

Library Building Committee

Article 17

Fall 2007 Town Meeting

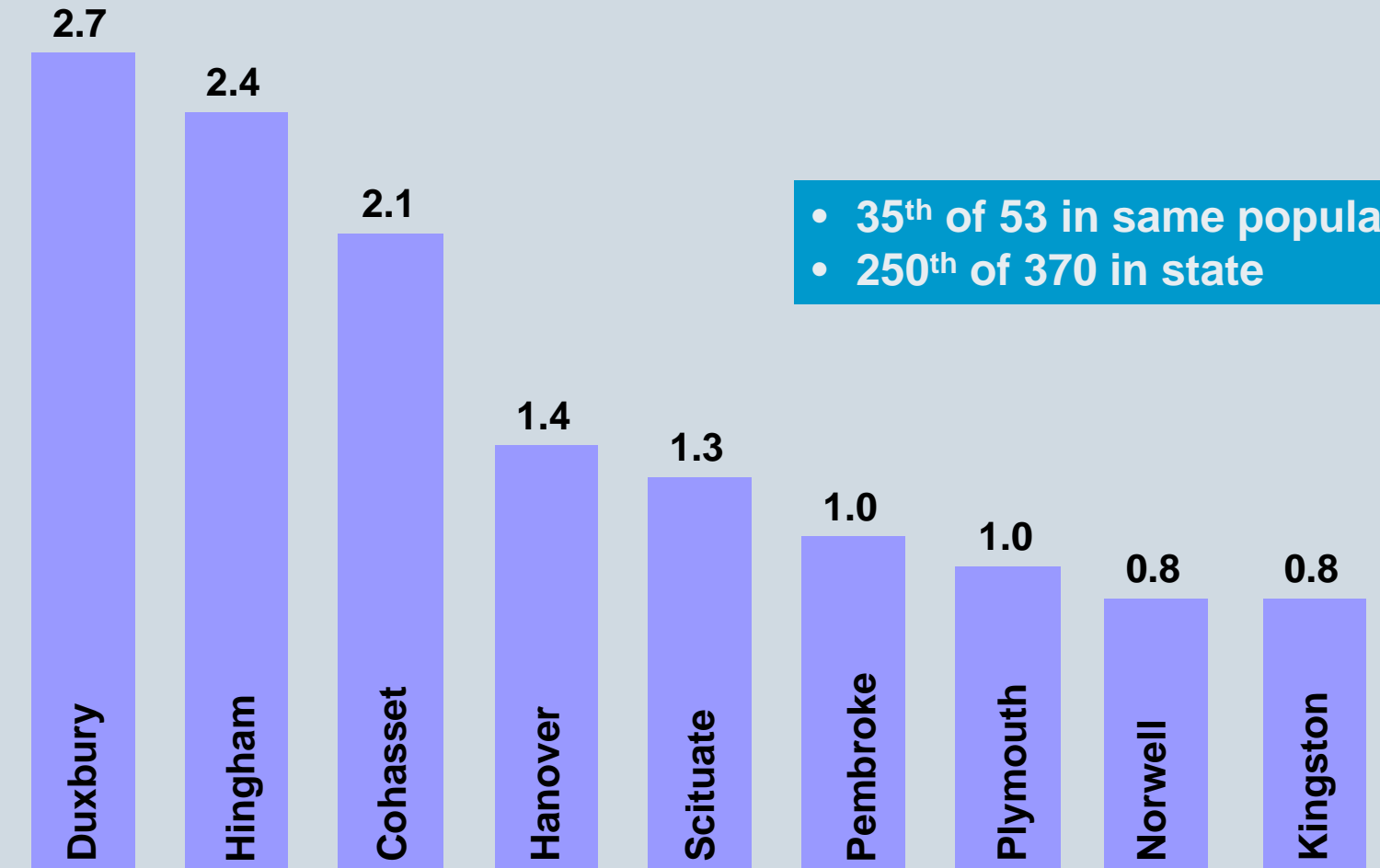
Feasibility Study Results

- YES, we do need a new or renovated library
- Usage is very high in all areas (circulation, internet, meeting rooms)
- Operational areas overcrowded and exposed
- Overall - Too small to sufficiently meet the needs of the immediate and long-term future
- Collection high quality, but quantity is low
- Industry trends show that libraries are going to be around for a very long time and usage will continue to grow
- Building is in need of major repairs with or without expansion

