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Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority Purchases Former Grocery Store Property

The Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority (FCURA) closed on the purchase of 1636 North College Avenue, a vacant former grocery store, on July 15, 2025.

Vacant since 2014, the 50,097-square-foot building is situated on 4.68 acres near the intersection of Willox Lane and North College Avenue.

“The FCURA remains committed to blight remediation and making transformational investments in the North College neighborhood. After nearly four years of hard work, this acquisition marks the beginning of a promising new era residents have been eagerly waiting for,” said Jeni Arndt, FCURA chairperson and Fort Collins mayor. “We are excited to continue our work with the neighborhood and community stakeholders to reimagine this property as a vibrant focal point for North College.”

Since the closure of the grocery store in 2014, the community frequently complained of blighted conditions and criminal activity at the property, so in 2022, the FCURA began discussions with the former property owner to explore a purchase. In December 2024, a purchase contract was signed, and inspections and outreach continued since.

While no specific plans have been finalized, proactive community outreach by the FCURA is expected to accelerate soon and will likely include focused discussions of housing and a long-anticipated community center as important elements in any redevelopment program.

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