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University of Kentucky
Attn. Judy Needham
Facilities Planner

Dear Ms. Needham,

Thank you for facilitating a comment method on the University of Kentucky Master Plan. On behalf of the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, I am writing to express objection to the vast amount of demolition planned for the UK campus. The University of Kentucky's disinterest in its own legacy, the disregard for the fine architects and architecture of your buildings, and the detrimental environmental impact on the landfills in our Commonwealth are but a few of our objections. The Blue Grass Trust is in its 58th year and advocates for preservation throughout central Kentucky.

Our organization wrote Dr. Capilouto and Dean Brennen in June of 2012 when we first heard of the potential expansion of the UK Law School at its current location. We see from maps and other material within the Master Plan, the demolition of the historic Ligon and Mathews Houses and the botanical garden seem inevitable, but they are not specifically listed. They have been high profile issues with the newspaper and within our organization and its members. I assume they did not make the list of potential demolition because of the attention they received from the community. I am providing you a copy of our letter and I won't go into the points it addresses in this email, but please understand our concern and objection remains the same.

This is also true for the demolition of seven additional campus buildings. The architecture and construction method of the new campus dormitories shows buildings which will not survive 20 years. Our organization fails to understand the University intent in the replacement of historic structures with shoddy frame construction.

You have a talented and dedicated faculty in the historic preservation and architecture departments and they should be consulted before you proceed.

I call your attention to our Board of Directors and Advisory Committee members, a small but respected group of citizens who have a history of their own with the University of Kentucky. The direction you are taking is contrary to the best interests of the University and is inappropriate for an institution founded in 1865.

Sincerely,

Linda Carroll
President