Comparative Analyses

Library Size Comparison

Square Feet per Capita
Neighboring Towns

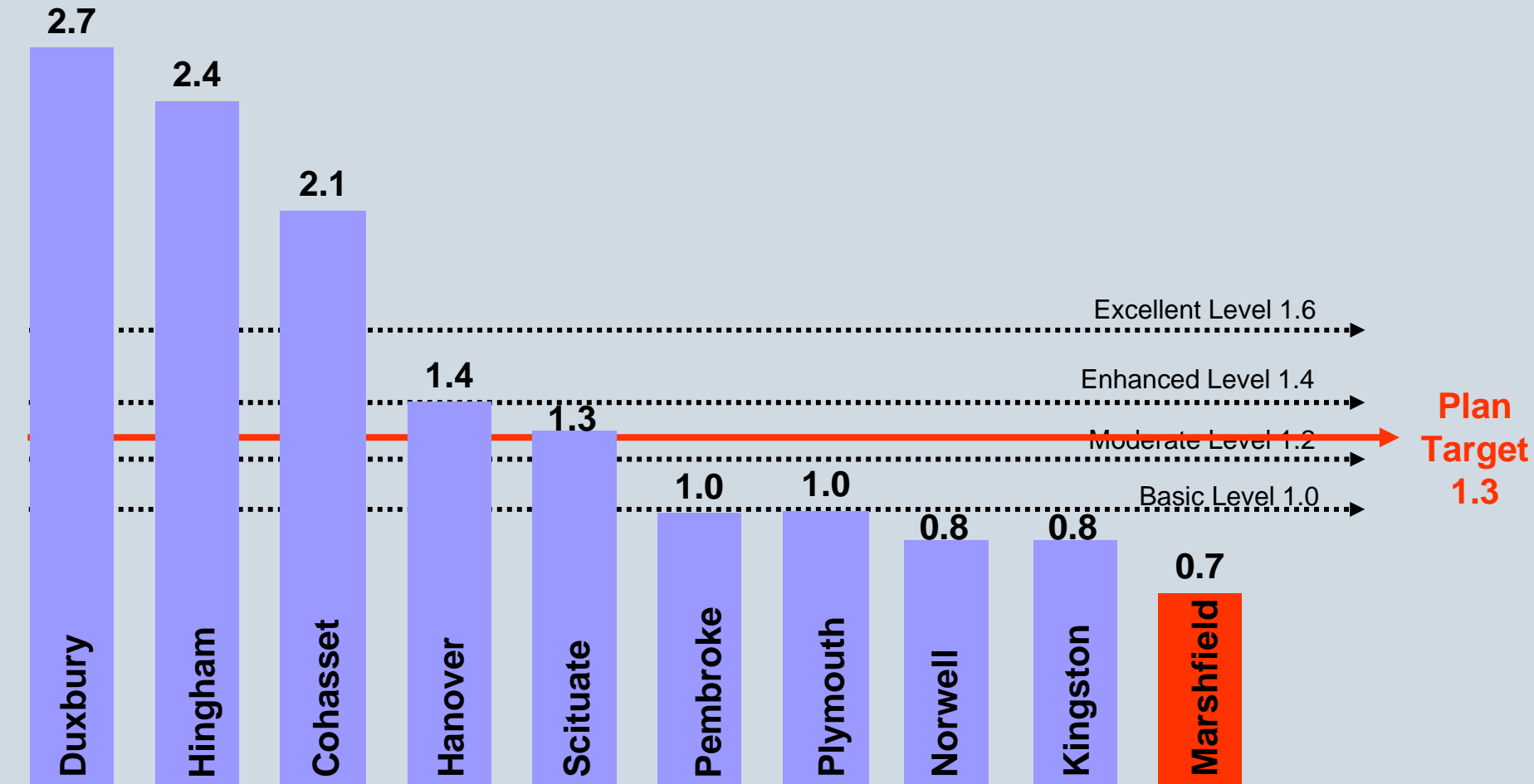


- 35th of 53 in same population group
