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## **Landmark Properties partners with Peninsula Investments to build UConn's 738-bed The Mark Mansfield**

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Storrs, CT Landmark Properties has closed on the acquisition of a 1.56-acre site at 134 North Eagleville Rd., adjacent to the University of Connecticut's (UConn) main campus. The firm will begin construction on The Mark Mansfield, a 738-bed student housing community, in late 2025. Landmark Construction will serve as the general contractor. The site was acquired in partnership with Peninsula Investments. TSB Capital Advisors coordinated financing on the project.

"UConn saw a record-breaking 2024 freshman class and, as the university moves forward with plans

to expand its enrollment further over the next decade, the demand for high-quality and pedestrian-to-campus living options will continue to increase,” said Jason Doornbos, chief development officer of Landmark Props.

The community is proximate to the university's core and within walking distance of UConn's academic buildings, student center and athletic complexes. The site was formerly proposed as the location for another student housing development.

The Mark Mansfield will include fully furnished residences with high-end finishes and 7,000 s/f of retail space for the Huskies Tavern, located on the site. Residents will also benefit from proximity to the variety of retail, dining and entertainment options downtown.

“As one of the premier public universities, the University of Connecticut is renowned for its academic excellence, cutting-edge research, and commitment to student success. UConn attracts a diverse and talented student body seeking world-class education in a dynamic and thriving environment,” said Juan Fernando Valdivieso, managing director at Peninsula Investments. “We are thrilled to expand our presence adjacent to this prestigious campus with our second student housing development in the market, providing high-quality living spaces designed to complement the university experience. This investment underscores our commitment to supporting UConn's vibrant community by delivering modern, thoughtfully designed residences that meet the evolving needs of students. It also marks our 22nd investment with Landmark Properties.”

The Mark Mansfield will be Landmark Properties' second asset in the Storrs market, demonstrating the firm's commitment to providing high-quality rental housing to address the strong demand. UConn's first purpose-built student housing project, The Oaks, delivered in 2012 which marked the only new development for 13 years with Landmark Properties' The Standard at Four Corners scheduled to deliver in fall 2025.

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