

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
September 16, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Camden Campus Center, Camden, New Jersey. Mr. Kenneth Johnson, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present and constituting a quorum were Amjad, Bechta, J. Bender, Boguchwal, Caldwell Epps, Case, Chaplin (via Zoom), Chropuvka, de los Rios, De Santis, DeNigris, Edelman (via Zoom), Elkins, Falzon (via Zoom), Foglio (via Zoom), Fox, Friedman, Gillis, Godoy (via Zoom), Hendricks (via Zoom), Johnson, Le-Cadre, MacDonald, Martin (via Zoom), McCarthy, Papamarkou, Patel, Perez (via Zoom), Redd, Rivers, Servance, and Vallejo.

Absent were Christ, Druskin, DuHaime, D. Harris, Lew, Sampson-Landers, and Scalo.

The following Trustees Emeriti were present: G. Bender, Best, Cantor (via Zoom), Chyb, DePetris, DiMartino, Dougherty, Eichert, W. Harris, Hundley, Jhaveri (via Zoom), Nachtigal (via Zoom), Piazza, Rears, Stevenson (via Zoom), and Tuosto (via Zoom).

Present was Ms. Amy Towers, Chair of the Board of Governors.

Also attending were Purcell (via Zoom) and Schwartz (via Zoom), Senate representatives to the Board of Trustees, and Berkowitz (via Zoom) and Ntiwunka-Ifeanyi (via Zoom), student representatives to the Board of Trustees.

Present from the University administration were Arbuthnot, Ballentine, Castner, Conway, Hopely (via Zoom), Lewis, Melillo, Pastva, Smith-Jackson, Strom, Tate, and Tillis.

ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAW 1975
(OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT)

Mr. Johnson called on Ms. Kimberlee Pastva, Secretary of the University, who announced that pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act) public notice of this meeting was filed on June 23, 2025, with the Office of the Secretary of the State of the New Jersey and three newspapers, the *Cherry Hill Courier-Post*, the *New Brunswick Home News Tribune*, and the *Newark Star-Ledger*. Public notice of the meeting was posted in the following University libraries: the Alexander Library, New Brunswick; the Dana Library, Newark; the Robeson Library, Camden; and the Smith Library, Rutgers Health. Pursuant to Public Law 2020, Chapter 11, public notice of the meeting was posted on the Rutgers Website, under Governing Boards.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Secretary Pastva asked the members of the Board if they had read the meeting agenda and supporting documents and if anyone had a possible conflict of interest to disclose. The responses from the members confirmed that no conflicts existed.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Johnson welcomed everyone back for the academic year and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Johnson then welcomed President Tate, the Board's new Trustees, and the Senate and Student Representatives of the Board of Trustees.

INDUCTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Johnson called on the following new and reappointed Board members to approach the standing microphone:

Danielle Bechta
Deborah De Santis
Peter N. DeNigris
Christiana R. Foglio
Walter B. MacDonald
Ameya Ketankumar Patel
Maria P. Vallejo

Mr. Johnson then asked the following new and reappointed members, attending via Zoom, to unmute their microphones:

Christopher Godoy
Ilce Perez

Mr. Johnson called on Mr. William J. Castner, Executive Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel and member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, who administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office. Mr. Johnson congratulated the new and reappointed Board members.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Johnson turned the floor over to President William F. Tate IV, who congratulated the new Trustees, expressed his appreciation to returning Trustees, and noted the importance of the Trustees' role in protecting students and research at Rutgers. He then reviewed the significant increases in graduate and undergraduate students at Rutgers and detailed enrollment numbers for all Rutgers campuses. Next, President Tate shared an update on research at Rutgers. He then discussed some of his aspirations for the University, including his goals for all campuses. President Tate concluded by praising the University's research, faculty, and administration and stated that he looks forward to serving with the Board in fulfillment of his goals.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT/CONTINUING EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Mr. Johnson asked Dr. Antonio Tillis, Chancellor of Rutgers University–Camden, to present his report. Chancellor Tillis began by reviewing Rutgers–Camden's mission and values, and noted the campus will mark its centennial in 2026. He then reported on new additions to his leadership team and Welcome Week for the members of the Class of 2029. Chancellor Tillis continued with an update on enrollment, highlighting the significant increase in First Time in College students and noting that campus residency is at an all-time high. Next, Chancellor Tillis updated the Board on graduation and retention rates at Rutgers–Camden, as well as distinctions earned by the campus. He also discussed grant funding and shared points of pride, during which he highlighted scholarships earned by students and noted the campus may have its first Rhodes Scholar, as well as accomplishments of faculty, staff, and alumni. Chancellor Tillis previewed some upcoming events and answered questions from the Board, during which Dr. Jimmy Jung, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Success and Enrollment Management, also shared some comments.

