

HOW DID WE GET HERE

VERONA EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX

POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT - CO. #2, RESCUE SQUAD



WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING?



The Township of Verona would be requesting, that action be taken to resolve longstanding facilities issues affecting the Police, Fire and Rescue Squad. Over the years, several alternative and individual plans have been evaluated for each of the Departments, yet little has been brought to fruition.

THE PROPOSED PLAN ENTAILS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFIED SOLUTION THAT SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATES THE POLICE, FIRE, AND RESCUE DEPARTMENTS INTO A SINGULAR PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX.

THIS CONSOLIDATION NOT ONLY FACILITATES THE SHARING OF PROGRAM SPACES AND SERVICES BUT ALSO SERVES AS A STRATEGIC MEASURE TO CONTROL COSTS EFFECTIVELY.



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- » Since 2015, Solutions Architecture has worked with the Township to explore potential improvements to the PD. The NEED has been here for some time.
- » In July of 2018, Solutions Architecture was asked to review the Rescue Squad Facility and prepare a qualifications package to potentially come on board to assist with renovations/expansions.
- » In November of 2020, Solutions Architecture was asked to review Company No.2 Firehouse and prepare a concept and budget for a new facility.
- » Unfortunately, budgetary concerns sidelined many of these efforts.



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- » The township has been exploring properties; over 20 locations including Township owned, County owned, BOE owned and private facilities with little success.
- » In April of 2023, Solutions Architecture was commissioned to evaluate in greater detail, several properties around town with the prospect of placing a new Police Department, or potentially a consolidated Public Safety Complex. Sites included:
 - » **820 Bloomfield Ave - Fmr. Nature's Corner Nursery** - (22,200 sq.ft. irregular site - including partial street, ingress/egress challenges, requires street closure/reconfiguration - inadequate site size/shape for any of the three departments)
 - » **318 Bloomfield Ave - Henry's + Verona Aluminum** (36,200 sq.ft. irregular site - bordered on Church St. - inadequate site size for PD or a consolidated public safety complex with necessary parking)
 - » **Lakeside Ave - OLL Parking Lot** (48,100 sq.ft. regular site - significant grade differential and retaining wall at back of property. Inadequate site size for a consolidated public safety complex with parking)
 - » **217/225 Pompton Ave** (118,309 sq.ft. regular site - significant grade change from street to back; 91,000 sq.ft. of usable space - can fit a consolidated public safety complex and additional parking - 27,000 sq.ft. of unusable natural green site.)

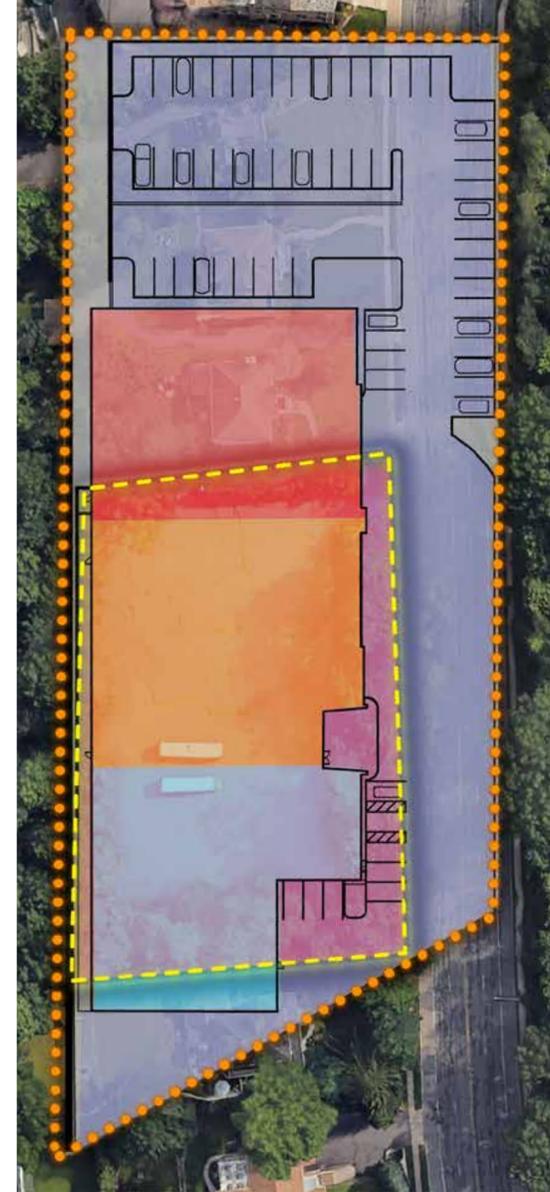
SITE ANALYSIS vs PROGRAM NEEDS

» 820 Bloomfield Ave

» 318 Bloomfield Ave - Henry's + Verona Alum.

» 22 Lakeside Ave - OLL Parking Lot

» Subject Site - 217/225 Pompton Ave



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- » Since April, Solutions Architecture has met with the Township Administration, Police, Fire and Rescue, Chiefs and key personnel to explore their deficiencies, their needs and potential improvements to each of the Townships Departments.
- » Over the course of multiple meetings held at Solutions Headquarters here in Verona, over the last six months, numerous concepts were explored and revised, all at the aim of gaining consensus and compromise from the three Departments on a facility that would meet their needs yet all for consolidation of shared services.
- » While nothing included herein is set in stone, the concepts have been reviewed and approved by the members of each of the Police, Fire and Rescue Squad.



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