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**Subject:** RE: Mary Miss Structural

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Kelly:

I can definitely be available to help out. The key piece is getting those areas closed off to the general public so no one gets hurt if something moves/comes down. Most of the conditions are bad enough that major sections will need to be completely rebuilt. It does not sound like this work will happen the season. There is really no urgency once the areas are closed off.

We can touch base next week. Thanks.

**John Rhodes, PE, SE**

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Thank you, John.

Mike called a meeting for the Art Center crew this afternoon so we can put our heads together.

I think we should definitely meet next week with you to discuss details. I'll need to communicate with the artist, the board of trustees, and Ben Page, so the more details the better. Should I ask my executive assistant to set up a meeting for us?

Kelly Baum, Ph.D

John and Mary Pappajohn Director

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Mike:

Thanks for meeting with me this morning. Just wanted to follow up and get everyone on the same page regarding our conversation. There are some significant structural concerns with the boardwalk, pavilion, and the wood pieces north of the pavilion. I recommend closing access to these pieces immediately. Let me know if you want to meet again next week to go over the details but I just wanted to get something out the group.

**John Rhodes, PE, SE**

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