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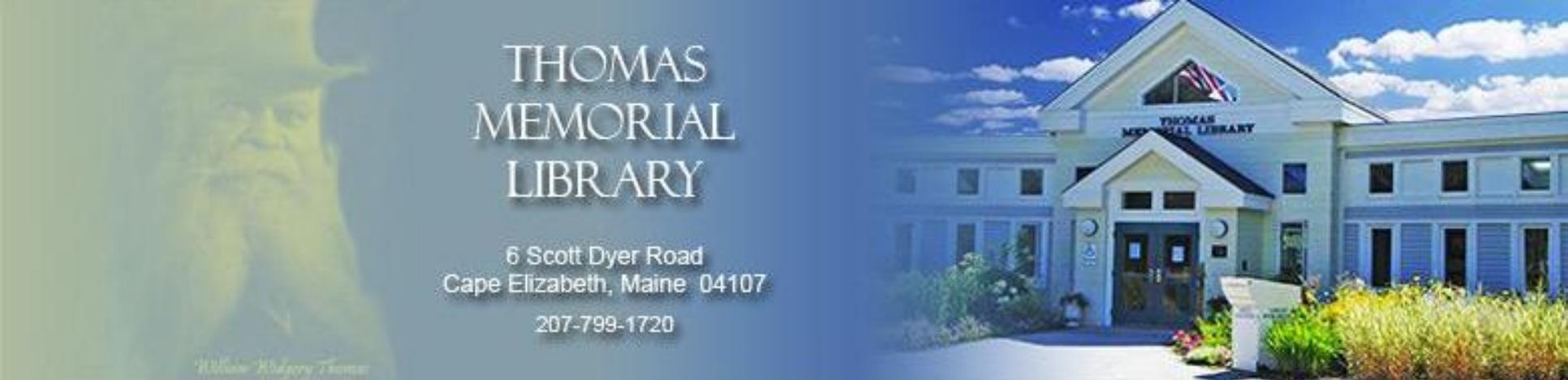
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TML: 2012 and Beyond

Thomas Memorial Library  
Library Improvement Program  
An Overview



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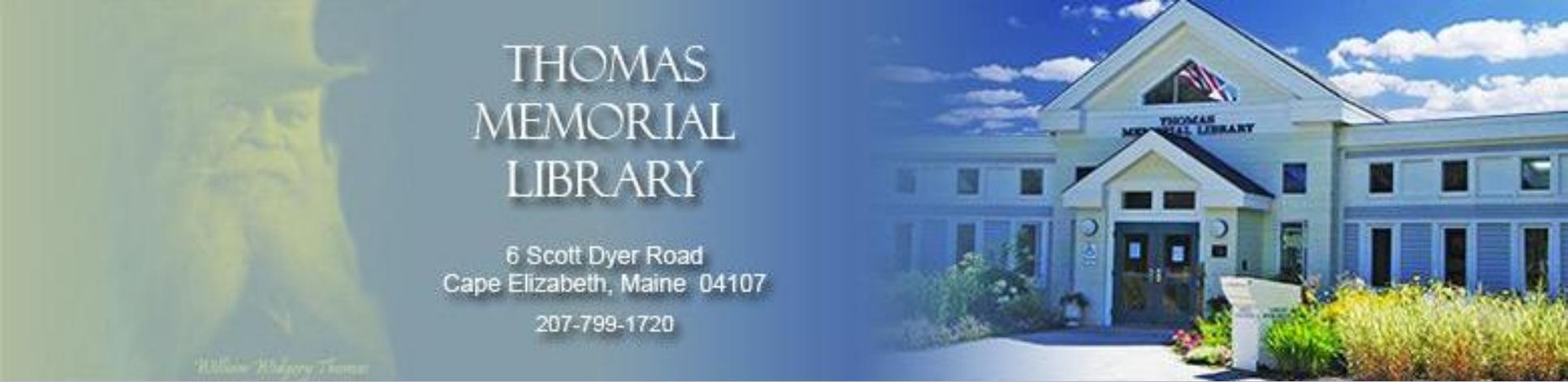
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## TML: 2012 and Beyond Background

