

Dear Decision Makers,

My name is Donna Doan and I am writing in regard to the proposed demolition of the historic McGordon House. I am one of the founding board members of Patterson Farm Preservation, Inc. a 501c3 historic preservation group in Bucks County, PA as well as a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington Crossing Chapter.

I am deeply concerned about the recent expedient approval of the McGordon demolition and I implore you to pursue the full SEQR before any further steps are taken to remove the historic house from existence.

I was taken aback to learn that Wells College was pursuing the demolition when a restoration of the built environment would provide learning opportunities and preserve the "pride of place" that state historic preservation offices throughout our country are working earnestly to support.

I urge the town to thoughtfully consider the very positive opportunities before you should the house be saved for present and future generations. The craftsmanship and building materials found in historic structures are valuable tools for the interpretation of lifestyles of our past. We are a young country but could learn so much from the preservation practices in place in the U.K. Responsibly executed and promoted historic towns draw tourism revenue here in historic Bucks County, in the U.K. and which I am sure your business district would appreciate.

Further, even the lands beneath this home may have stories of pre-Colombian and colonial history to tell. I respectfully request you take the very important time necessary to fully investigate what lies in and on the McGordon property. Is the property eligible for National Register status? If it were, wouldn't the town be pleased to support that meaningful designation?

Please have archaeological surveys completed. Please have an architectural historian review the house if that has not been completed thus far. With those essential pieces of information in hand, only then should consequential decisions be made about the future of McGordon. Because once it's razed our country never has the opportunity to regain that history again.

Thank you for considering my thoughts,
Donna Doan
Langhorne, PA