

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**



August 3, 2010

Brenda L. Sisco, Acting Secretary  
Office of Policy and Management  
450 Capitol Avenue, MS#55SEC  
Hartford, CT 06106-1308

RE: Norwich Hospital Surplus Property, Norwich, CT

Dear Acting Secretary Sisco:

Please accept this letter as a formal request by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the transfer of permanent custody and control of a portion of the former Norwich Hospital property in Norwich, CT.

The property in question is currently under the custody and control of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and has been declared surplus to the State.

The specific portion of the Norwich Hospital property that the DEP is requesting custody and control of is the undeveloped parcel of land totaling approximately 13.17 acres located within the City of Norwich and situated between the Thames River and Route 12. The property is more accurately described on the "Parcel Inventory and Index Plan" prepared on behalf of the DPW by Meehan & Goodwin, dated May 9, 1999 and listed as Parcel Area 3 on sheet 3 of 6.

Thank you for providing the DEP with this opportunity. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Elizabeth Brothers at (860) 424-3086.

Yours truly,

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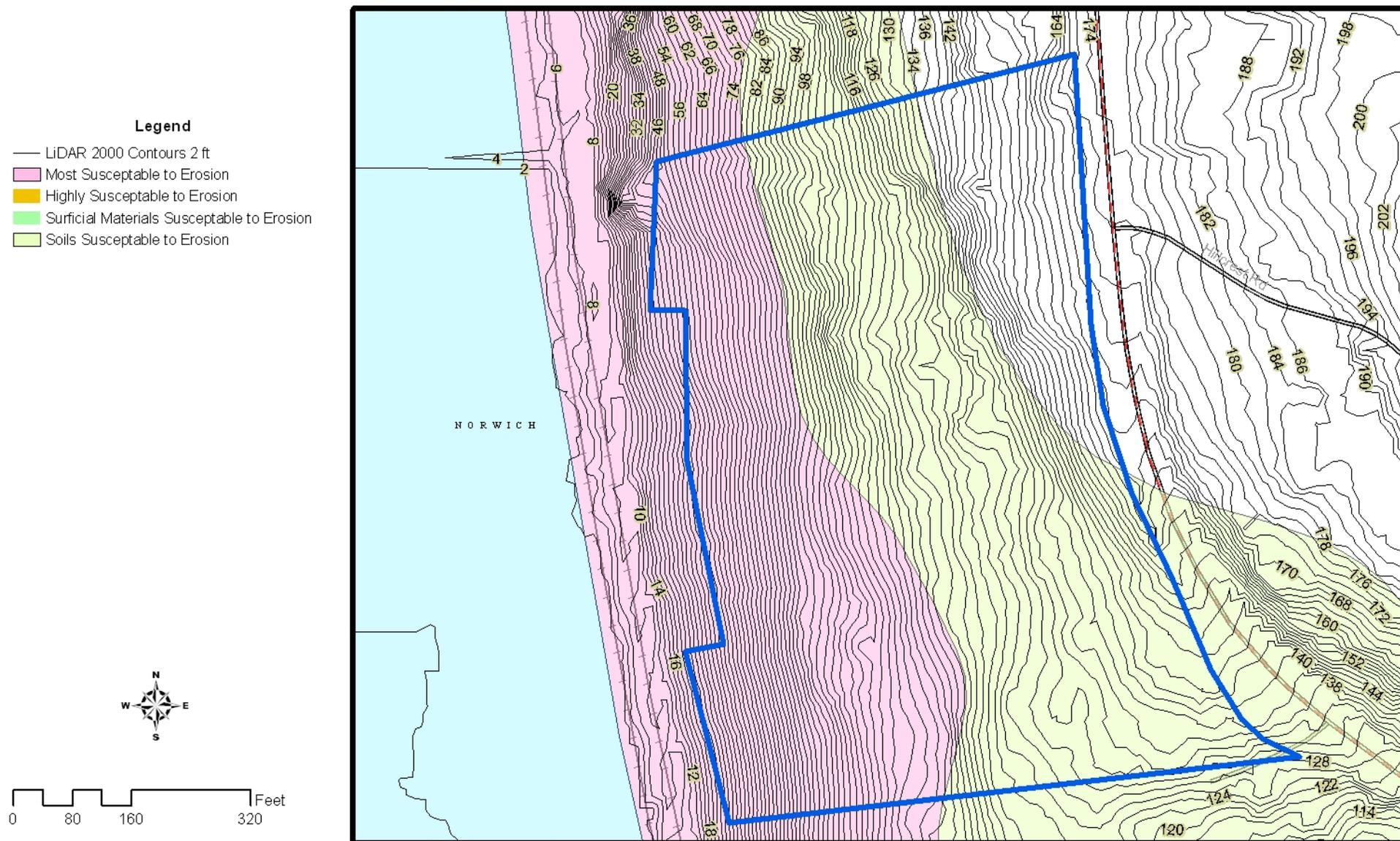
Amey W. Marrella  
Commissioner

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## **Norwich Hospital Property**

The 13.17 acre parcel lies between Route 12 and the Providence & Worcester rail line that runs along the east bank of the Thames River. As shown on the attached topographic map, the parcel, particularly the western half, has very steep slopes. In addition, the western third of the parcel is mapped as Hinckley gravelly sandy loam, 15 to 45 percent slopes, a soil type rated as most susceptible to erosion. Aerial photography shows evidence of erosion that has occurred on similar landscape to the south of the parcel. In order to protect the water quality of the Thames River, the Department of Environmental Protection has requested that the Office of Policy & Management transfer permanent custody and control of the parcel to the Department.

# Norwich Hospital Property





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## OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

July 22, 2010

Raeanne Curtis, Commissioner  
Department of Public Works  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Amey Marrella, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioners Curtis and Marrella,

As you are aware, the portion of the former Norwich Hospital which is located within the City of Norwich has been declared surplus to State needs and as such the Department of Public Works (DPW), in accordance with CGS 4b-47, placed the required public notice in the *Environmental Monitor* and the public was afforded the opportunity to comment upon the proposed transfer of this property.

This office received two (2) comments both of which sought to have the State either retain ownership, or secure conservation easements, over the "*westerly parcel and undeveloped portion of the easterly parcel*".

After reviewing survey maps prepared by the DPW and a site visit by staff of the OPM and DEP, it was determined that the "*easterly parcel*" referenced in the public comments is actually located within, and owned by, the Town of Preston. Since this piece of property is no longer owned by the State, it is not within the authority of this office to grant the requests for its retention or establishment of conservation easement.

In addition, for the remaining portion of undeveloped property located in Norwich and behind the former doctor's houses, DEP has determined that it is not interested in retaining this property, nor does it recommend conservation easements for this portion of the facility.

With regard to the undeveloped portion of the facility which is State owned and located between the Thames River and Route 12, DEP has requested that this parcel, consisting of approximately 13.17 acres, be transferred to the permanent custody and control of DEP.

Therefore, by way of this letter, I am transferring to DEP the permanent custody and control of the 13.17 acre parcel of undeveloped land located within the City of Norwich on the former Norwich Hospital and situated between the Thames River and Route 12 and more accurately described on the "*Parcel Inventory and Index Plan*" prepared on behalf of the DPW by Meehan & Goodin, dated May 9, 1999 and listed as Parcel Area 3 on sheet 3 of 6.

Also by way of this letter I am informing the DPW that the remainder of the facility is surplus to the needs of the State of Connecticut and requesting that DPW dispose of this property.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Patrick O'Brien of my staff at (860) 418-6353.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brenda L. Sisco".

Brenda L. Sisco  
Acting Secretary