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Architecture & Preservation

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Johanna Batman
Executive Director
Shaker Heritage Society
25 Meeting House Road
Albany, NY 12211

Re: NYSCA Shaker Meeting House Entry Useful Life Information

Dear Johanna,

As per your request, the following is Thaler Reilly Wilson Architecture & Preservation, LLP (TRW) narrative regarding the Useful Life of the proposed Shaker Meeting House Entry.

TRW works with many non-profit and cultural institutions so we understand how critical it is to design durable projects that are as maintenance-free as possible. As you know funding capital projects is difficult but funding periodic maintenance and repairs is especially hard. Therefore, this project has been designed so there will be reduced periodic maintenance and a building that will far exceed the 39 years of Useful Life Expectancy as indicated by the Internal Revenue Service.

Specific design elements include:

- Gutter to canopy – 20 to 35 year life expectancy
- Wood Louvers to Mechanical Units – 20 year life expectancy
- Steel Fire Stair – 45 year life expectancy
- Concrete Stair & Ramp – 45 to 80 year life expectancy
- Galvanised steel handrails – 45 year life expectancy

If you need any additional information or have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you for this opportunity to work with you on these exciting and interesting projects.

Sincerely,



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