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Spring Creek Canyon

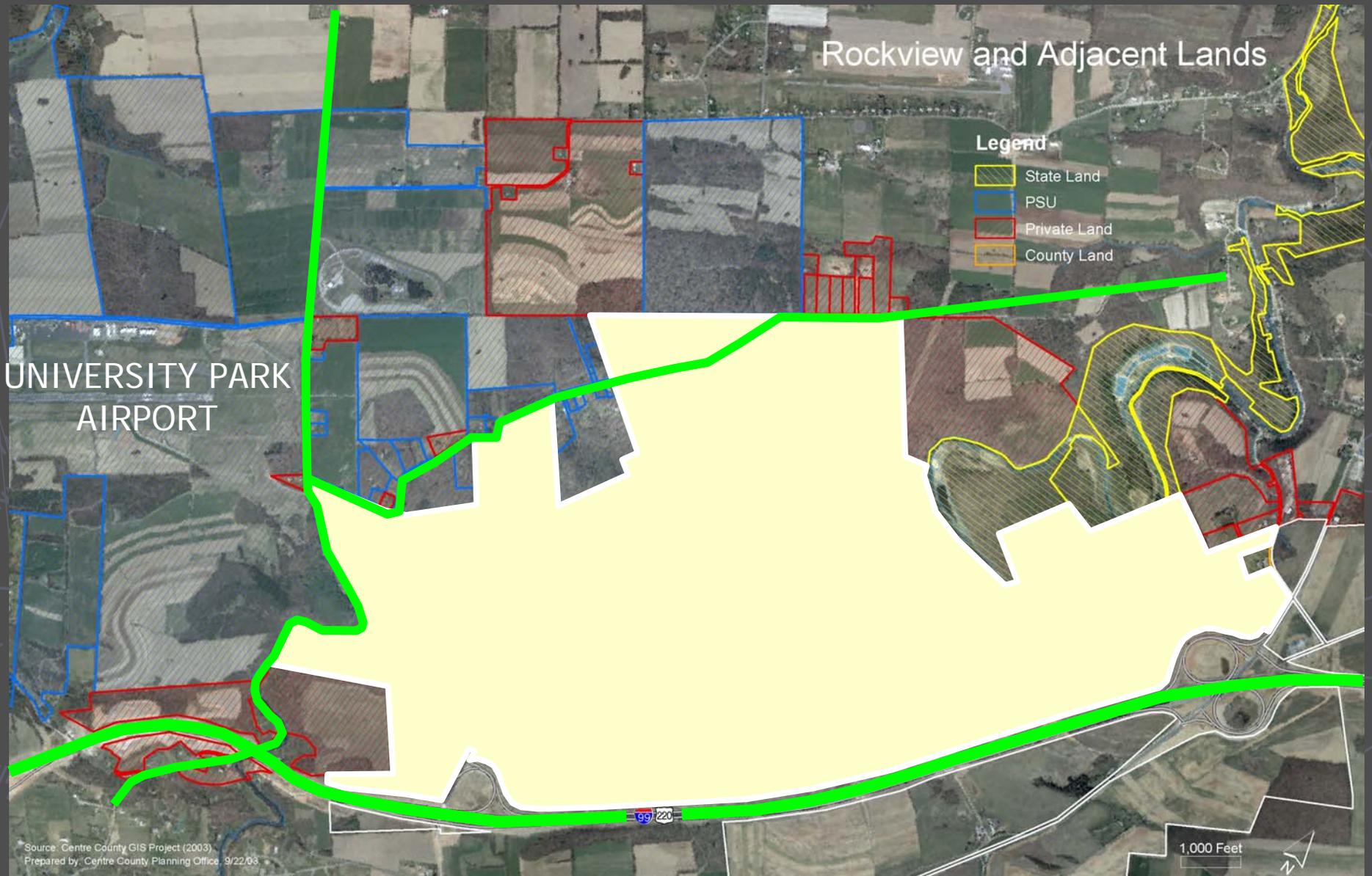
Rockview Correctional Institute

History

- ▶ Penn State expressed interest in acquiring the Rockview Property north of I-99
- ▶ Benner Township expressed interest in acquiring the Spring Creek Canyon area
- ▶ State representatives proposed Penn State discuss transaction goals with Township, having property under single ownership

