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For over thirty years, various members of the leadership team at IU Kokomo have been attempting to complete the campus “footprint” by adding the 4-acre property bounded by La Fountain, Rebecca Lane, the Hunt Hall drive and the Hunt Hall parking lot, to no avail. Two years ago we began mowing the property to keep it consistent with campus standards, even if we did not own it.

As I prepare to leave, I am delighted to report that our footprint is now complete. Late last week, the IU Real Estate office completed the transaction for the purchase of this property. For the immediate future, the property will remain unused, although in the next month our grounds crew will begin removing underbrush along the Hunt Hall driveway to increase visibility. The former owner of the property will remain in residence at the house on the property as a part of a “life estate” agreement.

The completion of this transaction is a huge step forward for our campus. It helps to ensure that when a Wellness Center is developed, sufficient land is available to re-site parking, for example, if that becomes necessary. I appreciate the efforts of our leadership team as well as the IU Foundation and especially the IU Real Estate office and my colleague Lynn Coyne in making this happen.