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## Lots of room for state offices

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A combination of uses would well suit the sprawling 330-acre Willowbrook campus now occupied by the Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC), two official representatives of that community said yesterday.

Their views, showing little change from previous statements on the fate of the property during the past two years, came in the wake of Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's identifying the site as a future mecca for state agency offices.

Just what that right combination might prove to be remains unknown.

Cuomo announced plans Thursday to fund a bistate re-

gional development bank from revenues gained by moving 2 million square feet of agency offices out of the World Trade Center, thus producing higher rentals from private tenants.

SIDC is the only Island site so far targeted, in what state officials describe as a five-year program to transfer the state offices.

"We'd be looking for a combination of uses, with a caveat that the first priority is the handicapped" still housed there, said Assemblywoman Elizabeth A. Connelly, whose office is located on the grounds.

There are a total of 44 buildings on the site, counting a handful of buildings used for storage.

sewage treatment and other purposes not convertible for office space.

Ten usable buildings of five and six stories each are currently vacant, an SIDC official said yesterday. Some have been described by state officials as "ideal" for agency use.

Mrs. Connelly said yesterday that office use, which she envisions as one of the components of an eventual new plan for the site, could eventually involve the state Office of Mental Health (OMH) and Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD). She said they are targeted to move in 1986.

Movement of those agencies,

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therefore, is not included in the first phase of the five-year office transfer program, according to outlines of the plan distributed by Cuomo in Manhattan Thursday.

In July of last year, a study prepared for the state Office of General Services, which is coordinating the office transfer, said SIDC could be converted into a condominium development of 1,200 to 1,600 units.

The report, prepared by Gruen Associates, a consulting firm, also said the site had a potential to house commercial office space because it could offer lower rents than Manhattan.

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