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# Neighborhood Working Group

2021 Mount Vernon Campus Planning

Community Engagement

*August 11, 2021 at 4:00PM*



# Agenda

- Proposed 2021 Campus Plan Timeline
- Preliminary 2021 Campus Plan Outline (Table of Contents)
- Field Lighting and Sound Follow Up
- Next Steps and Working Group Meetings



# Proposed 2021 Campus Plan Timeline

	2021					2022												
	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<b>GW MVC CAMPUS PLAN TEAM</b>	PREP FRAMEWORK	DRAFT CAMPUS PLAN	REVIEW/UPDATE PLAN	FINALIZE/FILE PLAN	PREPARE FOR HEARINGS		HEARINGS (TBD)											
<b>COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION REVIEW (CTR)</b>	WELLS SCOPE CTR; CONDUCT TRAFFIC COUNTS		WELLS PREPARE CTR; REVIEW WITH DDOT		FILE CTR	DDOT REPORT	HEARINGS (TBD)											
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD STAKEHOLDERS</b>	CONFIRM KEY ISSUES	REVIEW FRAMEWORK	REVIEW DRAFT PLAN	REVIEW PLAN/CTR	PREPARE FOR HEARINGS		HEARINGS (TBD)											
<b>OFFICE OF PLANNING, HPO, AND DOEE</b>	UPDATE OP/HPO ON PROGRESS		MEET/REVIEW PLAN WITH OP/HPO/DOEE		PREPARE REPORTS FOR ZC		HEARINGS (TBD)											
<b>ANC 3D</b>	UPDATE ANC3D ON PROGRESS		PRESENT PLAN TO ANC	ANC REVIEW/VOTE	PREPARE FOR HEARINGS		HEARINGS (TBD)											
<b>DC ZONING COMMISSION</b>		NOTICE OF INTENT		FILE CAMPUS PLAN	SCHEDULE HEARING DATES		HEARINGS (TBD)		AWAIT ZONING ORDER (~6 - 9 MONTHS)									



# Preliminary 2021 Campus Plan Outline

SECTION 1 - FOREWORD/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SECTION 2 - OVERVIEW OF GW'S MOUNT VERNON CAMPUS

