee input to refine the draft.

Questions and discussion ensued.

- Sellers: Other parts of the University may be resources, the committee can help with this.
- Wilson: Who is the owner of the document? Sellers: There has been back and forth. Wilson: If this committee is going to send this to the Senate, it needs to have ownership of the final version of the resolution. Sellers: That will be the case. The white paper may be of combined authorship. Wilson: That certainly sounds reasonable, previous committee reports have had group authorship.
- Pash: We have also worked with other students in putting together the white paper.
- Sellers: Anyone else interested in helping with the white paper? Where can we get additional information? Kaczmarczyk: Erin Kluge and Tom Lanzilotta would be the best places to send inquiries.
- Discussion followed on when to bring it to the Senate as a report or a resolution. This spring would be good but depending on progress and the Senate agenda it may be in the fall.

7. Updates on other issues and initiatives:
  - a. Stony Brook Ethical Investing Coalition. Pash: Starting to conduct research on fund options.
  - b. Smoking policy discussion outcomes: True: The Senate Executive is similarly disposed to our consensus.
  - c. Food truck and personal mobility resolutions. True: has been sent to the Executive Committee. Knee: Feedback is that it is not cost effective. Wilson: The issue is not cost but esthetics and health.
  - d. Virtual versus in-person work request sent to Executive Committee to include ARC survey the questions from UEC's 2021 survey. Not clear whether it has been passed by the Executive to ARC.
  - e. Sustainability / C4E, raising SBU's environmental ranking. Wilson: Gilday has said this can be removed from the monthly agenda, she will present updates when appropriate.
8. Old and new business not previously considered.
  - a. True: We should go ahead with an Earth Day outreach. Sellers: Plans will be on the agenda for next month.
9. Next meeting: March 12, 2026, Wednesday, at 12:30-2 pm
10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Wilson

# STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

CPDC Major Project's Updates

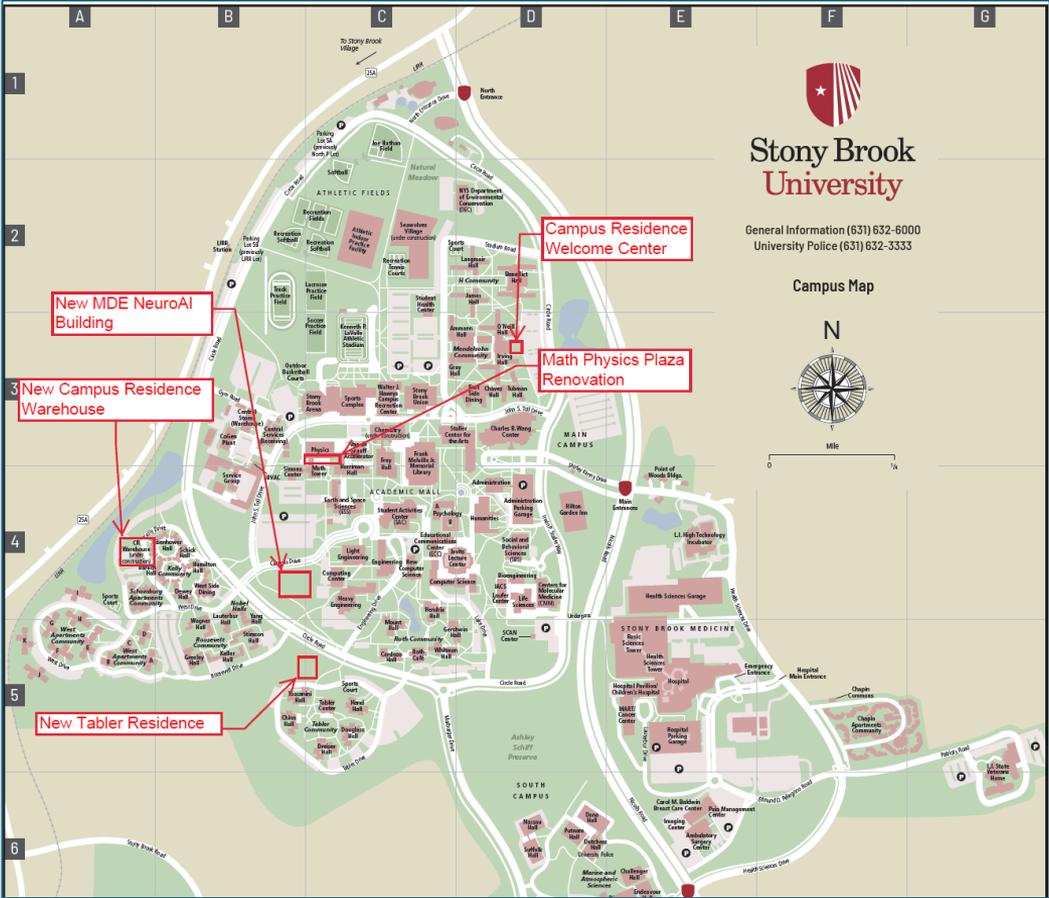
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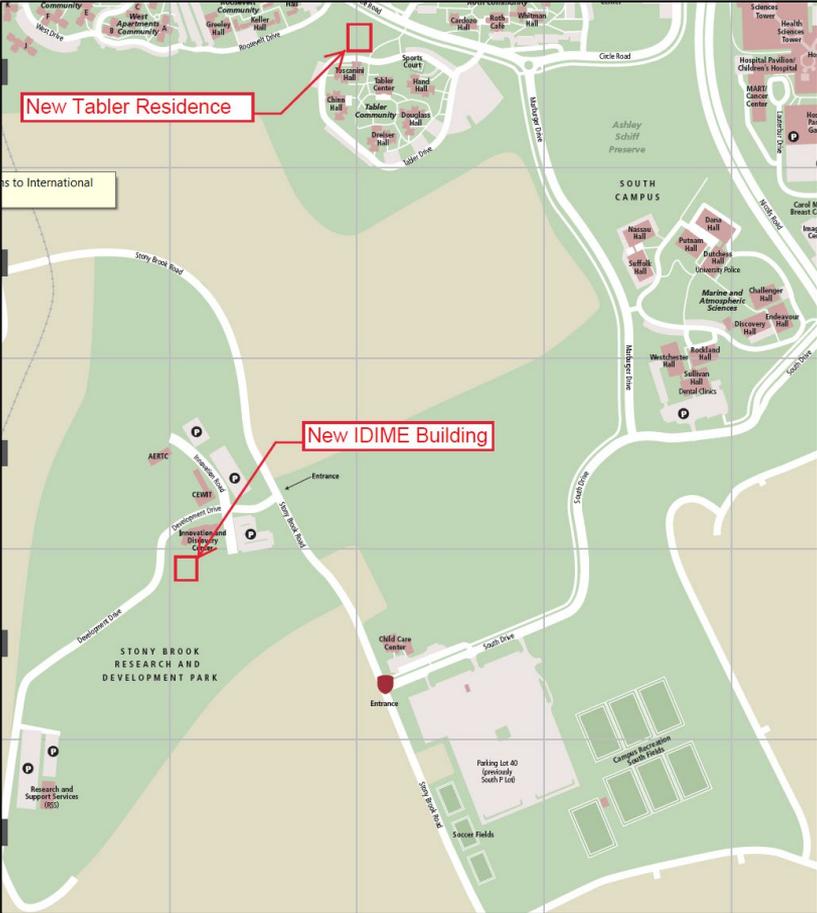
# MAJOR PROJECT'S OVERVIEW