- 250th of 370 in state

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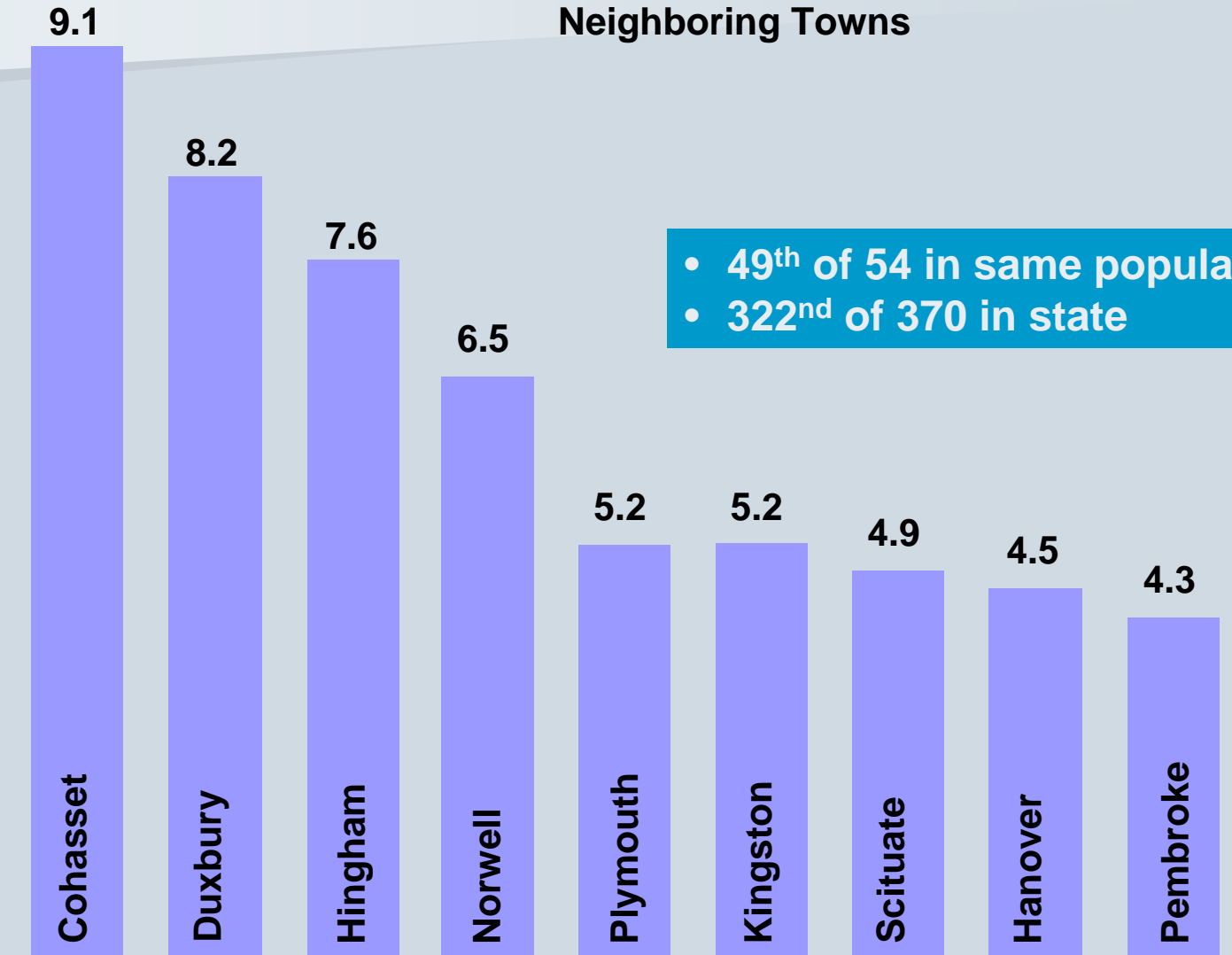
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Holdings Comparison