SECTION 3 - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

SECTION 4 - THE 2021 MOUNT VERNON CAMPUS PLAN

SECTION 5 - COMPLIANCE WITH THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CAMPUS PLAN REGULATIONS

SECTION 6 - PROPOSED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

PRELIMINARY TABLE OF EXHIBITS



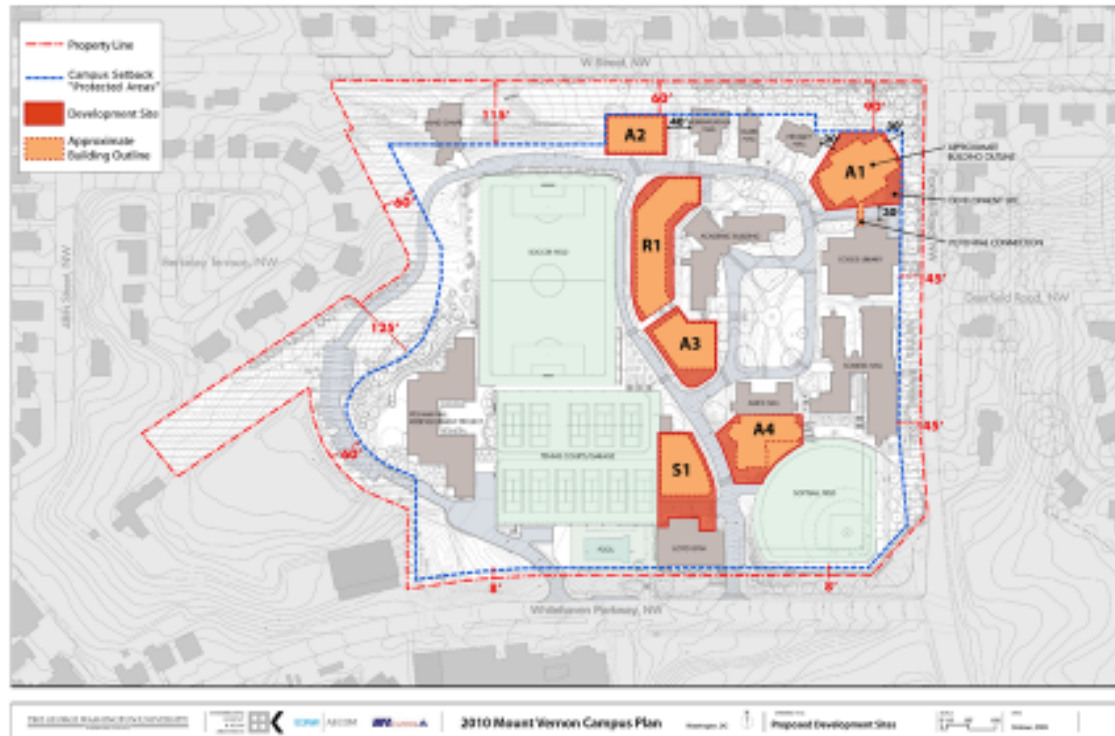
# Field Lighting Follow Up

- Goals
- Site Review
- Clarify Future Use of Fields and Justification for Proposed Lighting
- Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan
  - A. Confirm Scope
  - B. Controls on Facility Use
  - C. Sound Mitigation
  - D. Light Mitigation



# Field Lighting Follow Up (Site Review)

## 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan



# Field Lighting Follow Up (Site Review)

## 2021 Mount Vernon Campus Plan

- Residence Hall at R1
- Wellness Building at S1
- Enclosed Pool
- Field Lighting
- Universal Accessibility
- Connected Campus Landscapes
- An Urban Retreat

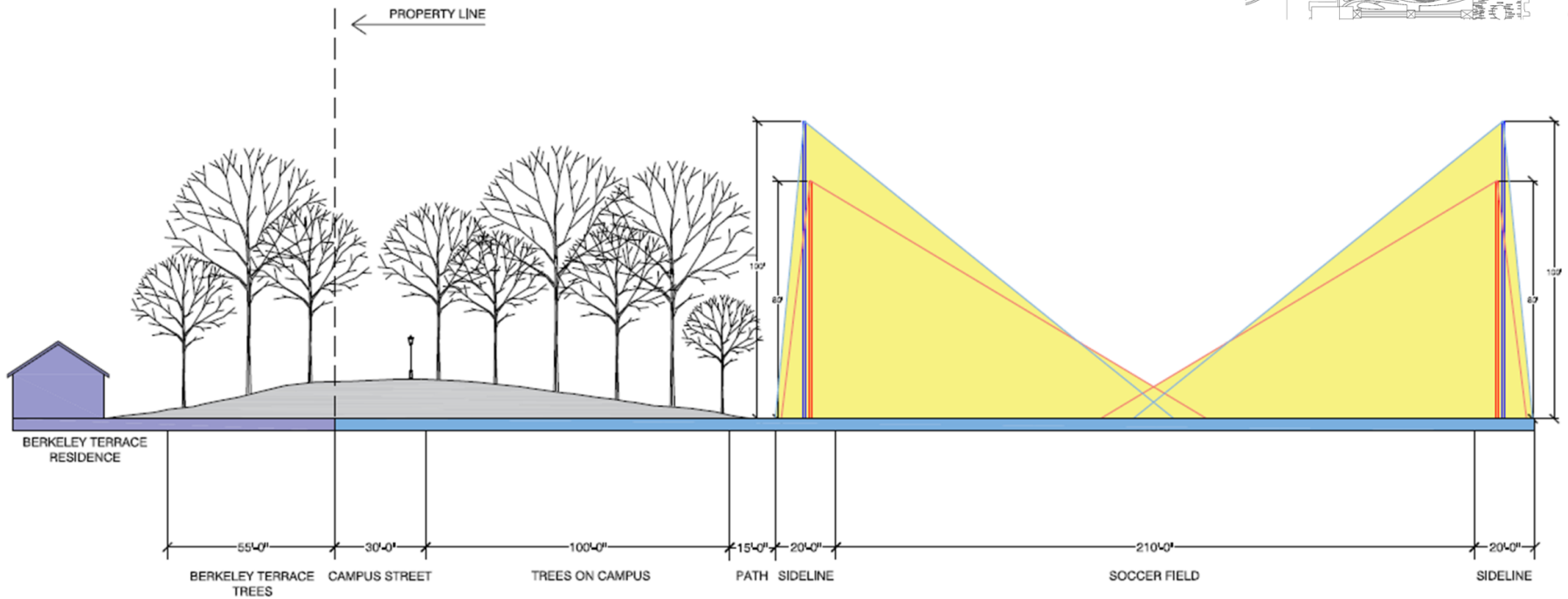
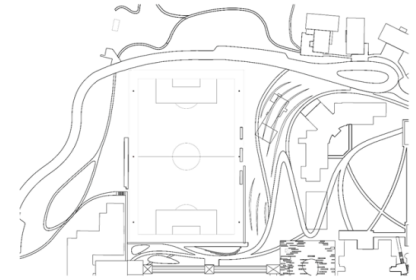


