TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: DOUGLAS TREADWAY

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2004

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF NEWARK CENTER PROJECT MITIGATION OPTIONS RELATED TO BURROWING OWLS

The President will be conducting discussions with various agencies and/or entities related to selecting the most suitable mitigation option for burrowing owls located at the Newark Center site. If necessary, he will be requesting Board authorization to enter into contract negotiations related to effecting an appropriate mitigation option during the holiday break. It is imperative that this matter be resolved before the birds enter their breeding season, which begins around February 1, 2005.

If no progress is achieved on this matter by the time of the Board meeting, this agenda item will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees grant him the authority to enter into contract negotiations with appropriate agencies and/or entities to effect the most appropriate mitigation measure related to burrowing owls at the Newark Center Project site.