

Dear Friends of Witham Oaks,

Campus Crest, a potential buyer of the Witham Oaks property, asked to have a meeting with the Friends of Witham Oaks (FOWO) board. Campus Crest Development is a nationwide company that builds and maintains student housing. Campus Crest is under contract with the bank to purchase the property. They are in “due diligence” and have not yet closed on the property. More information about Campus Crest Development is available on-line at <http://www.campuscrest.com>.

The FOWO board met with Campus Crest representatives last night. They wanted to get to know us and our concerns. We stressed that we support the maintenance of OSU agricultural lands, the wetlands, and open space. They have met with the Corvallis Planning Department twice to learn about the land development process in Corvallis. They have also spoken with OSU. The city requires that Circle Boulevard go through with any development on the property. There will need to be a zoning change for this development to take place. Campus Crest said that they will only build on about 30 acres. They are not disclosing the size of the development at this time, citing the need to work with the community. When pressed, they indicated they do not anticipate building on the entire property and see the development housing a population of 1,000 beds (i.e. students).

Campus Crest will be meeting with neighbors and other groups to learn what residents of Corvallis want to have happen on the property. There should be another meeting in within a month. **There are no specific plans at this time!**

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