Rockview Parcel

Rockview and Adjacent Lands

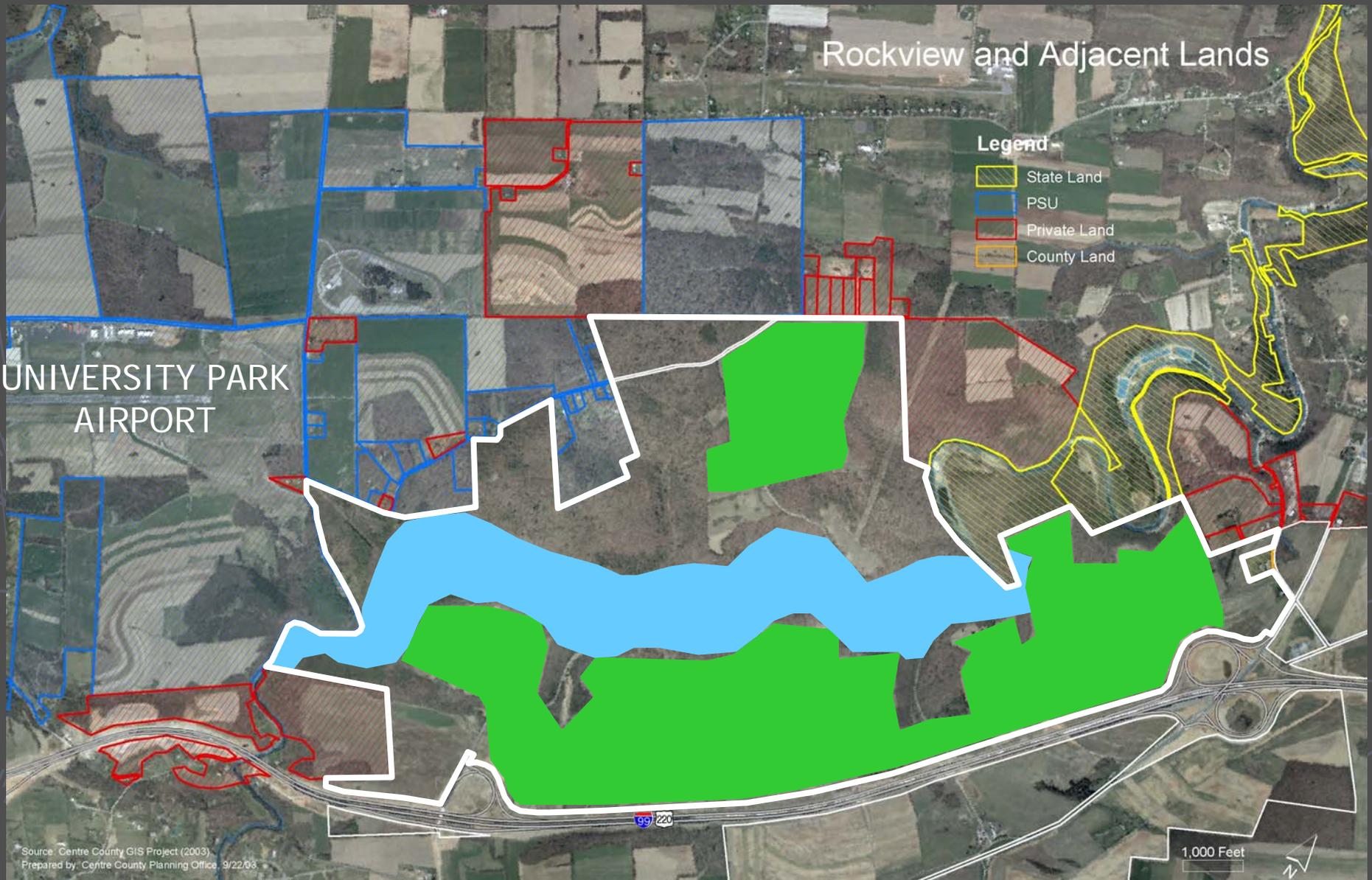


Source: Centre County GIS Project (2003)
Prepared by: Centre County Planning Office, 9/22/03

History

- ▶ Several conditions were outlined to receive Township support, including
 - Existing Agricultural lands would remain in Agricultural use; no development would be permitted
 - Canyon area would be made available to the Township under a long-term lease; Township would control any development in Canyon

Rockview Parcel



History

- ▶ State representatives proposed transfer language that required agricultural uses only
- ▶ State Agricultural Secretary and Corrections Secretary discuss transferal
- ▶ There has been talk of a lesser amount of land being transferred
- ▶ PSU has not been actively pursuing

Recommendations

- ▶ Spring Creek Rivers Conservation Plan
- ▶ Spring Eagle Greenway Plan



Rivers Conservation Plan Recommendations

- ▶ Establish a Spring Creek Canyon Reserve to protect and preserve the important natural resources of the area.
 - Enhance public access to Fisherman's Paradise and the Spring Creek Natural Area, under carefully designed conditions, in order to protect the ecological processes of the canyon and follow the guidelines of PA Fish and Boat Commission and Rockview State Correctional Institution.
 - Establish gateways to orient visitors and to monitor traffic into the reserve.

Rivers Conservation Plan Recommendations

- ▶ Protect natural resources, ecological communities, and scenic open spaces.



Spring Eagle Greenway Plan

- ▶ Limit use and access to environmentally sensitive area, Natural Heritage Inventory areas, and PA Natural D Inventory designated as high significance to include the Spring Creek canyon within Rockview
- ▶ Where access is provided near environmentally sensitive areas, provide buffers, alternative routes around areas, and/or management plans to protect the resources

Ongoing Actions

- ▶ Have contacted Western PA Conservancy regarding strategies to protect resources
- ▶ Have received information from Clearwater Conservancy regarding land trusts
- ▶ Township will be providing Penn State with a letter of support for University acquisition