



BEDFORD VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT

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New Firehouse
State Environmental Quality Review
Public Meeting

February 2019

Bedford Village Fire District

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Meeting Objective

Present the current status of the Proposed New Firehouse

- The Proposed New Firehouse is subject to environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementation regulations as set forth in 6NYCRR Part 617, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Today's meeting will:

- Explain the current status and environmental review process undertaken to comply with SEQRA and discuss the environmental issues considered
- Present the Proposed Firehouse Project; its history, purpose, proposed site plan and environmental considerations.
- Provide opportunity for public questions and comments
- Proceed towards SEQR determination

Meeting Agenda

- Environmental Review Status
- Introduction of Team Members
- Overview of Department and Fire District
- Proposed Action
 - Challenges and Solutions
 - Project Description
- Environmental Considerations
- Next Steps
- Questions/Comments - Please hold questions until the end of the presentation

Environmental Review

Current Status

The Proposed Firehouse has been subject to ongoing environmental review:

- In addition to meeting the permitting requirements, the action is also subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), which requires that an agency undertaking the action, funding an action, or permitting an action review the potential environmental impacts of the action and determine whether they are significant.
- Where there are multiple permitting agencies and there is a coordinated review under SEQRA, there must be a “lead agency” to render a determination under SEQRA as to potential environmental impacts.
- Actions must be classified to determine review requirements.

Classification	Definition	SEQRA Form
Type 1	List in SEQRA law; More likely to require EIS	Long EAF
Type 2	List in SEQRA law; Do not require review	None
Unlisted	All other actions	Short EAF

Environmental Review

Current Status

- In this case, the “action” being undertaken is the construction of the proposed new firehouse.
- The action is considered “unlisted” under SEQRA, which means there must be some determination as to potential environmental impacts of the action. There are also multiple involved agencies, which means one of them should act as a “lead agency” to make the SEQRA determination.
- SEQRA process must result in one of the following determinations by the Lead Agency:
 - Negative Declaration: declaration indicating SEQRA process has been completed and applicant may proceed with obtaining permits from relevant agencies.
 - Positive Declaration: declaration that further study of potential significant environmental impacts is required in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to complete SEQRA process.

Regulatory Compliance

The construction of the firehouse will be conducted in accordance with applicable state and local regulations.

Agency	Permit or Approval Type
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)	Perm 33 – Driveway Access Permit
Westchester County Department of Health (WCDHS)	Tank Registration and Wastewater Permit
New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP)	Stormwater and Wastewater Review

In addition to the agencies above, the Fire District has been working closely with the Town of Bedford including the Town Planning Board, Wetlands Control Commission and Conservation Commission, and Town of Bedford Building Department. The District has also coordinated with the New York State Historic Preservation Office.

Environmental Review Timeline

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- October 24, 2018: Submission made to Town of Bedford Planning Board (“Planning Board”) for site plan review and SEQRA review, including Part 1 of the Long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)
- November 13, 2018: Planning Board, at a public meeting, Issues Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency for purposes of SEQRA and distributes same to the identified involved and interested agencies, along with Part 1 of EAF
- No objections to Lead Agency status received from involved agencies
- December 31, 2018: Following discussions with the Town, counsel for Bedford Village Fire District confirms by letter that the Planning Board will not be conducting any further review of the proposed project and that it would be more appropriate for the Fire District to serve as Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes
- January 8, 2019: Planning Board, at a public meeting, Rescinds its Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency

Environmental Review Timeline

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- January 10, 2019: Bedford Village Fire District distributes Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency to involved and interested agencies, along with Part 1 of EAF
- January-February 2019: Fire District decides to hold public meeting and notifies neighbors and community of upcoming public meeting to consider environmental impacts and SEQRA determination
- No objections to Lead Agency status received from involved agencies
- February 20, 2019: Public meeting was opened and adjourned (due to weather)
- February 26, 2019: Fire District holds Public Meeting to Consider SEQRA Determination
- March 5, 2019: Additional Public Meeting (if necessary)
- If the Fire District completes the SEQRA process with a Negative Declaration, a bond vote can be scheduled for April 30, 2019.

Public Informational Meetings

Already Held

- Additional Public Information Meetings with questions and answer periods were also held by the Fire District on the following dates:

- June 28, 2017
- September 27, 2018
- November 28, 2018



Overview of Department and District

Our Mission

Our volunteers respond 24 / 7 / 365 - no exceptions.

Since 1923, we have responded to over 20,000 calls, including but not limited to:



Structure Fires



Auto/ATV accidents



Ice Rescue



Wires Down

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Our Mission

Additional Calls include:

- Medical Emergencies
- Horseback riding accidents
- Lost children and adults
- Sports injuries
- Natural Disaster Related Emergencies
- Brush fires
- Mutual Aid to neighboring Departments



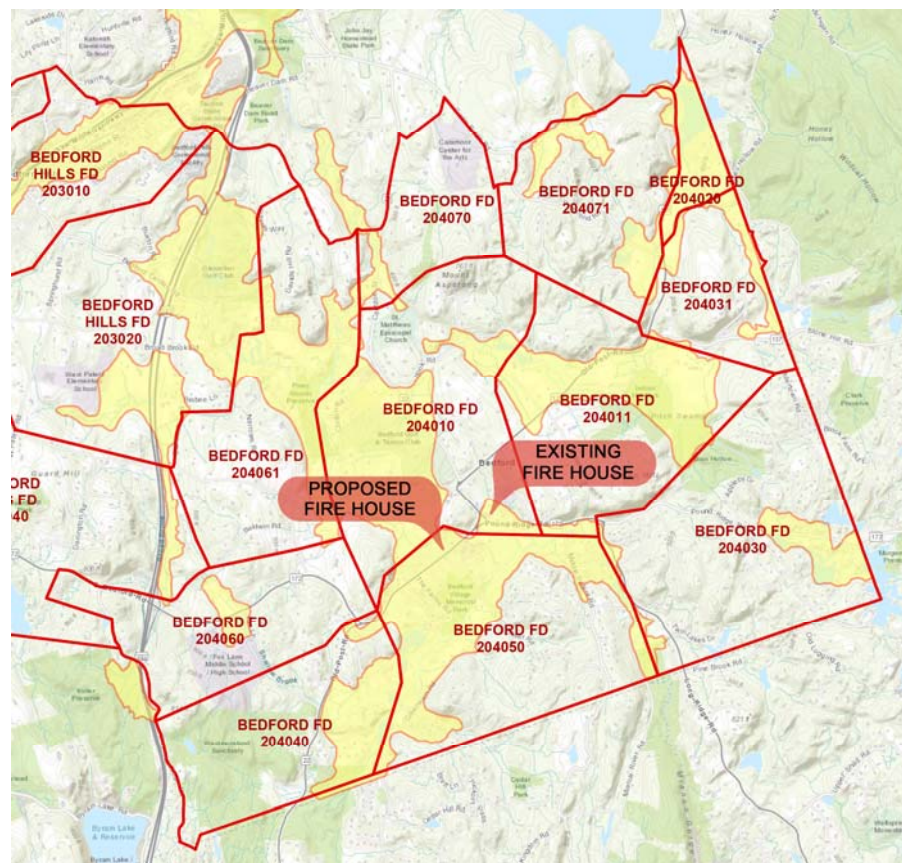
Medivac - Airlift



Storm Related Emergencies

District Service Area

- 16.1 square miles
- 70.7 miles of road and highway
- 8 schools: over 3,520 students daily
- 4 group homes
- 4 churches and temples
- 1045 acres of nature preserve
- 1 reservoir, numerous lakes & rivers
- 4 large horse farms
- Numerous riding and hiking trails



District Responsibilities

Mission

To facilitate fire and emergency medical service to all properties and all people within our district's boundaries.