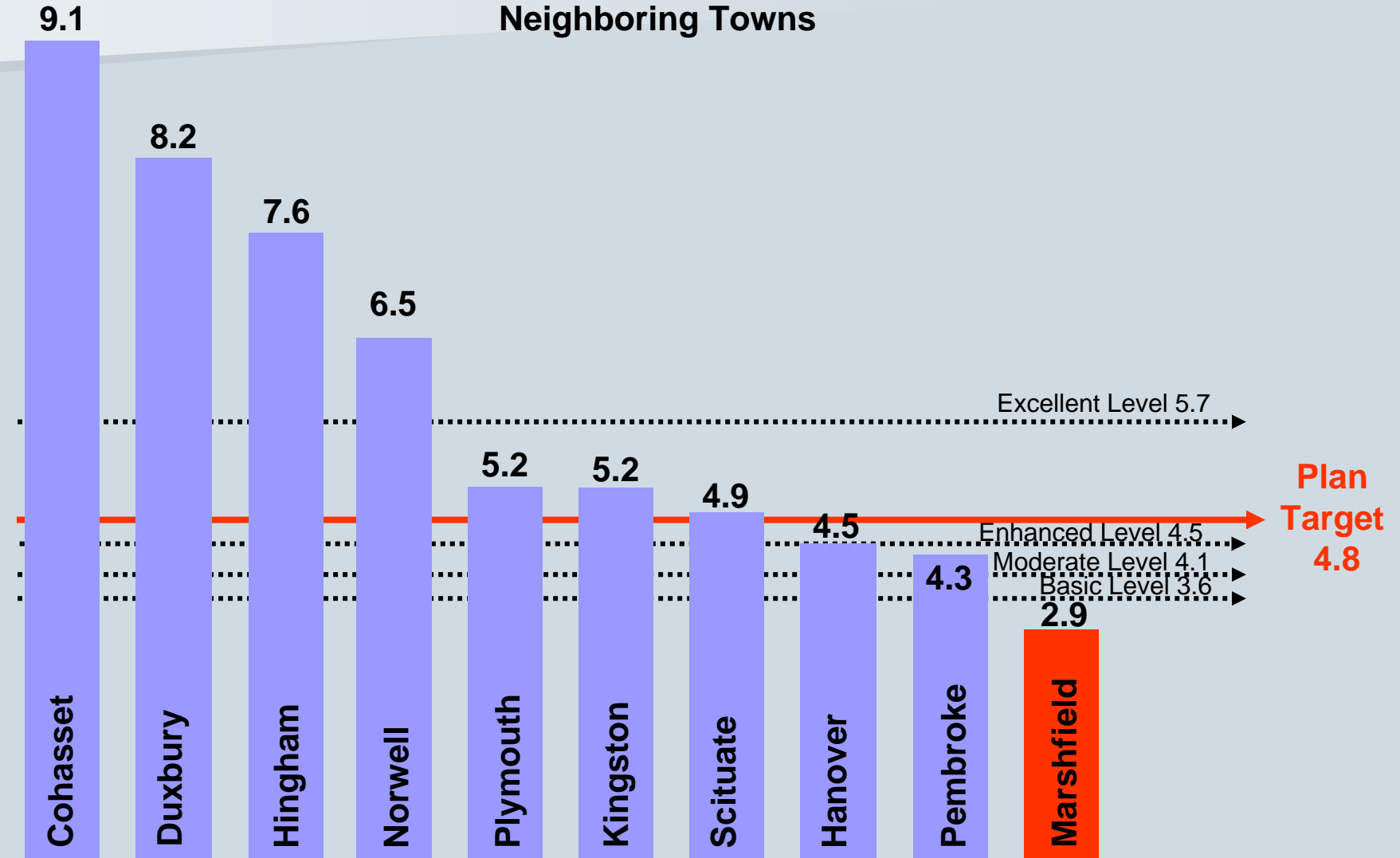
Holdings Per Capita
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- 49th of 54 in same population group
- 322nd of 370 in state

