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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 1265

House of Representatives, April 11, 1977

On motion of Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Howe of South Portland.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Gill of South Portland, Mr. Curran of South Portland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE**, to Provide for an Agreement Between the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and the City of South Portland to Establish a Greenbelt Area on the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Campus.

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**Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute campus greenbelt; required.**  
**Resolved:** That the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, acting on behalf of the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, and the City of South Portland shall enter into an agreement to establish a greenbelt on the campus of the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute. The purposes of this agreement shall be:

1. To preserve the open space character of the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute shorefront on Casco Bay;
2. To preserve the remains of Fort Preble, including its walls, gun emplacements, bulkheads and other prominent features for future restoration and historical interpretation as an integral feature of the greenbelt area;
3. To limit future physical expansion in the greenbelt to planned additions to existing permanent buildings, restoration and interpretation of Fort Preble, improvements to existing roads in the greenbelt and construction of a greenbelt park according to the general development plan for the South Portland greenbelt; and
4. To guarantee the right of free access to the greenbelt through the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute campus.

This agreement, and the development and activities of the greenbelt, shall not restrict the use, maintenance or access of existing facilities, buildings, docks, breakwaters and easements within the area of the greenbelt. In developing long range plans for the greenbelt, the wood frame structures within the greenbelt, including the maintenance shop, building construction shop and related outbuildings and garage adjacent to the cemetery, shall be considered temporary.

The greenbelt area shall be as follows:

Starting at the iron set at the eastern corner of General Electric Corporation's property, laydown yard adjacent to basin #7, the greenbelt line shall extend in a northeasterly direction approximately 30 feet to a line running parallel to the northeast face of the existing marine sciences building. This line shall intersect a point 75 feet from the north corner of the building and shall extend to an access road leading from the machine shop to the marine sciences building. The line shall follow the north side of the road to the intersection of a line extending from and parallel to the northeast face of the machine shop. The greenbelt boundary shall follow this line to the eastern corner of the machine shop, thence to a line following the edge of pavement, bay side, of Vocational Drive with the following exceptions:

1. The Electricity and Electronics Building and 10 feet from the drive on the northeast side, 10 feet from the building on the southeast side and 40 feet from the building on the southwest side to allow for construction of an 8-10 car parking lot. In this vicinity the greenbelt shall be designed to allow occasional maintenance, service and security vehicles to have access to the northeast side of the building;
2. Hildreth Hall and 75 feet on the northeast and southwest sides to allow for future expansion and 10 feet on the southeast side as a buffer; and
3. Pumping stations, chlorination equipment and buildings plus any other existing structures vital to the maintenance and operation of the campus.

From Vocational Drive, the greenbelt shall continue in a southeasterly direction parallel to the northeast face of the Dining Hall, allowing at least 15 feet between the cemetery and the greenbelt line. It shall follow a line 10 feet from and parallel to the southeast face of the Dining Hall to the southwest face, where it shall extend in a southeasterly direction approximately 7 feet to a line running parallel to and 50 feet from an existing wire fence. From this point, the greenbelt shall follow this line to the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute boundary at Beach Street.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve establishes a greenbelt area on the campus of the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute in order to:

1. Preserve the open space character of the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute shorefront on Casco Bay;

2. Preserve the remains of Fort Preble, including its walls, gun emplacements, bulkheads and other prominent features, for future restoration and historical interpretation as an integral feature of the greenbelt area;

3. Limit future physical expansion in the greenbelt to planned additions to existing permanent buildings, restoration and interpretation of Fort Preble, improvements to existing roads in the greenbelt, and construction of a greenbelt park according to the general development plan for the South Portland greenbelt; and

4. Guarantee the right of free access to the greenbelt through the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute campus.

The greenbelt area will be brought about by an agreement between the City of South Portland and the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.