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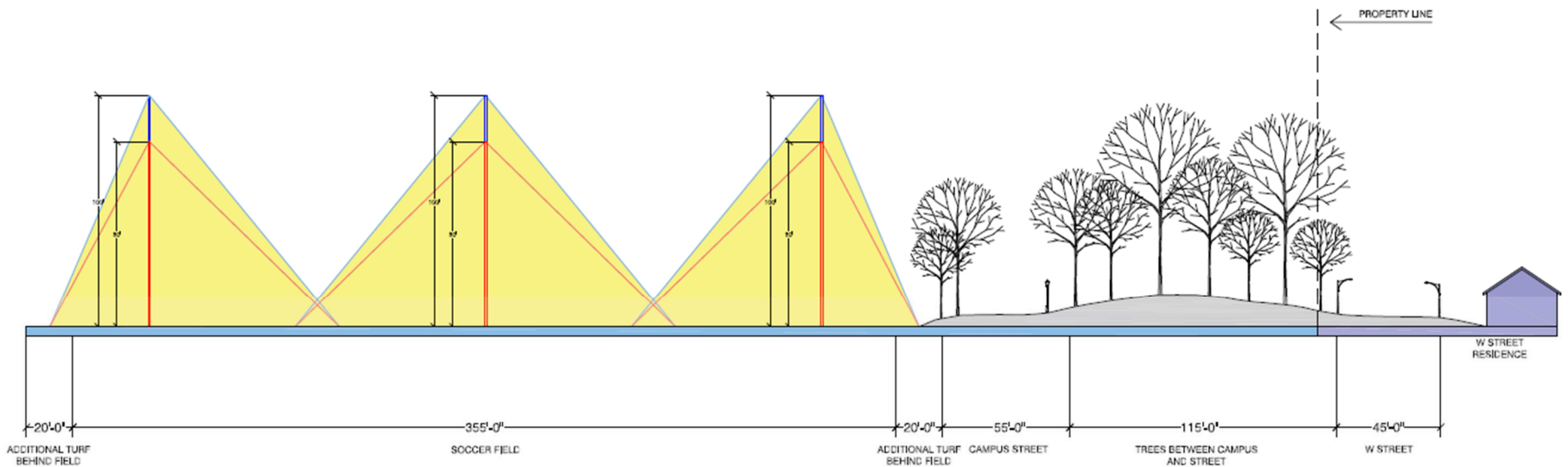
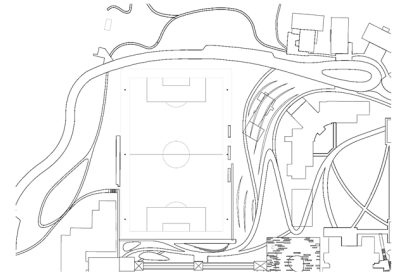
~75' from the Residence to the Property Line and ~145' from the Property Line to the Field Lights (~220' Residence to Field Lights).



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~65' from the Residence to the Property Line and ~170' from the Property Line to the Field Lights (~235' Residence to Field Lights).



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# Field Lighting Follow Up

## Clarify Future Use of Fields and Justification for Proposed Lighting

- GW is proposing to install specialized lighting equipment at the athletic fields at the Mount Vernon Campus as part of a comprehensive set of improvements that will enhance the living and learning experience at The Mount Vernon Campus, reinforcing the campus' unique attributes as an urban retreat within the District while providing athletic and recreational opportunities that actively support student and community health and wellness.
- The proposed lighting improvements will not result in an increase to GW varsity sports activities on the fields.