We must:

- Meet the fiscal needs of the District and the Department
- Strive to comply with all emergency services requirements and guidelines (PESH, OSHA, NFPA, DOH)
- Keep and maintain records according to law
- Provide and maintain necessary facilities, equipment, and training programs

Existing Firehouse

CHALLENGES

Our Challenge

- The existing Fire House was built in 1929 and is currently 90 years old. It has exceeded its useful life
 - Last renovation/addition-1957 (62 years ago)
- The existing Fire House does not efficiently meet the current needs for safety & functionality.
- In recent years, the Bedford Village Fire District has researched its options for upgrading, replacing, or adding to their existing facility
- It has been determined that utilizing the existing facility moving forward is no longer an option

Existing Firehouse

The existing building does not meet the following:

- ADA Regulations
 - Overall accessibility throughout Station
- OSHA Regulations
 - Firehouse safety – clearances and access
- NFPA Recommendations
 - Bunker gear storage – proper and safe clearances
 - Firefighter Health and Safety Guidelines (NFPA 1581)
 - Decontamination standards
 - Training and Education – dedicated areas for classroom training
 - Facility Safety – clearances and access
 - Fire Department Administration – policy, records and committees
- FEMA Recommendations
 - Safety and Health Considerations for the Design of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Stations (FEMA FA168)

Firefighters and Cancer

*“Firefighting is a dangerous profession, and a growing body of research and data shows the contributions that job-related exposures have in chronic illnesses, such as cancer and heart disease. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recently undertook two large studies focused on firefighter cancer and concluded that **firefighters face a 9 percent increase in cancer diagnoses, and a 14 percent increase in cancer-related deaths**, compared to the general population in the U.S.”*



Existing Firehouse

- Existing apparatus bay depth is too shallow to permit safe access around vehicles
- A clearance of 5 feet is recommended (OSHA/Best Practice) for safe ingress and egress of responders



Apparatus front to back (zero clearance)



Apparatus against rear wall (zero clearance)

Existing Firehouse

- Existing Apparatus bays are not large enough to allow vehicle doors to open.
- Equipment can not be inspected or cleaned properly, and responders cannot mount the apparatus safely



Not enough space to open vehicle doors



Not enough space to open equipment and maintain/clean properly

Existing Firehouse

- The existing bay doors are not tall enough to accommodate modern fire apparatus. An extremely unsafe condition is created at this pinch point

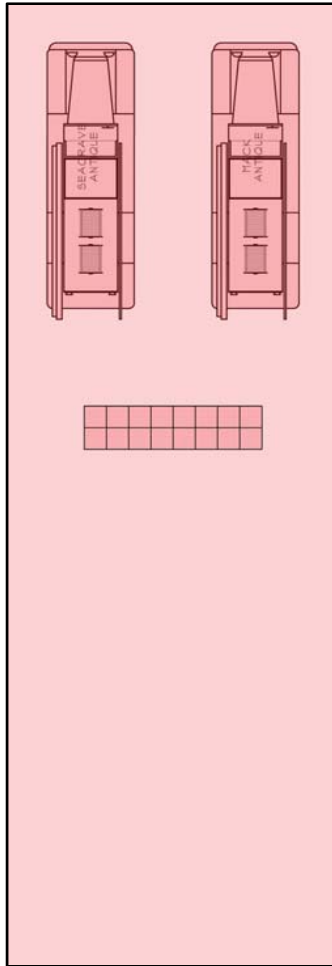


Fire District is limited to custom apparatus that increase costs in order to fit within existing building

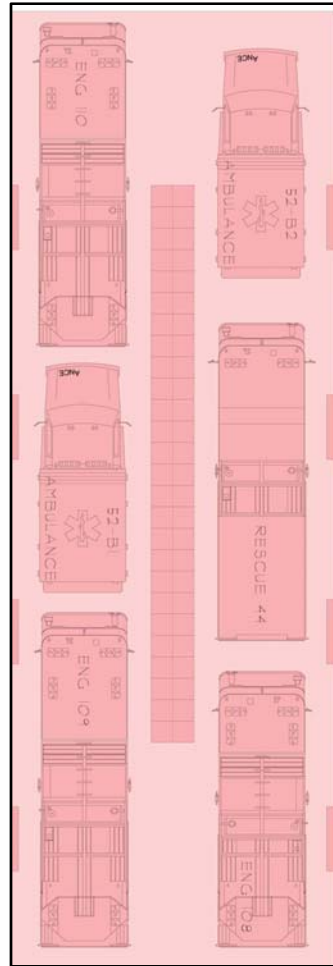


This pinch point is extremely dangerous, as anything/anyone on top of apparatus will hit the building and cause damage or severe injury

Existing Firehouse



1929



Today

The fire station has experienced lots of change over the years. The diagrams on the left represent the evolution through the years

- In 1929, an engine required 280 sf
- Today, an engine requires **715 sf**



Considerations & Goals

- Provide a facility that promotes the following:
- Safe, functional and properly designed layout for responders
 - Vehicle clearances / truck layout
 - Improved bunker gear access / areas
 - Lighting & Ventilation
- Efficient response to calls
- Appropriate space for existing and future replacement apparatus
- Adequate facilities for Department meetings and training exercises
- Adequate facilities for administration requirements of the Department and District
- Adequate Parking

New Firehouse

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposed Fire Station



Land Acquisition

Prior Attempts

- 1923 – Bedford Village Fire District is established
- 1929 – Existing Fire Station Built (Approximately 3,000 sf)
- 1957 – Expansion of Existing Fire Station (8,583 additional sf)
- 1970's – Bedford Village Fire District holds a Bond Vote to purchase of property at corner of Seminary Road and Pound Ridge Road: Defeated
- 1995 – Bedford Village Fire District starts discussing a new fire station
- 1998 – “Project Firehouse 2001” is launched by the District
 - Expansion of existing Firehouse at 34 Village Green: **Not Feasible**
 - Corner of Old Post and South Bedford Roads (across from Shell): **Not for Sale**
 - Lot North of Playhouse building: **Not for Sale**
 - 640 Old Post Road (expensive, too small, would split the Dept.): **Not Feasible**
 - Corner of Old Post and Crusher Road: **Not for Sale**
 - 550 Old Post Road (available, central, flat large enough): **Very Desirable**

