

Attachment 3

Justification

The current plan text calls for “public facilities’ for the site and in some area’s “institutional use”. This nomination lays out a more coordinated vision which more specifically outlines the uses for the future use of the property. Retaining the main building of the Old Mount Vernon School site for “educational use” would preserve its current use and provide for the future an institution for post primary learning. The buildings adjacent to the Old Mount Vernon School on the side of Richmond Highway and Mohawk St. would continue to be utilized for “institutional use” for non-profits and would be complimented with the three buildings in the rear for similar use. The ballfield and open space in the rear of the Old Mount Vernon High School would be retained as useable public open space for the community. The assemblage of the retail site at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Mohawk St. would provide for greater parking and circulation of traffic on site as well improved pedestrian walkways and connectivity to existing pedestrian paths and walkways. It is also recommended that any major renovation to any part of the site be conducted under LEED Silver standards to improve the impact of the site on the environment and that renovation be compatible with the historic nature of the Old Mount Vernon High School building.