BOARD GOALS AND INITIATIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Board's goals for FY26, detailing each goal and the plans to pursue and fulfill them. He stated that the goals will make the Board as effective as possible and position

Trustees to serve as ambassadors. He then answered questions from Trustees.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TASK FORCE ON ASSESSMENT

Mr. Johnson turned the floor over to Dr. Walter MacDonald, Chair of the Board of Trustees Task Force on Assessment. Dr. MacDonald stated that the Task Force met several times over the summer to review and update the annual survey and to analyze the results of the survey. Dr. MacDonald reported that the response was excellent and stated that the survey questions were classified into key areas. He then provided detailed overviews of each key area, including Trustee responses, as well as feedback and recommendations from Trustees. Dr. MacDonald then engaged in a thoughtful discussion with Trustees and concluded his report. Mr. Johnson thanked Dr. MacDonald and the members of the Task Force.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR

Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2025. Mr. Johnson drew the Trustees' attention to the June 17, 2025 meeting minutes that were posted to the portal and asked if any Trustees had any additions or corrections.

There being no additions or corrections, on motion and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as distributed by the Secretary of the University.

Executive Committee September 9, 2025

Proposed Resolution on the Board of Trustees' Endowed Funds for Fiscal Year 2026.

Mr. Johnson turned the floor over to Ms. Mary Papamarkou, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, who presented the Proposed Resolution on the Boards of Trustees' Endowed Funds for Fiscal Year 2026. Ms. Papamarkou discussed the work of the Committee on Trustee Philanthropy in evaluating student need and its recommendations for the allocation of funds to reflect need at each campus. Mr. Johnson then called for a motion to pass the Proposed Resolution on the Boards of Trustees' Endowed Funds for Fiscal Year 2026:

WHEREAS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, maintains endowed funds for which the Board of Trustees has the authority and discretion to distribute the annual spending allocation in support of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified eight separate endowed funds with annual income ("Pre-existing Endowments") that they have chosen to redirect to areas that enhance the mission of the University and build on initiatives deemed critical by the Board of Trustees to support the University and its students; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2018, the Board of Trustees made a concerted effort to understand the underlying financial burdens that impede the academic progress for many students at the University, resulting in the Board's acceptance of the Report of the Task Force on Student Aid on June 12, 2018 and the identification of key funding areas outlined in that report that would provide the most benefit to the University's students; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2018, the Board of Trustees established Guiding Principles for the distribution of the income from the Pre-existing Endowments and approved allocation of the FY2018, FY2019, and FY2020 spending income to support Scarlet Promise Grants (formerly referred to as Rutgers Assistance Grants), the emergency funds of the University's Offices of Student Affairs, and the four established student food pantries at the University; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated September 25, 2018, the Board of Trustees pledged to allocate the income from the Pre-existing Endowments to the University's Scarlet Promise Grants Fund, the emergency funds of the University's Offices of Student Affairs, and the University's established food pantries until June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated June 16, 2020, the Board accepted the FY2020 Report of the Task Force on Philanthropy that outlined parameters for the spending income distribution to these three areas of critical need and resolved to extend the allocation designation until June 20, 2029 to coincide with the Board of Trustees' Endowment Initiative for Scarlet Promise Grants; and

WHEREAS, the FY2025 Committee on Trustee Philanthropy embarked on a concerted effort to evaluate student need and assess whether the current allocation of funds was an accurate reflection of that need, which included analysis of qualitative and quantitative data from sources around the University and culminated in a report issued by the committee that contained recommendations for a reallocation of the funds to more accurately reflect the student need at each chancellor-led unit; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Trustee Philanthropy, the Board of Trustees now desires to allocate the FY2026 income from the identified endowed funds in accordance with its pledge and as described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2025, the Trustees Executive Committee reviewed the FY2026 spending income from the Pre-existing Endowments, and the proposed distribution of the spending income as further described in Exhibit A, and, after agreeing that the proposed allocation meets the Guiding Principles adopted by Resolution dated June 12, 2018 and the recommendations of the FY2025 Committee on Trustee Philanthropy, recommended approval by the Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Trustees Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, hereby approves the allocation of the \$532,467 spending income from the Pre-existing Endowed Funds for FY2026 to include a distribution of \$319,480 to the Scarlet Promise Grants Fund, \$133,117 to support emergency funding for University students distributed proportionally between Rutgers University–New Brunswick, Rutgers University–Newark, Rutgers University–Camden, and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences based upon current need (as shown in Exhibit A), and \$79,870 distributed proportionally based upon current need (as shown in Exhibit A) to support the existing food pantries at each University location; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Attachment: Exhibit A - Distribution of FY2026 Spending Allocation

