

Virginia Department of Historic Resources PIF Resource Information Sheet

This information sheet is designed to provide the Virginia Department of Historic Resources with the necessary data to be able to evaluate the significance of the property for possible listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This is not a formal nomination, but a necessary step in determining whether or not the property could be considered eligible for listing. Please take the time to fill in as many fields as possible. A greater number of completed fields will result in a more timely and accurate assessment. Staff assistance is available to answer any questions you have in regards to this form.

General Property Information	For Staff Use Only DHR ID #:
Property Name(s): <u>Original Mount Vernon High School</u>	
Property Date(s): <u>1939</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Circa <input type="checkbox"/> Pre <input type="checkbox"/> Post Open to Public? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Property Address: <u>8333 Richmond Highway</u> City: <u>Alexandria</u> Zip: <u>22309</u>	
County or Ind. City: <u>Fairfax</u> USGS Quad(s): <u>Seneca</u>	

Physical Character of General Surroundings	
Acreage: <u>10.6</u> Setting (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Corridor	
Site Description Notes/Notable Landscape Features: <u>The school sits on a slight rise above Richmond Highway/Route 1, giving it a striking presence. It is set back from the road, which adds to its monumentality. A driveway loops across the front elevation, which faces Route 1 to the northwest. Behind the school, mostly to the south, is open space for playing fields. The site retains its original 8.8885 1939 acreage plus the 1.7218 acres acquired in 1950.</u>	
Secondary Resource Description (Briefly describe any other structures (or archaeological sites) that may contribute to the significance of the property):	
Ownership Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/> Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal	

Individual Resource Information	
What was the historical use of this resource? Examples include: Dwelling, Grist Mill, Bridge, Store, Tobacco Barn, etc...	
<u>School</u>	
What is the current use? (if other than the historical use) _____	
Architectural style or elements of styles: <u>Colonial Revival</u>	
Architect, builder, or original owner: <u>Fairfax County School Board</u>	
# of stories <u>2</u> Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuilt <input type="checkbox"/> Renovated	
Are there any known threats to this property? <u>The widening of Route 1/Richmond Highway may impact the setting.</u>	

Resource Component Information
Please answer the following questions regarding the individual components of the resource. If the component does not exist, answer "n/a." If you feel uncomfortable in answering the question, please leave the space blank. Photographs of the features can also help our staff identify specific feature components. Usually, priority is given to describing features on the primary (front) facade of the structure.
Foundation: Describe the foundation that supports the structure. Examples include piers, continuous brick, poured concrete. The foundation, though unseen, is likely poured concrete.
Structure: Describe the primary structural component of the resource. Include primary material used. Examples include log, frame (sawn lumber), and brick. Also include the treatment, such as a particular brick bond or type of framing, if known. The structure is comprised of a wood frame building with brick veneer stretcher bond. The type of framing used is likely platform framing.
Walls: Describe the exterior wall covering such as beaded weatherboard or asbestos shingles. Brick-stretcher bond with quoining at the edges of the original 1939 structure.
Windows: Describe the number, material, and form of the primary windows. This includes the number of panes per sash, what the sashes are made of, and how the sashes operate (are they hinged or do they slide vertically) Have the windows been replaced? Paired 12/12 double-hung wood sash windows with jack arches. The windows on the original structure have not been altered or replaced.
Porch: Briefly describe the primary (front) porch. List the primary material, shape of the porch roof, and other defining details. While there is no porch, there is a veranda on the gymnasium wing of the structure. It is a two-story rectangular veranda built of concrete with two square fluted columns.
Roof: Describe the roof, listing the shape and the covering material. The roof of the original structure is hipped with slate tiles and cupola. The later additions feature a flat concrete roof.
Chimney(s): List the number of chimneys and the materials used. Include the brick bond pattern if possible. There are a total of 10 chimneys throughout the structure, including the later additions. They are constructed of brick stretcher bond.