# Field Lighting Follow Up

## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

### A. Confirm Scope of Anticipated User Groups

1. GW varsity women's soccer, men's soccer, men's lacrosse
2. GW club and intramural sports
3. Non-GW uses



MOUNT VERNON CAMPUS PLAN

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT TYPICAL ATHLETIC FIELD USE<sup>1</sup>

TYPICAL FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER WEEKDAY<sup>2</sup>

NO VARSITY HOME GAME SCHEDULED

8:00AM	WOMEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE
9:00AM	PRACTICE
10:00AM	MEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE
11:00AM	PRACTICE
12:00PM	
1:00PM	LACROSSE PRACTICE
2:00PM	
3:00PM	
4:00PM	GW CLUB SPORTS PRACTICE <sup>3</sup>
5:00PM	
SUNSET	

← PRACTICE RESCHEDULED BY GAME; OFTEN CREATES CLASS CONFLICTS

TYPICAL FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER WEEKDAY

VARSAITY HOME GAME SCHEDULED

8:00AM	WOMEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE
9:00AM	PRACTICE
10:00AM	MEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE
11:00AM	PRACTICE
12:00PM	
1:00PM	SOCCKER OR LACROSSE GAME (INCLUDING SET UP AND PRE-GAME TIME)
2:00PM	
3:00PM	
4:00PM	
5:00PM	
SUNSET	

TYPICAL FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER WEEKEND DAY

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8:00AM	WOMEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE
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11:00AM	PRACTICE
12:00PM	
1:00PM	MOUNT VERNON STUDENT USE
2:00PM	
3:00PM	
4:00PM	GW CLUB SPORTS PRACTICE/GAMES
5:00PM	
SUNSET	

← ACTIVITIES DISRUPTED BY GAME; NO AVAILABLE TIME TO SHIFT

TYPICAL FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER WEEKEND DAY







VARSAITY HOME GAME SCHEDULED

8:00AM	WOMEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE
9:00AM	PRACTICE
10:00AM	MEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE
11:00AM	PRACTICE
12:00PM	
1:00PM	
2:00PM	SOCCKER OR LACROSSE GAME (INCLUDING SET UP AND PRE-GAME TIME)
3:00PM	
4:00PM	
5:00PM	
SUNSET	

TYPICAL SUMMER DAY

LEGEND AND NOTES:

8:00AM	GW ATHLETICS CAMPS OR USE BY LOCAL SCHOOL GROUPS
9:00AM	
10:00AM	
11:00AM	
12:00PM	
1:00PM	
2:00PM	GW SPECIAL PROGRAMS
3:00PM	
4:00PM	
5:00PM	LOCAL CLUB TEAMS
SUNSET	

	GW VARSITY PRACTICE
	GW VARSITY GAME [AMPLIFIED SOUND PRE-GAME & GAME ONLY]
	GW CLUB SPORT PRACTICE
	GW CLUB SPORT PRACTICE/GAMES
	OTHER GW USE
	NEIGHBORHOOD/NON-GW USE

<sup>1</sup> The multipurpose athletic field is generally fully booked 7 days/week (in non-COVID)  
<sup>2</sup> Weekday non-GW use (e.g., Lab School PE) is currently accommodated on the softball field.  
<sup>3</sup> There are 36 active club sports teams at GW, 18 of which are outdoor teams that currently compete for very limited field time at MVC. As a result, these teams currently rent and travel to non-GW facilities in excess of 250 field hours each year. GW also has an active intramural program which does not currently have access to the MVC facilities because of the limited availability.

