

As the Board knows from the sounds of a critter in the attic during our meeting a couple months ago, there was a hole in the soffit at the Coldwater Branch that allowed an animal to enter the building. Upon closer examination, we found many places in the 1978 portion of the building where the wood was compromised and needing repair. As with our recent restroom renovations, we are probably looking at original materials here.



I contacted Foulke Construction (Hillsdale), who have done a lot of work for us lately; [Braman Roofing](#) (Hillsdale), and STP Painting (White Pigeon), who specializes in older buildings and who did our exterior painting 3 years ago, and also replaced some rotten boards at that time.

STP was the only vendor to return a quote to me (estimate follows). Foulke let me know they didn't have availability at this time, and Braman simply did not reply to my query.

STP was great to work with last time, and I recommend that we proceed with their estimate so we can make our building whole again. As you can see from the estimate, this work would entail replacing wood as needed then repainting the entire soffit.

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