Architectural Description of Individual Resource: *(Please describe architectural patterns, types, features, additions, remodelings, or other alterations. A sketch of the current floor plan would be appreciated.)*

Mount Vernon High School is two-story, fifteen bay structure, with all stretcher brick walls and brick quoins. It has a hipped slate roof with dentil molding on the center section and copper gutters. The main entry is through recessed double, paneled, wooden doors with a 12-pane glazed transom. Classical detailing includes fluted pilasters and a broken pediment on the main entry surround. The windows are paired 12/12 double-hung sash with jack arches. An octagonal cupola gives vertical emphasis to an otherwise large horizontal expanse. Numerous additions to the north and east of the main block house classrooms and a gymnasium. The gymnasium addition includes a two-story veranda with fluted columns. The 500-seat auditorium, with balcony in the center of the square floor plan, is reputed to have excellent acoustics.

Few alterations and changes have been made to the original part of the building over the past 77 years. The majority of the original material on both the interior and exterior are still in place. The lowering of the ceiling with the installation of acoustic tiles is one of the few alterations found consistently throughout the building. The rear 1950s addition features one door that has been bricked in as well.

Significance Statement: Briefly note any significant events, personages, and/or families associated with the property. (Detailed family genealogies are not necessary.) Please list all sources of information. It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or genealogies to this form. Normally, only information contained on this form will be posted for consideration by the State Review Board.

The Mount Vernon High School was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHS) in 1987. It was referred to as the Original Mount Vernon High School in a reconnaissance level survey done by DHS and was given the DHR ID number 029-0230.

The original Mount Vernon High School is one of the two original high schools built by Fairfax County during the Depression, and one of the few examples in Fairfax County of buildings that were built with the aid of Public Works Administration (PWA), which helped to employ many local residents. It is also one of the most significant buildings on Richmond Highway south of the Capital Beltway and north of the Occoquan River.

The County School Board of Fairfax County purchased the 8.8885 acre site from George P. Beach in 1938 (Deeds G-13, 207). According to the November 7, 1950 school board minutes, an additional 1.7218 acres was acquired in an attempt to bring the school acreage up to state standards. In 1961, Walt Whitman Intermediate School was built nearby on Old Mount Vernon Road. In the fall of 1973, Mount Vernon High School and Walt Whitman Intermediate School traded buildings. The high school added on to the 1961 intermediate school, and it is still at that location. Walt Whitman Intermediate School remained in the original Mount Vernon High School building on Richmond Highway/Route 1 until 1985, when the school moved to the former Stephen Foster Intermediate School on Parker's Lane due to school closings and consolidations. Since that time, the high school building has housed the Islamic Saudi Academy, which was founded in 1984. The Fairfax County School Board conveyed the property to the Board of Supervisors in 1986. The Board has been renting the site to the Islamic Saudi Academy. The Academy vacated the building in June, 2016. The site remains on its original 8.8885 acres. The school sits on land once owned by George Washington as part of the Mount Vernon plantation. In addition, former Governor Charles Robb of Virginia attended and graduated from this facility.

Legal Owner(s) of the Property (For more than one owner, please use a separate sheet.)

Mr. Mrs. Dr.
 Miss Ms. Hon. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
(Name)

12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax VA 22035
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Email Address) (Daytime telephone including area code)
 (703)324-7329

Owner's Signature: Edward L. Long Jr. Date: 6/27/16
•• Signature required for processing all applications. ••

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: Edward L. Long Jr.

Daytime Telephone: (703) 324-7329

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

Mr. Mrs. Dr.
 Miss Ms. Hon. Meredith Cooke Fairfax County
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(Name)

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Applicant's Signature: Meredith Cooke Date: 6/27/16

Notification

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator or City Manager.

Mr. Mrs. Dr.
 Miss Ms. Hon. Edward L. Long Jr. Fairfax County Executive
(Name) (Position)

Fairfax County 12000 Government Center Parkway
(Locality) (Address)

Fairfax Va 22035 (703) 324-7329
(City) (State) (Zip Code) (Daytime telephone including area code)

Please use the following space to explain why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.
 Fairfax County is seeking evaluation of this property in hopes of gaining National Register status and for the potential use of historic tax credits for redevelopment purposes.