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## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

- A. Confirm Scope (Current Schedule/Field Utilization, Non-COVID Conditions)



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MOUNT VERNON CAMPUS PLAN

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED TYPICAL ATHLETIC FIELD USE<sup>1</sup>

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8:00AM	WOMEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE	8:00AM	WOMEN'S SOCCER PRACTICE
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11:00AM		11:00AM	
12:00PM		12:00PM	
1:00PM	LACROSSE PRACTICE	1:00PM	LACROSSE PRACTICE
2:00PM		2:00PM	
3:00PM		3:00PM	
4:00PM	GW CLUB AND INTRAMURAL SPORTS PRACTICE AND/OR NEIGHBORHOOD/ NON-GW ACTIVITIES <sup>2</sup>	4:00PM	SOCCER OR LACROSSE GAME (INCLUDING SET UP AND PRE-GAME TIME)
5:00PM		5:00PM	
6:00PM		6:00PM	
7:00PM		7:00PM	
8:00PM		8:00PM	
9:00PM		9:00PM	

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9:00PM		9:00PM	

TYPICAL SUMMER DAY	LEGEND AND NOTES:
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<sup>1</sup> Multi-purpose athletic field anticipated to be scheduled until 10:00pm up to 5 nights/week.  
<sup>2</sup> There are 36 active club sports teams at GW, 18 of which are outdoor teams that currently compete for very limited field time at MVC. As a result, these teams currently rent and travel to non-GW facilities in excess of 250 field hours each year. Additional field capacity would also allow GW to accommodate some of its intramural teams, most of which do not currently have access to MVC facilities, as well as community-use programs.

# Field Lighting Follow Up

## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

- A. Confirm Scope (Proposed Schedule)



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## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

### B. Controls on Facility Use

1. Hours
2. Events with amplified sound
3. Spectators



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## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

### C. Light Mitigation

1. Specialized lighting equipment and supporting mitigation measures will be utilized to minimize impacts of field lighting on neighboring Berkley Terrace residences
2. Timer-controlled fixtures
3. Field lights will be turned off when athletic fields are not in use



# Field Lighting Follow Up

## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

### D. Sound Mitigation

1. Enhance and maintain existing vegetative and landscape elements to help buffer sound
2. Amplified sound system
3. Evaluate and establish appropriate sound levels at property line





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## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

### D. Sound Mitigation (Continued)

- Noise - specifically mitigating impact on the surrounding community - is a priority
- We acknowledge the impact anything short of "getting it right" has on our neighbors.
- Acknowledge previous experiences have, at times, fallen short of our desire and commit to implementing a better approach moving forward.
- Components of noise mitigation in our plan need to be comprehensive and leave little to chance



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## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

### D. Sound Mitigation (Continued)

- Third party audio engineer assessment
- Fixed (not movable) mounts for audio
- Installation of volume control governor/regulator on sound equipment by audio engineer
- Decibel meter installed in broadcast booth for real-time monitoring of levels
- Audio engineer assessment and re-calibration of sound system equipment before seasonal use (Spring & Fall)



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## Outline of GW Proposal for MVC Athletic Facilities Under the 2021 Campus Plan

### D. Sound Mitigation (Continued)

- Weekly notification of neighbors regarding events
- Phone number for any neighbor to reach an on-site staff member when amplified sound is being utilized
- Re-Assessment of sound levels upon neighbor request if the agreed upon sound levels established in the seasonal assessment/calibration are not found to be effective to mitigate disruptive through the duration of the season



# Next Steps and Meetings

- August 25, 2021 - CONFIRM/WORK TO RESOLVE REMAINING ISSUES
- September 8, 2021 - INTRODUCE DRAFT FRAMEWORK (On-Site/Online/Hybrid?)
- September 22, 2021 - DISCUSS COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON FRAMEWORK (On-Site/Online/Hybrid?)



# Important Online Resources

## **Mount Vernon Campus Plan**

[go.gwu.edu/MVCPlan2021](https://go.gwu.edu/MVCPlan2021)

## **Newsletter signup**

[go.gwu.edu/mvcneighborssignup](https://go.gwu.edu/mvcneighborssignup)

## **Online Reporting Tool**

[go.gwu.edu/onlinepublicreport](https://go.gwu.edu/onlinepublicreport)

## **Bicentennial**

[bicentennial.gwu.edu](https://bicentennial.gwu.edu)

## **MVC Community Feedback:**

<https://neighborhood.gwu.edu/2021-mount-vernion-campus-plan>

## **GW COVID-19 Response & FAQs:**

[coronavirus.gwu.edu](https://coronavirus.gwu.edu)  
[coronavirus.gwu.edu/top-faqs](https://coronavirus.gwu.edu/top-faqs)

## **GW COVID-19 Dashboard:**

[coronavirus.gwu.edu/dashboard](https://coronavirus.gwu.edu/dashboard)



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