



**CITY OF BEACON  
CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 94 OF 2025**

**REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE  
UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT CAMP PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF BEACON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beacon (“City”) and the State of New York (“State”) executed a Cooperative Operation and Maintenance Agreement on November 21, 2007 (“Agreement”) for approximately 50.2 acres of former camp property located at 724 Wolcott Avenue in the City of Beacon, which was known as the University Settlement Camp (“Settlement Camp”), and referenced as Parcel No. 130200-6054-13-126252; and

**WHEREAS**, at its taxpayer’s expense, the City has maintained and operated the Settlement Camp since 2007 for public park and recreation purposes, including public swimming, children’s summer camp, free public disc golf course, outdoor recreation, conservation and education, special events, and other public uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to obtain fee ownership of the Settlement Camp, in order to make much-needed capital investments in the property’s water and wastewater systems, aging buildings, structures, and grounds, many of which have a useful life that extends beyond the original 20-year term of the Agreement ending in 2027 and the potential renewal term of 20-years ending in 2047; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would continue to operate the Settlement Camp for public park and recreational purposes if granted fee ownership of the property and would manage the property as it does its other public parks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Beacon hereby requests that the State of New York transfer fee ownership of the Settlement Camp to the City for a nominal fee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Beacon hereby directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Parks, State Senator Rob Rolison, and State Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute any agreements and other documentation with the State of New York that may be required for the proposed transfer of the Settlement Camp.

| Resolution No. 94 of 2025             |        |                    |     | Date: October 6, 2025                 |         |        |        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments   |        |                    |     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required |         |        |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On roll call |        |                    |     | <input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required |         |        |        |
| Motion                                | Second | Council Member     | Yes | No                                    | Abstain | Reason | Absent |
|                                       |        | Paloma Wake        | x   |                                       |         |        |        |
|                                       | x      | Amber Grant        | x   |                                       |         |        |        |
| x                                     |        | Molly Rhodes       | x   |                                       |         |        |        |
|                                       |        | Jeffrey Domanski   | x   |                                       |         |        |        |
|                                       |        | Pam Wetherbee      | x   |                                       |         |        |        |
|                                       |        | George Mansfield   | x   |                                       |         |        |        |
|                                       |        | Mayor Lee Kyriacou | x   |                                       |         |        |        |
| Motion Carried                        |        |                    | x   |                                       |         |        |        |