Would you be interested in the State and/or the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes No
 Would you be interested in the easement program? Yes No

Sources:

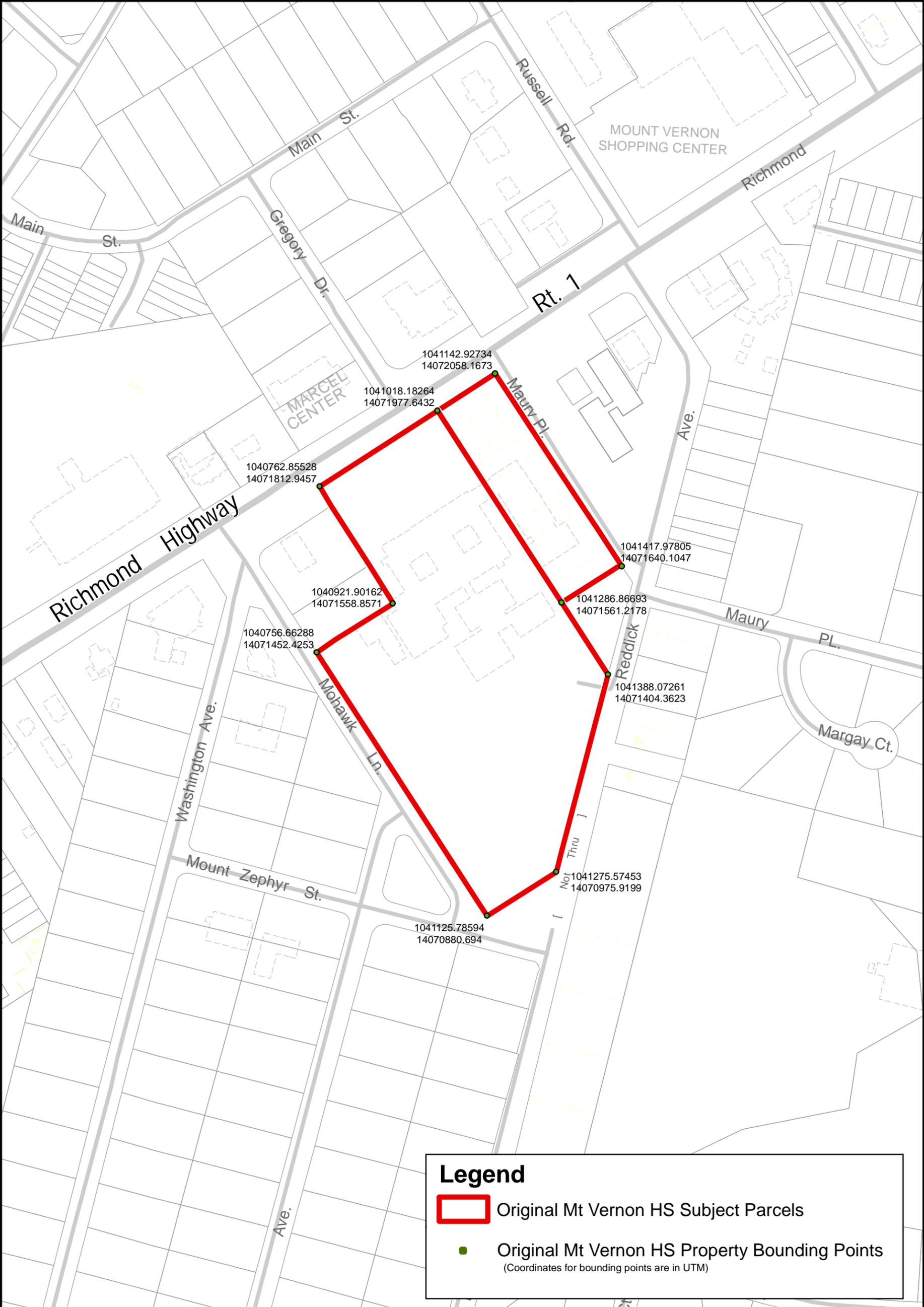
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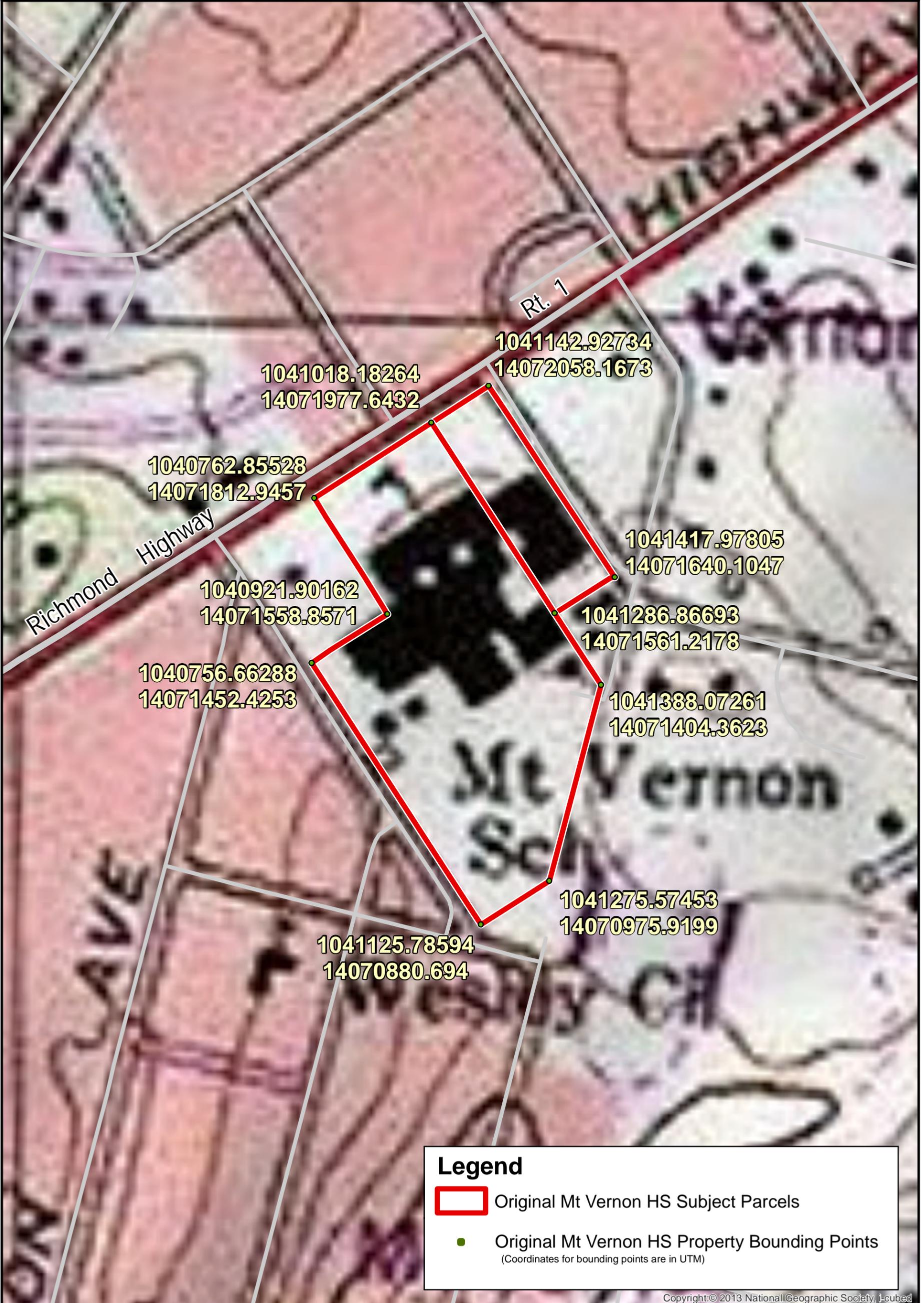
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- Original Mt Vernon HS Subject Parcels
- Original Mt Vernon HS Property Bounding Points
(Coordinates for bounding points are in UTM)

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