



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
Division of Historic Preservation

Jim Gray  
Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Gray, Mayor  
Richard Moloney, CAO  
Urban County Council Members

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bettie Kerr, Director  
Division of Historic Preservation

DATE: October 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement per the development of Bluegrass  
Community and Technical College at the property now occupied by  
Eastern State Hospital, Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky.

The attached Memorandum of Agreement is between The Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet, The Kentucky Community Technical College System, Bluegrass Community College and the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office regarding the development of the Eastern State Hospital Property in Lexington for use as the Bluegrass Community and Technical College.

The LFUCG has been a Consulting Party, as outlined in the fifth paragraph of the first page of the MOA, during the planning and negotiations concerning the development of the Eastern State property, which includes a number of historic structures and has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The attached MOA reflects the outcome of substantial reviews and discussions concerning the impact the redevelopment of the property will have on the historic Eastern State Hospital property and the commitments that have been agreed upon concerning the same. The redevelopment will be administered in accordance with the attached MOA agreement and future decisions specified in the master plan will be made in accordance with the State Historic Preservation Office as noted in this agreement and in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NRHP).

The role of the LFUCG as a consulting party was carried out, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, by the LFUCG Historic Preservation Officer/ Director of the Division of Historic Preservation. The consulting parties involved in this process, in addition to the LFUCG, included the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, the Eastern State Hospital Cemetery Preservation Project and Preserve Lexington.

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The attached MOA reflects the determination that the overall development will have an adverse effect on the historic property and outlines the mitigation actions that will occur. This includes the preservation and re-use of two historic buildings, full documentation of the several significant historic structures to be demolished, appropriate care and record keeping of the cemetery located on the grounds and the re-interment in that cemetery of any human remains discovered in the future, and other additional important considerations, as noted in the MOA.

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you.