2007

TML identified in Comprehensive plan as top review priority

Town Council Appoints Study Committee in November



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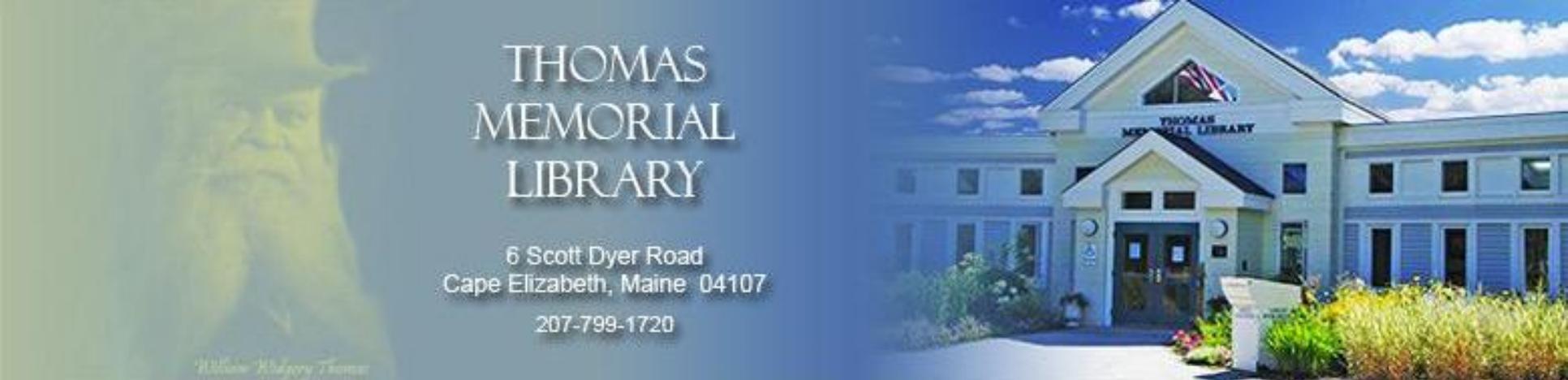
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Himmel and Wilson Library Consultants, Casaccio Architects, Oest Engineering Team is Hired:

- To assess Existing Library Facility, including Space and Mechanical Deficits;
- To determine Size and Nature of a Library Facility to Meet Community Needs for Next 20-30 Years.

Input Provided by Library Staff, TML Board, Town Council Members, TML Foundation, Historical Preservation Society & the Public.



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### Data Gathering:

- ❖ Architectural & Engineering Review of structure & systems
- ❖ 10 Focus Groups (100+ respondents)
- ❖ Telephone Survey (300 respondents)
- ❖ Internet Survey (683 respondents)



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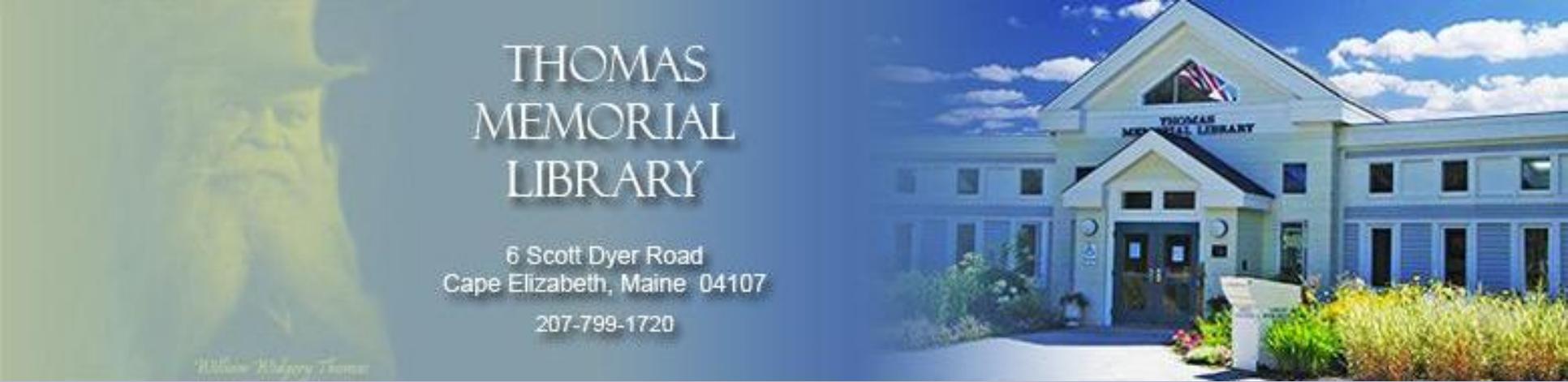
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## TML: 2012 and Beyond Needs Assessment

Identified Over 100 Deficiencies in Existing Facility Including:  
Failures to Comply with ADA Requirements

