

State purchases Skyco land for Dare campus of NCCSI

The state has purchased more than 200 acres to build a University of North Carolina Coastal Studies Institute (CSI) campus in Skyco.

The property, which has water access, includes about 30 acres of buildable area, according to the minutes from CSI Foundation's annual meeting, held last month. Skyco Development sold the land for \$8.25 million, Dare County property records indicate.

CSI's website relates that the project "is currently in the design phase of construction." A 90,000-square-foot research and educational facility is planned for the site.

Dare County had previously gifted land on the north end of Roanoke Island for the project. It was not directly adjacent to the water, which is one reported a reason for the purchase of the new site.

"The design of the campus has to basically be redone," according to the foundation minutes. Construction for the multi-million dollar facility may begin in a year and is expected to take 18 months to complete, said the minutes.