

After studying more pictures and looking at the current condition of some of the other buildings there on the Hudson campus, there are two other buildings which should be considered for saving and restoration. The Ryon Hall building is very attractive with its Georgian architecture, and appears in good solid shape on the outside. At least it did not suffer the major fire damage that some of the other buildings there did. The inside is probably gone, but that would have to be stripped out, so that new componets and construction could be installed. If the entire building could not be saved, then the center section and a portion of the 2 wings at either side should be considered. This would be a very attractive building to retain and would blend very well with the original Hudson Kirkbride. The other building that should be saved is the power plant. This has been suggested by several, as it would make a great museum of the types of industrial equipment that was in use at the time of Hudson's greatest years. This could also serve as an added attraction for the many visitors who would want to come to enjoy the many oppportunities that all of the Hudson campus would have to offer. The interior of this building could be used for so many purposes and it also is still solid and very well built. Granted, there are several buildings beyond saving, but there are also several not in the original plan which should be given a second chance. I still feel the Cheney Building should be reused as the construction features steel framing and brick and block walls. If the interior were cleaned out so that new construction and updated wiring, plumbing, and air conditioning could be installed, we would have a very attractive, strong building capable of many uses. This large building could be used for upscale apartments, condos, a convention center, shopping arcade, a museum of medical history. Would be a shame not to give this building a second look and all the possibilities it could offer. On the subject of the original Kirkbride, the south wing at present is in a mess with the fire damage. But careful removal of the damaged areas would open the building, at least the outer walls, for reconstruction. If these walls were backed up with steel beams so that the original walls could be repaired, New construction could be installed, thus retaining the original architectural features of the original Kirkbride. This is a very unique-one of a kind building. If it is carefully done right and restored properly, It could be a great asset to the state, and something to be proud of in the end. It is so easy to just demolish, then you lose everything. It is much more difficult to take the time necessary to do the job right, but in the end, the reward is a timeless treasure which can last on and on for future generations. Well, again, thank you very much for your time and consideration. Best of luck with this very special project. Sincerely, Gerry Deavers.