- ❖ Aisle Widths Too Narrow
- ❖ Doorways Undersized
- ❖ Outdated, Nearly Inoperable Lift System (And Parts Now Unavailable for Repairs/Replacements)



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Identified Over 100 Deficiencies in Existing Facility Including:

### HVAC

- ❖ Poor Air Quality due to Inadequate Ventilation
- ❖ Heating Systems Inefficient, Outdated, Undersized.
- ❖ Extremely Costly and Difficult to Retrofit



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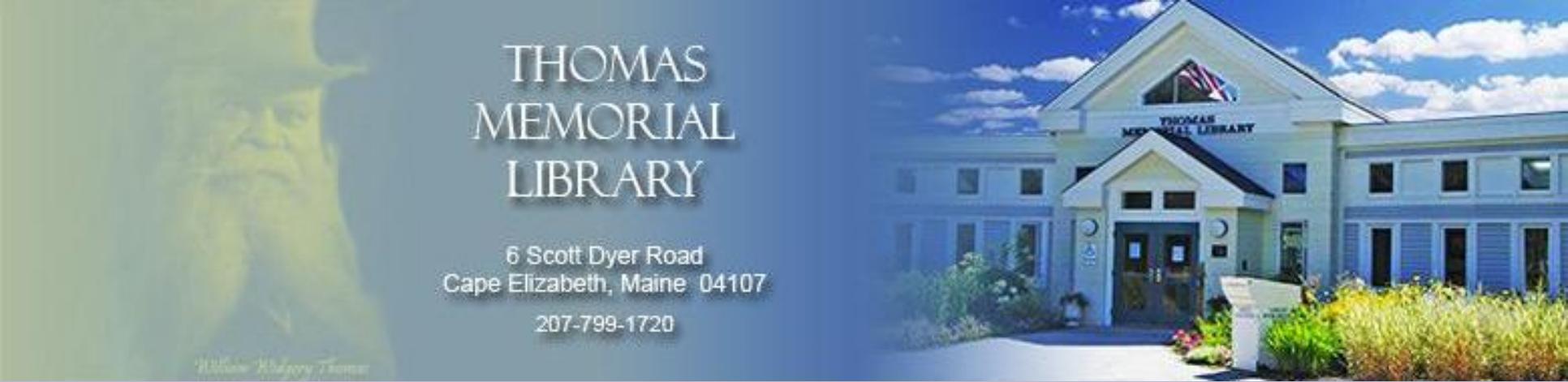


## TML: 2012 and Beyond Needs Assessment

Identified Over 100 Deficiencies in Existing Facility Including:

### Structure

- ❖ Substandard Ceiling Heights.
- ❖ Inadequate Structural Support for Fully Loaded Library Stacks.
- ❖ Evidence of Water Damage, Unsound Foundation Walls, Mold.



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### Identified Over 100 Deficiencies in Existing Facility Including:

- ❖ Electrical Wiring and Data Network At or Beyond Capacity.
- ❖ Inefficient Layout for Staff Operations: Reshelving, Supervision of Many Areas, Lack of Service Entrance, Cluttered Circulation/Front Desk Area.
- ❖ Limited Meeting Facilities, Seating Areas, Computer Access for the Public.



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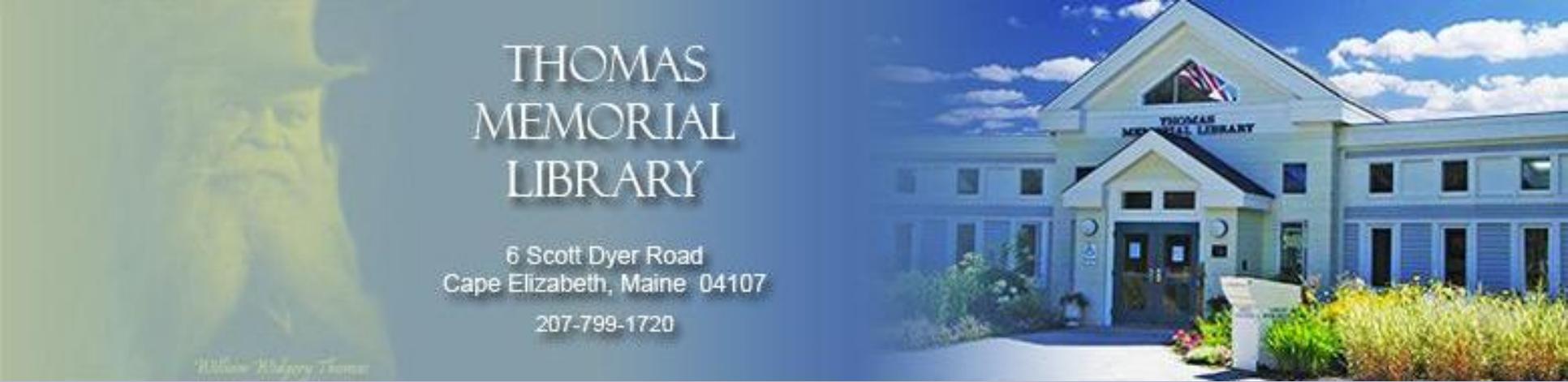
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## TML: 2012 and Beyond Library Improvement Plan