Holdings Comparison

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Children's Area Size

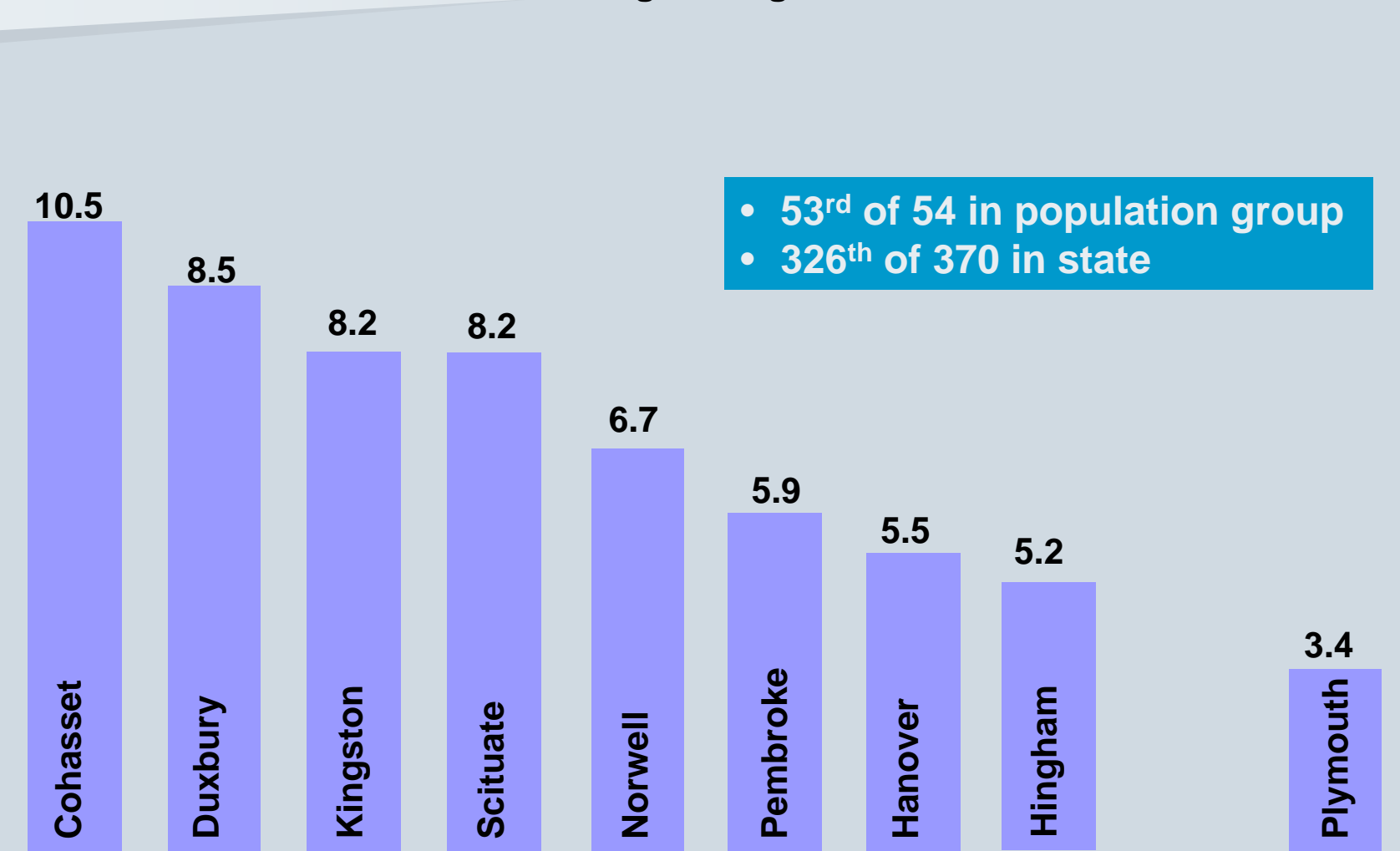
- Seating and display areas are grossly inadequate
 - Currently 5,900 children under 14 in Marshfield