The motion was seconded, and there being no discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution on the Board of Trustees' Endowed Funds for Fiscal Year 2026.

Proposed Resolution Consenting to the Negotiation and Execution of an Easement Agreement with Public Service Electric and Gas Company (RU–New Brunswick). Mr. Johnson turned the floor over to Mr. Gary Chropuvka, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, who stated that the Board is being asked to consider and consent to two proposed easements for Public Service Enterprise Group (“PSE&G”). Mr. Chropuvka informed the Trustees that the Board of Governors is expected to consider a vote on the easements during its October 16, 2025 meeting and that the Board of Trustees' consent is contingent on

Board of Governors approval. Mr. Chropuvka then turned the floor over to Ms. Kimberly Lewis, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, who reported on the first easement, on the New Brunswick Campus. Mr. Chropuvka then moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G”) operates medium and high voltage electric transmission infrastructure serving the New Brunswick campuses of Rutgers University, within public rights-of-way and immediately adjacent to land owned by both the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G is modernizing its distribution systems to provide improved reliability; and

WHEREAS, one of the proposed modernizations will provide a mutual benefit to PSE&G and Rutgers if new high-voltage transmission lines can replace existing medium-volt transmission lines on the Rutgers Cook/Douglass campus; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G approached Rutgers in 2024 with a request to design a distribution upgrade and, working with Rutgers, developed a solution that would meet PSE&G needs and offer future connection opportunities for Rutgers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed solution requires that Rutgers grant a permanent easement area of approximately 1.5 acres in order to accommodate planned improvements to PSE&G’s infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the permanent easement will accommodate utility poles, overhead utility cables, and stabilizing guy wires as needed; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements undertaken by PSE&G will directly benefit Rutgers, as the new infrastructure will provide for future connectivity to campus electrical distribution systems owned and maintained by Rutgers and serving the Cook/Douglass campus; and

WHEREAS, given that the permanent easement will be located along roadways and not impede Rutgers’ future development plans and considering that new equipment will benefit Rutgers’ operations, Rutgers will not ask for fair market value determination for the easement but PSE&G will indemnify Rutgers and pay a nominal consideration of one dollar (\$1.00); and

WHEREAS, the proposed easement will be finalized upon completion of installation of the infrastructure as approved by Rutgers University Facilities department, and will be memorialized based on documents prepared by a NJ Professional Land Surveyor, and the proposed locations will not negatively impact Rutgers’ long term plans for the portion of the Cook/Douglass Campus affected by the proposed easement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors is expected to consider and act upon the proposed easement during its meeting on October 16, 2025 and because the easement will be on land owned by the Board of Trustees, Board of Trustees consent is required; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2025, the Trustees Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed easement and agreed that the Board of Trustees should consent to the proposed easement, contingent upon action by the Board of Governors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, upon the recommendation of the Trustees

Executive Committee, that the Board hereby consents to the proposed easement requested by PSE&G as further described in this Resolution, contingent upon approval of the easement by the Board of Governors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon the Board of Governor’s approval of the easement described herein.

Attachments: Project Summary
Cook Douglass Dudley Rd Proposed PSEG Easement Diagram

The motion was seconded, and there being no discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Consenting to the Negotiation and Execution of an Easement Agreement with Public Service Electric and Gas Company (RU–New Brunswick).