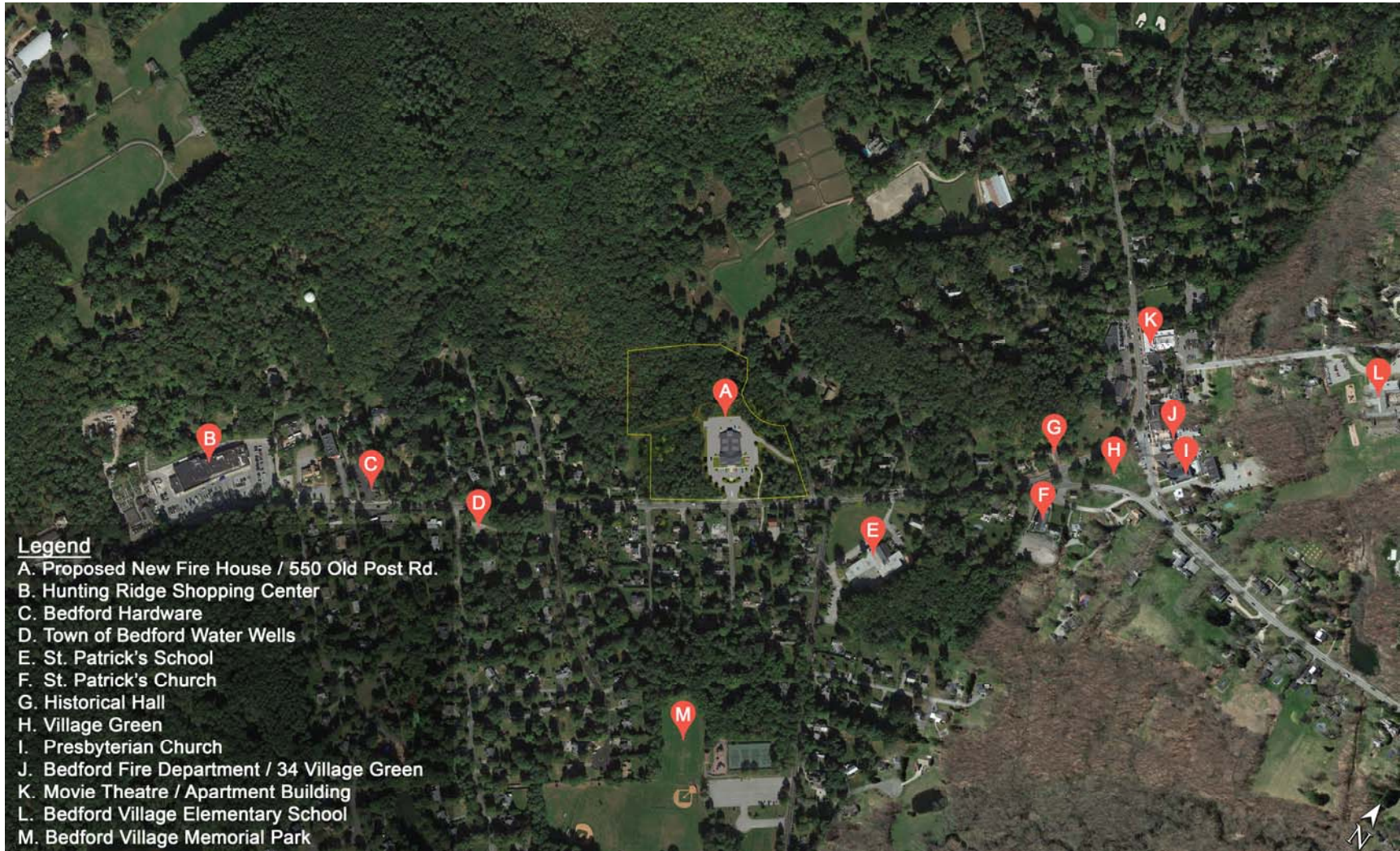
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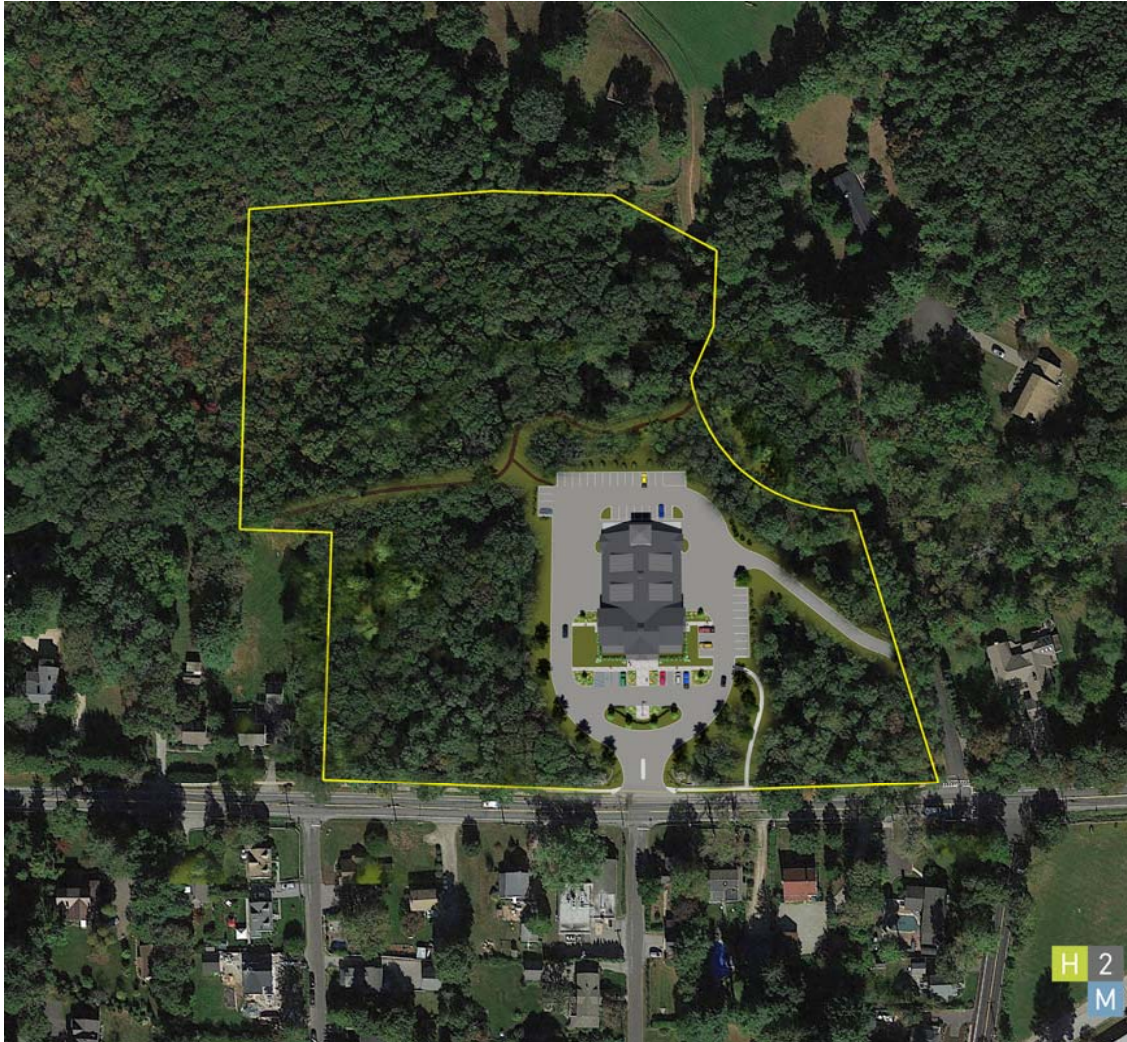
- Feb 2001 – District contacts attorney for details on 550 Old Post Road
- Nov 2001 – District moves to purchase 550 Old Post Road
- 2003-2012 – Basic conceptual architectural and site plans were developed while the previous owner addressed legal issues with 550 Old Post Roads Subdivision
- July 2012 – 550 Old Post Road is purchased
- 2016 – Bedford Fire Department “New Firehouse Committee” is formed to lead the project on behalf of the District



Proximity to Existing Station

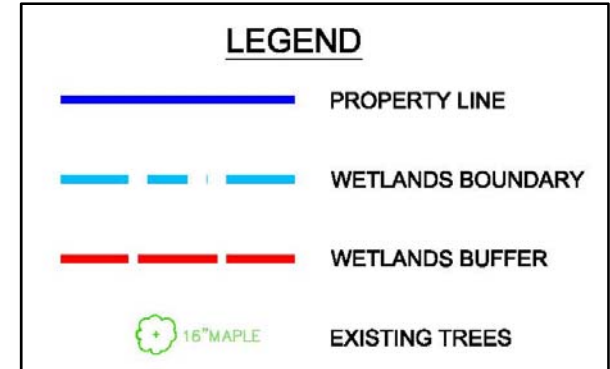
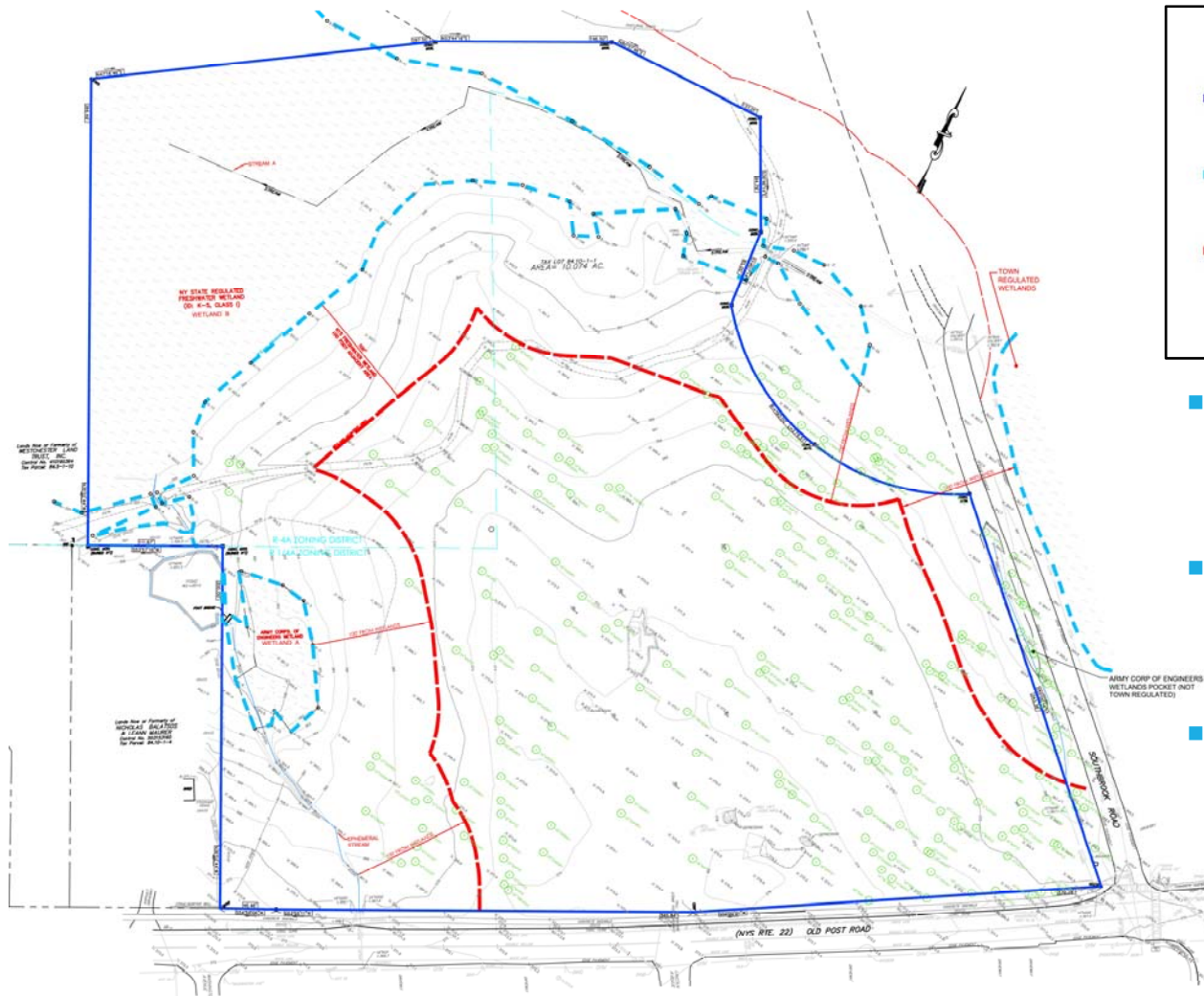