Children's Holdings Comparison

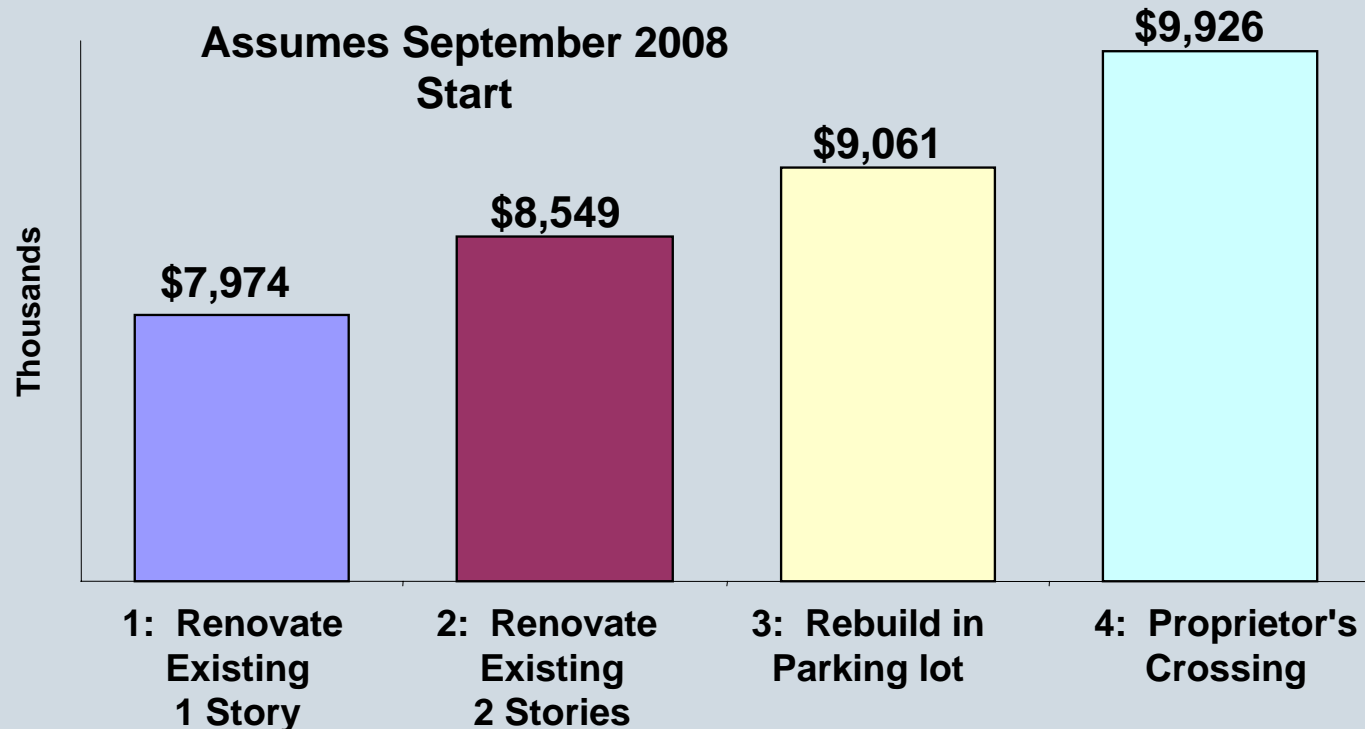
Children's Holdings Per Capita

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Results

- Ultimately the final program called for a building size +13,000 gsf or 72% growth



Least Renovation Alternative

- Add 8000 adjacent square feet plus 5000 of new addition
- Renovate 'inexpensively'
- Results in ~\$3-4mm bill and will likely achieve very few of the goals
- *We don't have the full analysis to confirm this.... And we want to fully understand this option before asking for a vote on a new library*

Committee Recommendations

- Conduct a phase 2 feasibility study that focuses on the Least Renovation Alternative numbers and value received
- Must review existing cost estimates and project forward for 2010 start date
- Complete Phase 2 by year end
 - Communicate to voters
 - Make recommendation for best alternative
- Bring recommendation and article to Spring '08 town meeting

We Need Your Support and
Thank You for Your Consideration