

## Carol Barone

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Another Comment

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, my name is Kelly Ljutich and I have lived in the Hudson Valley my whole life. From as early as my childhood, I have noticed the Hudson River State Hospital buildings. These buildings are a part of history that can never be duplicated, and one of the reasons the Historic Hudson Valley has its name.

I want to start off by saying a huge thank you for the saving of the Administration building, as well as the doctor's residence, amusement hall, library, and chapel; and now the further consideration of saving more. As a lover of old architecture, I have noticed beautiful, old buildings my whole life. No site, no buildings have ever struck me with the type of care that was put into this site back in the late 1800's. This architecture, a part of history, deserves to be saved as far as we can possibly save it.

The revitalization of the Administration building opens possibilities of saving the wings as well. Although North Wing's (when facing the front of Administration, this is the wing to the left) inside is collapsing, the

exterior is quite intact, besides a small part of the roof that would need to be sealed. The floors would have to be completely redone, but I am proposing this entire wing be saved. The Administration building will not be big enough to accommodate extras, and the North Wing could be a perfect solution for locations for a spa, an indoor gym, a restaurant, and private rooms that can be rented out for wedding parties or special events. These extras will be home to beautiful, historic stained glass windows, and walls that curve just so. The exterior will be lively with history, beautiful to the eyes, and match the new hotel. The inside will have a feeling of grandeur mixed with history, a feeling of meaning to where the guests are staying.

Saving the South Wing (when facing the front of Administration, this is the wing to the right) will be a little different than the North Wing. The North Wing would be connected to the hotel, while the half of South Wing connected to the Administration building would have to be demolished. That being said, very careful consideration needs to go into what can be taken from this part of the wing. There are extremely intricate stonework and stone emblems across the whole wing that desperately needs to be preserved. These pieces CANNOT be demolished to the ground. Ironwork as well covers the entire South Wing. This stone and ironwork need to be taken from the wing and properly used on a different part of the site. For the half of the wing furthest from the Administration building, starting directly after where the fire was cut needs to be considered saving as North Wing could be saved. This part of the wing is in similar condition as North Wing, with exteriors mostly intact, but the inside collapsing. This second half of the wing is home to some of the most beautiful stained glass one would ever lay eyes on. This stained glass absolutely cannot be knocked to the ground. If the saving of the wings is not considered, I sincerely hope at least the stained glass at the end of the South Wing can be saved and used elsewhere.

I believe the developer should really consider saving as much as possible, to keep the name of the "Historic Hudson Valley" that myself, as a Hudson Valley lifetime dweller, so much appreciates. Poughkeepsie is at a turning point of revitalization. The keeping of as many buildings and aspects of the former hospital would secure Poughkeepsie's long-standing history. With the Hospital site being only three miles from Metro North Train Station, the site could potentially give New York City dwellers a closer, and easier place than Kingston to reside. Many of these city dwellers have smaller places in the Hudson Valley for weekend stays. Poughkeepsie would be an ideal location for this type of person, but a revitalization of the city must happen before city people would want to reside here. An option to accommodate this type of person living in the city of Poughkeepsie could be to save some of the staff residences. Contributing buildings were built with brick, to match building 51, Administration and Wings. Contributing staff buildings 12, 68, and 86 for example, could be easily fixed up, and flipped for a great price. These houses could go for a lot of money, considering the date on them and the history behind them. Money those city dwellers would consider dropping some place that would be so convenient for them to visit on the weekends. These houses have gorgeous fireplaces, beautiful porches, and

completely structurally safe interiors. Any other houses should be looked over again in detail, even if exteriors are not brick. These other houses could still have their fireplaces or doors saved.

I believe that if as much as this old hospital is saved as possible, that in the long run, the revitalization could greatly benefit the city of Poughkeepsie as a whole. I also believe that if you took the plans in the opposite direction, and stuck to the original plan of knocking all buildings but the ones being saved currently, putting up brand new condo housing and store fronts, that this could greatly degrade the city of Poughkeepsie.

Poughkeepsie has enough super-stores, and enough places for new super-stores to be built if needed. For example, the plot of land sitting very much empty, a mile north up Route 9 from the Hospital site, across from the Culinary. What Poughkeepsie needs more of is old buildings that local store owners can rent out to give their business a boom, in a location of soon prosperity.

Thank you again for the time taken to read not only my comments, but everyone who has submitted. It means a great deal to me that the fate of these buildings are taken seriously.

Sincerely,

Kelly Ljutich