

New Fire Station Project

Frequently Asked Questions



<p>Q. What is the new fire facility Project?</p>	<p>A. The project is a new fire facility building that allows safe and efficient operations of our Fire Department. The new facility will address issues identified with the current facility during a Comprehensive Analysis of the Fire Department completed in 2021.</p>
<p>Q. Why is a new fire facility necessary?</p>	<p>A. In 2021, the current fire station was assessed for its ability to meet the needs of the Fire Department, both in providing a safe working environment for firefighters and for providing service to the public. The study found that the Fire Facility was well overdue for improvements. The problem areas included inadequate turnout space for firefighters, lack of decontamination spaces, building integrity, equipment storage, layout, and gear storage. This new Fire Facility will address these issues and allow for future growth and needs of the Fire Department.</p>
<p>Q. When will the project happen?</p>	<p>A. The project is currently underway. We expect to begin site preparation in late 2024, with facility completion in early 2026.</p>
<p>Q. Where will the new facility be located?</p>	<p>A. The new fire facility will be constructed on the decommissioned O.E. Gray Elementary School site near the Adams St. and Chestnut St. intersection.</p>
<p>Q. Who is building the new fire facility?</p>	<p>A. The City of Platteville has taken the lead in constructing the new fire facility. Additional partners include the seven townships in the Platteville Fire District and other non-profit organizations, including the Platteville Fire Department Inc. and Inspiring Community Inc. The architect Wendle/Five Bugles Design is the architect for the building. Kraemer Brothers (Plain) will manage construction.</p>
<p>Q. How will a new fire facility resolve the current problems?</p>	<p>A. The new fire facility will address all previously mentioned issues. Additional bays will house all fire apparatus. Proper equipment storage space will be added. Vehicle exhaust removal systems will be built. Issues regarding firefighter wellness and safety are being resolved by creating a dedicated turnout space and a decontamination area for firefighters returning from response calls. The new fire facility will provide a dormitory for the future if, and when, full-time firefighters are needed. Other issues addressed include making the building compliant with current code and ADA expectations and implementing energy-efficient practices.</p>

<p>Q. How will the project be financed?</p>	<p>A. About 50% of the financing for the project will be covered by Congressionally Directed Funding of \$7 million with the 2022 passing of the Omnibus appropriations package. Additional funds will be provided by the City of Platteville and the surrounding townships, who will all benefit from the upgraded services. The current financial plan also relies on a community member-led capital campaign to raise \$1.5 million in donations to supplement construction and furnishing expenses. The city is constantly searching for other potential grant opportunities to help ease costs for local taxpayers.</p>
<p>Q. How will the city pay for its contribution to the project?</p>	<p>A. The City will pay for its contribution through bond purchases, which will be budgeted through future property taxes.</p>
<p>Q. How do community members donate or make an equipment contribution to the new fire facility?</p>	<p>A. Monetary donations can be made to Inspiring Community Inc., noting Fire Facility in the memo line. Inspiring Community, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit (ID: 82-2002935). Please send donations to:</p> <p>Inspiring Community, Inc. 190 Market St., PO Box 503, Platteville, WI 53818</p> <p>To inquire about making an equipment donation to meet the new facility's needs, please get in touch with Fire Chief Ryan Simmons at (608) 348-7826 or firechief@platteville.org.</p>

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