### Short Term Needs: 1 to 5 Years

- ❖ Address Electrical/Fire Hazards Immediately
- ❖ Correct Foundational and Mold/Mildew Hazards
- ❖ Upgrade Facility to Meet ADA Standards
- ❖ RF Identifications for Materials and Holdings
- ❖ Address Mechanical Systems/ “Green” Library



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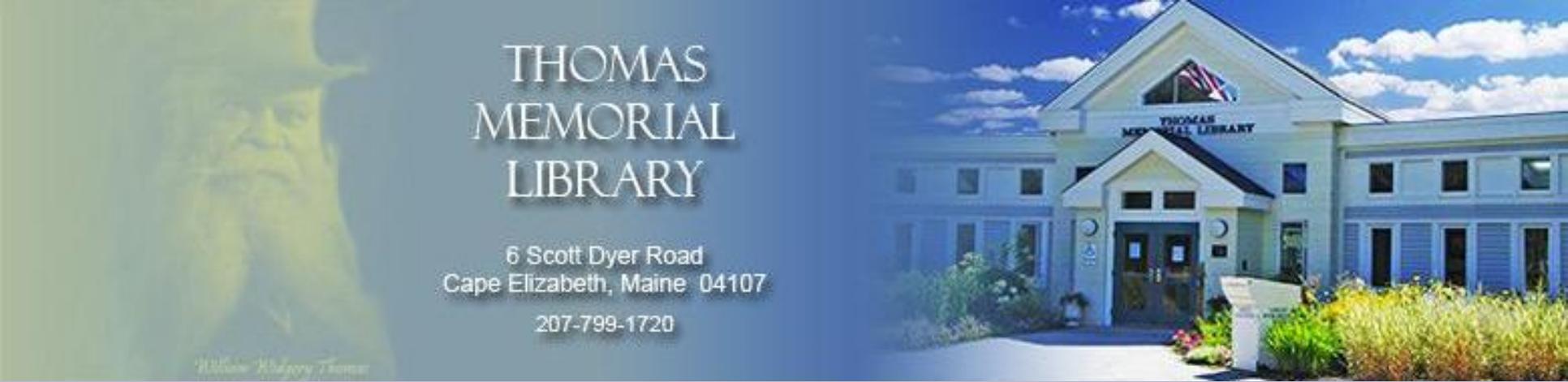
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### Longer Term Needs (5 to 30 years) Three Approaches:

1. Reprogram Existing Space
2. Build an Addition Reusing Some Existing Structures
3. Build a New Facility



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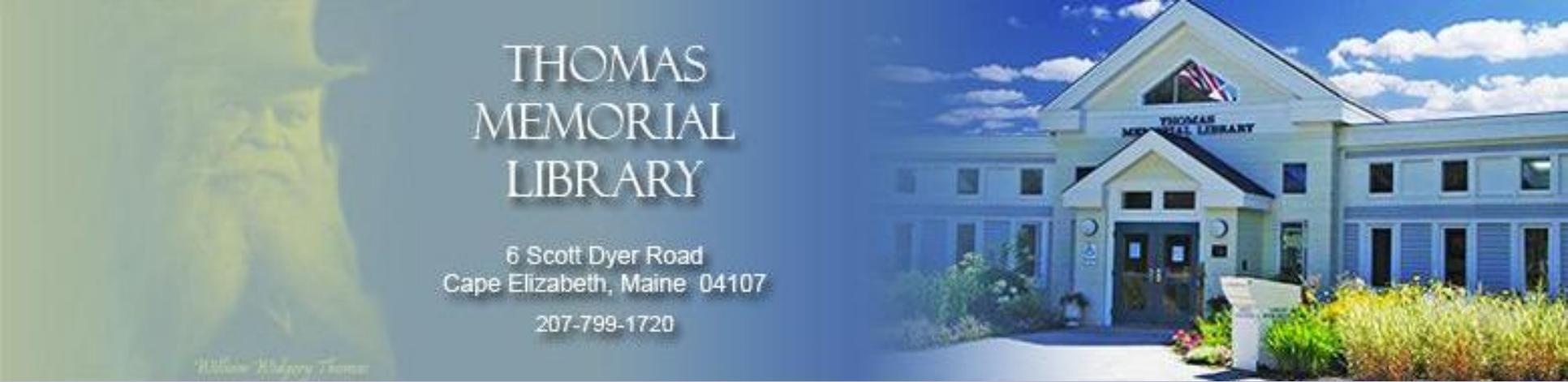
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### Option 1: Reprogram Existing Space (Cost Prohibitive)

