

# Willowbrook land decision expected soon

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State and city officials are working on final reports, evaluations and property lines as they prepare for the expected transfer of property from the Staten Island Developmental Center in Willowbrook to the College of Staten Island.

Gov. Mario Cuomo has asked

the state Office of General Services (OGS) to complete the paperwork on the project for his final review, said Tom Tubbs, spokesman for the department. His formal decision on whether CSI will get land at the Willowbrook site is expected within a few weeks, Tubbs said.

The OGS is responsible for redeveloping state-owned land. The

land will come under OGS's jurisdiction when the state Office for the Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled (OMRDD) declares the land surplus.

OMRDD plans to close the Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC) in late 1987. Of the 380-acre campus, OMRDD plans to keep about 150 acres for group

homes and the Institute of Basic Research. CSI is asking for about 215 acres.

Recommendations on use of the land have come through a cooperative effort involving OGS, the Governor's Advisory Council on the Staten Island Developmental Center, the executive chambers and local legislators, Tubbs said.

Even though OMRDD still has legal title to the land, it can be committed to other uses before it is legally transferred, said OGS Commissioner John C. Egan. After OMRDD declares the property surplus, OGS becomes legally responsible for the land, and it then will be transferred, with provisions outlining its intended use, to the State Dormi-

tory Authority.

That agency finances and manages construction at all City University facilities and for some facilities at state universities.

While the Legislature is not formally involved, Staten Island public officials are on the advisory council, and public hearings

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