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New college campus slated for Mount Dora

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Looks like Lake-Sumter State College may <u>expand its presence</u> in Central Florida, as long as a set of approvals is granted.

Twenty acres of land were donated to the Leesburg-based college by three east Lake County property owners to build a new <u>satellite campus</u> near Wekiva Parkway. To make the plan a reality, the property needs a zoning change and state funding. Sasheika Tomlinson, marketing and college relations director at the school, told Orlando Business Journal the college plans to ask for \$6 million- \$8 million from fiscal year 2019-20 state budget.

Construction is expected to start in five years to align with the <u>construction completion</u> date of the 25-mile Wekiva Parkway in 2021. The campus would be in Wolf Branch District, a 1,300-acre, mixed-use development planned to include 730 acres for industrial use, 300 acres for offices and 100 acres for retail.

W <u>orkforce training</u> programs and general classes will be offered, and the hope is that a new campus will attract <u>more jobs</u> to the area, said College President <u>Charles Mojock</u> in a prepared statement. The campus will serve 4,000-5,000 students.

"We are extremely grateful to the property owners who have the foresight to want to have the college there as part of their overall development," Mojock said. "It is a great plan from their standpoint and something that is going to benefit employees and residents of that community."