7. Conclusion



The Capitol and the Kennebec as seen from the Arsenal

With the completion of the Master Plan, its approval by the Capitol Planning Commission, and its acceptance by the Legislature, the work of the MPC will be complete. The task of implementing the plan will fall to the Bureau of General Services under the auspices of the Capitol Planning Commission. The list of master plan-based projects will be supplemented by maintenance and space planning projects proposed by State agencies.

The Master Planning Committee and its consultant team are confident that the master plan presented in its entirety in the following pages satisfies the Legislature's statutory requirements (L.D. 1626,1987) for the preparation of a State Master Plan. When fully-implemented, the plan will achieve the goals established at the beginning of the process. When implemented, the plan will result in the following:

- The agency consolidations are accomplished.
- The State's physical plant is concentrated and brought up to appropriate standards.
- The East Campus is preserved, revitalized, and "greened".
- The major open space on the East Campus, between the Arsenal and the main AMHI Campus, is preserved, enhanced, and protected from development.
- The West Campus is "greened" and enhanced as the primary visitor destination in Augusta and the principal address for State government business.



Capitol Complex, West Campus.



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- State employees are housed in space that is healthy, safe, productive, and appropriate for State business.
- Use of leased space is concentrated where it is most beneficial for State purposes.
- Parking for employees and visitors of all types is improved, while alternatives to on-campus parking are enhanced.
- The State becomes a partner in the revitalization of downtown Augusta and the riverfronts.
- Improved functional and communicative relationships between State agencies.
- Preservation of significant State-owned historic properties and sites.
- Useful framework for making State facility-related planning decisions for during and beyond the planning period.
- Improved transportation within and between Campuses and throughout adjacent areas of Augusta.

In short, this Master Plan will put the State's facilities on solid ground, and provide a legacy for future Maine residents that speaks to pride in and good stewardship and good management of the State's real estate assets.