Proposed Resolution Consenting to the Negotiation and Execution of an Easement Agreement with Public Service Electric and Gas Company (RU–Camden). Next, Ms. Lewis reported on the easement at Rutgers–Camden, which she stated is associated with the Cooper Gateway Project, and upgrades existing utility poles on Rutgers property. Mr. Chropuvka then moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G”) operates high voltage electric transmission infrastructure serving the Camden Campus of Rutgers University in the City of Camden, immediately adjacent to land owned by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G approached Rutgers in Summer 2025 with a request to grant a permanent easement area of approximately 0.031 acres (1,368 square feet) in order to accommodate planned improvements to PSE&G’s infrastructure serving the Cooper Street Gateway project, a capital project on the campus previously approved by the Board of Governors at its April 18, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the permanent easement will accommodate utility poles, overhead utility cables, and stabilizing guy wires as needed; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements undertaken by PSE&G directly benefit Rutgers, as the new infrastructure will serve a major capital project on the Camden campus; and

WHEREAS, given the de minimis size of the permanent easement and considering that new equipment will benefit Rutgers’ operations, Rutgers will not ask for fair market value determination for the easement but PSE&G will indemnify Rutgers and pay a nominal consideration of one dollar (\$1.00); and

WHEREAS, the proposed easement will be finalized upon completion of installation of the infrastructure as approved by Rutgers University Facilities department, and will be memorialized based on documents prepared by a NJ Professional Land Surveyor, and the proposed locations will not negatively impact Rutgers’ long-term plans for the portion of the Camden Campus affected by the proposed easement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors is expected to consider and act upon the proposed easement during its meeting on October 16, 2025 and because the easement will be on land owned by the Board of Trustees, Board of Trustees consent is required; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon the Board of Governor's approval of the easement described herein.

Attachments: Project Summary
Preliminary Easement Diagram

The motion was seconded, and there being no discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Consenting to the Negotiation and Execution of an Easement Agreement with Public Service Electric and Gas Company (RU-Camden).

Nominating Committee – Proposed Slate of Nominees

Election of Trustee Emeriti to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Johnson turned the floor over to Mr. Robert Friedman, Chair of the Board of Trustees Nominating Committee, who stated that the Committee met over the summer to consider candidates for Trustee Emeriti status, in accordance with the recently amended bylaws of the Board of Trustees and operating procedures of Nominating Committee. Mr. Friedman discussed the Board's efforts to ensure that the number of Emeriti Trustees remains proportionate to the number of voting members, and detailed the selection process. He stated that the Committee reviewed a group of highly accomplished individuals whose service to Rutgers and the Board have been commendable, and that the Committee reached a clear and unanimous consensus in support of one candidate for Trustee Emerita:

Heather C. Taylor

Mr. Friedman moved the aforementioned nomination, Mr. Johnson called for a second, any discussion, and then the vote. Following a brief discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Trustee Emerita nomination.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEE PHILANTHROPY

Mr. Johnson turned the floor over to Ms. Dina Elkins, Chair of the Committee on Trustee Philanthropy, who reported that during the academic year, the Committee will focus on the Board's goal of 100% participation in the Scarlet Promise Endowment and evaluating student need to determine the Board's distribution of endowed funds.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND OUTREACH

Mr. Johnson turned the floor over to Dr. Yanique Le-Cadre, Chair of the Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Outreach, who reported that the Committee recently met to review the Board's needs, which will be reflected in the Call for Nominations. Dr. Le-Cadre stated that the Committee will focus on its outreach function, including the development of outreach tools, such as the pamphlet that was designed by the Committee and provided to Trustees in June, and a video to share with external groups.

TASK FORCE ON LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. Johnson asked Ms. Christiana Foglio, Chair of the Task Force on Legislative Engagement, to

present a report. Ms. Foglio stated that the Task Force will focus on the Board's engagement with the state's legislators and will work with the Department of Government Relations to determine the most effective use of Trustees' efforts and time. She concluded by answering a question from a Trustee.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Johnson reported that the Chair of the Board of Trustees Committee on Philanthropy now also serves as an *ex-officio* member of the Rutgers University Foundation's Board of Directors, and that the Chair of Joint Committee on Investments now holds an *ex-officio* seat on the Board of Governors Committee on Finance and Facilities. Mr. Johnson also stated he plans to provide members with monthly reports in response to Trustees' requests for more communication.

POINTS OF PRIDE

Chancellor Conway, Rutgers–New Brunswick. Mr. Johnson noted that the University's chancellors have been invited to share points of pride at each Board of Trustees meeting this year. He then turned the floor over to Dr. Francine Conway, Chancellor of Rutgers University–New Brunswick, who discussed Rutgers–New Brunswick's mission before reporting on the campus' research portfolio, emphasizing the collaborations across the campus schools that have developed life-saving medicines and initiatives that solve problems. Chancellor Conway discussed the goal of Rutgers–New Brunswick becoming a top ten public research university and a new kind of research university where disciplines converge, students thrive, and society's challenges are met head-on.

