

Argument for Saving Egleston Hall

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- I. Egleston Hall is more than a building. It is a physical record of Atlanta's civic, architectural and religious history and an integral part of the All Saints' Gothic Revival campus as well as our identity and collective memory. This building is both beautiful and important to the history and landscape of the Parish and Atlanta.
- II. Equating the desire of the parish to focus on ministries with the need for a new building is a false equivalence. The leadership of the church is treating a speculative future that is likely years away to justify an irreversible present action. Much more work needs to be done to find the space we need for our ministries within our existing campus. Recent communications from leadership indicate that they seem to be on an expensive, destructive and irreversible path and we do not believe that the Parish has been adequately consulted on the question of whether to tear down Egleston.
- III. The Church already has in hand from the Norfolk Southern settlement the lion's share of the funds needed to repair the issues in Egleston Hall caused by the construction of the Norfolk Southern HQ. The Church has a detailed plan, prepared by Lord Aeck Sargent, to address these issues and make those repairs. We also believe that a capital campaign for deferred maintenance on the Church and some of the enhancements to Egleston will be needed. Any such campaign would require a fraction of what we would need if we were to tear down the building and build a larger structure.
- IV. Finally, tearing down an existing building and replacing it with a new one is the worst environmental option. No matter how efficient the new building is, we will never recover the damage to the environment caused by putting the rubble of an entire historic structure into a landfill to build a new office building.

Website and email: For those of you who wish to read a more detailed analysis and keep up with the press, please check out the website: friendsofeglestonhall.org and sign up to get communications.

Meetings: On April 1 at 5:30 and April 6 at 2:00 PM the Georgia Trust is hosting information sessions at Rhodes Hall about why it placed Egleston Hall as the one Atlanta site on its annual Places in Peril designation last month. All relevant local and national preservation organizations are aligned in the importance of Egleston Hall.

Now is the time to make our opinions known.