

It may make sense to sell off certain state properties to enrich currently underfunded state coffers. It makes no sense to sell off any and all such properties where the public interest clearly dictates a public use as the best use. When Queens Civic Congress [formed](#), its earliest major [project](#) was to preserve for public use, 32 acres at Creedmoor that state sought to sell for development. Queens Civic Congress [organized](#) the communities, developed a [Master Plan](#) for Creedmoor, presented it at a meeting with the State at the Office of the Borough President. What was once the Glen Oaks Campus and renamed a few years back, The Padavan Campus, resulted. Queens Civic Congress will continue to work with its member organizations to prevent any ill-advised disposition of public lands. Thank you to Rick Duskiwicz, Creedmoor Civic Association, who flagged this item. - Corey Bearak

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Governor Paterson Directs the Sale of Vacant State Property

The State owns many vacant, under-utilized properties -- many are a drain on the state to maintain, and a missed opportunity for the communities they are located in. Governor Paterson is selling these vacant properties to put them back into productive use. This initiative is a win/win for everyone -- the State generates revenues to close the budget deficit; local governments get more property tax revenues to balance their budgets and provide tax relief; and communities get productive buildings that contribute to neighborhood revitalization. The State property sales scheduled for 2009 will generate millions of dollars for the state.