Chancellor Brian L. Strom, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences. Mr. Johnson called on Dr. Brian Strom, Chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences ("RBHS") and Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, who reviewed research funding at Rutgers Health, reporting that sponsored awards have tripled since Rutgers Health's founding in 2012. Chancellor Strom continued by detailing a research breakthrough to diagnosis asthma with a simple blood test by a Rutgers faculty member. He also detailed accomplishments in cancer research at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey and discussed Rutgers Health's academic excellence. Chancellor Strom also updated the Board on capital projects and the integration of the two medical schools to establish the Rutgers School of Medicine, and reviewed honors earned by Rutgers Health faculty.

Chancellor Tonya Smith-Jackson, Rutgers–Newark. Next, Mr. Johnson asked Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson, Chancellor of Rutgers University–Newark, for an update. Chancellor Smith-Jackson reported on enrollment at the campus and the launch of the One-Stop Services Student Center. She then reported that Rutgers–Newark was ranked fifth in social mobility by *U.S. News & World Report* and discussed the campus' anchor mission and the goal of becoming an R1 university. Chancellor Smith-Jackson stated that for FY25, Rutgers–Newark received 105 research grants, totaling \$30 million, with 400 active grants at \$150 million. She then highlighted examples of how the university couples its research with the community.

Board members then engaged in a thoughtful and insightful discussion with the chancellors.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Emeritus Best shared some comments on the Scarlet Promise Grants and expressed his appreciation for the Board's continuing support of the initiative.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Johnson reminded the Trustees that the Call for Nominations would be sent soon and asked Trustees to consider making nominations for individuals in their networks. It was also noted that pamphlets were available to Trustees for their use during outreach.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony Stoeckert".

Anthony Stoeckert
Writing Associate



EXHIBIT A

The Board of Trustees hereby resolves that the FY26 spending allocation from those funds endowed by generous benefactors to support the University’s mission at the discretion of the Board of Trustees shall be distributed as follows:

University-wide Scarlet Promise Grants	\$319,480
Rutgers University–New Brunswick Student Affairs Emergency Need-Based Student Aid Fund	\$71,883
Rutgers University–Newark Student Affairs Emergency Need-Based Student Aid Fund	\$34,610
Rutgers University–Camden Student Affairs Emergency Need-Based Student Aid Fund	\$15,974
Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Student Affairs Emergency Need-Based Student Aid Fund	\$10,650
Rutgers University–New Brunswick Student Food Pantry	\$30,351
Rutgers University–Newark Student Food Pantry	\$25,558
Rutgers University–Camden Student Food Pantry	\$14,377
Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Student Food Pantry	\$9,584
TOTAL:	\$532,467

Board of Trustees
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 of New Jersey
 September 16, 2025

PROJECT SUMMARY

Permanent Easement Grant to Public Service Electric and Gas Company

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

October 16, 2025

Introduction

University Policy 20.1.19 University Properties requires Board of Governors approval for certain property transactions. Board approval is required for the granting of a Permanent Easement. Given the location of the easement, Consent for Action of the Board of the Trustees is also required.

Rutgers University has been approached by PSE&G to grant it a Permanent Easement for the purposes of running an above-ground high voltage electrical power transmission line through the Cook/Douglass Campus along Biel and Dudley Roads. The new line, which will replace an existing above-ground medium-voltage line on campus, will allow PSE&G to fulfill its mandated obligation for increased reliability through redundant circuits and connect two existing substations in the City of New Brunswick. The proposed easement will add additional 60 foot poles along Biel and Dudley Roads, and replace all existing 45 foot poles with 60 foot poles.

The University is willing to grant PSE&G a Permanent Easement, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors and Consent of Action of the Board of Trustees.

Scope

In order to satisfy a mandate from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, PSE&G is seeking a path to connect two of its high-voltage (69,000 volts, or 69kV) substations at Hart Street and 14th Street in the City of New Brunswick. The proposed path for the upgraded electrical service will run from the corner of Ryders Lane and Biel Road, turn right on Biel Road, turn left on to Dudley Road, and then continue down Dudley Road to Nichol Avenue. The total area of the easement will be approximately 1.5 acres of land. Rutgers Institutional Planning and Operations in cooperation with PSE&G has determined the best path on campus that ensures the least disruption to the Cook/Douglass Campus and is in a location favorable for future development of the campus.

