

### 3. PRELIMINARY SITE DESIGN OPTIONS

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#### Option A – Veteran’s Memorial Drive + West End Hose Expansion



The creation of a new Emergency Services Complex on the Veteran’s Memorial Drive site (above), coupled with an expansion of the West End Hose Company No. 3, offers several improvements over the Borough’s current Emergency Services facilities, as well as opportunities for the Borough to make their facilities more cost-efficient. Specifics of this Plan are:

- A new Public Safety Building, housing the Police Department, Violations Department, and Municipal Court.
- A new Fire Department Building, housing Lincoln Hose Company No. 4, Engine Company No. 1, and the Rescue Squad and maintenance operations.
- Expansion of the West End Hose Company to house the Central Hook and Ladder Company.

The new Complex would provide fire department, maintenance, and rescue squad facilities appropriately sized spaces to accommodate both current and future equipment and apparatus, as well as space for personnel parking. The public safety component would provide the police department with appropriately sized, code abiding, professional spaces as well as an integrated Municipal Court and Violations Bureau. Features of the Complex would include a drive-through bay for all fire trucks, offering ease-of-use and improving public safety over the current facilities and sites. Features of the site itself include the opportunity to create a revitalizing presence to the Veteran’s Memorial area of Somerville through the presence of a community building and a strong design, and improved street access over most of the existing fire fighting buildings. In addition, the site is located securely above the Peter’s Brook flood plain. This option would also permit the Borough to designate several of the current Emergency Services buildings as tax-ratable, or to consider their use for other Borough uses, such as recreation. Finally, the site offers future generations the ability to expand the facilities, if necessary.

This Option also calls for the expansion of the West End Hose Company. As in the new Emergency Services Complex, the expansion would allow for increased bay space, and space appropriate for fire fighting apparatus and equipment and vehicle maintenance.