Aerial View



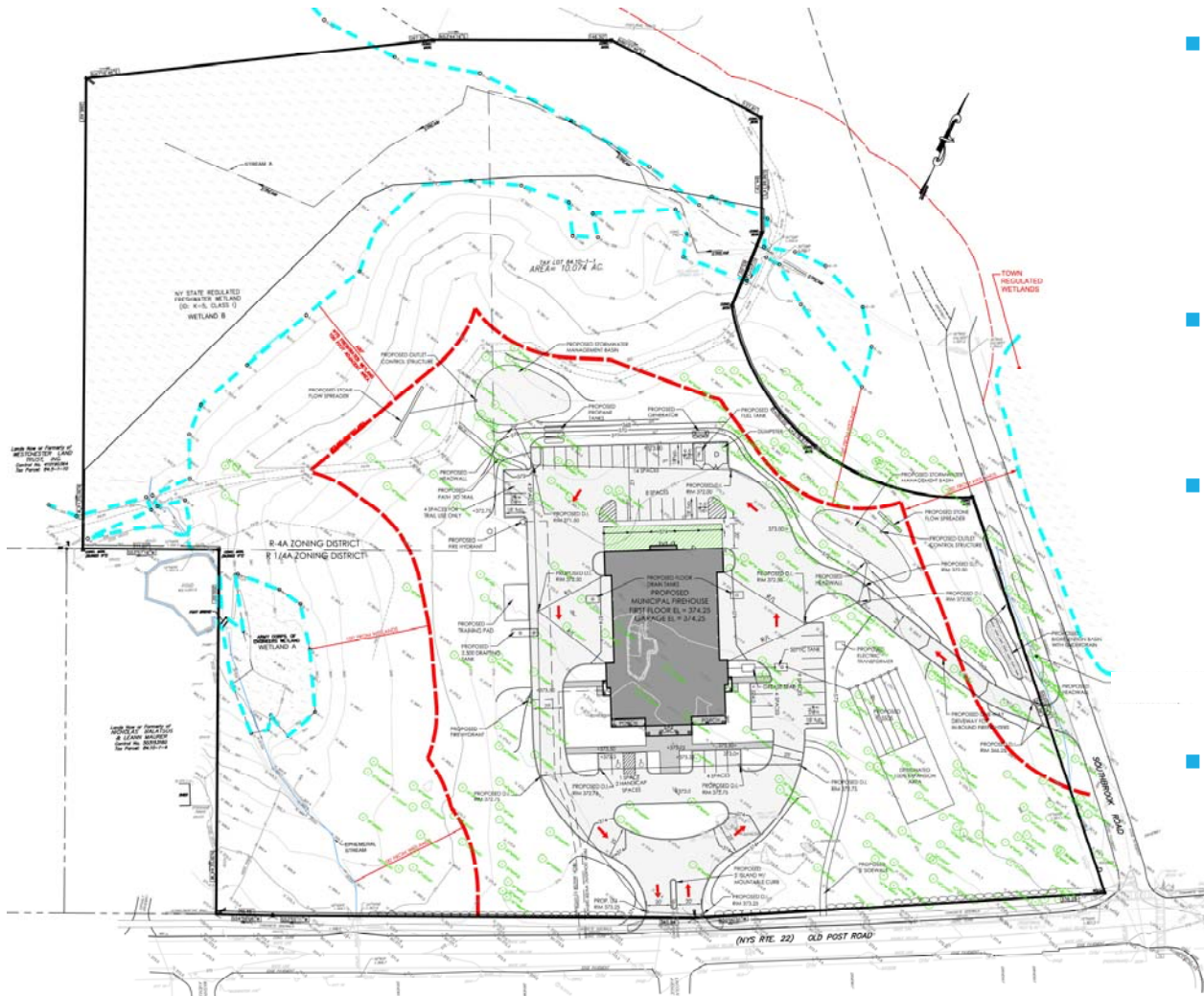
- 10 Acre Wooded Site
- Approx. 3 acre Limit of Disturbance during Construction
- Approx. 1.5 acres revegetated
- Approx. 8.5 acres of 10 acre site remains vegetated

Existing Site Features



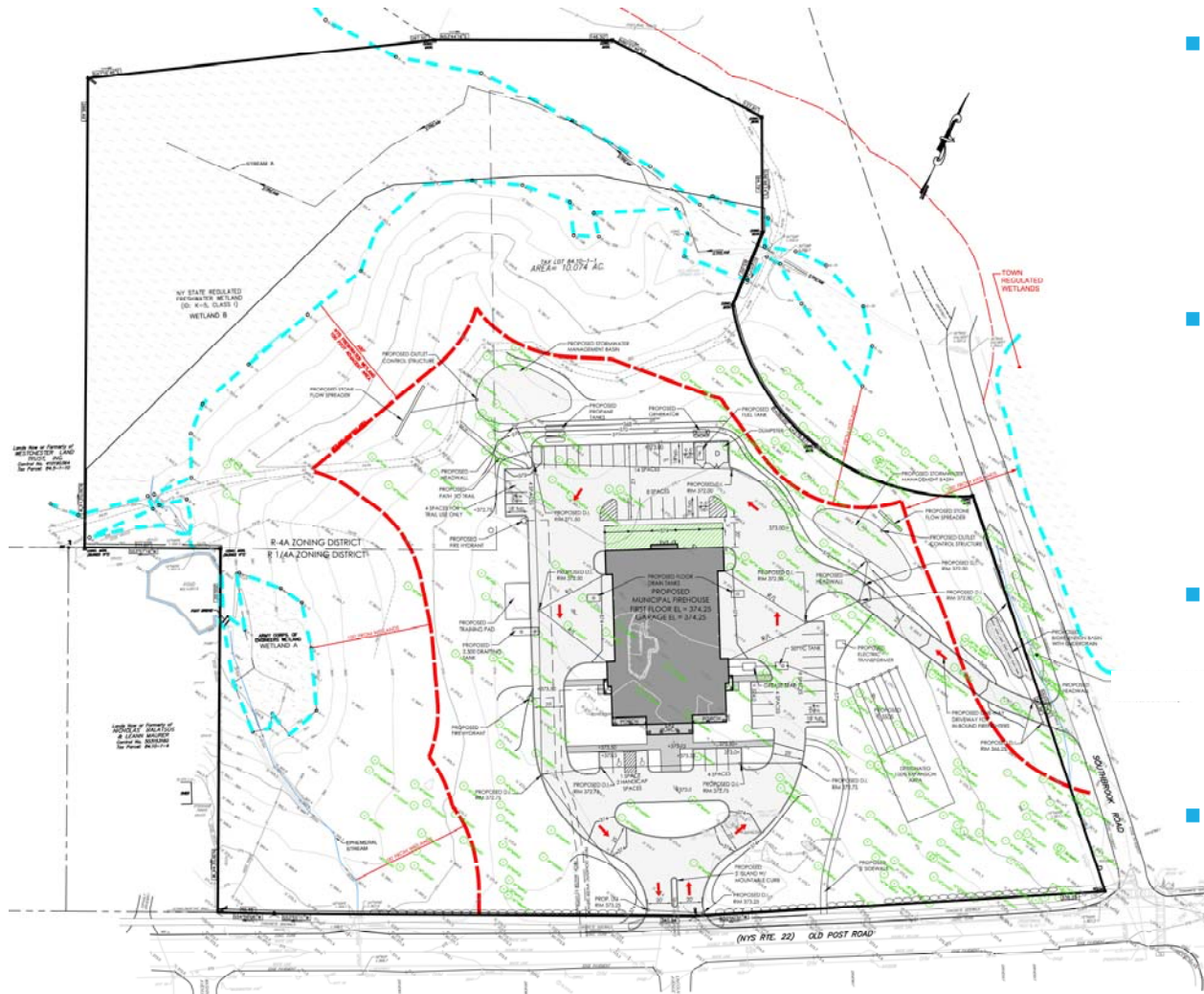
- 2.21 acres of Regulated Wetlands
- Level to moderate slopes throughout site
- Majority of Site within R-1/4 Acre Residential Zoning District