Within the easement will be standard utility poles with above-grade electrical transmission lines. Guy wires and/or stabilizing poles will be provided where necessary. All work will be completed

in accordance with code and regulatory requirements. PSE&G will install new utility poles on Rutgers property at Cook/Douglass campus, and will then remove existing medium voltage poles. The total Easement area to be granted, subject to final calculations by a New Jersey Professional Land Surveyor based on actual construction, is approximately 1.5 acres. The easement will be very narrow, but perhaps over a mile long.

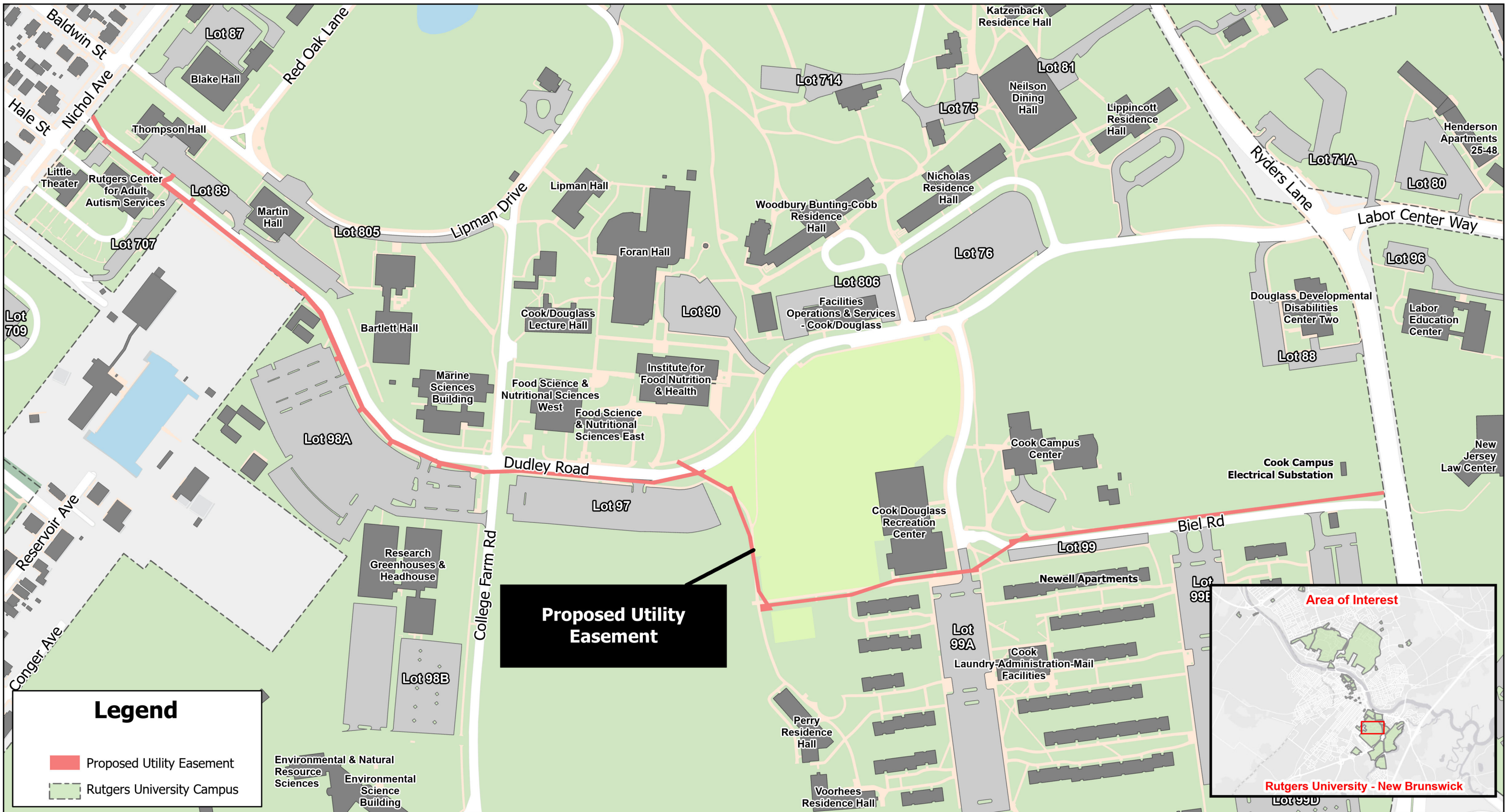
Benefits

The PSE&G upgrades provide a mutual benefit to both PSE&G and the University. By allowing PSE&G to run the 69kV electric line along Biel and Dudley Roads at the expense of PSE&G, the University has the option to upgrade the Cook Substation from the current 26kV substation to 69kV. The 69kV line will run right past the University Substation on Ryders Lane, which is in need of replacement within the next few years as the electrical requirements of the Cook/Douglass Campus become too great a load on the current system. When the Ryders Lane substation upgrades are completed, 69kV power will be available for connection. Should the University decide not to allow the PSE&G project to move forward on campus, any future upgrades of the Ryders Lane substation will require the University to bring 69kV power to campus at the University's expense. The proposed Easement could have the University avoid capital costs of \$20 million or more in required high-voltage electrical work over the next ten years, while allowing connection to extended electrical capacity and the resultant increased reliability of electrical service to the Cook/Douglass Campus.

If the University declined to grant the easement, PSE&G would have to connect the two substations via a much longer route, thereby costing the utility company a much higher amount to complete the mandated work.

Financial

Because the University is gaining enhanced utility service availability from PSE&G by the equipment upgrades, and considering the potential savings in electrical work costs over the next ten years, the University is willing to grant the Permanent Easement for the sum of \$1.00.



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Rutgers University has been approached by the Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) to grant it a Permanent Easement for the purposes of installing two utility poles, overhead cables, and if needed, associated guy wire(s) on a portion of land owned by the University. The University property affected is located along Lawrence Street in Camden, New Jersey.

The University is willing to grant PSE&G a Permanent Easement, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors and Consent of Action of the Board of Trustees.

Scope

The University is in the midst of construction of a major capital project in Camden known as the Cooper Street Gateway. The Board of Governors approved this project at its April 18, 2024 meeting. The project requires upgraded electrical service from PSE&G, the local utility provider, to service the new project. In order for this to happen, PSE&G has determined that two existing PSE&G utility poles in the public right-of-way on Lawrence Street must be removed and replaced with new poles located on Rutgers' property. The utility company mandates the location, and considering paths of power wires and current poles on campus the university agrees that the location is appropriate, logical, and does not adversely impact future development of the campus.

