

\$235M included in state budget for new CSI campus

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ALBANY — About \$235 million is included in Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's 1988-89 budget for construction of the new College of Staten Island (CSI) campus in Wil-
lowbrook.

CSI's construction funding is the largest capital project among City University senior colleges, according to Cuomo's 628-page budget released yesterday.

Another \$1.2 million was included in the governor's general fund for maintaining the Willowbrook grounds during its transition from the former Staten Island Developmental Center to CSI.

The mental health portion of Cuomo's budget listed \$3 million in capital construction funds for a kitchen facility on the Willowbrook grounds, which will serve as a food center for New York City mental health facilities.

Cuomo's overall \$44.2 billion budget also requested funds for three staff members to work with

the Freshwater Wetlands Appeals Board, a resurrected body that will rule on property owners' appeals on the state's designation of wetlands on Staten Island and throughout the state.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) may have more of an impact in resolving Staten Island's environmental problems, according to budget figures. Cuomo proposed adding 198 positions for enforcement of solid waste regulations, air and water quality in New York City, and for hazardous waste cleanups.

Also, Cuomo proposes state tipping fees at the Fresh Kills landfill and other garbage dumps throughout the state. Garbage haulers also will be charged fees at garbage incinerators and resource recovery plants. The money would be used to close environmentally unsafe garbage dumps or for other waste disposal projects.

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Gov. Mario Cuomo takes a drink of water before starting his state budget briefing.