Project Name	Project Location	Phase and Status
Campus Residence Warehouse	Adjacent Baruch Hall	In Construction
Tabler Hall Residence	Adjacent Tabler Center	In Construction
Math Physics Plaza	Math Physics Buildings	In Bidding, Construction - Summer 2026
I-DIME (Institute for Discovery and Innovation in Medicine and Engineering)	Research and Development Park	Bidding - Spring 2026, Construction - Fall 2026
Campus Residence Administration Expansion	Irving College Building	In Design, Bidding - Spring 2026
MDE - Neuro AI (Multi-Disciplinary Engineering Building - Neuro AI Institute)	Adjacent Computing Center Building	In Design, Bidding - Summer 2026

# CAMPUS MAP WITH PROJECTS LOCATED – MAIN CAMPUS



# CAMPUS MAP WITH PROJECTS LOCATED – SOUTH CAMPUS



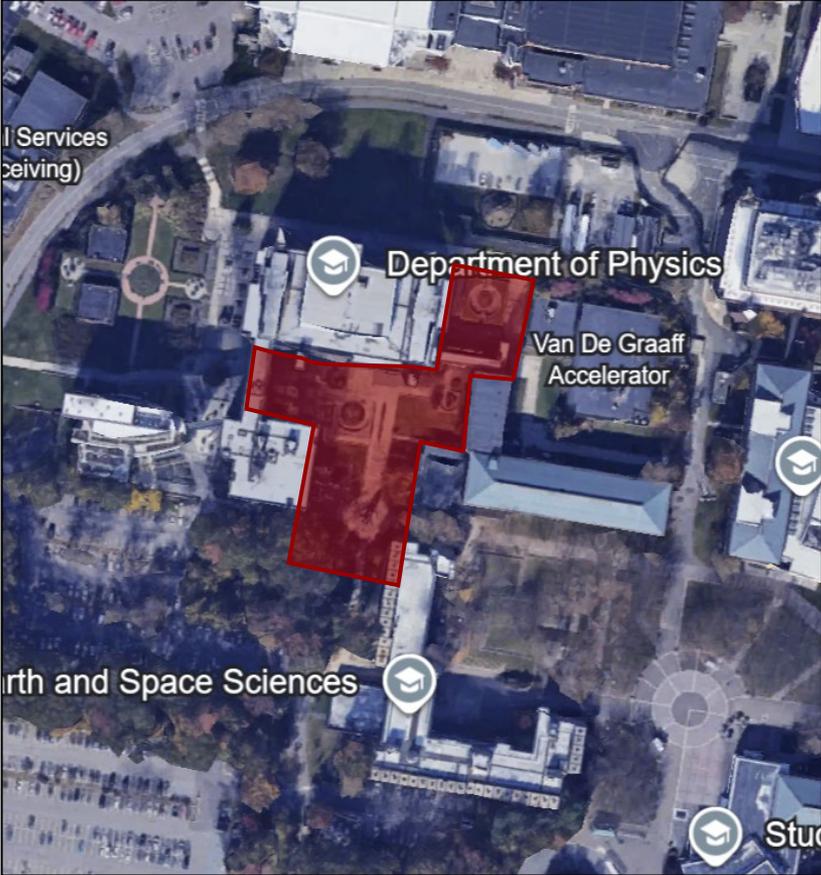
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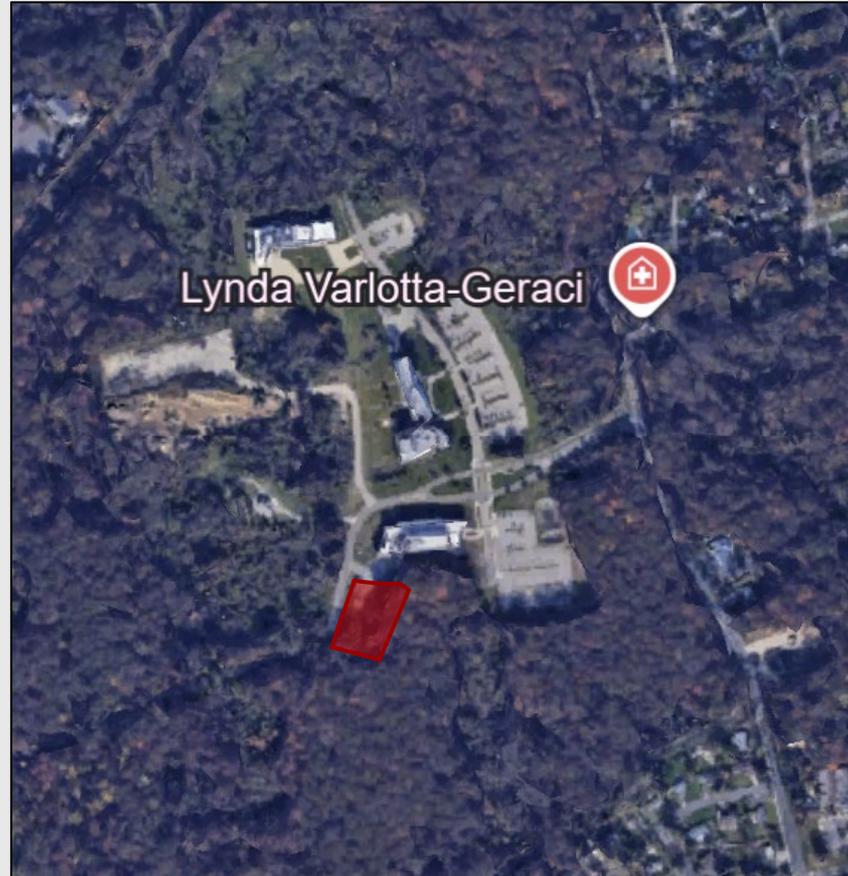
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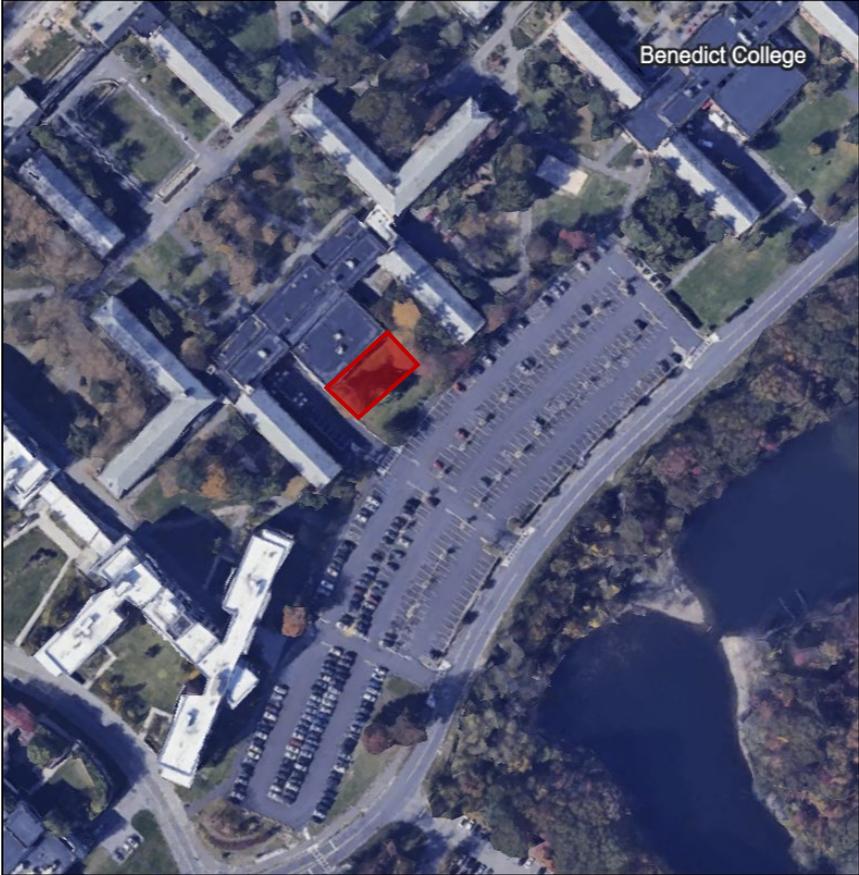
# CAMPUS MAP – MATH PHYSICS PLAZA