- ❖ Insufficient Square Footage to Meet Library Needs for:
  - ❖ Children's Space
  - ❖ Computer Area
  - ❖ Community/Meeting Rooms
  - ❖ Staff Needs
- ❖ Insufficient Square Footage for Historical Society
- ❖ Inefficient Layout Including Connector/Corridors



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### Option 2: Build an Addition Reusing Some Existing Structures

- ❖ Expensive to Retrofit
- ❖ Inconvenient to the Public, Especially Those with Accessibility Concerns
- ❖ Cost: \$5 - \$7.5 million



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### Option 3: Build a New Facility

- ❖ Ability to Address All Identified Issues
- ❖ Ability to Provide Enhanced Services:
  - ❖ Children's Programs, Multi-Purpose Community Rooms, Service Area, Supervision of All Areas
- ❖ Cost \$5.1-7.8 million, Comparable to Option 2 without the Drawbacks
- ❖ "Green"



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2009

October – TML Study Committee delivers final report to Council

- ❖ Recommends new 23,000 sqft building
- ❖ Est. cost between \$5.1 - 7.8M

2010

New Council reviews Study Committee report and authorizes:

- ❖ Further Design development for Capital Campaign
- ❖ Undertaking Fund raising Capacity Study



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2011

Mar. – Nov.: Casaccio Architects engaged by Town

- ❖ Survey of local building styles and public workshops
- ❖ Develop revised design using elements of Pond Cove Annex

2011 - 2012

Sept. – Feb.: Demont Associates hired

- ❖ Develop preliminary statement of need
- ❖ Conduct interviews for Fund raising Study
- ❖ Issue report: \$2M+ potential in Cape for private funds