Proposed Site Plan



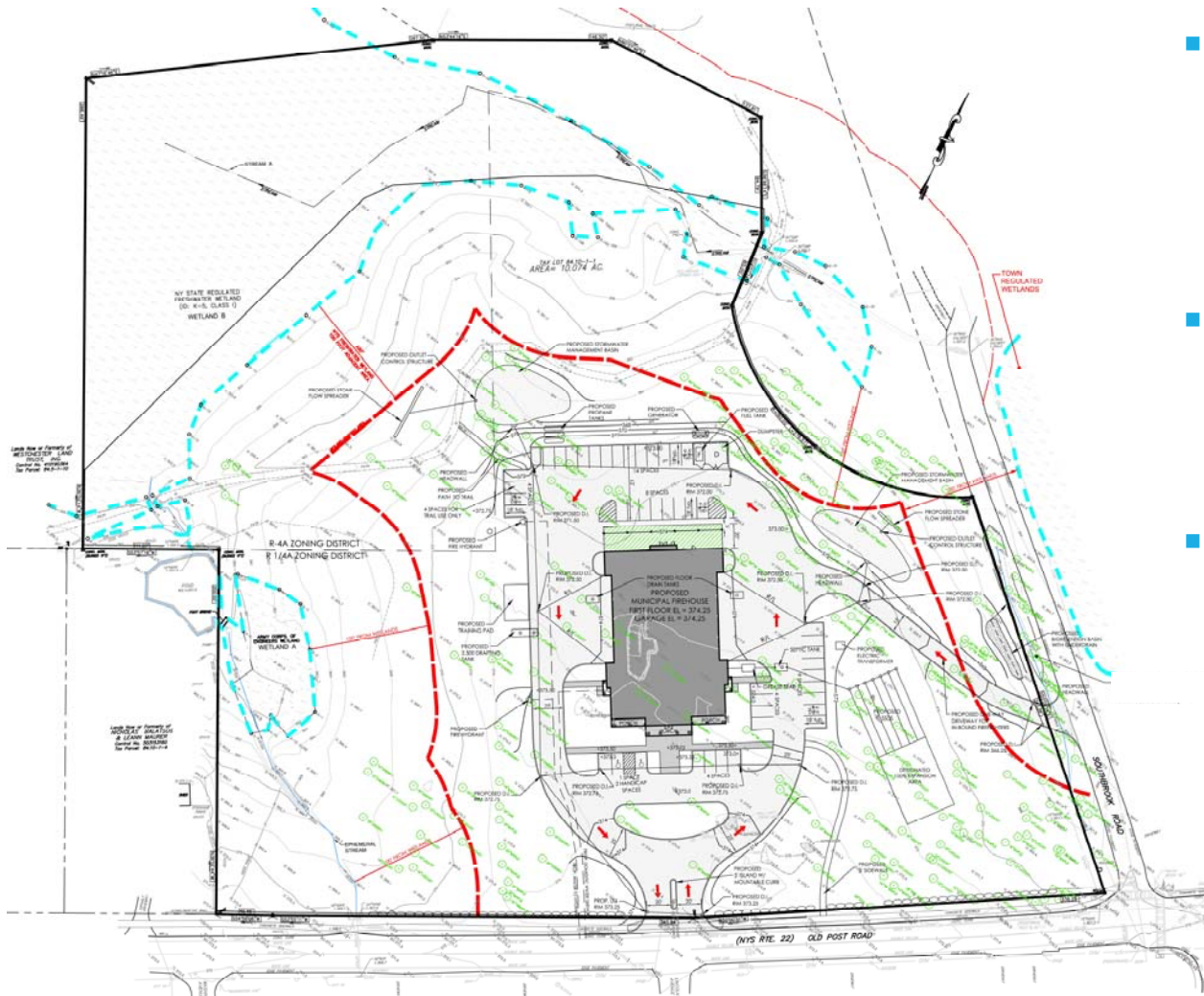
- Site development within level portion of site and nearly entirely beyond all wetland buffers
- Main access off Old Post Road (Route 22)
- One-way secondary access off South Brook Road for inbound Emergency Responders
- Building set back over 150' from Route 22

Proposed Site Plan



- Narrow portion of building faces towards Route 22 with Apparatus bays facing sides
- Secondary access off South Brook Rd is angled to eliminate direct line of sight to Apparatus Bays
- Responder parking at nearest entry to gear room
- Emergency vehicles exiting bays have a clear path of main driveway to Route 22

Proposed Site Plan



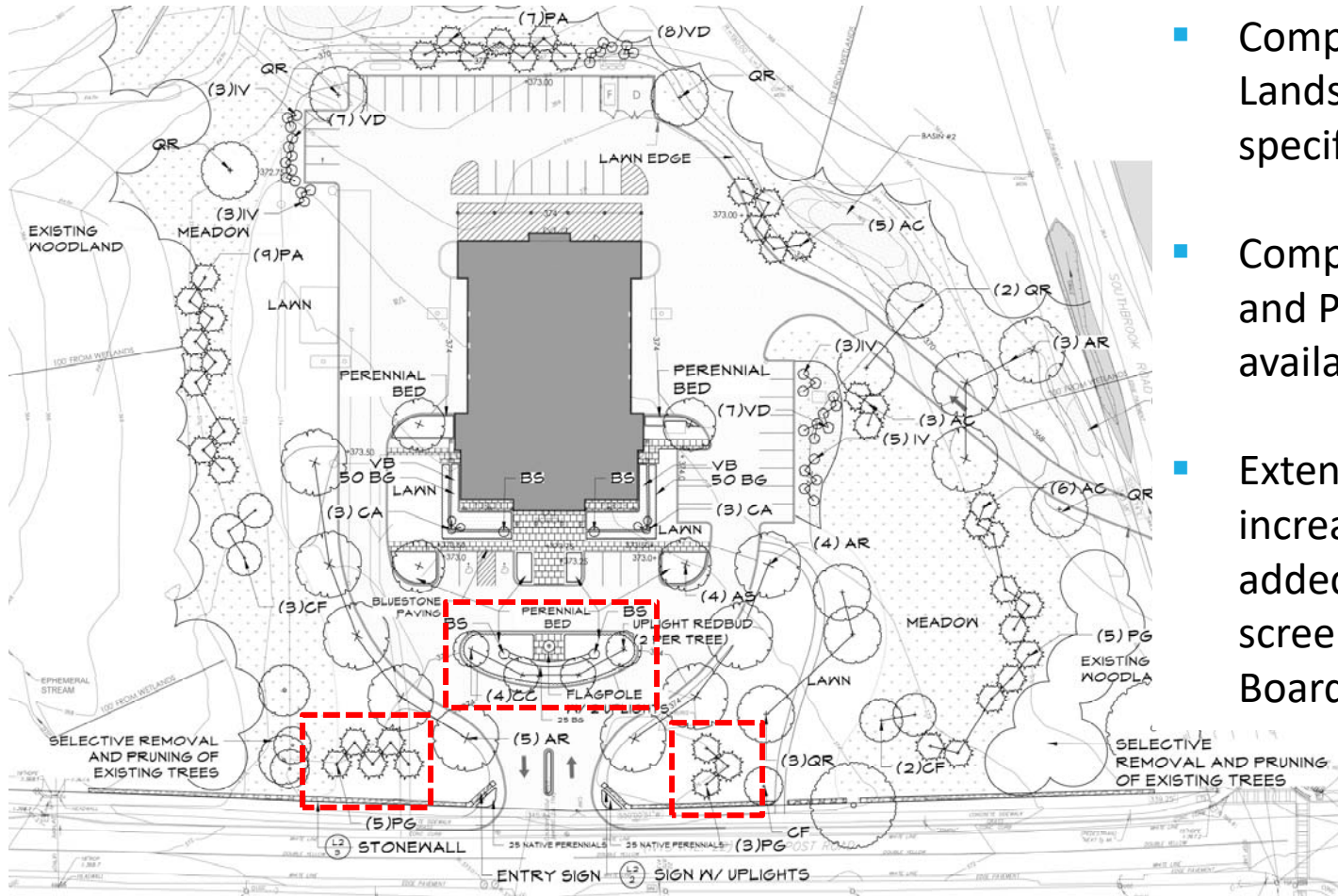
- Visitor/Handicap parking at front of building and not within path of Emergency Vehicles
- Additional parking in rear for member training and meetings
- (4) Four spaces provided for public access to existing BRLA Trail and Westchester County Land Trust Property

Proposed Landscaping Plan



- All disturbed areas will be landscaped and re-vegetated
- Screening provided to reduce visibility of building along Route 22 and secondary access but not obscure line of sight for exiting emergency vehicles
- Front planted island includes hedgerow to screen front parking area from Route 22

Proposed Landscaping Plan



- Comprehensive Landscape Design with specifics of all plantings
- Complete Planting Plan and Planting Schedule available for viewing
- Extended hedges/ increased height & added evergreens for screening per Planning Board comments