# CAMPUS MAP – I-DIME BUILDING



# CAMPUS MAP – CAMPUS RESIDENCE ADMINISTRATION EXPANSION



# CAMPUS MAP – MDE NEURO AI BUILDING



**QUESTIONS?**



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## Important Update on the Seawolves Village Project

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Dear Campus Community,

Today, the university is sharing an update on the status of Seawolves Village.

In February 2025, "Seawolves Village," a project to expand student housing capacity at Stony Brook University, made necessary by the growing popularity and stature of New York's flagship university, was authorized. The seven units have not yet been placed in service, but were expected to be available by the summer of 2026.

The university contracted with a vendor to provide the housing units. During initial inspections conducted by the university, multiple and serious instances of water penetration and other problems in the modular units were discovered using thermal imaging and have now halted the project. Stony Brook University has hired a third party engineer to conduct a forensic inspection regimen, and all parties began to jointly inspect the units on February 4, 2026. We anticipate the inspection will take place over two phases that will extend into August.

The safety and wellbeing of our campus community is our top priority. To allow time for the inspection and until we have more information, Seawolves Village will not be included in the housing inventory for fall 2026. We are working to determine how best to safely and adequately meet student demand while preserving the student experience.

The university is deeply disappointed to be at this point. When the university contracts with vendors, the expectation is that the vendor will provide the goods or services on time and in a manner that meets applicable safety and compliance standards.

The university is now working diligently to address delays and issues in the Seawolves Village project and to mitigate the impact on the university community. We will keep the community informed of developments.

Sincerely,  
Jed M. Shivers  
Senior Vice President  
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## **RESOLUTION ON SMART GROWTH AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY**

University Senate Environment Committee

Approved by the committee: 2/11/2026.

WHEREAS, Stony Brook University aims to be a world leading institution in climate and sustainability, commitments to any growth plan for the University need to affirm rather than contradict this goal, and

WHEREAS to reflect principles of shared governance, any such plan also needs to transparent to and consultative with the larger university community in its formation,

WHEREAS, in current growth plans for the campus, inconsistent application of shared governance principles are being noticed by the University Senate,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Stony Brook University Senate that:

The University Administration should consult with the Stony Brook University Senate and the larger University community about development and construction impacting the university environment from the early stages of planning, not as changes are about to be executed.

University websites describing past, current, and future development and construction projects should be detailed and up to date.

Improvement of existing facilities and infrastructure, in quality as well as capacity, should take precedence over the addition of new facilities and infrastructure (e.g., new buildings and roads).

Plans should prioritize energy efficiency and a campus transition to clean energy, both to enhance Stony Brook's climate leadership and ensure our compliance with New York State laws and regulations.

Vertical and compact growth that minimizes destruction of natural areas should be preferred to sprawling construction of one- and two-story buildings, which are cheaper only if land, trees, and nature are assumed to have little value.

Strategic plans should include provisions for the maintenance, improvement, and restoration of natural areas and recreational spaces, which are unique and valuable resources for teaching, research, and mental health.