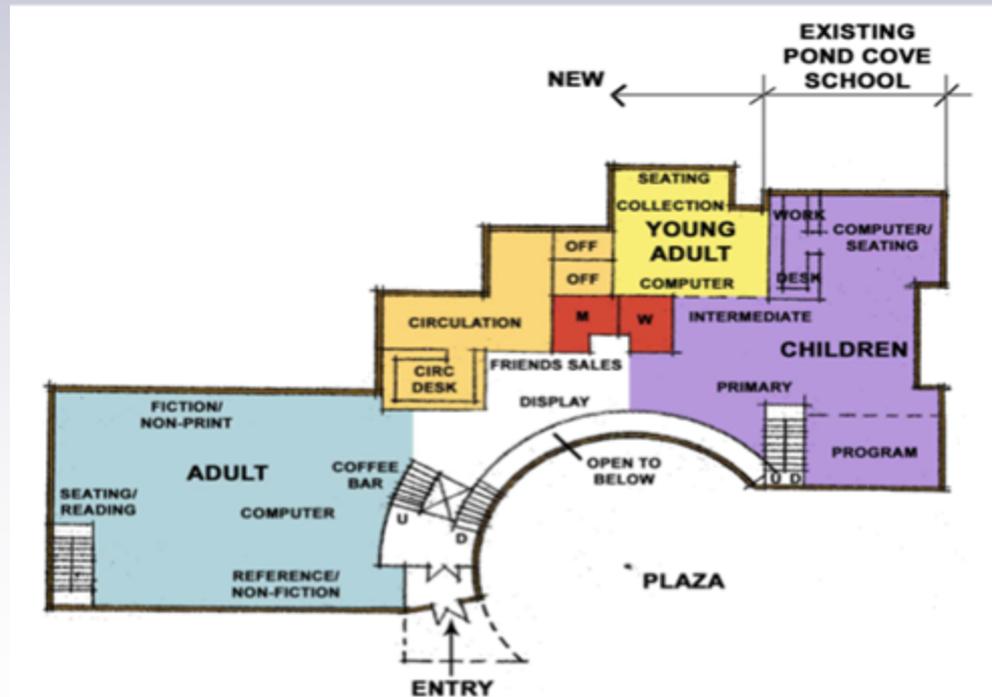
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New  
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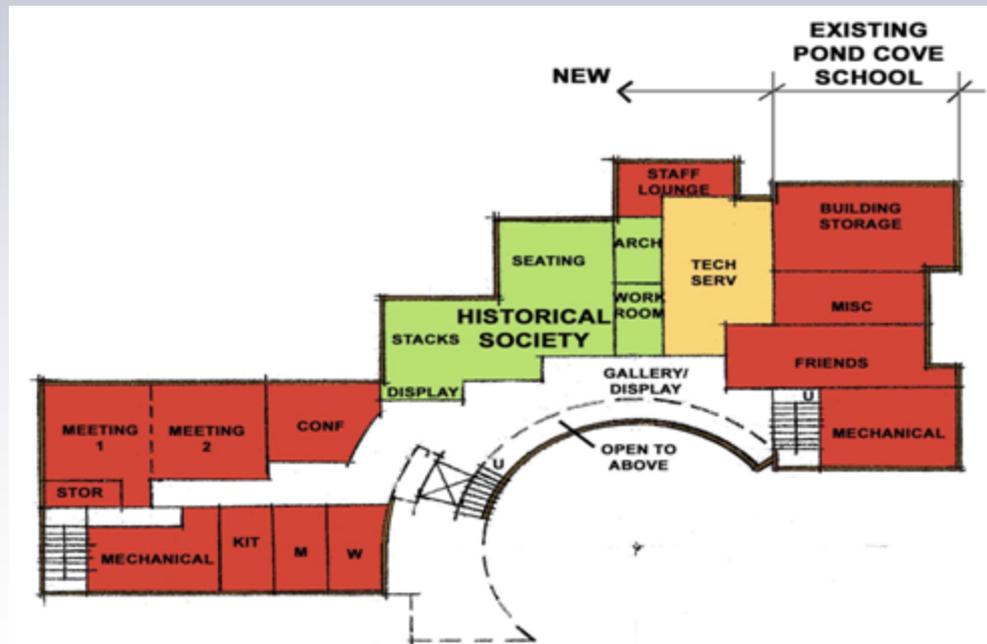
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Lower  
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Revised Elevation – Nov. 2011



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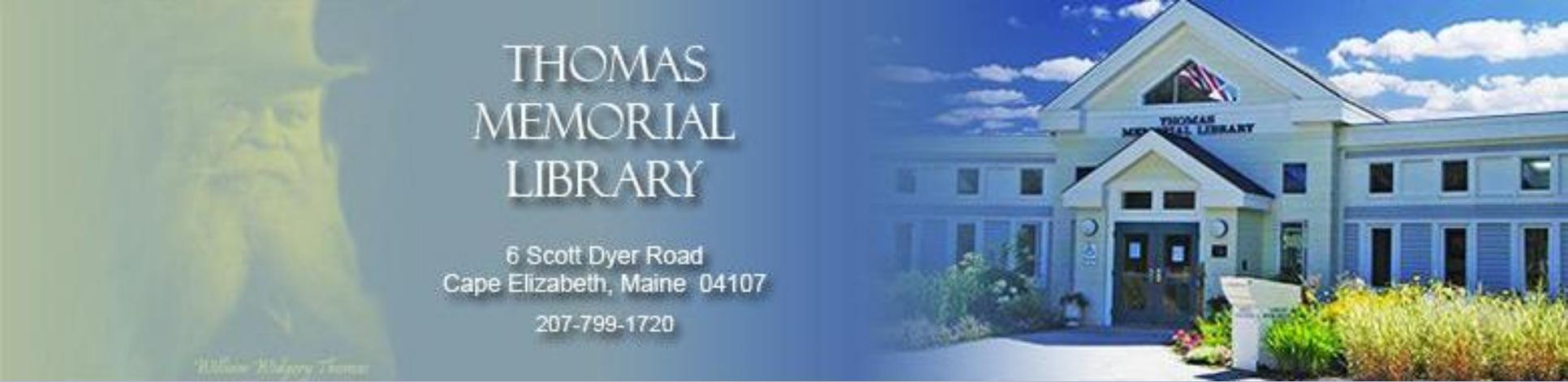
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Proposed  
Landscape  
Design  
Nov. 2011





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