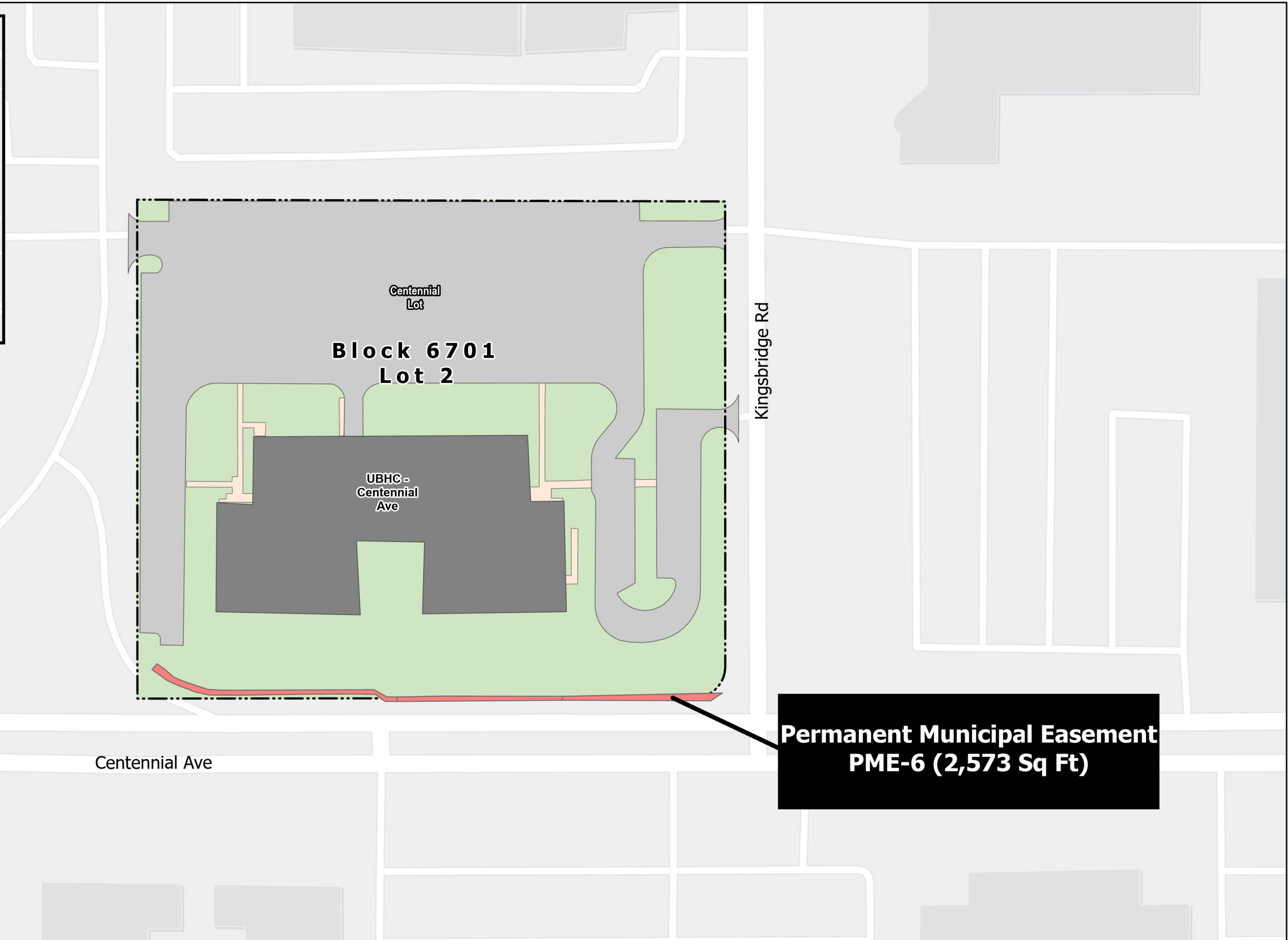
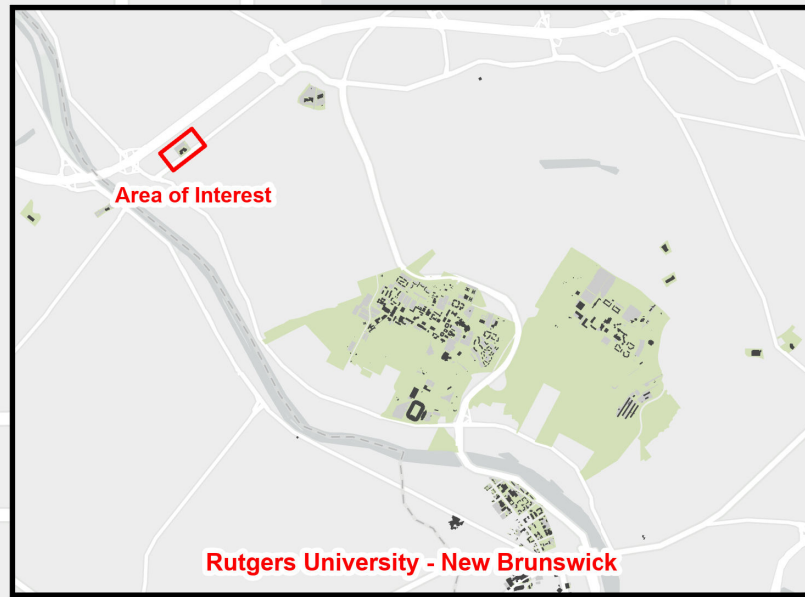
PSE&G will install new utility poles on Rutgers property at Block 93, Lot 2 behind the curb line, to replace the existing poles that sit within the roadway. The total Easement area to be granted, subject to final calculations by a New Jersey Professional Land Surveyor based on actual construction, is approximately 1,368 square feet, or 0.31 acres.

Benefits

Installation of the replacement poles will remove the liability of the current poles being located within the Lawrence Street travel lane and will allow electrical lines to be run down Lawrence Street to transformer(s) serving the campus, ultimately providing necessary electrical services to the Cooper Street Gateway project.

Financial

Given the de minimus size of the easement, and because the University is benefiting from the enhanced utility service from PSE&G, the University is willing to grant the Permanent Easement for the sum of \$1.00.



**Permanent Municipal Easement
PME-6 (2,573 Sq Ft)**

Legend

- Permanent Municipal Easement
- Rutgers University Parcels

