



**Marblehead Old Town House**

Built in 1727, the Old Town House in Marblehead is known as the “Cradle of Liberty” due to its role as the oldest polling location in the country. Mills Whitaker Architects LLC was retained to make this National Historic Landmark into a fully accessible structure while retaining its character-defining features. Preservation of existing uses was critical to allow the facility to continue to serve for voting, myriad community events, and as a museum for the local Police and Grand Army of the Republic. A limited-use, limited application elevator was installed inside the existing building, preserving the footprint of the Great Hall and integrating into the floor plans of the lower and upper floors. Accessible toilets and an accessible entrance were also provided, giving new life to this important historic building.