Proposed Plantings

PLANT LIST					
TREES					
QTY	KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	COMMENTS
12	AR	Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset'	Red Maple	4"-4 1/2" cal.	
9	QR	Quercus rubra	Red Oak	3"-3 1/2" cal.	
4	AS	Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple	4"-4 1/2" cal.	
3	CF	Cornus florida	American Dogwood	8'-10' HT.	
4	CC	Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	8'-10' HT.	
21	PG	Picea Glauca	White Spruce	8'-10' HT.	
14	AC	Abies concolor	White Fir	8'-10' HT.	
SHRUBS					
QTY	KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	COMMENTS
125	BG	Buxus 'Green Mountain'	Boxwood	3'-3 1/2" HT.	2'-6" O.C.
4	BS	Buxus sempervirens	American Boxwood	5' Diameter Globe	
6	CA	Clethra Alnifolia	Sweet Pepperbush	3'-3 1/2' HT.	
14	IV	Ilex Verticillata 'Red Sprite'	Winterberry Holly	3'-3 1/2' HT.	
22	VD	Viburnum Dentatum 'Christom Blue'	Arrowwood Viburnum	3'-3 1/2' HT.	
500	VB	Vinca minor 'Bowles'	Common Periwinkle	1 GAL.	12" O.C.
PERENNIALS					
QTY	KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	COMMENTS
		Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan	1 GAL.	18" O.C.
		Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower	1 GAL.	18" O.C.
		Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'	Switch Grass	1 GAL.	18" O.C.
1050		Anemone Canadensis	Meadow anemone	1 GAL.	18" O.C.
Total Perennials		Aster novi-belgii	New York Asters	1 GAL.	18" O.C.
		Geranium Maculata	Wild Geranium	1 GAL.	18" O.C.
		Oenothera fruticosa 'Fyrverkeri'	Sundrops	1 GAL.	18" O.C.
		Solidago Candensis	Canada Goldenrod	1 GAL.	18" O.C.

- Planting Species have been developed with input from the Town Conservation Board and NYC Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
- All plantings are approved and/or native species

Proposed Front Entry



Environmental Considerations

HIGHLIGHTS OF ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION
AND MATTERS RAISED BY PUBLIC COMMENT

Environmental Review

- The action is considered “unlisted” under SEQRA; requires review via an Environmental Assessment and a declaration of significance from the Lead Agency.
- District is performing a coordinated review with other involved and potentially interested agencies.
- Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared as foundation of review process; environmental matters relevant to project scope and site setting have been under review.

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 1 - Project and Setting

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either “Yes” or “No”. If the answer to the initial question is “Yes”, complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is “No”, proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project: Bedford Village Fire District- Proposed New Firehouse		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): 10 acre parcel located at 550 Old Post Road; northwestern intersection of NYS Route 22/172 and South Brook Road in Bedford, Westchester County.		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): The proposed project involves a public bond referendum to fund the construction of a new Firehouse for the Bedford Village Fire District at 550 Old Post Road in Bedford, NY. The current Headquarters was built in 1929 and cannot be cost effectively renovated to meet the needs of the District. The new Firehouse will be a two-story, 24,678 square foot building which will provide space for the mix of uses needed in a modern Fire Station including: an apparatus bay and storage facilities to safely accommodate fire fighting equipment storage and maintenance; office facilities including the Bedford Village Fire District main office, office space and conference rooms; and fire house living areas including common areas, locker rooms, kitchen and bathroom facilities. The site plan includes two entrances to the Firehouse, the main entrance off of Old Post Road (Route 22) and a side entrance off of South Brook Road. The site would include parking for 46 vehicles and would include walkways and landscaped planting around the building perimeter, as well as lawn and landscaped planting around the site entrances and parking areas. The site is currently wooded and approximately 3.10 acres will be cleared during construction. Additional site improvements include septic facilities and stormwater management infiltration beds. Utility connections for water service and electric service will be made. An emergency generator and associated fuel tank and propane tanks for heating fuel will also be installed on site.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Bedford Village Fire District Board of Commissioners		Telephone: 914-234-0824
Address: 34 Village Green P.O. Box 230		E-Mail: ntc@bedfordfire.com
City/PO: Bedford	State: NY	Zip Code: 10508
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Heather Feldman, Fire Commissioner		Telephone: E-Mail: hfeldman@bedfordvillagefiredistrict.com
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor): Same		Telephone: E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

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No Significant Noise Impact

Construction:

- Construction anticipated for 14-16 months.
- Construction equipment includes large vehicles for site clearing, small crane for moving equipment.
- No construction blasting is required.

Operations:

- Training occurs mostly inside the facility, approx. twice a month, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
- Site active during emergency call response, on average 2 calls per day, approx. 778 in 2018

No Fire Horn

We will NOT have a horn that sounds with every call



Current Horn Notification



Proposed Mass Notification System

A Mass Notification (Voice/Siren) System will only be utilized during natural disasters (Ex. Tornado, Hurricane or Major Threat) or should we have a complete failure of the pager alert system



Current Pull Box for Emergency Assistance (3 rounds of 5 blast)



Proposed Call Box for Emergency assistance (will dial 911)

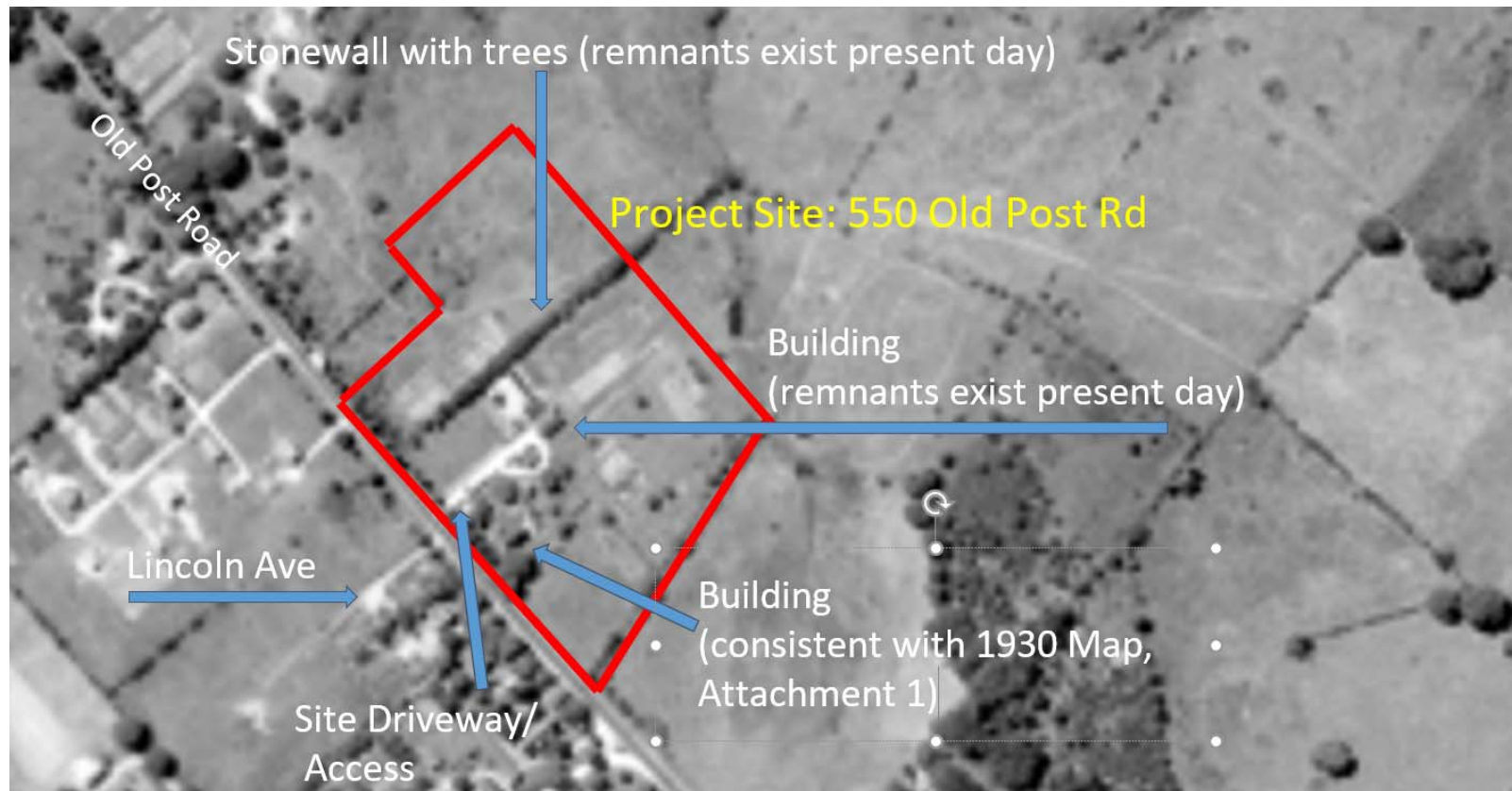
Current pull box operates the horn and the proposed will be a telephone line to 911

Air Quality Protection

- No waste incineration on site.
- Minimal emissions on site are associated mostly with boilers and emergency generators.
 - Fume exhaust system will be installed for the apparatus bay; this is critical for the health and safety of the volunteers and complies with International Mechanical Code for stack height to minimize any effect to local air quality.
 - Boilers proposed are up to four tankless high efficiently water boilers; these are similar to ones used for hot water in residential homes and newer schools.
 - Emergency generator will only operate during emergencies / unplanned power outages as well as a weekly test (required). Generators are required for “Essential Facilities” as stated in FEMA FA168 and other published guidelines.

