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From: Felicia Salvatore
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Neil Wilson; Eric Hollman
Cc: Mark Fink
Subject: FW: comments on the redevelopment at Hudson River State Hospital

One and only comment that I have received so far on the DEIS-

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*From: Gerry Deavers [mailto:gerrydeavers@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2016 3:59 PM
To: Felicia Salvatore <fsalvatore@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov>
Subject: comments on the redevelopment at Hudson River State Hospital*

Hi, I just wanted to get some comments and suggestions to you on the upcoming redevelopment of the Hudson River campus. While I am glad they are definitely saving and restoring several buildings as well as the administration building, I would like to suggest some other things that could be done if possible. would like to see at least a portion of the wings that were fire damaged, saved and rebuilt if at all possible, as this would add so much to the character of the original building. Some of these walls could be backed up with steel beams, and the brickwork repaired with the original lime based cement. Where the walls are so damaged, they could be carefully taken down so that as much of the surviving material could still be used. Also would like them to please consider saving and reusing Ryon Hall in the redeveloped campus. It has a lot of character, with its beautiful Georgian Architecture, and would add a lot to the overall looks of the new campus. The triangle shaped part behind the central part of the structure could be removed to provide more natural light for that part of the building. Removing those tacky ramps, railings, and cleaning up the grounds around the building would really make a vast difference.

The walls and roof still appear to be good. the interior would need to be removed and new construction installed. This is true for most older buildings that are restored. But you already have a beautiful building shell to work with, and it could add a lot to the overall pleasing look of the campus. It would blend in well with the original buildings already slated to be saved. The only other thing I would like to see considered for saving, would be the power plant. It is a free standing building which could be used for a museum of the Hudson River Hospital, a shopping arcade, gift shops, and possible office space. It is large and has a lot of potential. A lot of people would be interested in seeing some of the early engineering techniques used to heat and supply power to the hospital. It could be a real draw for people interested in seeing how they did this great work back at the turn of the century. There again, the building is still solid and there is a lot to work with. would be a shame not to take advantage of a real treasure like this and the Ryon Hall building. There is so much here to be done and the rewards in the end can add so

*much. Hoping you will please consider this and I sure hope this place will once again be a real showplace. It will be beautiful again. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,
Gerry Deavers.*