

What will become of CSI campuses?

College's planned relocation spurs interest in school's current sites

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When the Staten Island Developmental Center in Willowbrook closes next year, the College of Staten Island will get 216 acres of its rolling fields, large stands of trees and numerous buildings.

But what happens to the Sunny-side and St. George campuses that are abandoned? This question is beginning to stir the interest of residents, community organizations, developers, businesses and

officials Island-wide.

The state Dormitory Authority now owns the Sunnyside land and 130 Stuyvesant Pl. in St. George. (CSI also occupies 120 Stuyvesant Pl. and 50 Bay St., but they are privately owned.)

Once CSI moves, Sunnyside becomes city property and 130 Stuyvesant Pl. becomes state property, "unless CUNY has a future use for them," which is unlikely, said Donald Farley, the City University of New York's vice chan-

cellor for facilities planning and management.

Island public officials and businessmen seem confident the St. George area will not suffer when CSI vacates its campus there. There's a demand for office space in the area, especially among the courts and city agencies, said Robert Huber, a spokesman for Borough President Ralph J. Lamberti.

Lamberti is conducting a survey to find out what their needs

are. He is also sending letters to state and city agencies suggesting they seek office space on Staten Island, Huber said.

"The key here is this is still four years down the road," Huber said — planning is a little premature because it is still unknown when CSI will actually vacate the buildings.

Employees of the new tenants in those buildings will probably bring more money to the local businesses than students, sug-