Historical and Cultural Resources

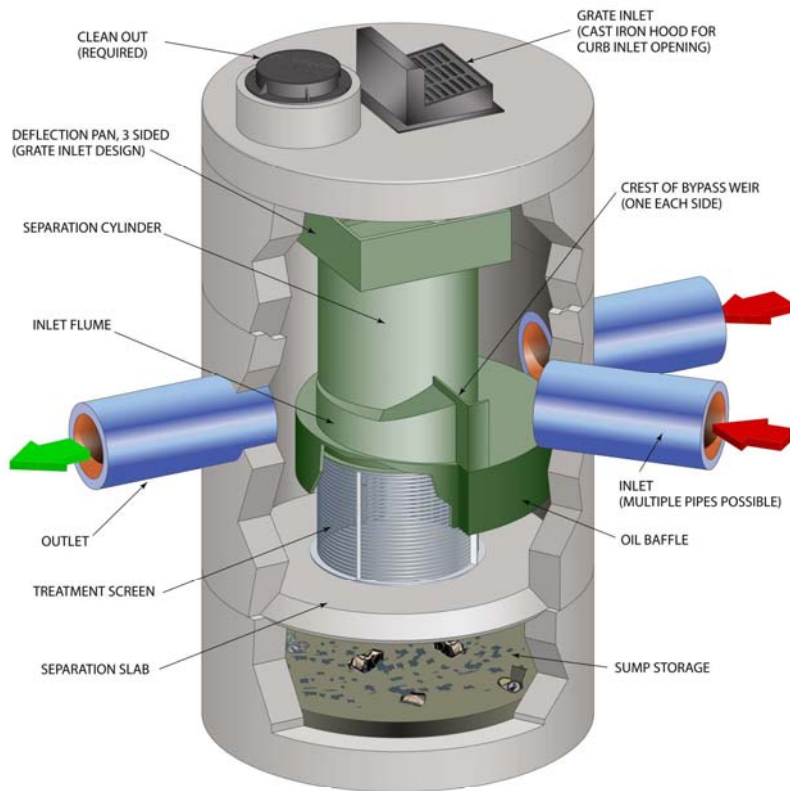
Environmental review coordinated with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; they found no impact on archaeological and/or historic resources associated with project.



Planning Board Comments

- Town of Bedford Planning Board Field Walkthrough conducted on November 30th, 2018
- Two field note comments from the Planning Board were provided:
 - **Comment 1:** “Opportunity for more screening in front – move front parking area”
 - **Comment 2:** “BRLA Trail – Consider improving trail to reduce erosion”
- Both comments were addressed and/or answered as follows:
 - **Response 1:** The BOFC had its professionals investigate alternative designs. It was determined that in order to meet the standards set forth in FEMA FA168 – “Safety and Health Considerations for the Design of Fire and EMS Stations”, the current circulation pattern was the most suitable.
 - **Response 2:** The fire district will cooperate to the extent possible with BRLA, a separate entity, for BRLA to maintain the trail within the parameters of existing regulations.

Stormwater Mitigation



STORMWATER WATER
QUALITY TREATMENT STRUCTURE

- Site Plan development has been coordinated with NYCDEP and Town of Bedford Conservation Board
- All pavement and roof runoff will contribute to water quality treatment structures prior to discharge to Biofiltration Basins
- Stormwater design discharge points maintain hydrology to adjoining wetland resources

Stormwater Mitigation



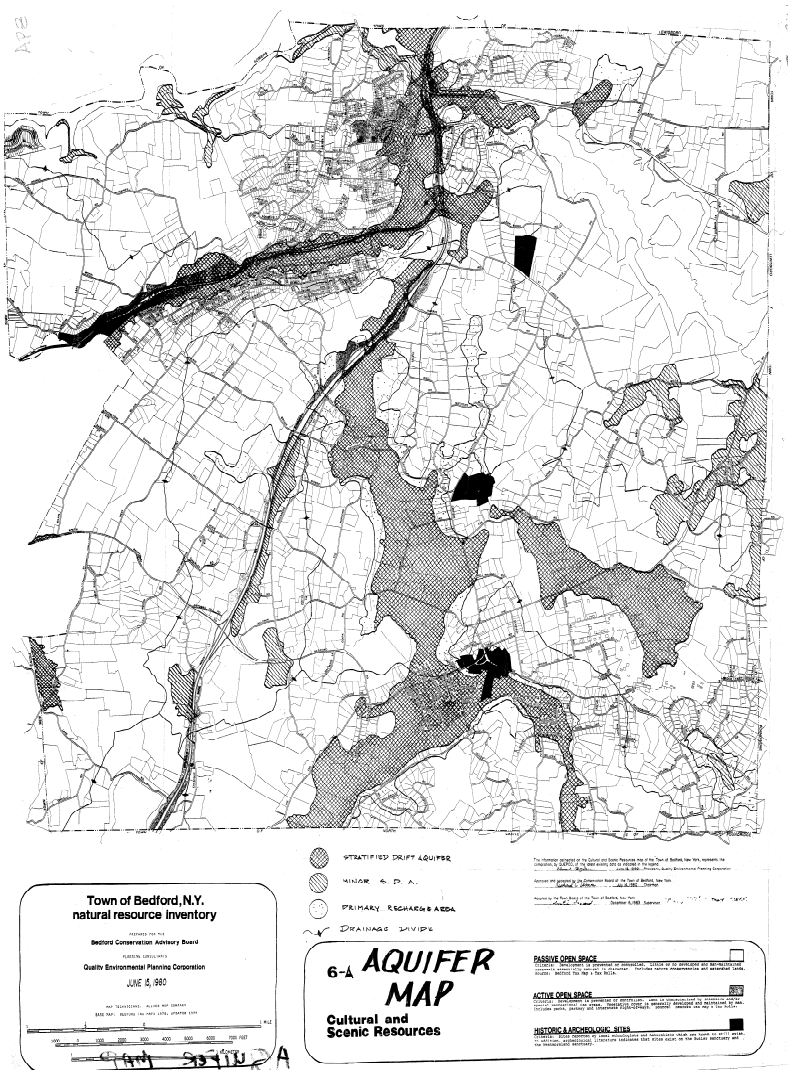
- The Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP) will mitigate and manage erosion and sedimentation during construction
- All drainage and SWPPP is in full compliance with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requirements
- The Town of Bedford and NYCDEP will be conducting inspections throughout construction to ensure compliance with the approved SWPPP and to provide a final sign-off upon completion of construction

Natural Resource Preservation

- Project includes the removal of invasive species of vines and other plants throughout the site
- Development requires approximately 3 acres of disturbance
- Approximately 1.5 acres of disturbance will be revegetated with native species and additional deciduous trees will be planted
- Approximately 8.5 acres of the 10 acre site will remain vegetated
- A vegetation maintenance plan will be implemented to ensure the success of the site vegetative resources
- The Fire District will act as a responsible steward of the site

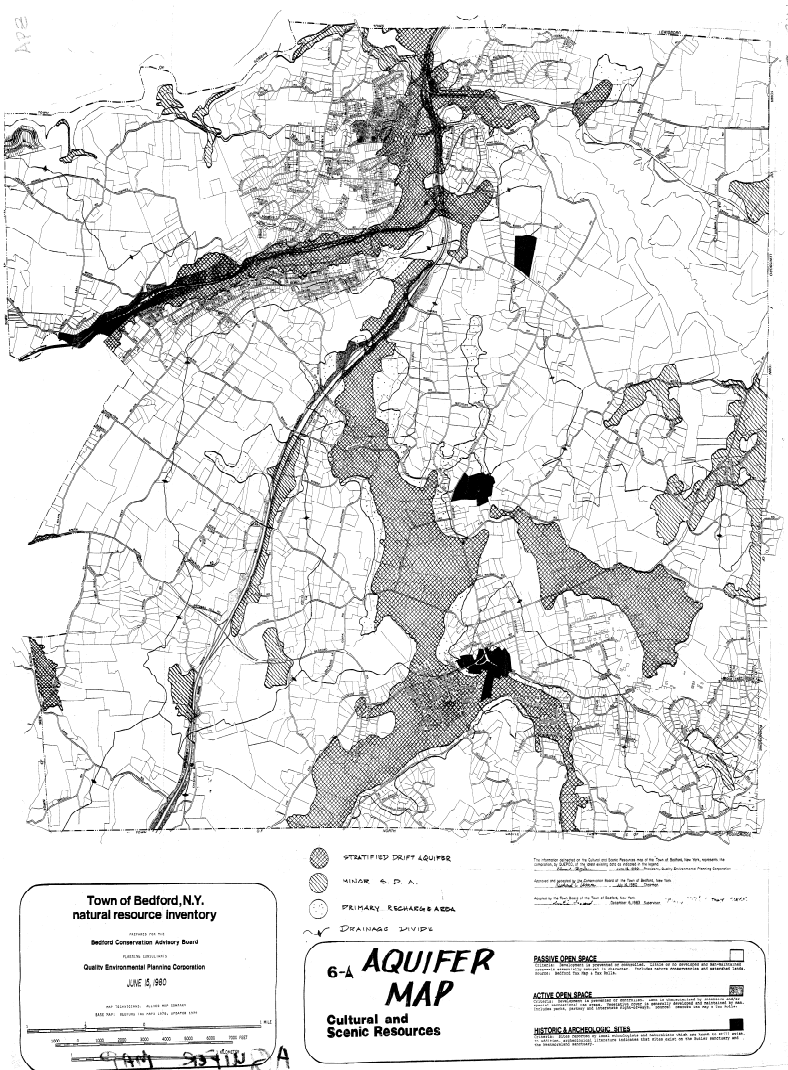


Aquifer Protection Zone (APZ)



- ...is a designated Critical Environment Area
- ...includes 1/5th of the overall Town, nearly 2,000 properties
- ...includes Rte. 117 corridor extending from Mt. Kisco to Bedford Hills consisting of commercial retail, restaurants, car washes, dealerships, and extensive auto body repair along Green Ln. and Plainfield Ave.

Aquifer Protection Zone (APZ)



- ...includes Bedford Village and extends along Adams St. and Railroad Ave. through the Katonah Bypass Road which includes such uses as Auto Repairs, Scrap Yards, Contractor Yards, Town Highway Department and Norco Fuel
- ...extends up Rte. 117 into the Katonah Village having two Gas Stations, a Car Dealership and the entire Katonah Business District

Aquifer Overlay – Aerial



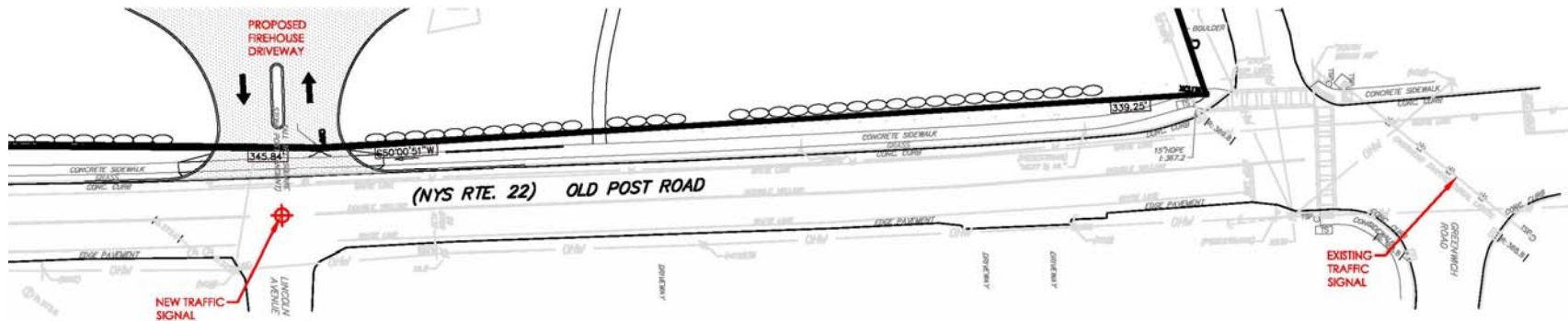
Aquifer Overlay – Land Use



Critical Environmental Areas

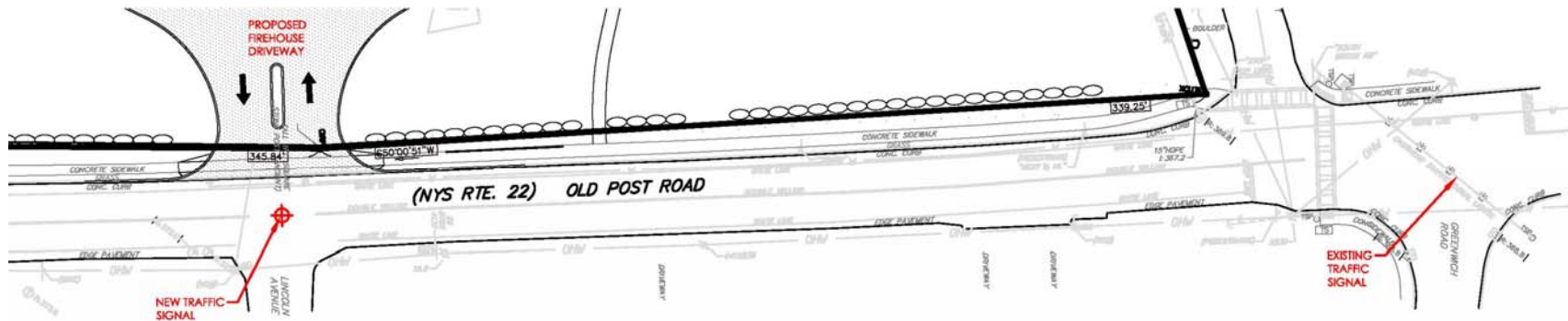
- Site is located in the Town of Bedford Aquifer Overlay
- Fuel Storage on Site:
 - No. 2 Fuel Oil - One, 1,000 gallon Aboveground Storage Tank (AST), installed on a concrete pad fitted with spill containment
 - Propane: Three, 1,000 gallon tanks, installed on concrete pad
- Truck bays have drainage system that goes into special capture tank to be pumped for hauling off-site to an approved facility for treatment and disposal
- Site will include new septic system for wastewater built to all current standards and in compliance with density regulations of the Town of Bedford Aquifer Protection Zone
- The development of the property will be in strict compliance with the provisions of the Aquifer Protection Zone as required

Traffic Considerations



- Current updated traffic counts were conducted along Rte 22 (on a School Day)
- Based upon current traffic counts, a permit for a traffic signal at the main entry to the Firehouse will be requested from the NYSDOT.
- The signal at the main entry and at Lincoln Ave will be green for the through traffic along Rte 22 and will be actuated during an emergency by the Fire Department to a stop condition along Rte 22 to allow free movement of Emergency vehicles exiting the Firehouse.

Traffic Considerations



- Lincoln Avenue will also be fitted with a detection device that would trigger a red stop condition for the through traffic on Rte 22 only if a vehicle is delayed for a designated period of time. Therefore, vehicles readily able to make a right on red onto Rte 22 will not trigger a light change. This represents a great benefit to the vehicles exiting Lincoln Ave attempting to make a left onto Rte 22 during peak traffic times.
- The existing traffic signal at Greenwich Rd. will be interconnected to the actuation device during an emergency event to stop westbound traffic on Rte 22 and exiting traffic from Greenwich Rd. The Eastbound signal will remain green to allow the free movement of traffic through the intersect and not block eastbound emergency vehicles.
- The proposed main entry and signal requires the review and permits from the NYSDOT.

Project Costs

Original Projected Bond Amount:	\$15,000,000
Unforeseen Sub-Surface Conditions:	\$ 2,500,000
Proposed Bond Amount:	\$17,500,000

Approximate addition to Fire Tax: **\$274.89**

**Approximate increase in fire tax, from 2% to 4% of property taxes, for an average home in Bedford Village (\$650K market value)*

***Actual Fire Tax increase will be determined after the SEQR process has been completed and Bond details are provided by the District Financial Consultant*

Official Bond Financials will be provided at the April 10th Public Informational Meeting

Question: What if the Fire Department was Paid?

Answer: Approximate Fire Tax Costs for a paid force has been estimated by the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) to be approximately an 8% increase in OVERALL property taxes in Westchester County. This would be BEFORE the cost of having to build a new facility...

Next Steps

Review of Pubic Input

SEQRA Determination of Significance

March 5th, 2019 @ 7pm

Public Informational Meeting

April 10th, 2019 @ 7pm

Public Bond Referendum

April 30th, 2019 from 6am-9pm

Questions/Comments

To ensure all those who want a chance to speak receive fair time, we request the following:

- Those who would like to speak must sign the Speaker Sign In Sheet and include their address for record.
- Each speaker is allocated 3 minutes to provide their comments.
- Questions may also be posed; speakers should confine themselves to two questions per speaker.
- Please be respectful of all commenters and maintain quiet as they speak.
- Stenographer will be recording all comments to ensure they are available for review and part of the District's public record for this project.

